

Northway Activity Report

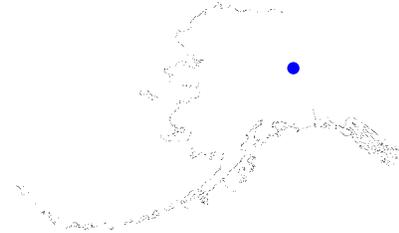
Community Overview

Lead RUBA Staff: John Fischer, Fairbanks Office

2000 Census Population: 95

Region: Interior

Local Governments: Village Council



There is a central watering point for the residents to haul their own water. The Northway Village Council operates the washeteria. Over half of households are not plumbed. Due to high groundwater and deep permafrost, individual water wells and septic systems often freeze. A flush/haul system is currently under construction for 100 area homes. The Northway Village Council operates the local washeteria. The landfill is not permitted.

General Information

The Village of Northway has not as yet responded to the statement of findings and questioned costs requested by the auditor. The auditor has scheduled a meeting with the Northway Village Council in July.

No RUBA personnel visited Northway this quarter. The RMW reports that the flush tank haul drivers with CDL's have left Northway employment. This will leave the village unable to legally operate the haul vehicles on public streets.

Observations and Recommendations

Finances – No problems reported this quarter.

Accounting Systems – Northway has still not implemented recommendations of LGS personnel regarding the accounting system. The budget has been worked on but is not complete and has not been approved.

Tax Problems – As far as known any tax problems are of a small amount and insignificant at this time.

Personnel System – No progress.

Organizational Management – Apparently the Council is starting to react to the auditor's queries and has requested a meeting with the accounting firm. It is anticipated this meeting could bring about some important changes in Northway's accounting and organizational structure.

Leadership/Governance – Appears to be improving. Several Council members have expressed concern over the 99 audit.

Operation of Utility – RMW reports that the haul drivers that have the CDL’s have quit. This will stop the legal operation of the flush haul system.

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

Northway Village Council to meet with the auditor regarding the findings of the calendar year 1999 audit. It is anticipated that after this meeting the Council will request a meeting with DCED/RUBA personnel to draw up a corrective action plan.

Village administrative staff completed the Consumer Confidence Questionnaire for 2000 but the status of the 2001 questionnaire is unknown at this time.