



MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 27, 2022
TO: City Manager
FROM: Jean Barrett / Port Director
SUBJECT: Department Report

STAFF REPORT

Summer has started off good in some ways and has been a challenge in others. The Dock has been busy right off the bat, we got the snow off and had it graded just in time for the first barge, it has been very much nonstop since then.

On the other hand, the harbor has been a challenge. The fact we still don't have a working crane makes it very tough to repair anything. I am currently working on the bathhouse working to get the fixtures working before the summer rush.

Dock

- We were able to clear the snow from the dock and let it melt enough to get it graded and spread calcium before the first barge.
- The mechanics from Pape Material handling came to town to give the Hyster forklifts a once over and put together a list of 'needs' for both machines. The total cost of the repairs will be close to the \$200,000 dollar mark. This is a need as these workhorses are what make us the money. At the time of this report we are still waiting for an estimated trade in value on the 800 to be able to procure another 1050.
- We finally have a third wheel at the dock and not in a bad way. We hired a former operator for the City. Bill Rector had a free summer from other responsibilities and wanted a job. Bill is a welcome addition to the crew.
- The newly revised tariff is going over fairly well. We have found a couple of things we need to touch up but no negative comments as of yet.

Harbor

- The Dredge crew was 5 days late compared to years past. It was actually just in time as there was still some ice at the base of the dock. There are still ice chunks surfacing from the depths of the abyss that get dislodged when the dredge makes a pass near them. The end date for the dredge is still mid-June.
- The ice machine is still not operational. It may be time to look for funds to purchase a new one with a delivery system attached. Maybe with some of the federal \$\$ floating around, the tribe might be willing to help.

- The crane on the bulkhead is having issues for the first time ever, its 11 years old after all. We purchased a new handheld controller. Surprisingly it only took 4 days to get it from the factory, but now the receiver has issues and smells of burnt wiring. I will have one ordered Monday morning.
- Two small issues in the bath house, nothing that will take much to get repaired prior to the influx of the masses in late June.

Here is the big news. I have turned in my resignation and will pull the plug on June 19th 2022. I have completely enjoyed my almost 18 years with the City of Dillingham. When I came to work for the City on October 1st 2005 as the building and grounds supervisor I was excited to learn and grow. I have done both, becoming the Port Director just two and a half years later was a huge step. It was the best years of any employment that I have ever had. The friendships and connections that I have made at the harbor are lifelong. The opportunity to be the Public Works Director was a bonus that I never expected. I was glad that I was able to fill that role for my home as it is a very important one.

Thanks to everyone who was in my corner for all of the good and bad times. I have enjoyed the work, but I am looking forward to riding my motor bike, putting my skiff in the water at the lake and fishing, and filling my woodshed.

This is ALL from where I sit

Jean