

Monthly Report: Community Operations Update

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Introduction

This monthly report is submitted to the City Council to outline current progress and initiatives regarding infrastructure improvements and community operations in Aniak. The report covers funding pursuits, equipment acquisition, team collaboration, facility maintenance, and staff development, all aimed at strengthening the town's services to its residents.

Resource Acquisition and Infrastructure Planning

We have been actively soliciting quotes for a new Nissan engine to support our municipal operations, as well as bids for a 1,000-gallon water truck that will significantly enhance our capabilities. The ongoing search for additional graders and loaders continues, with potential suppliers being evaluated to expand our public works fleet. Planning efforts for the placement of our burn cage have advanced in collaboration with Missy and the public works team, ensuring safety and accessibility are front and center. New signs are expected to arrive soon, and updated maps with detailed plans have been laid out to guide future work.

Operational Maintenance and Teamwork

I want to formally recognize Dakota and Joe for their outstanding commitment to maintaining our roads, landfill and lift stations—both have made meaningful contributions to the safety and wellbeing of our community. Our long-time employee has returned, bringing valuable experience and continuity to our operations. The team and I, together with Bruce Werba, have worked diligently to restore the lift station near the community hall where Dakota was practicing welding and now that we have the material it will be getting repaired as soon as possible. Supplies have been ordered to meet operational needs and ensure our water system at the office remains functional throughout winter. Snow removal is carried out as necessary to maintain safe access at municipal facilities.

Staff Development and Training

Joe and I have completed solid waste bootcamp, enhancing our waste management skills. Dakota has successfully finished specialized training, further boosting our preparedness. Francis is preparing for his operator training test, and our department is progressing through the Toyo stove maintenance class to ensure reliable heating for city buildings.

Administrative Progress and Community Engagement

Missy's exceptional performance in handling all paperwork and administrative duties deserves special acknowledgment. Fire department meetings are being scheduled, and I am reaching out to our volunteers to encourage greater participation. We are developing an official Facebook page for the Aniak Fire Department to strengthen communication and engagement within our community.

Upcoming Initiatives

Preparations are underway for the next council meeting, where recent accomplishments and future plans—including the design for the landfill—will be presented for review and feedback. The three-month performance evaluation is approaching, providing an opportunity to assess progress and establish new goals for ongoing improvement.

Conclusion

In closing, I extend my sincere gratitude to all members of our team for their dedication and professionalism. Through steadfast collaboration and innovation, we continue to restore and improve our town, working to make the City of Aniak and this council proud of our achievements and service. Thank you for your ongoing support.