



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 03 August 2020**

- ❖ The Streets crew repaired 2 failing piles under the Rasmus Enge Bridge. Although the bridge deck planking remains sound, it is starting to deteriorate and will need replacement in the next 1-2 years.
- ❖ The crew also repaired a failing embankment at the North Harbor snow dump. The slope was rebuilt with rock and some concrete placed on top.
- ❖ Sam working to resolve some HVAC issues at the Municipal Building / PD. We thought these issues were resolved last week after assistance from Ketchikan Mechanical, however the troubles started again after the weekend power outage.
- ❖ The Borough has been approached by PIA to sell 705 Ira II to Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority directly for \$36,500. The property has previously been determined not needed for a public use and was included in a public land sale authorized under Resolution #2016-14 but had no interested buyers. THRHA and PIA have received COVID-19 grant funding to alleviate overcrowding and address housing insecurity and wish to construct a duplex on the property. The property would be purchased by THRHA and ownership would be transferred to PIA upon completion of the duplex construction. They will be asking the Assembly to approve a direct sale at the August 20 Assembly meeting.
- ❖ Water Dept. Staff has been busy marking underground water lines in preparation for PIA's Sidewalk project on 12th Street and Howkan.
- ❖ Reid Brothers Construction achieved substantial completion on the Kisenno Street Sewer project recently, with only two items to finish up by July 31. The project area looks good, the sewer main is operating as designed and the neighborhood is quiet again. The department will be working with Alan Murph to close out the project.
- ❖ A portion of the Petersburg distribution system experienced an outage on Saturday, July 25th. A porcelain insulator on a cutout broke and caused a fault thereby opening the T62 breaker. This feeder powers homes and businesses from Scow Bay to the core of town. PMPL line crew replaced the broken cutout and restored power to all affected within an hour.
- ❖ Staff has continued the Substation Refeed project. The recent clear weather allowed for the line crew to rework the feed to Hammer Slough Street, a step needed prior to demolishing the span across Hammer Slough.
- ❖ Hydro lakes are full and spilling. Crystal Lake has been above and below the spillway but within 2-3" either way for a couple of weeks, Tyee Lake is spilling at 1400' elevation and Swan Lake is being operated via a spill control gate to maintain an elevation of 342'.
- ❖ The borough's grants to nonprofit arts organizations, Mitkof Dance Troupe and Clausen Museum, will be matched by the Rasmuson Foundation. Each organization will receive an additional \$10,000.

- ❖ Reopening has occurred at the Community Center. Reopening!! A lot of patronage during morning swim (averaging 12-14 people a day). Only 4 patrons using mezzanine equipment. We are attempting to add shower usage to our reopening plan.
- ❖ Moving fitness equipment into the Activity Room, and treadmills lined up down the hallway, in a safe way (no blockage of emergency exits). Weights will be spread out and extended into cardio room. Hoping to reopen fitness equipment this week, but this will somewhat depend upon our mitigation plan with the School.
- ❖ Shelyn is working on a facility reopening plan to allow outside visitors to Assisted Living. Both residents and family have requested to be allowed visitation.
- ❖ PMC staff did voluntary asymptomatic testing on residents and staff at the Manor on 7/17/2020, still awaiting results.
- ❖ Compressor in AL boiler room died, Brian Hayley to the rescue. Taylor and Sons to come and replace with new compressor we had on hand.
- ❖ AL/EH Fire “panel power supply card” needs to be replaced. Johnson Controls has it ordered and should be here in a week. In the meantime, we are doing hourly fire checks in both buildings, documenting, and faxing to Fire Marshall daily.
- ❖ The Library’s Art Education Endowment received a major donation from former Petersburg resident John McCabe, the founder of the fund. The balance of the fund now exceeds \$119,000. The fund provides financial assistance to the library that is spent exclusively on art and cultural programs. The annual interest earnings provide a stable, ongoing funding source to enhance arts programming at the Library.
- ❖ The library has launched a podcast that archives our weekly radio programs, you can subscribe on iTunes or listen at <http://psglib.org/podcast>.
- ❖ Our summer reading program ends Aug 11.

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