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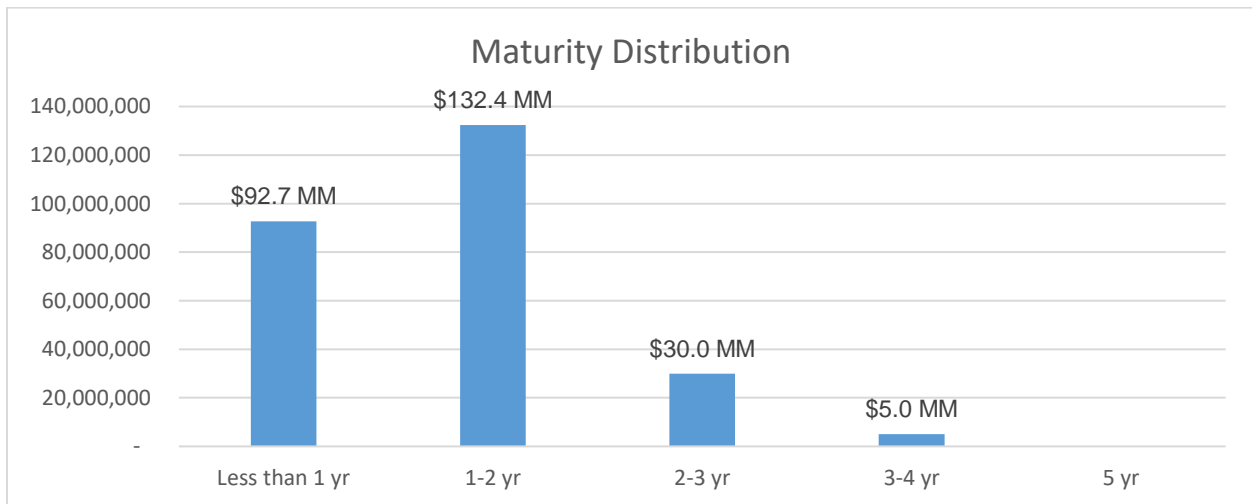
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 17, 2024
 TO: Mayor and Assembly
 FROM: Michael Brown, Borough Manager
 RE: Manager's Weekly Post

Investment Summary from 01/01/2024-03/31/2024:

- Total return for the last quarter was 0.11% with interest received of \$819,698.
- Average market value for our portfolio was \$257,028,220.
- 38% of the portfolio consists of Callable Bonds.



Port MacKenzie Quarterly Report: The following information is provided to keep the Assembly apprised of ongoing operations, maintenance, and business development at the Port during the 3rd Quarter of FY24 (January - March).

FY24 Operating Costs and Revenues:

3rd Qtr Operating Costs:		\$96,840.97	
3rd Qtr Revenues:		\$48,997.44	
Dockage	Wharfage	Storage	Leases/Permits
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0	\$48,997.44

3rd Quarter FY24 Vessel Traffic:

January through March saw no vessel traffic.

Upcoming Vessel Traffic (4th Quarter FY24):

We will expect salt and cement ships in April or May of 2024 as well as several barges including a military Proof of Principle test shipment loaded with containers.

Maintenance:

Bathymetric/Hydrographic Survey

- A Hydrographic survey of the barge and deep-draft docks to the north and south was recently completed by eTrac. This survey is done at regular intervals so we are able to compare the data from previous years bathymetry and monitor the seafloor near our facility for any changes. We still do not require any dredging at Port MacKenzie.

Conveyor

- Northern Gravel and Trucking will remove the temporary conveyor from the trestle in April to allow the upcoming cement ship full access to the deep-draft dock.
- We continue to explore options to remove the A-frame from the trestle to allow for more diversified shipments at the deep-draft dock.

Pile Sleeves/ \$10.5M – Funded EDA \$8.6M and MSB \$1.9M

- The construction of the Pile Sleeve project was awarded to Western Construction on March 4th to install pile sleeves on 32 piles of the deep-draft dock and place annodes on the deep-draft dock and barge dock bulk head to provide cathodic protection.

RO-RO Ramp

- A change order was issued to Moffat & Nichol in January to continue work on the design of the Barge Ramp a.k.a. the RO-RO Ramp.

Items of Interest:

Hydrogen Fuel

- Applications received from five different companies seeking land use authorizations to perform due diligence activities for the purpose of hydrogen-based fuel production and fuel storage – DG Fuels, Knik Energy LLC, Pacific H2, HIF Global, and BAC Global.

US Department of Defense

- The Department of Defense continues to visit Port MacKenzie to assess whether the port could be used for training and off-loading ammunition and explosive ordinances. We received military visits twice in the month of March.

