

## **City of Gustavus Ongoing Projects Summary**

### ***Gustavus Disposal and Recycling Center***

- New main building: Site survey has been completed by RESPEC an organization that was contracted to do this work. With this survey completed, John Barry was able to complete the Request for Proposal for the new building which outlines basic details that engineers are to follow and consider if they are interested in generating a proposal for the job. This covers everything from how the construction will be inspected, ensuring proper permits will be acquired, the basic details and specifications for the size of the building package, and its foundation. The building itself is going to be large unheated building with ample electrical infrastructure to power all of our equipment.
- Landfill Expansion: Currently the expansion of the landfill is underway with Chuck Schroth of Gustavus Landscaping winning the bid for the job. The area inside the fence has been cleared and the ground located where the fence has been installed was built up above the surrounding grade to gain some extra height. The remaining trees provide ample coverage to help camouflage the majority of the expansion.

### ***Good River Bridge Repair and Embankment Stabilization Project***

- Project design is underway and RESPEC just submitted the 20% design documents on October 31, 2025. These documents need to be reviewed and discussed. The next step is designing bridge-related structural details.

### ***Dock/Floats Infrastructure Protection Project***

- We have applied to fund this project through a grant provided by the Port Infrastructure Development Program of the U.S. Maritime Administration an agency of federal Department of Transportation. We are awaiting news on our proposal.

### ***Recreation Path from Good River Corner to NPS Boundary***

- We are working with the Alaska Department of Transportation to finalize our application to fund this project through a grant from the Federal Lands Access Program. This project is one piece of a larger vision to make non-motorized travel around Gustavus safer, particularly for children, while also facilitating efficient motorized travel on our roads. The Safe Streets for All funding which the city was awarded and will receive, with the Alaska Municipal league as the subrecipient, will also contribute toward realizing this vision for Gustavus.

### ***Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program (RTA) Application***

- We applied for this grant to help fund a wave barrier for our dock. The program received 799 applications across 49 states and three US territories totaling over \$789 million in requested funding. This is a first come first served application and ours was input into the portal as soon as it opened but it is unknown where we are in the queue. It is unknown when the awards will be announced.

### ***Firefighting Water Supply Vehicle (AFG Water Tender) Procurement***

- We are looking for a particular model that is already assembled and ready to order. The Gustavus Volunteer Fire Department will reconvene those who previously met to discuss the truck model that is available to purchase. The Interim Fire Chief and the City Administrator will review the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant process and find out where and who we need to deal with now that Region 10 rep is no longer available.

### ***Septage Removal from Gustavus***

- John Barry, Ian Barrier and the city administrator submitted comments on the 95% Professional Engineering Report, a study of our situation and potential solutions for it. The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation will share these comments with Village Safe Water (VSW) and multi-agency review comments with HDR the engineering firm completing the study. We continue to explore options for septage removal from Gustavus and recently spoke to State Senator Kiehl about the issue.

### ***Salmon River Harbor Tract B2 and Tidelands Purchase***

- We applied to Department of Natural Resources to procure Tract B-2 at the harbor along with the adjacent submerged lands which comprise the central portion of the Salmon River Boat Harbor area. We currently own the surrounding tracts. DNR staff are currently reviewing the documents. No further action will be taken until we have been provided with cost estimates at which point the Council may consider if we wish to proceed.

### ***Xunaa Borough Litigation***

- The city is currently involved in litigation to stop the formation of the proposed Xunaa Borough. Please see the Mayor's summary of the situation from the November City Council General Meeting Minutes on the City website ([https://www.gustavus-ak.gov/meetings?field\\_microsite\\_tid\\_1=27](https://www.gustavus-ak.gov/meetings?field_microsite_tid_1=27))

***Working with Park on the Strengthening Gateway Communities Initiative***

- This work is just in its initial phase and was on hold while the government was shut down but is expected to resume now that the government has reopened.

***Alaska Municipal League (AML) Conference Training and Networking***

- The City Administrator, City Clerk and Vice Mayor will be attending the AML Annual Conference in Anchorage the week of December 8th. This conference provides Gustavus attendees with valuable opportunities to learn from other municipalities and relevant experts, as well as to have face to face opportunities to directly advocate and problem-solve for our community.

***Working with the Career and Technical Education class on the bench/picnic table Project***

- We are continuing to work with the Gustavus school CTE teacher and class on a project to build an additional new and durable bench/picnic table to help our community enjoy City outdoor spaces

***Finalizing details on Firefighter 1 Training for GVFD***

- We are working with the University of Alaska Fairbanks on the details for the FF1 training which was approved by Council last month.