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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 3, 2023
TO: Mayor and Assembly
FROM: Michael Brown, Borough Manager
RE: Manager's Weekly Post

Challenged Library Book Committee: A resident recently challenged the book Let's Talk About It. The challenge basis is that this book is cataloged as a young adult book (ages 14-18), and the resident believes the book fits the criteria for the distribution of obscene material to minors and violates State statute. Staff has scheduled a committee to review the objection per Borough policy. The review committee comprises the Borough Library Recreational Services Manager, two members of the Library Advisory Board, and two Librarians (excluding the Librarian at the location where the book is being challenged). Staff has also been provided a recent legal opinion from the City of Ketchikan provided by our Borough Attorney for consideration.

School Board Resolution to Revise the Local Funding Request: The Mat-Su Borough School Board will be considering a resolution to revise their local funding request at their May 3, 2023 meeting. This resolution would reduce their funding request by \$4,000,000. If passed on Wednesday, it will be transmitted to the Borough the following day and provided to the Assembly as we prepare for budget deliberations next week. The resolution and meeting agenda are available at: <https://go.boarddocs.com/ak/matsu/Board.nsf/Public/>.

U.S. GoldMining Inc. Initial Public Offering (IPO): U.S. GoldMining Inc. closed its initial public offering (IPO) last week, listing on the NASDAQ under the ticker USGO. For more information, visit: https://www.goldmining.com/news/index.php?content_id=530

Public Affairs Media Flyover:

Community

- [CAP funds awarded for community projects](#)
KTNA
- [Palmer's 7th annual Drive Your Tractor to Work Day](#)
Alaska News Source

Providing Outstanding Borough Services to the Matanuska-Susitna Community

Opioid Remediation

- Mat-Su public weighs in on how to use \$2.3M opioid settlement money
Alaska News Source

Assembly

- Willow residents have message for MSB Assembly timber harvest resolution- “Leave this land alone.”
Frontiersman

Economic Development

- Sawmill operators to produce dimensional lumber for residential construction
Frontiersman

Forestry

- More human caused fires across Alaska
Alaska Wildland Fire Information
- Warmer weather returns; so do spruce beetles
Frontiersman

Future Events:

Mat-Su “Needs Assessment” Determination for Distribution of \$2.3M in Opioid Settlement Funds:

- Thurs., May 18, 2023, from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m., Willow Community Center
- Thurs., May 25, 2023, from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m., Menard Center