



CITY OF NORTH POLE  
Regular Meeting  
June 5, 2023  
City Hall Chambers  
125 Snowman Lane, North Pole, Alaska  
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Monday, June 5, 2023  
Workshop – NPPD Public Safety Assistant Discussion: 6:00 PM  
Committee of the Whole: 6:30 PM  
Regular City Council Meeting: 7:00 PM

**MAYOR**

Michael Welch  
907-488-8584

**CITY CLERK**

Melissa Dionne  
907-488-8583

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Jeffrey Jacobson – Mayor Pro Tem	907-460-7733
DeJohn Cromer – Deputy Mayor Pro Tem	907-347-2808
Anton Keller – Alt. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem	907-987-2548
Chandra Clack	907-460-3767
Ainò Welch	907-488-5834
David Skipps	907-750-5106

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Invocation
4. Approval of Agenda (Pgs. 1-2)
5. Approval of the Minutes from 5/15/2023 (Pgs. 3-9)
6. Communications from the Mayor
  - a. Student of the Month – Aaron Zeisel (Pg. 10)
  - b. Staff Anniversary – 5 years – Rachel Wing
7. Council Members Questions of the Mayor
8. Citizens Comments (Limited to five (5) minutes per Citizen)
9. Communications from Department Heads, HR, City Clerk and the Borough Representative (Pgs. 11-14)
10. Ongoing Projects Report
11. Unfinished Business

None

**12. New Business**

- a. Resolution 23-07, A Resolution of the North Pole City Council to Establish the Rate of Tax Levy for 2023 Real Property Taxes of the City of North Pole (Pg. 15)
- b. Resolution 23-08, A Resolution of the North Pole City Council to Distribute Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Grant Funds (Pg. 16)

**13. Council Comments**

**14. Adjournment**



**Committee of the Whole – 6:30 P.M.  
Regular City Council Meeting – 7:00 P.M.**

A regular meeting of the North Pole City Council was held on Monday, May 15, 2023, in the North Pole City Hall Chambers.

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Mayor Pro Tem Jacobson called the regular City Council meeting of Monday, May 15, 2023, to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Present:**

Jeffrey Jacobson – Mayor Pro Tem  
DeJohn Cromer – Deputy Mayor Pro Tem  
Anton Keller -Alt. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem  
Chandra Clack – Via Zoom  
Aino Welch

**Absent/Excused:**

Mayor Welch  
David Skipps

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. FLAG**

Led by Melissa Dionne

**INVOCATION**

Given by Ms. Welch

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Keller *moved* to approve the agenda of May 15, 2023

Seconded by Ms. Welch

**On the Agenda**

**DISCUSSION**

None

**PASSED**

Yes: 5 – A. Welch, Clack, Jacobson, Cromer, Keller

No: 0

Absent: 1 – Skipps, Mayor Welch

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Ms. Welch *moved* to unanimously approve the minutes from the 5/1/2023 meeting

Seconded by Mr. Keller

## On the Minutes

### DISCUSSION

None

### PASSED

Yes: 5 – A. Welch, Clack, Jacobson, Cromer, Keller

No: 0

Absent: 1 – Skipps, Mayor Welch

## COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

- None

## COUNCIL MEMBER QUESTIONS OF THE MAYOR

- None

## CITIZENS COMMENTS – (Limited to Five (5) minutes per Citizen)

- None

## COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS, BOROUGH REPRESENTATIVE AND THE CITY CLERK

### Police Department, Chief Dutra

- Chief Dutra was not with us tonight.

### Fire Department, Chief Heineken

- The final inspection on the new fire engine went very well. The small list of discrepancies we made were all minor, the factory had them remedied quickly and the engine began its trip across country to Hughes Fire Equipment in Springfield Oregon last week and arrived today. From Oregon it will be sent to Anchorage by Barge and then driven to North Pole. We expect it to arrive sometime in early to mid-June.
- The fire department currently has one firefighter position vacant, a conditional offer has been made to fill the position and we are awaiting completion of their firefighter physical. We also have had another one of our firefighters inform us that she has received a conditional job offer from a department in her home state and upon her receiving a confirmed start date she will be leaving us in the coming months.
- Chief Chambers and I met with School District CTE (career technical education) staff on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Both organizations had previously talked about developing an emergency service tract for high school students back in 2019. Our progress was interrupted by the pandemic, the meeting last week was to revive our earlier progress. We look forward to this partnership with our local school, the end goal is to have a functional program that will provide a route for high school students to receive education and training during their Junior and Senior years and upon graduation place them into local apprenticeships, scholarships, and student firefighting positions within the Fairbanks Borough.

