

# Turnagain Community Council Meeting Notices, Announcements & Project Updates

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## FEBRUARY 2018 NOTICES:

- **February 1 — Turnagain Community Council Meeting, 7:00-9:00 p.m., West High, CTE Wing, Room C152, 1700 Hillcrest Dr.**  
*Info:* TCC President Cathy Gleason, [tccpresent@yahoo.com](mailto:tccpresent@yahoo.com), [cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com](mailto:cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com), 248-0442
- **February 2 — Candidate Filing Deadline — Municipality of Anchorage April 3, 2018, Mayoral and School Board Elections.** Three-year term for Mayor and School Board Seats E, F & G are open. This will be the first Vote By Mail election for the Municipality. *Vote By Mail information will be presented at the TCC February 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. WEST ANCHORAGE CANDIDATES FORUM WILL BE HELD FEBRUARY 26<sup>TH</sup>!*  
*For Election information:*  
<https://www.muni.org/departments/assembly/clerk/elections/Pages/default.aspx>
- **February 5 — Public Hearing — Planning & Zoning Commission Public Hearing on Changes to Stream Setback Municipal Code Regs, 6:30 p.m., Z.J. Loussac Library Assembly Chambers, 3600 Denali St.** Case No. 2017-0133: Revisions to setbacks and other regulations for streams, creeks, and other waterbodies are proposed. *Ratification of TCC recommendations will be considered at the TCC February 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.*  
*To view draft Stream Setback Ordinance:*  
<http://www.muni.org/CityViewPortal/Planning/Status?planningId=16583>
- **February 8 — PUBLIC HEARING — Heritage Land Bank Commission Hearing on the 2018 Draft HLB Work Program & Five-Year management Plan, 11:30 a.m., Permit & Development Center, 4700 Elmore Rd., Conference Room 170.** *TCC will provide comments/recommendations approved at our February 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.*  
*Info:* [www.hlb@muni.org](mailto:www.hlb@muni.org), 343-7533
- **February 8 — Anchorage Transportation Fair, 3:00-7:00 p.m., Alaska Airlines Center Auxiliary, UAA, 3550 Providence Dr.** This event is a 'super open house' that provides walking, biking and driving projects and plans within the Municipality of Anchorage. Free and open to the public — no cost for parking.  
*For more info:* <http://anchoragegetranspofair.blogspot.com/>
- **February 12 — Planning and Zoning Commission Non-Public Hearing on Anchorage School District Six-Year (2018-2024) Capital Improvement Plan, 6:30 p.m., Z.J. Loussac Library Assembly Chambers, 3600 Denali St.** Case No. 2018-0021: Information includes recommendations and analysis. *A P&ZC Work Session is scheduled for January 29<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m., Assembly Chambers*  
*Documentation can be viewed under "Current News" at:*  
<http://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/Pages/default.aspx>
- **February 15 — Municipality of Anchorage Election Headquarters Open House, 4:30-5:30 p.m., 619 E. Ship Creek Ave, Suite 100, Door D.** Take a tour of the city's election headquarters and see the new scanners and voting equipment in action.  
*Info:* <http://muni.org/elections>
- **February 15 — TCC Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m., location TBA.**  
*Info and to confirm:* TCC President Cathy Gleason, [cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com](mailto:cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com), [tccpresident@yahoo.com](mailto:tccpresident@yahoo.com), 248-0442

- **February 20 — Comment Deadline — Proposed 55-Year Lease of Airport Property to Alaska Railroad Corporation.** ADA-32187: Proposed authorized uses: Railroad passenger service, operations, elevated tracks and appurtenant easements, and sublease of the depot to a potential hotel developer for a future hotel lobby, concessions, and storage area.  
*Send comments by 5:00 p.m. to:* Teresa Ressler, Leasing Land Manager, Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport, P.O. Box 196960, Anchorage, AK 99519-6960
- **February 26 — West Anchorage Candidates Forum, 6:00-9:00 p.m., Spenard Recreation Center, 2020 W. 48<sup>th</sup> Ave. Multi-purpose Room.** Hear Mayoral & School Board Candidates discuss issues you care about! There will be an opportunity for public to ask questions. Event sponsored by North Star, Sand Lake, Spenard, Taku-Campbell & Turnagain Community Councils. *Enjoy refreshments at the event.*
  - 6:00-6:25 p.m. — Staffed tables will provide information on April 3<sup>rd</sup> Ballot Propositions & Bonds
  - 6:25-6:30 p.m. — Vote By Mail presentation
  - 6:30-8:40 p.m. — Mayoral, followed by School Board
  - 8:40-9:00 p.m. — Wrap up*For more info:* Cathy Gleason, TCC President, 248-0442, cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com

### MARCH 2018 NOTICES:

- **March 1 — Turnagain Community Council Meeting, 7:00-9:00 p.m., West High, CTE Wing, Room C152, 1700 Hillcrest Dr.**  
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- **March 1 — Municipality of Anchorage Election Headquarters Open House, 6:30-7:30 p.m., 619 E. Ship Creek Ave, Suite 100, Door D.** Take a tour of the city's election headquarters and see the new scanners and voting equipment in action.  
*Info:* <http://muni.org/elections>
- **March 4 — DEADLINE — Last Day for New Voter Registration for the April 3<sup>rd</sup> Municipality of Anchorage VOTE BY MAIL Election.**  
*State of Alaska Online Voter Registration:* [voterregistration.alaska.gov/](http://voterregistration.alaska.gov/)
- **March 13 — Municipality of Anchorage VOTE BY MAIL Election Ballots Will Be Mailed.** The ballots will be mailed first-class USPS to a voter's registered mailing address. **Election mail can't be forwarded** — if your address is not up to date in the voter file, you will need to call 243-VOTE (8683) to have a ballot sent to a temporary address, OR vote in person at one of the three polling places (Loussac Library, City Hall, 619 E. Ship Creek Ave., Suite 100). To Vote By Mail, you will need a 49-cent postage stamp — or you can place the ballot in one of 12 secure dropboxes by 8:00 p.m. on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
*Info:* <http://muni.org/elections>; <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2NtkvI9oE5E>  
*To check which address the Alaska State Division of Elections has on file for you:* <http://voterregistration.alaska.gov/>

