

Mayor's Monthly Report

June 2025

Xunaa Borough: We are still waiting for the Superior Court to rule on the Request for a Stay. I spoke with our attorney and was told that although it is out of our hands, the Request for Stay "is pending and is ripe for a ruling at any time". You may have seen notices for Hoonah to hold the election for voter approval of the Borough as well as for Borough Board Members. This process will continue as originally planned unless/until a Stay is granted.

The State has filed all the documents and transcripts from the LBC's decisional meetings requested by the Court. The attorneys for all four communities are working on the Appellant's Brief that elaborates the points on appeal while anticipating a court ruling on the appeal, expected within the next two weeks. At that point they will receive a court order with a 30-day deadline to submit the brief.

Staff Meeting: The May staff meeting focused on reviewing the edits to the scoping documents/project development long and short forms. The Council reviewed the drafts at the Work Session on Monday.

Council Training: Six council members and Liesl attended the council training on Zoom presented by Iura Leahu, our Local Government Specialist (LGS). The training covered Responsibilities and Duties for Council Members, which was a great review for the more seasoned members and very beneficial to new members.

Other things:

-The flower baskets got hung out and they look great...with some sun and warmth they might even bloom! Look for them on the Welcome signs, at the Library, Community Chest, Fire Hall, the DRC, City Hall and on the shelter at Salmon River Park.

-I attended the Southeast Alaska Guides Association (SEAGO) meeting on May 26th. I was impressed by the level of dedication and support for the guided sportfishing industry as well as their mission to ensure sustainable and responsible practices and policies that support the economic health of the communities in Southeast. This year's limits on King Salmon have resulted in many people cancelling their fishing trips to Southeast Alaska. It will be interesting to see how this plays out here in Gustavus.

-In the next couple months, we may be looking for committee members to serve on new committees. One may be for a Strategic Plan Review and Update, and the other will be for a full Ordinance Review and Amendment. We could potentially need up to six or more

community members for each committee. More information will be forthcoming as we develop plans for these committees.

-I attended several meetings over the past month:

- *Same Old Road drainage project discussions, plus a field trip to the area and an on-site meeting with a concerned property owner

- *Civics Plus zoom meeting to learn more about the new website platform

- *Work Shield zoom meeting to learn about a new HR employee benefit

And a round of applause to all of our EMS and Fire Department Volunteers for the time they put in attending drills and training in preparation to serve our community in case of emergencies. You are all very much appreciated!