

Eek Activity Report

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General Information:

In January, the City Mayor was still working on the business plan for the new water treatment plan with new financial projections focussed. This would be sent to Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) once completed. Shane Hoffman of ANTHC was finalizing the business plan before submitting for future possible funding.

In March, Johnny Evan, RUBA staff in the Bethel office, found out that the Tribal Administrator, who was also the Mayor, was terminated by the Tribal Council. The City Clerk stated that the Mayor was considering also resigning his position with the City Council.

There was a sanitation review by Johnny Evan in March. The City currently has a Container Haul System in operation, subsidized by Gaming, with a general interest of upgrading to a better system. The City and the Tribal organization both mentioned that nothing has been done to a community survey that was done back in 1997 or 1998 by Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC). Johnny has not seen community data on the survey, but he did forward a list of questions to ANTHC. ANTHC was notified what the RUBA Program would be doing with the two local governments in preparation for the sanitation planning that ANTHC is supposed to do to upgrade their current facility.

In mid-March, Ken Berlin, LGS staff in the Bethel office, called Vera about the City of Eek's missing FY 99 Shared Fisheries Tax Program resolution. Ken also got a notice that Eek was having problems with payroll taxes, so RUBA staff reviewed the City's quarterly reports on payroll, everything was okay, the problems are with the Tribal council.

Observations and Recommendations:

Finances — The finances are stable through Gaming operations.

Accounting Systems — Is still managed through Peachtree financial software. The City was provided with financial reporting formats for the utility services.

Tax Problems — The organization is current with their tax liabilities.

Personnel System — The City has budgeted for a City Administrator the last year, but has not advertised yet. The clerk would get this implemented once he gets an approval from the council.

Organizational Management — An organization chart need to be developed for the organization that would line up the hierarchy of the city. Johnny does not know what will happen to the Memorandum of Agreement now that the Mayor has an intention of resigning, and was terminated from the Tribal Council.

Leadership/Governance — According to the City Clerk, the Mayor has an intention of resigning his position. Johnny guesses this will jeopardize the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Tribal organization. The Mayor, who was the Tribal Administrator, was terminated this quarter. So in essence to the situation, it might have a profound effect in the MOA process.

Operation of Utility — The current sanitation system (Container Haul) is subsidized through gaming operations with no immediate plans of upgrading and/or implementing a rate structure. The two local governments would like to upgrade to a Flush Haul system. The Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) was notified of this need.

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	