

Mayor's Monthly Report

July 2025

Xunaa Borough: On June 13, the Alaska Superior Court granted a motion to stay the Local Boundary Commission's decision approving the formation of the Xunaa Borough. This is welcome news as the LBC cannot take further steps toward the formation of the Xunaa Borough while the appeal is pending; the election scheduled for this month in Hoonah will not be held. The order does not prevent Hoonah from continuing preparations for the possibility of eventual incorporation. In the meantime, the attorneys for Gustavus, Pelican, Tenakee and Elfin Cove are preparing a brief to be filed when the Court issues a due date.

Staff Meeting: At the June staff meeting, we reviewed policies relating to sick leave, paid time off and holidays. Staff meetings are on hiatus for the rest of the summer unless something comes up that needs to be addressed.

Welcome to our new staff member, Morgan Park, in her role as Public Services Librarian!

Changes to staffing: With the new fiscal year we are implementing the changes to both the City Administrator and Fire Chief positions from full-time to three-quarter-time. While this should go smoothly, there will likely be some transition hiccups so please be patient. We will make every effort to ensure that needs and services are met and to keep everyone notified of changes as we transition.

Alaska Seaplanes Citizen Advisory Board: I was asked to serve on the Alaska Seaplanes Citizen Advisory Board (CAB) as a voice for our community and attended my first meeting on June 30 in Juneau. This board was formed several years ago but had fallen by the wayside over the last couple of years and is now being prioritized. I am serving as a community member and not in my role as mayor, but this is a way for me to let people know that if they have concerns or ideas that they would like passed on to the management team, to please contact me. Our next meeting will be sometime in early winter.

Staff Evaluations: We are working on completing staff evaluations and will be scheduling more as time allows. These take a surprising amount of time; we plan to continue to complete evaluations to bring us up to date so that we can establish a more regular routine.

Many thanks to Val Scott and team for again organizing the 4th of July events and keeping us on track all day! It was a great event as usual; it takes a lot of organization, and her efforts are greatly appreciated. Also, **thanks to Ed Bond** and friends for mowing and readying the Salmon River Park for the day.