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Haines Borough Takes Over Fuel Sales in Harbor

By Roger Maynard

Delta Western, Inc., the present operator of the fuel dock in the Haines Harbor, will be turning the operation over to the Haines Borough next Thursday morning, May 12, 2011. After that date, boaters who need fuel will contact the harbormaster, and harbor personnel will be selling fuel.

"It's not an unexpected development," said Haines Borough Manager Mark Earnest, "It just became apparent that it's going to happen sooner than we had hoped." He said Delta Western company officials cited staffing issues as the reason for making the change at this time.

Earnest said the borough will soon be putting out a request for proposal, soliciting operators to take over the fuel dock

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Photo by Roger Maynard

The Haines Small Boat Harbor fuel dock.

Changing Times; Changing Formats

*Haines Alaska News to stop publishing a weekly paper edition;
switches to 100 percent online publishing.*

By Roger Maynard

This week's paper edition of the Haines Alaska News will be the last for the season, as we change our operation for summer. Our news stories and opinions will still appear on-line at <http://www.hainesnews.net>, as always.

The Haines News website was started in January, 2008, and became more active in November, 2008 as energy issues became a major topic for discussion in the community. In November 2009 we published the first paper edition, to let folks know that the on-line blog existed. The positive response from

folks who appreciated another viewpoint on local issues prompted us to begin regular weekly publication in the spring of 2010.

Today, the Haines Alaska News is still largely a volunteer effort. We thank our advertisers for helping to cover publication costs, and our primary contributors in addition to myself: Gary Lidholm and Kevin Reeves. Our professional look has been the result of quality production work by Kris Reeves and excellent proofreading by Kevin Reeves. The high quality printing services

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Appeals Court Rejects Juneau Access Project Appeal

Proposed road would extend northwest from Juneau with ferry connections to Haines and Skagway.

According to the Anchorage Daily News, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals panel ruled 2-1 on Wednesday that the state and federal transportation officials failed to consider a key alternative to building the Juneau access road north along Lynn Canal: beefing up existing ferry service.

Their ruling affirmed a 2009 decision by U.S. District Judge John Sedwick, who said the 2006 environmental impact statement supporting the road was flawed and inadequate.

Southeast Alaska Conservation Council (SEACC) representatives say they are "encouraged" by the decision.

State DOT officials say they are exploring options about how to proceed.

Had the state won the case, the transportation department was prepared to let bids in short order. Engineers estimated the cost would have been roughly \$470 million.

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HAINES BOROUGH TAKES OVER HARBOR FUEL SALES

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operation, but in the interim the borough will be handling sales. "There will inevitably be some changes," explained Earnest, "But we'll just have to wait and see what adjustments need to be made. Delta Western has graciously offered to train our staff." Some of the changes could be in establishing fixed hours or other operational details that the harbormaster will work out.

Haines Borough Harbormaster Ed Barrett said the borough was just notified of the immediacy of the change last week, and the operational changeover was supposed to happen on Tuesday. Now the actual change has been rescheduled for next Thursday.

"We are short staffed in the summer-time, and on call for a number of things," said Barrett, "so there could be some occasional conflicts that affect fuel deliveries. We also have an ice house to run, and cruise ships appearing in a few weeks."

Although Barrett admits he never really wanted to be in the fuel business, he considers having fuel available is integral to the operation of a small boat harbor.

When asked about fuel prices he said, "Fuel prices change all the time, based on the price when delivered from the barge. I'm still learning about taxes and other charges that apply."

Delta Western President Amy Humphreys was not available for comment at the time of this writing.

Gov Parnell Signs Bill Establishing Ted Stevens Day

Governor Sean Parnell signed House Bill 101 establishing the fourth Saturday of every July as Ted Stevens Day.

“I am honored to sign this bill establishing the fourth Saturday of every July as Ted Stevens Day. Senator Stevens’ life was defined by his lifelong dedication to

Alaska and her people,” Governor Parnell said. “His service to Alaska spanned six decades and touched thousands of lives. Senator Stevens made our state a better place – and his legacy will continue offering hope and opportunity to future generations.”

Senator Stevens represented Alaska in the U.S. Senate from 1968 until 2009. He was the longest-serving Republican senator in history.



Governor Sean Parnell signing House Bill 101 establishing the fourth Saturday of every July as Ted Stevens Day.

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Posted 5/2/11
Julie Cozzi, Borough Clerk

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

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Soliciting proposals from qualified persons or firms. Services on an as-needed basis, approx. 60 times per year. Proposal deadline: 5pm, Thurs. 5/12/11, or thereafter until awarded. Get details from the Borough Clerk's Office, Borough Admin Bldg, 103 Third Ave S., PO Box 1209, Haines, AK 99827; 907-766-2231 ext.31; jcozzi@haines.ak.us; or visit www.hainesborough.us.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS – FY12 BUDGET

All hearings will be held in the Assembly Chambers in the Public Safety Building, 213 Haines Highway, Haines, Alaska.

<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>AGENDA</u>
Tues., 5/10/11 - 6:30 pm	- Introduction and First Public Hearing of Budget Ordinance.
Tues., 5/24/11 - 6:30 pm	- Second Public Hearing of Budget Ordinance.
Tues., 6/14/11 - 6:30 pm	- Third Public Hearing of Budget Ordinance, if needed

Note: Per Haines Borough Charter 9.01(C-D), At least two public hearings on the proposed annual budget must be held no later than June 1, and the budget must be adopted by June 15.

A review copy of the full proposed budget is available at the Public Library, the Borough Administration Building, and the Borough's website: www.hainesborough.us.

Posted 5-2-11

Julie Cozzi, MMC, Borough Clerk

CHANGING TIMES

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were provided by Beverly Jones at King's Store.

Although we understand there are a number of folks who will miss the print edition, we have learned that business model is difficult to sustain in today's small-town economy, requiring both money and huge amounts of time.

That's why now, after a year of weekly publication, the Haines Alaska News is returning to a strictly on-line format. We'll have the same polished look, daily updates of stories that apply to Haines and northern Southeast Alaska, and a chance for you, the reader, to let us know what you think.

We're excited about the online possibilities. Nowa-

days the Internet is widely used and presents some remarkable opportunities to get our publication out to other communities in the region, to tourists who are coming to visit Haines, and to folks who just want to know more about our town. We're going to focus on growing our readership for the benefit of Haines and our advertisers.

As usual, we will continue to provide a common-sense, pro-business, positive view of what's happening in Haines. We hope you'll make us part of your daily online reading experience. And stay in touch – we'd love to hear from you.

Meanwhile, we're using our spare time to enjoy life here in Haines—fishing, hiking, gardening, boating, and all of the other great activities that are part of the Alaskan lifestyle.