

Introduced by: City Manager Herron
Date: March 11, 2003
Action: Adopted
Vote: 5 – 1 (Trantham)

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

RESOLUTION #03-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING REGIONAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS SPECIFICALLY THE DONLIN CREEK ACCESS ROAD

WHEREAS, A long standing traditional access route exists between Crooked Creek and Iditarod, and this long standing 56-mile access route known as FAS#231 is located in Highway District 10 from Crooked Creek on the Kuskokwim River, and the United States Federal Government conveyed title to FAS#231 to the State of Alaska by the Omnibus Act Quitclaim Deed dated June 3, 1959, and;

WHEREAS, The transportation infrastructure within the Yukon-Kuskokwim region is limited and improvements to FAS#231 will advance infrastructure development in the region, and;

WHEREAS, The Donlin Creek gold deposit is estimated to be in excess of 23.1 million ounces and now is considered to be one of the largest undeveloped gold deposits in the world, and;

WHEREAS, The development of the Donlin Creek Gold Mine will require a multi-megawatt electrical power generation plant that communities within and along the Kuskokwim River corridor could benefit from with lower cost power.

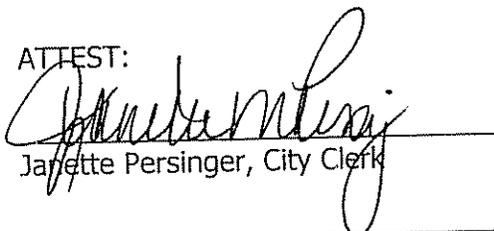
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Bethel supports all efforts, to upgrade and improve the Donlin Creek Access Road, and to analyze and participate in the discussion of all the in-region power generation options as it is in the best interest of the residents of the Yukon-Kuskokwim region.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution is to be forwarded to the Honorable Frank H. Murkowski, Governor of Alaska; Senator Lyman Hoffman – Senate Finance Committee; Representative Mary Kapsner – Chairperson of the Bush Caucus; and Representative Carl Morgan – Chairman, House Community and Region Affair.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 11th DAY OF MARCH 2003, by a 5 – 1 voice vote (Trantham).

Hugh Short, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:


Jarrette Persinger, City Clerk