

Monday, May 19, 2014

MEMORANDUM

To: Mark Gorman, CBS Administrator

From: Garry White, Director

Subject: Industrial Park Name Change

Introduction

The Sawmill Cove Industrial Park Board of Directors at their 05/14/2014 meeting recommended that the name of the industrial park be renamed to the Gary Paxton Industrial Park.

Assembly member Mike Rief had previously approached the industrial park Director to have the industrial park board discuss and recommend the name change.

Background

Gary Paxton was the CBS administrator between September 1992 and September 2001. Mr. Paxton was instrumental in the CBS acquiring the industrial site from the Alaska Pulp Corporation (APC) after APC closed its operations in 1993. In response to the closure of the Municipality's largest employer, Mr. Paxton coordinated implementation of a Community Response Task Force consisting of representatives from all sectors of the community. This task force met weekly to deal with the severe blow of the lost jobs and associated negative impacts. Mr. Paxton worked with Alaska's Federal Delegation to secure funding to redevelop the industrial site for job and business creation.

Action

- Assembly approval of board recommendation to rename the industrial park the Gary Paxton Industrial Park.