

**Mayor's Report
For
December 6, 2021 Assembly Meeting**

1. Alaska Natives Without Land Legislation: Senator Murkowski has introduced revised legislation to address the omission of the Southeast Alaska communities of Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee, and Wrangell from eligibility under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. The legislation will allow the native villages to form urban corporations and will gift settlement land to these corporations. Mayor Jensen has requested a discussion on this subject (under Assembly Discussion Items) to determine whether the Assembly will provide comment regarding the revised legislation. A copy of the legislation and Petersburg area maps are attached to the Assembly Discussion agenda item.

2. Meeting with Sealaska: Mayor Jensen, Manager Giesbrecht, Community & Economic Director Cabrera and PIA Administrator Welch took part in a meeting with Sealaska board members and staff to discuss Petersburg's priorities and projects that may have partnership opportunities. Mayor Jensen will provide a brief report on the meeting.

3. Seeking Letters of Interest: The Petersburg Borough is accepting letters of interest from citizens who wish to serve the community by filling one of the vacant seats on the following Borough Boards/Commissions until the October, 2022 Municipal Election:

Planning Commission – two vacant seats
Parks & Recreation Advisory Board – two vacant seats
Public Safety Advisory Board – one vacant seat

Letters of interest should be submitted to Clerk Thompson at the Borough offices located at 12 S. Nordic Drive; by sending to PO Box 329, Petersburg, AK 99833; or by emailing to dthompson@petersburgak.gov.