FEMA

- Port MacKenzie is being evaluated for its geographically strategic role in emergency planning and supply chain redundancy in the event that the Port of Alaska or Glen Highway bridges suffer a catastrophic disaster.

MARAD

- Port MacKenzie was awarded a \$1M grant from the US Marine Highway Program for the purchase of a 75-ton rough terrain crane that will be used to improve freight and cargo handling activities at the port. The funds have not been released to the Borough yet from the granting agency.

Port Website Updated

- The Port MacKenzie website has been updated including the domain name. The new address is: <https://portmackenzie.matsugov.us>. Our GIS Division is working to add pictures to the website soon.

Uplands Leases and Permits:

Colaska Inc. Permits

- Storing super sacks of cement in the old NPI blue metal building and the old Alutiiq Manufacturing Company (AMC) white metal building for construction and maintenance projects.

North Star Supply Permit

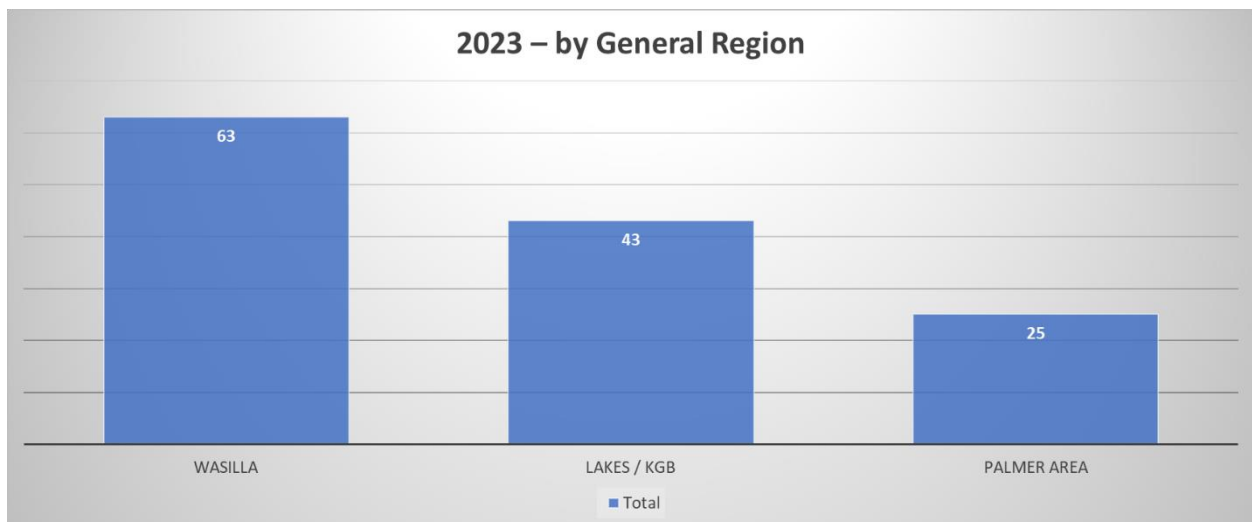
- Permit for 1 acre of the old NPI paved 5-acres pad for salt storage.

Central Alaska Energy (CAE) Lease

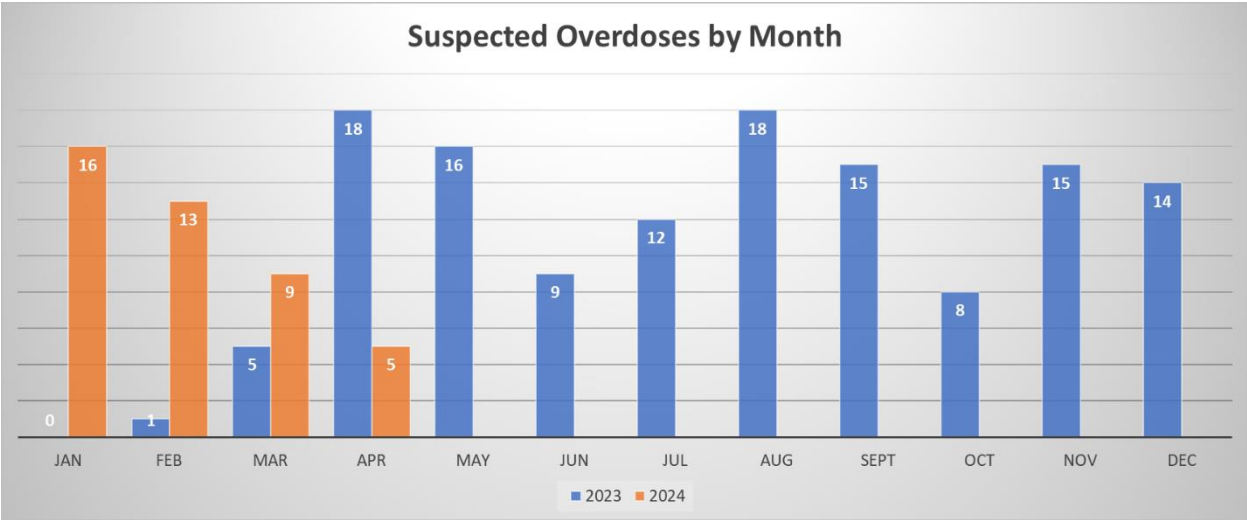
- Negotiations for a revised land lease with CAE have been stymied by volatile fuel prices. In the meantime, CAE will continue under the existing lease.

