

Tununak Activity Report

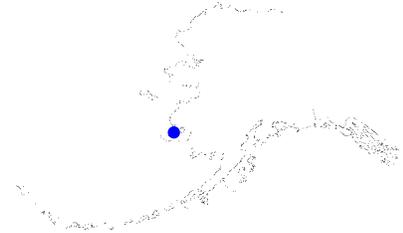
Community Overview

Lead RUBA Staff: Paul Chimiugak, Bethel Office

2000 Census Population: 325

Region: Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta

Local Governments: Village Council



The Village Council operates the washeteria, central watering point for residents to haul their own water, and multiple watering points. They also provide a honeybucket haul service. The Village Council is the policy making board for the utility.

Water is derived from Muskox Creek. A flush/haul system began construction in 1992. Only five homes are currently served, and 30 additional units are in construction. 40 additional household units will need to be installed. Most residents currently haul water and honeybuckets, and rely on the washeteria for laundry and bathing. 5% of households use individual septic systems. The landfill needs to be upgraded.



Tununak Dancers (1997)

General Information

The Tununak Traditional Council (TTC) continues to address the recommendations of RUBA staff to improve their administrative and financial management. The administrator has been keeping current with the tax reports and payments. IRS has yet to visit this community to evaluate their records. This will also be a time where the Council can make an offer on their incurred back taxes.

The administrator has indicated that a rate analysis would be suitable for this utility. He would like to see this take place if the Council approves it.

The funding agencies continue to hold back on the project funds, until such a time has been reached on the settlement of the back taxes owed to IRS.

Observations and Recommendations

Finances — Financial reports from the organization continue to be non-existent.

Accounting Systems — They are continuing to use the Model Financial Record Keeping System (MFRKS) that was set up a year ago. This system is currently functional.

Tax Problems — Taxes are still kept current as of year 2000. The IRS representative has yet to travel to Tununak to meet with the Council to discuss the pay back plan.

Personnel System — There is still only one administrative staff, which is the administrator and one temporary flush tank and haul system (FTHS) bookkeeper. Currently there is no personnel policy in place.

Organizational Management — The Tununak Traditional Council continues to operate on a very limited basis.

Leadership/Governance — The new President of the Tununak Traditional Council (TTC) hasn't made much difference in the leaderships reluctance to shut off service. They still would rather have the Elders Council make the decision instead of basing it on non-payment records. RUBA staff continues to recommend a better process.

Operation of Utility — The washeteria is still operating with one washer and one dryer and the building remains in dilapidated shape because of negligence and vandalism. The flush tank and haul system continues to operate 20 units. Bingo still subsidizes the payroll & expenses.

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 Activities:

- Follow up and continue to request financial reports be sent to Bethel office.
- Follow up on budget preparation for the organization and the FTHS and Washeteria.
- Follow up with IRS on back tax resolution.
- Draft a business plan for them in anticipation of future water & sewer projects.