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Re: Quarterly Report, Fiscal year 23 -24, 4th Quarter

### **Road Crew**

The road crew stayed busy through April hauling snow and then dealing with breakup. It seemed that everyone wanted their property to be clear of snow and the piles kept reappearing as fast as we could haul them off. By the last day of snow removal, the road crew had hauled off 16,120 truckloads of snow, the most in a year by over a 1000 truckloads. Another part of the high load count is the loss of snow dumps. The snow in Martinsonville and Lucy Way had to be trucked off since we no longer can utilize the rental snow dumps in those spots. Looking forward, this may become a bigger problem as we could potentially lose the Thornbush area and South Wall area due to the port expansion. The 2020 SnoGo snowblower was damaged in the late season and has since had the back plate re-fabricated and replaced. In late June, the road crew had to build a road across the upper industrial pad to keep access to the tank farms open while BFI is drilling across Okleasik Ave. The crew had to remake the contraption for pushing rock to the bottom of the Port's barge ramp where another hole had formed at the bottom of the concrete pads.

### **Building Maintenance**

The maintenance crew, augmented by summer laborers, has gotten a lot accomplished this quarter. The bus stops, dugouts and port security shack all were painted and repaired. There are still two bus stops which have to be rebuilt as they have rotted beyond redemption. The crew is rebuilding the asbestos fences for the landfill and continue to work on the fence at the cemetery. The crew pitched in with U-Call, and then worked to get things ready for the moving of city hall personnel to their new, temporary, homes. We have received the playground mulch and are working to get it placed at the Anvil City Playground at Old Saint Joes, along with some repairs on the playground equipment. The T-ball field has been hydro-seeded and the fence should be going up later this summer. The crew was able to empty out the monofill building as it's being handed over to Kawerak for a recycling center. We were also involved with the swimming pool repair and had to spend a fair amount of time in learning the new system.

### **Landfill/Monofill**

The landfill has had a rough go of it this summer. We are still trying to source a motor for the Komatsu dozer and had to utilize the D7R and Hitachi excavator for taking care of the winter trash. The Hitachi has been having issues with the fuel system and we are waiting for parts to get it going again and the D-7R lost a track. So the winter trash had to be moved, bucket by bucket with the loaders which

slowed the process. It is just about caught up. The monofill winter trash is on hold until the Hitachi is back up.

### **Moving Forward**

As always, winter is on the way and a big part of what we do in the summer is to be ready for winter. It sometimes seems like we're unprepared for the first snow, and we have been caught by surprise on occasion. In addition to rebuilding the back plate of the snow blower, we'll be replacing augers, replenishing shear pins and cutting edges, replacing lights etc. We are trying to get fully staffed and get the staff fully trained. On the buildings side, we are trying to get the janitorial supplies back in stock and be ready for the crowds. We have a flat on the way to rebuild the Iditarod arch and are ready to assist that rebuild as needed.