

I, council member Lucas Beck, attended the Alaska Municipal League (AML) conference in Anchorage, Alaska in December 2024. Attending the AML conference was a valuable experience for me as it provided the opportunity to engage with a wide variety of perspectives on the challenges faced by Alaska's communities and provided insight into the breadth of resources available to meet those challenges. I attended presentations on the Municipal Planning Process, Capital Improvement Projects, Short Term Rental Regulations, Tourism, the Safer Streets for Everyone Program, and Community Resilience.

A particularly valuable experience occurred when AML staff held breakout sessions entitled, Regional Meetings: Potential for Partnerships. The Gustavus delegation (Mayor McLaughlin, Kathy Leary and I) attended the southeast session along with only two other southeast communities. This meant that our delegation was able to sit down for an hour with the largely undivided attention of an AML staff member, and work on ways to meet the goals of the community of Gustavus using AML resources.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like any further information on the conference or the presentations I attended. Thank you all.

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