- Reminder, the Fire Department open house is not this coming weekend as tradition. This year's open house has been scheduled for July 29<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Jacobson asked about letting the public know about fire/burn permits going into the fire season.

- Chief Heineken answered that the department does a lot of outreach via social media. They also get a lot of calls at the station. We are currently in the 'brown up' season, before everything starts budding, so this is the time to start thinking about permits and being fire wise.

Mr. Jacobson suggested that we touch base with the NPCCC about putting a message on the board at the NP Plaza about it. He also asked Chief more information about the fire department turn over and the idea that people join here to get on with a department and get some training and then they leave within a short amount of time and what that timeline is.

- Chief Heineken said that the last one to leave did so in a short amount of time due to her family circumstances changing, but normally about 2 years seems to be the average. He said that he would really like to see more employees reaching that 5-year mark. But it seems that in the last 10 years most have left well before the 5-year mark. He said that is the problem with recruiting from out of state, also one of the problems with working for a small department is that the progression up the ranks is slower which causes people to look outside for that career progression.

Mr. Jacobson asked the Chief to put together some ideas on retention for his department to bring to the Council.

Ms. Clack asked about the committee for the fire engine donation that the Chief is putting together.

- The Chief said that he will be notifying committee members before the next meeting, so that is in the works. The application deadline is June 20<sup>th</sup>, and he wants the committee to get together before the end of June.

#### Finance, Tricia Fogarty

- Ms. Fogarty shared that she and her staff were gone most of last week at a Tyler conference to get some additional training. She and Michelle Peede did payroll remotely while in Texas, they ran into a few issues, but it was processed successfully and on time. The Tyler training was very good, they made some good contacts.
- They went live with Tyler payments, only 1 of the 3 is working. They found a work around for while they were gone, but they are still working on a permanent fix.
- We are at the finish line with Tyler, the newest project manager, on leave, so they are without a project manager again. They do have a new contact person that they are trying to meet with.
- The audit is in the works, the schedules are set. They have some clean up to do with the A/R and the conversion. They are trying to talk to a general ledger person at Tyler for some changes that need to happen.

#### Director of City Services, Danny Wallace

##### Special Topics

- Summer Hires

- Our summer intern, Owen Luo, arrived last Monday and has already been busy with training, filing and assisted with flood mitigation survey work. Our public works summer hires, Derick Johnson and Tina Raman, began work today (Monday, May 15). Tom Blair is working to in process and get them on board. They'll be an essential part of keeping the City maintained and beautiful this summer.
- Grant and Congressionally Directed Spending Submissions
  - We're still awaiting word from the Department of Energy on the Grant Submission for the Combined Heat and Power Plant; additionally, no word yet from the Denali Commission on the sewer outfall application (we asked that they fund our current analysis and design effort)
  - We've received a proposal from
  - Additionally, we still have three CDS requests through Sen Murkowski's office (City Water Main, Utilities Lines of Distribution, Sewer Outfall) pending. We do not expect to hear back on those until the federal budget is passed (late 2023).
- Combined Heat and Power Plant
  - In your packets, you'll see an information sheet and our initial submission for grant support for this project.
  - Respec Engineering has offered to do the initial project planning for this (required if we're approved for the next stage of the DOE grant). We would have to have this by the end of June. We're asking the City to spend \$20,000 on Respec's initial plan for the \$80M project.
  - The bottom line is that this project addresses needs for both North Pole and the Interior to include low-cost power and heat, reduced emissions, and food security. I can answer questions about the project if needed.

#### Building Department

- We met with representatives from IGU on the adjustments to natural gas installation oversight. They understand the new process (aligned with other organizations in the Interior) and are prepared to comply. We've received excellent support from our inspector, Charlie Jeannet, for this effort.

#### Public Works Department

- Street sweepers (Groundhogs LLC) were out today getting after the winter gravel – we'll check the progress tomorrow. They've been responsive and on time (we're expecting quality work).
- Public works folks are helping clean up and plant flowers at Memorial Park in anticipation of the Ceremony on Saturday.

