

Introduced by: Mayor Rodgers
Date: October 23, 2001
Action: Adopted
Vote: Unanimous

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

RESOLUTION #01-40

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE BETHEL RECYCLING CENTER'S EFFORTS TO SECURE GRANT MONIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECYCLING PAPER AND CARDBOARD

WHEREAS, The Bethel Recycling Center seeks funds to purchase equipment that would compress paper, cardboard and wood landfill waste into burnable logs suitable for both houses and steam baths, and;

WHEREAS, According to the City's ongoing feasibility study of the City landfill, if only 50 percent of Bethel's waste paper and wood is processed into logs, it would be sufficient to make about 500,000 logs annually, and;

WHEREAS, Additionally, small amounts of plastics from Bethel's waste stream would be added to the logs to act as a binder, and the final log would have a gross weight of 6 pounds and a burning time of almost 4 hours, and;

WHEREAS, If these burnable logs were made available throughout the Y-K Delta, this product would not only reduce landfill usage, it would also help safely and cost efficiently meet the energy needs of residents in an area where naturally occurring fuel sources are scarce—specifically wood, and;

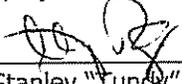
WHEREAS, The tapping into and expanding of this recycling market would provide profits from which to sustain this project and expand Bethel's recycling program as a whole, and;

WHEREAS, An environmental engineer estimated the project equipment and start-up material cost to be \$100,000, and;

WHEREAS, The current VISTA volunteer, Stephan Koruba, is taking a lead in securing grant monies to purchase the needed equipment, while establishing programs and procedures for the sustainability of not only the project described above, but also for the sustainability of the recycling center.

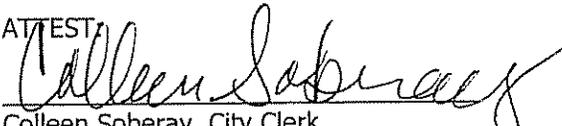
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Bethel, Alaska, applauds and supports the Bethel Recycling Center in its efforts to secure funding for the purpose of recycling paper, cardboard and wood to produce burnable logs to be sold at a minimum cost to the community, while at the same time reducing the Bethel landfill waste.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 23rd DAY OF OCTOBER 2001, by a unanimous voice vote.



Stanley "Yundy" Rodgers, Mayor

ATTEST



Colleen Soberay, City Clerk

City of Bethel, Alaska