

Chevak Activity Report

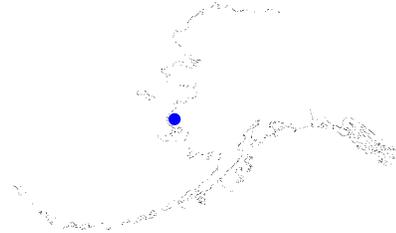
Community Overview

Lead RUBA Staff: Leroy Seppilu, Anchorage Office

2000 Census Population: 765

Region: Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta

Local Governments: Second Class City



The City of Chevak operates the piped water and sewer system, the central watering point and the honeybucket haul. The City Council is the policy making body for the utility.

Construction began in 1995 to provide piped water and sewer to 170 homes and the school. Completed projects include a new landfill, a washeteria renovation, a new watering point, water treatment plant, a 150,000-gallon water storage tank, sewage lagoon, and a vacuum sewer plant. Water and sewer mains and household connections are under construction. Unserved residents currently haul water and use privies. Some homes have rain catchment systems.

General Information

The long-time City Administrator has submitted his resignation due to conflict with the Mayor over personnel issues. The deputy City Clerk has reluctantly taken the position.

More homes will be hooked up this summer to the w/s utility system.

Observations and Recommendations

Finances — RUBA is hoping that the Administrator's resignation will not negatively affect the new water & sewer utility department. RUBA was talking with him on billing customers and 26 houses are now being sent monthly bills.

Accounting Systems — The Quick Books Pro 99 should continued to be used as the deputy City Clerk has strong knowledge of the program. He had talked about resigning as well after the Administrator resigned.

Tax Problems — No tax problems this quarter.

Personnel System — The former City Administrator was telling RUBA that he hopes to get rehired by mid-summer. It has been difficult to get a hold of the Mayor to find out why he decided to terminate the Administrator.

Organizational Management — The deputy City Clerk is now the Administrator. He has reluctantly accepted the position. It's good that he is there since he was the one that was provided training with Quick Books Pro.

Leadership/Governance — The City Administrator has provided strong leadership over the last few years. During the mid-90s he was instrumental in retiring debts to vendors including IRS. He followed the recommendations of RUBA and paid off all the debts within 1 ½ years.

Operation of Utility — More homes are being hooked up this summer to the water & sewer utility system. The customers are expected to pay about \$85 a month.

Ranking

1 = Inadequate

4 = Adequate to meet minimum requirements

7 = Exceeds requirements

Category	1	4	7
Finances			X
Accounting Systems			X
Tax Problems			X
Personnel System		X	
Organizational Management		X	
Leadership/Governance		X	
Operation of Utility			X

Anticipated Activity

The new RUBA assigned to this community should monitor the billing and collections. Leroy Seppilu will be transferring to the Nome Office effective September 1, 2001, and become responsible for the communities in that region.