#### Utility Department

- In Moose Creek, water meter antenna replacement continues (these are being replaced due to communications issues). As of last week, 138 of 209 antennas have been replaced. No major issues thus far, everyone that has made an appointment has been friendly and polite while we were onsite. Their biggest challenge is going to be getting the residents who haven't responded yet to allow access.

- The project has been extended through October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to ensure all construction activities and documentation is completed. This isn't an issue for the City.

Mr. Cromer asked if there was an update on 3 Bears coming to North Pole.

- MR. Wallace said that after a recent meeting he feels like they are still on trajectory to open later this year. They have been in contact with the borough to talk about building requirements, etc.

Mr. Jacobson asked Mr. Wallace to look into the ACS building off Santa Claus Lane. It was damaged years ago and never repaired.

#### Human Resources, Ellen Glab

- Ms. Glab let everyone know that she recently pushed out the harassment and diversity training. She was having issues with the harassment training, but as soon as that is fixed, she will get that one out. She asked if anyone had a different email address that they would like the training sent to, to please get her that address.

#### Borough Representative

The Borough meeting 5/11 the representative was Ms. Welch

- There was a resolution up for vote that was an agreement between the City of North Pole, the City of Fairbanks, and the borough to provide jointly for economic development. This agreement was a formality covering partnership that the cities and borough have always had.
- Most of this meeting was set aside for public testimony about the borough budget.
- Ms. Welch also shared that she had spoken to an assembly member who apologized to her about the previous meeting when Ms. Welch was shut down from speaking at the meeting. She said that it was unexpected and nice to hear.

#### City Clerk's Office, Melissa Dionne

- Ms. Dionne let everyone know that she just finished a RUBA training, it was a 32-hour training and she feels like she got a lot out of it.
- Ms. Dionne let everyone know that the website is just about ready to go, she is giving the departments time to update their pages before going live.

Ms. Welch asked about the phone issues that City Hall has been having and if they were being investigated.

- Ms. Dionne apologized and said that she did not realize we were having issues but that she would be happy to investigate it.

#### ON GOING PROJECTS

- Mr. Wallace gave the Council an update on the combined heat and power plant that the city is working towards. More information was given in the packet for this meeting. There is a proposal from Respec on doing a scoping project on the site. Mr. Wallace said that he can come to the Council at the next meeting with additional information and a fiscal note.

Mr. Jacobson said that he is very supportive of this project, he just wants to make sure that we are being very transparent about the information and where the funds for the scoping project were coming from.

Mr. Keller asked if moving forward the Council could be kept up with the new information regarding the combined heat and power. He said that it is a big project and up until now they have not been given much information about it, he asked if there could be at least email updates to the Council when new developments occur.

- Mr. Wallace agreed that that would be doable and that he would make sure that the Council stayed updated.

Mr. Jacobson asked if it was appropriate that adding the plan and some details to the website would be nice as well.

- Mr. Wallace also talked about the update to the 2016 Strategic Plan by Agnew Beck. The City is working on many grants that having this plan updated to be able to submit it with grant applications is important. The cost will be about \$5000 to review the progress on the plan from 2016-2021 and to suggest a way forward.

Mr. Jacobson asked if the 2016-2021 plan could be sent to the Council so that they have it to review.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Meritain Renewal Decision Points

Ms. Johnson walked the Council through the decision points line by line, and the decisions were made at each point. Mr. Jacobson thanked Aimee Johnson of RISQ consulting for being with us tonight.

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

- Ms. Welch reminded everyone to think about what is going on out there. School is just about out, there will be a lot of youngsters running free in the community. She said that she is asking everyone to be the village, if you see something that isn't right to say something. It doesn't have to be the "Karen" doing it, it can be done nicely to get them in the right direction. She said that she heard some comments that the NP police department had a nice blurb on their Facebook about the rules regarding 4 wheelers on the roads. She said that there were people that were upset on the post and that she doesn't understand why. There are rules in place to make sure that we are safe and we have given them permission, as long as they follow the rules of having a drivers license and have insurance, etc. She said that she still sees people driving on the side of the road, she thinks that what people didn't understand is that when you are out there and you encounter a police officer that it makes a lot of difference whether you go "I am not going to listen to you and saying that this is a bunch of BS because I should be allowed to do this". Instead, you do it nicely and most likely if you are following other common-sense rules you will not get a ticket. You might be told this is not the place to do it or something like that. They are trying to educate our young driver's especially, but also some of the adults out there. Please be safe out there, follow the rules of the road and we can avoid any serious issues.
- Mr. Keller echoed Councilwoman Welch's thoughts about the ATV's. He said that it is exciting about the warmer weather, but the increase of risk is also out there with those vehicles, even with them properly being ridden and on the road, it is scary. Seeing youth riding them almost carelessly, my caution is for the adults to step up and to train and to educate and for the youth to watch out. He said that he does not really believe in coincidences and recently Fairbanks lost a youth in an ATV accident. And that is one too many. As a city we passed an ordinance allowing the recreational vehicles on the roads and yet we are getting hounded by complaints of why they are getting tickets or why are they getting pulled over. Well if

