



# MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 15, 2022  
 TO: Mayor and Assembly  
 FROM: Michael Brown, Borough Manager  
 RE: Manager's Weekly Post

**Landfill Extraction and Sand and Chip Update:** The following information is provided to compare the costs of manufacturing sand and chips this year as opposed to the cost of producing the material last year. This is related to the discussion from the June 7 Assembly meeting regarding the award of AM 22-074. Last year the Borough placed two sand orders and one order for chips with the quantities and costs as depicted in the left column of the below figure. AM 22-074 costs, if awarded, are included in the right column. The total costs of sand and chips last year averaged out to \$14.95 per cubic yard (cy) as opposed to the cost for this contract at \$10 per cy. Additionally the Landfill will benefit from the removal of 250,000 – 500,000 cy at less than \$2.50/cy. This represents benefit to both the Landfill Enterprise Fund and Road Service Areas (RSAs).

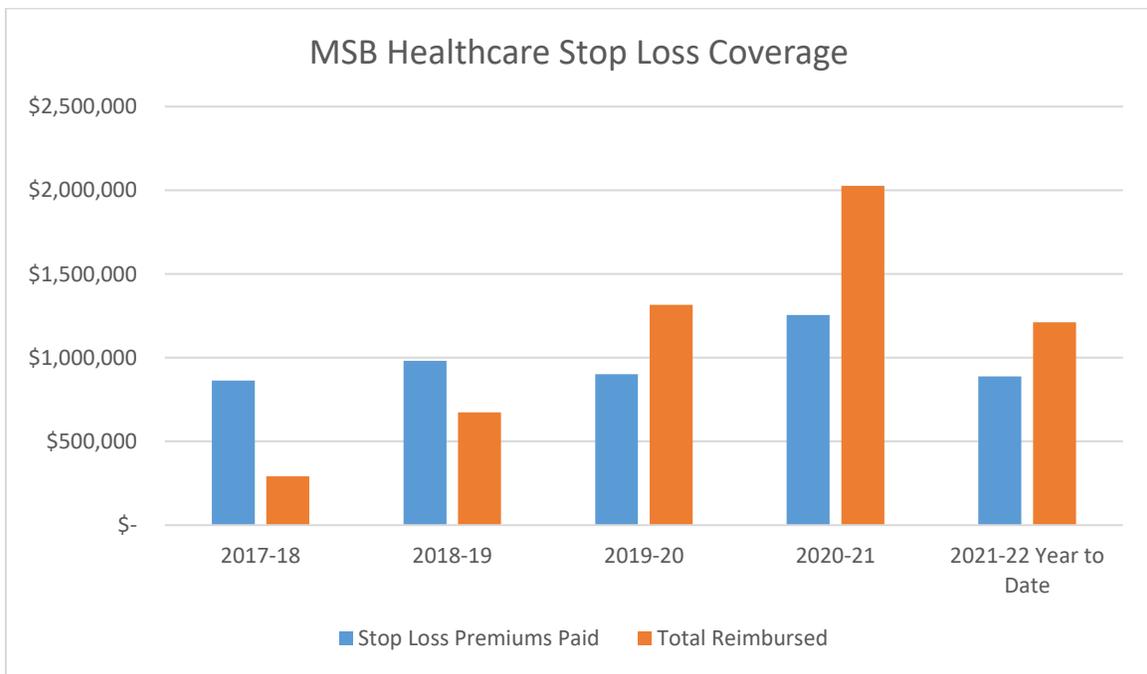
2021-2022			2022-2023		
<b>Sand</b>			<b>Sand</b>		
30,000cy @	\$14.00	\$420,000	54,000cy @	\$10.00	\$540,000
15,540cy @	\$17.00	\$264,180			
Sub-total		<b>\$684,180</b>			
<b>Chips</b>			<b>Chips</b>		
15,065cy @	\$14.73	\$221,907	27,000cy @	\$10.00	\$270,000
60,605cy	TOTALS	<b>\$906,087.45</b>	81,000cy	TOTALS	<b>\$810,000</b>
		(\$14.95/cy)			(\$10/cy)
			CLF Borrow		\$111,200
			Excavation		\$608,000

**Animal Care “Full House” Adoption Event:** Mat-Su Borough Animal Care and Regulation held its “Full House” adoption event over the weekend of June 11 and 12, 2022. Prior to the event, the shelter was above its maximum capacity for animals and had to temporarily suspend the intake of animals being surrendered by their owners, while still taking in stray animals and animals involved in enforcement cases. We physically had no more room left in the shelter to house animals.

As Shelter staff worked diligently and provided creative solutions to house the animals in our care, we also reached out to our community for their assistance. We utilized our social media and conducted interviews with ADN, Alaska’s News Source and The Frontiersman to get the word out. The community response was incredible. The Shelter went into the weekend with over 200 animals. Over the weekend, 69 animals were adopted out, including cats, dogs and even a bearded dragon. As of yesterday, we had 155 animals left in shelter.

Thank you to our staff who did a phenomenal job and for our Shelter Manager, Jamie Kennedy for her leadership. Their hard work and compassion are truly commendable. Our community stepped up and made our “Full House” event the success that it was. We cannot thank the community enough and pledge to continue providing the best Animal Care and Regulation services possible. Shelter staff are truly “Animal Advocates and Community Servants.”

**Employee Healthcare Stop Loss Insurance:** An Assembly member inquired about the need for stop loss insurance for our healthcare plan. The question centered around does it yield a return on investment for a self-insured plan. When reviewing the last five plan years, the stop loss has paid out more than the premiums for the current and previous two plan years. As we experience large claims, stop loss insurance minimizes the impact of catastrophic claims and provides plan stability. Staff will continue to monitor the program to see if a change is warranted in the future. See the figure below for specific actual amounts.



## **Public Affairs Media Flyover:**

### **Roads**

- [\*AKDOT invites public to open house for upcoming Vine and Hollywood road projects-Frontiersman\*](#)

### **Wildland Fire**

- [\*Update for Anchorage & Mat-Su on smoke influx from remote fires as winds shift – Alaska Wildland Fire Information\*](#)
- [\*Burn Permit Suspensions lifted in Mat-Su area - Alaska Wildland Fire Information\*](#)

### **Animal Care**

- [\*As people surrender pets they can't always afford, Alaska's shelters struggle to house them - ADN\*](#)
- [\*Mat-Su Animal Shelter at full capacity – Frontiersman\*](#)
- [\*Inside the Borough – Big Cabbage Radio\*](#)

### **Economy**

- [\*Mat-Su Convention and Visitors Bureau is developing a Sustainable Tourism Master Plan – Frontiersman\*](#)