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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 8, 2023
TO: Mayor and Assembly
FROM: Michael Brown, Borough Manager
RE: Manager's Weekly Post

Salted Sand and Chip Follow Up: Staff reviewed invoices from the contract for manufacturing sand and chipped rock traction material from the Central Landfill for road maintenance purposes during the 2022 construction season. Nearly 76,000 tons of material were excavated from the Landfill construction and demolition (C&D) pit to produce 69,000 tons of salted sand and 21,000 tons of chips for distribution to various Road Service Areas (RSAs). Overall, the contract proved to be a cost-efficient way to accomplish excavation of future cell for landfill operations and producing road traction material. RSAs averaged \$11 per ton for material produced and delivered for winter maintenance activities. During the 2023 season, Public Works will continue excavation activities to manufacture sand and traction material and stockpile material at Central Landfill for future use.

Gravel Permit Statistics: The map supplied to the Borough Assembly at their March 7 meeting included active gravel pits only. The table below is a summary of all gravel permits since 2005. Two of the five denied conditional use permits were approved in subsequent permit applications.

Total Gravel Permit Applications since 2005				
	Administrative	Conditional Use	IMD	Grandfathered
Approved	26	23	11	68
Denied	3	5	1	--

Public Affairs Media Flyover:

Arctic Winter Games

- [Mat-Su Arctic Winter Games kicks off 1-year countdown](#)
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Education

- [CCS celebrates new Fairview facility with ribbon cutting ceremony](#)
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- [Mat-Su school bus service resumes as drivers end their month long strike](#)
Alaska Public Media

Assembly

- [MSB Assembly ordinance proposes gravel legislation increasing extraction limits](#)
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Snow Load Concerns

- [Snow load removal and safety guidance](#)
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- [Borough, school district are inspecting buildings with potential snow load concerns](#)
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Natural Resource Development

- [Natural gas shortage in Cook Inlet? Not really. What's short are investors](#)
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- [Decision on Willow oil project could come Monday, March 6](#)
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Iditarod

- [‘A little scary’: Iditarod begins with smallest field ever](#)
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Fisheries

- [Months before season begins, State closes most Cook Inlet king salmon fishing](#)
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- [Emergency Operation Center hosts another exercise focusing on wildland fire](#)
11,904 impressions

Future Events:

March 23, 2023 at 10 a.m., Houston High School Ribbon Cutting