*Minutes*



you did that anywhere else, even places in Alaska, it would be more of an issue. He would like to applaud that police force here in trying to educate and for putting their best foot forward. He laughed and said it is like beating a dead horse sometimes, trying to educate, trying to educate. With the warmer weather and the excitement please continue to look out for your neighbors and be safe with the upcoming hunting a fishing season.

- Mr. Jacobson thanked everyone for their participation tonight, especially the employees who love to spend their Monday evenings with us. He knows that it makes for a very long day, and he thanks them for that. Just a reminder and invite to the police memorial ceremony on Friday at 11am at the memorial park on Dougchee. In honor of those that have passed he asked that everyone have a wonderful and safe Memorial Day weekend coming up in a couple of weeks.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Welch *moved* to adjourn

Seconded *by* Mr. Cromer

The regular meeting of Monday, May 15, 2023, adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

**These minutes passed and approved** by a duly constituted quorum of the North Pole City Council on Monday, May 15, 2023.

**ATTEST:**

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Melissa Dionne, City Clerk

Office of the Mayor  
City of North Pole

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS, Aaron Zeisel is a senior at North Pole High School and is the son of Brian and Lydia Zeisel.*

*WHEREAS, Aaron has been actively involved in baseball and tennis while at North Pole High School and was the tennis team captain his senior year. Aaron also played American Legion summer baseball with the Alaska Wild.*

*WHEREAS, Aaron assisted in the afterschool program building derby cars, participated in 'Explore the Trades' at the Pipeline Training Center and was a member of 4H for over 10 years.*


*WHEREAS, Aaron not only earned his certification in 1G welding while at North Pole High School, but he also recently completed a Process Technology course at UAF.*

*WHEREAS, the City of North Pole desires to recognize the outstanding students in the community.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael W. Welch, Mayor of the City of North Pole, do hereby proclaim Aaron Zeisel the:*

*North Pole City Council  
High School Student of the Month  
For May 2023.*

ATTEST:

  
Melissa Dionne  
City Clerk



# May 2023 Update

## North Pole Refinery Contamination Response

### At A Glance

Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation

This update discusses recent project milestones for North Pole residents and others interested in the state's response to contamination remaining on the former North Pole Refinery and in the groundwater to the north-northwest of it.

- ❖ All eligible and willing property owners were connected to the City of North Pole's expanded piped water system by 2020.
- ❖ DEC's Groundwater Advisory remains in effect to inform affected community members about impacts from the remaining groundwater contamination.
- ❖ Annual groundwater monitoring, under DEC oversight, continues to track movement and concentrations of the **sulfolane** plume both on and off the former refinery.
- ❖ On the national level, the National Toxicology Program continues research regarding the toxicity of sulfolane.
- ❖ A multi-year investigation is underway to evaluate the sources and extent of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) on the former refinery property.
- ❖ DEC received the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) June 15, 2022, update on drinking water health advisory for PFAS and the March 14, 2023, proposed national drinking water standard for six PFAS.

#### New to Town?

- DEC encourages you to see where you live relative to the sulfolane plume. If you live within it, you are urged to find out the source of your water supply (see map, last page)
- Check out the DEC website for updated FAQs, maps, and detailed information about the contamination [dec.alaska.gov/spar/csp/sites/north-pole-refinery/](https://dec.alaska.gov/spar/csp/sites/north-pole-refinery/)
- Go to the city utility website for information about the municipal water system [www.northpolealaska.com/utilities](https://www.northpolealaska.com/utilities)

#### Brief History

The North Pole Refinery operated from 1977 until 2013. During that time, many spills and leaks of industrial chemicals and wastewater contaminated the soil and groundwater on the refinery property. Spilled substances included petroleum products, sulfolane, and per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). Over time, **sulfolane** and **PFAS** in the groundwater migrated off the refinery property, eventually extending 3.5 miles to the north-northwest.