EMS data regarding possible opioid overdoses: During a recent budget meeting, the question was raised about EMS responses to possible opioid overdoses. Overdoses, whether due to opioids or other agents, frequently come into the system as the symptom and not the cause (e.g., unconscious, cardiac arrest, MVC, sickness, etc.). If it’s not immediately obvious or clearly documented, actual numbers can be hard to track. Additionally, with the advent of Narcan being available to the public, EMS is seeing a growing percentage of calls that refuse EMS assistance or cancel before EMS arrives.

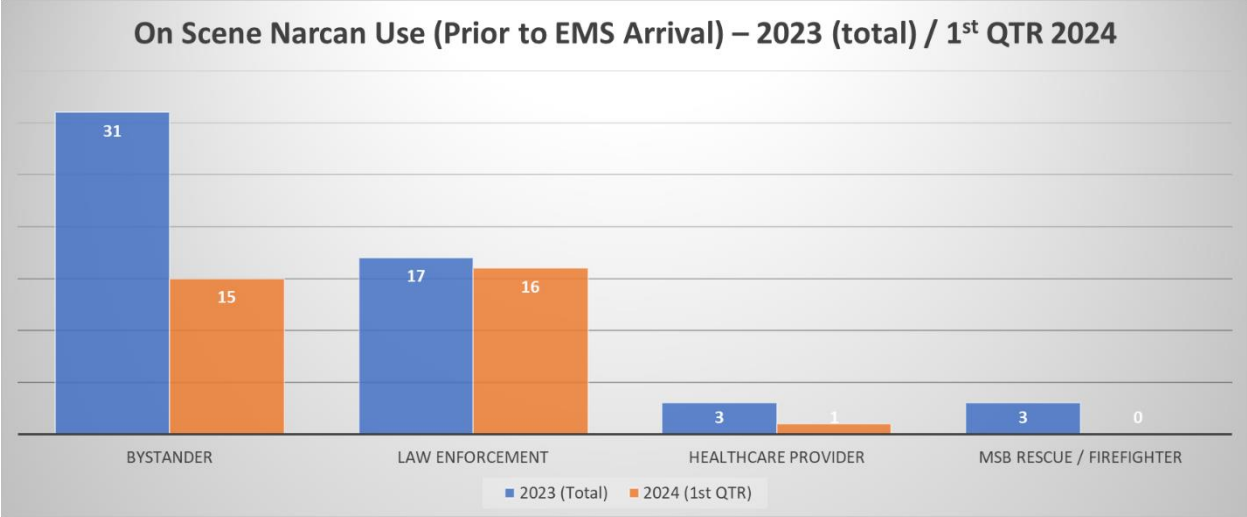
Here’s an overview of opioid overdoses for 2023 and the first quarter of 2024. In 2023, EMS calls accounted for approximately 131 suspected opioid overdoses.



As of the first quarter of 2024, EMS reports 43 cases, which has us on track (if it continues) for an estimated minimum 25% increase in overdose calls.



With public outreach programs such as Project Hope, with whom MSB EMS is partnered, bystander administration of Narcan/Naloxone has dramatically impacted the number and severity of responses. There is no doubt that it has saved a significant number of individuals who would have otherwise suffered significant medical impacts, up to and including death.



As you can see, in the first quarter alone, law enforcement has already matched the total number of administrations they did in 2023. We are continuing to refine these numbers and should have clearer reporting in coming months.

Wetland Mitigation Bank 1st Quarter Report: We did not have any sales in the First Quarter of 2024.

Public Affairs Media Flyover:

State

- House prepares to consider budget changes
ADN
- Budget passes state house senate approves state capital budget
Frontiersman
- Chickaloon Tribal police expand authority under new agreement
ADN

On the Air

- Borough finance department staff talk about taxes
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Facebook

- Mat-Su Central construction video update
Reach 52k. Views: 27.5k
- Mid April snow storm warning
Reach 33.5k