



MEMORANDUM

DATE: 12-27-21
TO: City Manager
FROM: Jean Barrett / Port, Public Works
SUBJECT: Department Report

STAFF REPORT

Old man winter has taken a hiatus and allowed us a taste of spring... don't get used to it winter comes back soon. The Public works crew has been very slim this month with the two short weeks for the holidays and people on vacation, none the less we have managed to stay productive.

Shop

We are once again starting over in the shop, the revolving door that is public works has struck, we were lucky to find a mechanic in Dillingham that has an idea how the shop is run was available.

The list is long as far as maintenance is concerned and with winter being the busiest time of the year for us we only manage to fight the fires in front of us and a lot of maintenance is put aside. The best case scenario is to find another qualified mechanic to help.

Streets

With the unusual amount of snow we have recently had the streets crew has been very busy clearing and pushing back the piles. We will start moving snow from the many piles in the downtown area in early January. This will hopefully get us ahead of the game this spring. We have one loader and one dump truck at this time so we will do what we can with what we got.

Buildings and Grounds

The warmer weather is nice to see as it gives us a chance to catch up on the unusual amount of boiler issues we have been having.

- We have one boiler to replace in the Quonset hut at the shop, I believe that this boiler is original to the building. We found a new boiler here in Dillingham and plan on doing the swap this week before the cold hits again.
- The boilers that had been replaced 6-8 years ago all seem to be having a similar electrical issue, we have Mark Herman on speed dial and he has kept us running.

Landfill

Life at the landfill is good this time of year

- No Bears.
- Trash is covered with snow.
- No blue flies.

The water for the incinerator is still inoperable. Time is what we need to get it up and running and that is tough to come by at times. We will continue to work to get it running, NO promises other than to continue on.

Water Waste Water

Everything in this department is good. It doesn't smell of roses but it's going well none the less.

- We tested out some of the storm drains with this warm, rainy weather and they all worked as they should, except one by the downtown fire hall which only needed to have some ice removed and some calcium chloride poured into it to clear the problem up.

Port

I have been able to make time to do some much needed Port issues, important this time of the year so we can implement any changes in the upcoming season. A copy of the Port Tariff will be available for the council for reference. Some of the glowing changes are concerning the outbound shipments of fish, we are behind in charges compared to the Bristol Bay Borough, I will give an example below

We ship all of our fish out of Dillingham in a 40 foot container same as the Borough

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| - In Dillingham a 40 ft. container with 5% increase would cost | \$ 425.85 |
| - In The Bristol Bay Borough the same container costs per their tariff | \$ 592.45 |
| - A difference of | \$ 166.60 |

I know the Finance and Budget committee asked me to bring the price up to what it is at the Borough. I feel that a close to \$200 increase in one year would be excessive, instead I propose a 2 – 5% increase every year would get us in the same range but over time.

A complete list of Terminal Tariff changes can be viewed at the following link:

https://www.dillinghamak.us/sites/default/files/fileattachments/city_council/meeting/11211/2022_proposed_changes_to_port_of_dillingham_terminal_tariff_no._revised_4.2017.pdf