In 2009, sulfolane was detected in drinking water wells north of the refinery. Under DEC oversight, then-owner of the refinery, Flint Hills Resources Alaska (FHRA), provided new water wells for the city of North Pole and alternative water supplies to affected residents. They also completed intensive characterization activities to investigate the source and extent of the sulfolane contamination.

In 2017, FHRA, the City of North Pole, and the State of Alaska agreed to expand the city's water system to allow city water connections to properties impacted by the sulfolane contamination.

In 2018, PFAS were detected in water wells north of the former refinery. In drinking water wells tested, the treatment systems provided by FHRA for sulfolane removal also removed PFAS.

In 2020, the Fairbanks superior court issued a decision holding Williams Alaska Petroleum, Inc., a previous owner of the refinery, liable for releasing large quantities of sulfolane into the groundwater. The Court also found that FHRA was responsible for contamination but had responded appropriately to the State's demands for action. Williams is appealing the decision. As a result of the court action, however, Williams took over some of the sulfolane monitoring and began PFAS characterization activities on the former refinery.

#### In the Know!

**Sulfolane** – specialized industrial chemical used by the refinery to make gasoline. The health effects of long-term exposure to sulfolane are not known and are currently being studied by the National Toxicology Program (NTP).

**PFAS** – a large and complex class of human-made chemicals. They are found in firefighting foams and many consumer products. PFAS have a wide range of toxicities; the most well-studied PFAS include PFOS and PFOA.



## Piped Water Expansion Complete

In 2018-2020, the City of North Pole expanded its water system to include properties impacted by the sulfolane plume, within and outside the city limits. Properties in the Garden, Riddle Estates, Poodle, Pine Stream, Steelhead and Sorores subdivisions were included in the expansion.

By the end of 2020, all eligible property owners were offered connection to the service and able to phase out the use of contaminated groundwater wells. Most property owners were eligible to connect at no cost, depending upon the land's location and improvement status. Connection was not feasible for some properties, for example those without winterized buildings, and some owners declined connection.

- 739 eligible properties
- 652 connections made

With the water system expansion, the alternative water supply program previously provided by FHRA was phased out.

The piped water system is a comprehensive way to eliminate exposure to sulfolane in drinking water. The City of North Pole's public water system is regulated by the State's Drinking Water Program, which requires compliance with state and federal drinking water regulations. The Program reviewed and approved the design of North Pole's water expansion project. ■

## Groundwater Advisory

In November 2018, DEC issued a Contaminated Groundwater Advisory to all property owners within North Pole's piped water expansion area, where many private water wells contain sulfolane and/or PFAS.

The advisory helps residents avoid unintentional contact with, or spreading of, the chemicals present in well water.

DEC advises against using untreated, contaminated well water. Bringing contaminated well water to the surface may expose people and animals to chemicals in the water. Using contaminated well water may also allow chemicals in the water to spread onto other properties, sloughs, or ponds.

In issuing this advisory, DEC is seeking the community's assistance in minimizing the future spread of these contaminants. ■

## Continued Oversight

DEC continues to oversee responses to contamination at the former North Pole Refinery to protect human health and the environment and ensure compliance with regulations

- Annual monitoring of the sulfolane plume continues to track movement of the plume boundaries and show where contamination levels are increasing and decreasing. The sampling includes "buffer zone" wells beyond the known extent of the sulfolane plume.
- In 2023, DEC expects to receive a Five-Year Review of monitoring results on and off the former refinery from FHRA and Williams. DEC will evaluate the monitoring results and work with the parties to modify the sampling programs, as appropriate. The Five-Year Review for onsite monitoring is available on the website. DEC is still reviewing this report. The report for offsite monitoring will be posted to the website when available
- In the event the sulfolane plume migrates beyond the expanded municipal water service area, an agreement is in place to supply clean alternative water if sulfolane in a private drinking water well exceeds a protective level, currently set at the EPA's Regional Screening Level of 20 parts per billion. Monitoring through 2022 has not shown sulfolane plume expansion beyond the municipal water service area.
- Investigations are underway to better define the source and extent of PFAS contamination in the soil and groundwater on the former refinery.
- DEC continues to monitor research conducted at the federal level addressing gaps in the understanding of sulfolane and PFAS toxicity. ■

## NTP Studies Continue

The National Toxicology Program (NTP), a federal interagency organization, is conducting toxicology studies for sulfolane to look at effects from long-term exposure to the chemical and other research gaps. Specifically, a 2-year study on rats and mice is evaluating the effects of long-term exposure to sulfolane in drinking water and the effects on pregnancy, development, and the immune system. ■

## Recent Sampling Results

Off the former refinery: Based on samples collected annually through 2021, the sulfolane plume continues to expand slowly towards the north-northeast but shows no evidence of migrating beyond the area served by municipal water. See map, last page.

