

Mayor's Report

November 12, 2024

I can't believe it's been a month already! City Hall has been very busy the past few weeks with early voting which has given me an opportunity to say hello to lots of folks that I don't often see. I very much appreciate the welcome and words of support that I have received from so many community members, council members and friends.

In addition, I am grateful for our amazing staff at City Hall. Liesl, Ben and Kathy have consistently been available to help me out with a technical issue, answer my many questions or to provide administrative support.

A few highlights of the past month:

- Justin Marchbanks took me on a tour of the gravel pits and helped me to understand the imminent need to identify new sources of material for road maintenance
- Kathy and I spoke briefly with Jeff Hermanns with the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority while he was in town.
- I attended the 10/25 meeting of the Conservation Lands Advisory Committee
- "Afternoon Tea with the Mayor" has been held at the Fireweed for the last four Fridays. I have heard from one person that the location should be moved around. For now, and for consistency, I will continue to hold them at the Fireweed, while I think about how to manage different locations without causing confusion.
- I met with Representative Andi Story and Justin Marchbanks to ask for her assistance in facilitating a meeting with DOT and other key people regarding the use of the ferry ramp for offloading roadbuilding materials. I followed up with her last week; she has put in a request for a meeting with Christopher Goins, DOT Southcoast Regional Director.
- Additionally, Andi and I met for coffee and to discuss collaboration between the City of Gustavus and her office. I've known Andi for many years and look forward to her support and advocacy for Gustavus.
- Council Member Mike Taylor and I met to discuss his ongoing projects. I hope to hear from more council members regarding their interests and goals for the upcoming year.

I expect to meet with department heads as time allows over the next few weeks to learn more about their operations and how I can lend support. I am learning more every day and continue to ask for and appreciate your patience and support!

Mayor Sally McLaughlin