

# Tuluksak Activity Report

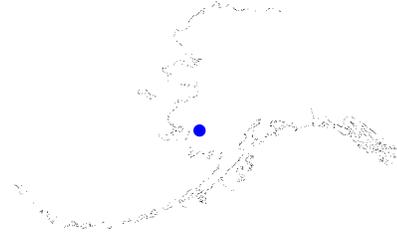
## Community Overview

Lead RUBA Staff: Johnny Evan, Bethel Office

2001 Population: 428

Region: Lower Kuskokwim

Local Governments: Village Council



The Village Council operates the washeteria and the central watering point. The Village Council is the policy making board for the utility.

Only one watering point, with storage capacity of less than 7,000 gallons, serves the entire community, washeteria, clinic, and school. Residents haul honey-buckets to fifteen bins located sparingly throughout the community. A feasibility study was completed to implement a piped water and sewer system in the future. A larger water storage tank, water system improvements are the community's priority.

## General Information

The accounting system is still computerized through Mind Your Own Business (MYOB) financial software. The Council is not using the software for doing payroll and payroll taxes. The Tribal organization, with new Council members, met with IRS to negotiate their 1993 to 1996 past tax liabilities. They had previously submitted an offer, but did not use the correct forms. It will most likely take the IRS several months to process the offer.

With the reduction of the container haul system rate, the collection rate improved considerably. The Tribal organization is still negotiating with Yupiit School District for the possible take-over of the well/washeteria operation and maintenance.

## Observations and Recommendations

Finances — Despite RUBA staff's recommendations to increase user rates, the user fees are still the same and are still not covering the expenses incurred by the sanitation services, but the collection rate has improved considerably. The difference is subsidized through gaming operations.

Accounting Systems — The accounting system, now run by the Tribe, is computerized. The financial software is capable of producing monthly financial reports, separated according to job units, and record payroll records/journals. With this capability, the Tribe will soon do their own accounting activities.

Tax Problems — They are current with their tax liabilities and are still negotiating with IRS on the past tax liabilities. The Tribe, with new Council members, met with the IRS to

initially get the negotiation in process. The Tribe submitted the required revised forms, so now, it is up to IRS to make a decision as to the situation.

Personnel System — The Tribal Organization hired a finance clerk who is currently being trained on the accounting functions.

Organizational Management — The capital projects are now underway in accordance with their five year infrastructure plan. The Council met with the Moravian Parsonage and is still waiting for them to transfer the land to the Tribal Council. The Tribal organization is still looking into whether taking over the water treatment plant operations is a good idea.

Operation of Utility — The user fee of \$30 was reduced to \$20, but this raised the collection rate to 75 percent. The Tribal organization is still looking into whether they should initiate a water rate at the watering point.

Category	Inadequate	Meets Minimum Requirements	Exceeds Minimum Requirements
Finances	X		
Accounting Systems		X	
Payroll Taxes	X		
Personnel System		X	
Organizational Management		X	
Operation of Utility	X		

### Anticipated Activity

Monitor the negotiation with IRS on their past tax liabilities.