On the former refinery: Based on samples collected at least annually through 2022, there are no indications of sulfolane or petroleum contamination migrating off the former refinery property above limits agreed upon by the State and FHRA in 2017. In samples from wells near the property boundary, petroleum concentrations are below Alaska cleanup levels, and sulfolane concentrations are below the limit established in the agreement.

PFAS on the former refinery is being investigated by Williams. In 2020, the North Gravel Pit and selected monitoring wells were sampled for PFAS. The sampling showed areas of PFOS and PFOA above Alaska cleanup levels. A second investigation phase was completed in fall 2022. Results from the 2022 soil, surface water, and groundwater sampling are expected in 2023.

Maps are available on the DEC website:  
[dec.alaska.gov/spar/csp/sites/north-pole-refinery/map/](https://dec.alaska.gov/spar/csp/sites/north-pole-refinery/map/) ■

## EPA Update for PFOS and PFOA

DEC received EPA's June 15, 2022, update on drinking water health advisory for PFAS and the March 14, 2023, proposed national drinking water standard for six PFAS. DEC supports the EPA's efforts to address PFAS and reduce Alaskans' exposure to these chemicals. DEC will continue to work with the Alaska Department of Health, the Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities, and our federal partners to interpret this new information as it applies to the people of Alaska. ■

## KEY CONTACTS

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### Prepared by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation Spill Prevention and Response Division

Information on the status of the cleanup project, current and future actions, newsletters, fact sheets and other project documents for the contamination investigation at the former North Pole Refinery can be found on the DEC website:

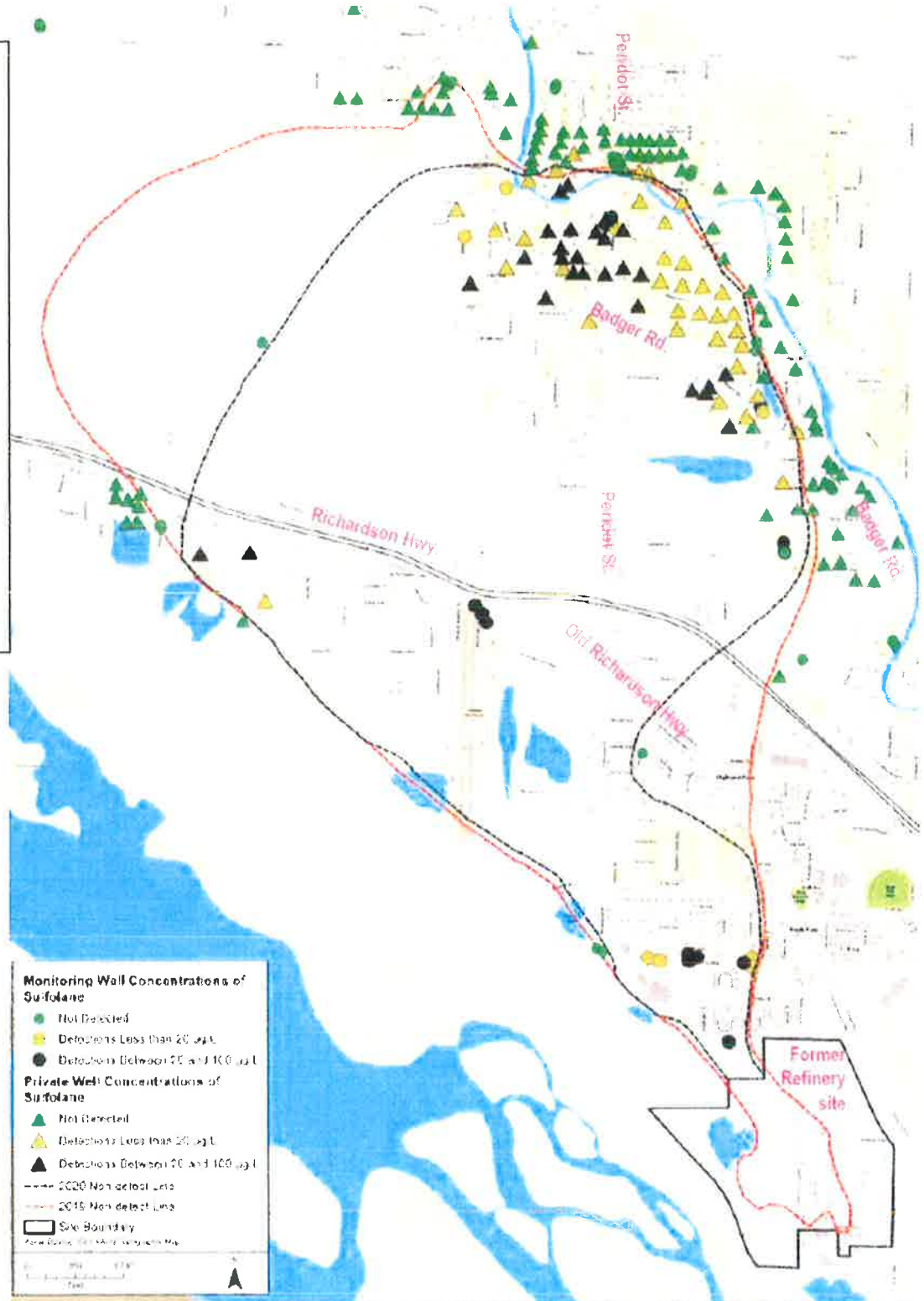
[dec.alaska.gov/spar/csp/sites/north-pole-refinery](https://dec.alaska.gov/spar/csp/sites/north-pole-refinery)

## Map showing approximate boundaries of the sulfolane plume

This map shows and compares the approximate boundaries of the sulfolane plume based on results of ground-water sampling done in 2020 (black line) vs. 2019 (red line).

Additional maps showing sampling results and indication of the plume boundary over time are available from the Maps page at the Project website:

[dec.alaska.gov/spar/csp/sites/north-pole-refinery/](https://dec.alaska.gov/spar/csp/sites/north-pole-refinery/)



**CITY OF NORTH POLE  
Resolution 22-07**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH POLE CITY COUNCIL TO ESTABLISH THE  
RATE OF TAX LEVY FOR 2023 REAL PROPERTY TAXES OF THE  
CITY OF NORTH POLE**

**WHEREAS** the real property assessment rolls have been completed, and the Fairbanks North Star Borough Assessor's Office has advised the City Mayor that the net taxable value of real property, as defined by AS 29.71.800 within the City of North Pole Alaska, is estimated at **\$1,321,393.71**.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF NORTH POLE, ALASKA, as follows:**

**Section 1.** the rate of levy on the net assessed value of taxable real property is hereby fixed at **3.50 mills** for municipal purposes within the City of North Pole.

**Section 2.** the taxes levied hereby are due, delinquent and subject to penalties and interest as provided by the Fairbanks North Star Borough Code.

**Section 3.** Taxes in any given year may be paid in two equal installments. The first half of taxes thus levied shall be due on the first day of September in the year in which the taxes are levied and are delinquent if not paid prior to the close of business on that day. The second half of taxes thus levied shall be due on the first day of November in the year in which the taxes are levied and are delinquent if not paid prior to the close of business on that day.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall be effective on the first City business day following its adoption.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by a duly constituted quorum of the North Pole City Council this 5th day of June, 2023.

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Michael W Welch, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Melissa Dionne,  
North Pole City Clerk

PASSED/FAILED Yes: No: Absent:
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**CITY OF NORTH POLE  
RESOLUTION 2023-08**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH POLE CITY COUNCIL TO  
DISTRIBUTE CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY  
GRANT FUNDS**

**WHEREAS**, the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery (ARPA) or (CRF) was to implement and improve communications, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of North Pole Police Department is upgrading their communications system between the new building addition and existing offices; and

**WHEREAS**, budgeted funding of the grant to be allocated to the project, not to exceed \$40,000, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of North Pole that it approves the allocation of funds to the installation and upgrade of communication systems at the North Pole Police Department.

**Section 1.** Effective date.

This resolution shall become effective immediately upon City Council approval.

**PASSED** by a duly constituted quorum of the North Pole City Council this 5th day of June 2023.

ATTEST:

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Melissa Dionne  
City Clerk

PASSED/FAILED Yes: No: Absent:
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