### APRIL 2018 NOTICES:

- **April 3 — DEADLINE TO VOTE — Municipality of Anchorage VOTE BY MAIL Election.** Mail-In ballots need to be postmarked by Election Day, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, placed in one of the 12 secure dropboxes by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, OR you can vote in person at three polling locations: Loussac Library, City Hall, 619 E. Ship Creek Ave., Suite 100.  
*Info: and Ballot Dropbox Locations:* [www.muni.org/elections](http://www.muni.org/elections), 243-VOTE (8683)
- **April 5 — Turnagain Community Council Meeting, 7:00-9:00 p.m., West High, CTE Wing, Room C152, 1700 Hillcrest Dr.**  
*Info:* TCC President Cathy Gleason, tccpresent@yahoo.com, cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com, 248-0442

## PROJECT UPDATES:

- **Assembly Votes to Include \$52M For an Alcohol and Substance Treatment Site Re-Build Project at the Clitheroe Center site in the MOA 2018 State Legislative Program**  
 On January, 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Assembly approved a legislative request for a November 2018 ballot General Obligation Bond that would include \$52M for a 200-bed remodel of the Salvation Army's Clitheroe Center alcohol and drug abuse treatment "Wellness Center," which would include a wide variety of services. The facility would be located west of the Airport on Heritage Land Bank land near the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail south of Point Woronzof. The goal is for the funding to appear as a statewide bond. *TCC has not received any detailed information for project, including the 200-bed facility, but Nancy Burke will provide available information at the February 1<sup>st</sup> TCC meeting.*
- **Proposed Accessory Dwelling Units Municipal Code Title 21 Amendments**  
 On December 4<sup>th</sup>, the Planning & Zoning Commission voted to support the proposals to allow larger and detached ADUs on residential lots, including single-family lots, allow on-street resident parking, and reduce lot setbacks and design standards, to expand the supply of residential rental units in Anchorage. Their recommendation will now go before the Assembly for final consideration. *At our October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, TCC approved comments that expressed concerns regarding the proposed amendments, which were sent to the P&ZC and the Assembly (see TCC website for comment letter). TCC will consider additional recommendation at our February 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.*  
*To view draft Accessory Dwelling Units Title 21 Amendments:*  
<http://www.muni.org/CityViewPortal/planning/Status?planningId=16515>
- **Draft Environmental Assessment on Airport Field Maintenance Storage Yard Expansion in Turnagain Bog**  
 Project No. CFAPT001013: Project would fill 7.7 acres of high value wetlands and disturb/remove approximately 16 acres of important vegetated buffer between the GA area and international airport operations. *TCC Board members met with project personnel Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> — an update will be provided at the TCC February 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.*  
*To view draft EA:* <http://dot.alaska.gov/creg/aia-storage-yard-expansion/>
- **Proposed State Regulation Changes to Allow Retail Marijuana Licensees to Apply for Onsite Consumption**  
 On Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>, the Assembly made several recommendations to the State's proposed regulations that would allow marijuana onsite consumption at retail locations. In Nov., the Marijuana Control Board postponed discussion of the proposal until April 2018. *TCC approved comments at our October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, which expressed concerns with the proposal; four TCC members also testified against the onsite consumption regulations at the Assembly hearing on Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>. TCC sent our comments to the Marijuana Control Board as well.*
- **2017-18 Traffic Calming Projects in Turnagain**  
 HDL Engineering Consultants presented an update at TCC's Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. *Traffic calming "speed cushions" are now slated to be installed spring 2018 at:*
  - 33<sup>rd</sup> Ave. between Wisconsin St. and Turnagain St.
  - McKenzie Dr. between Sagan Cir. and Milky Way Dr.
 These traffic calming speed cushions will be longer, with flat tops, and provide gaps to allow emergency vehicle wheels to travel through them. AFD opposed the proposed traditional speed humps, as they reduce emergency response time, can damage vehicle suspensions, and put firefighters at a safety risk as they drive over them.
- **Turnagain Blvd. Upgrades**  
 Road construction has progressed significantly throughout the summer and fall; completion is set for 2018. *Info. and to review project materials. Open House graphics and comments:* CRW Engineering Group, LLC, [www.turnagainstreet.com](http://www.turnagainstreet.com), [comments@crweng.com](mailto:comments@crweng.com), 562-3252
- **Fish Creek Trail Connection — Northwood Dr. to Spenard Rd.**  
 This project will construct a new, 1.7-mile paved trail and a pedestrian bridge over Fish Creek, connecting Spenard Rd. and Northwood Dr. JTA Construction is scheduled to begin clearing for the future trails and preparing for the bridge in early October. Project is scheduled to be completed in Summer 2018.  
*Info:* Brook Blessing, MOA Project Administrator, 343-8387, [Blessing BR@muni.org](mailto:BlessingBR@muni.org), Russell Oswald, P.E., MOA Project Manager, 343-8196, [OswaldRH@muni.org](mailto:OswaldRH@muni.org).

- **ANC Runway 15/33 (North-South Runway) Rehabilitation**

The Environmental Assessment has been finalized. *Among other items TCC requested to be considered in the EA was concerns about potential impacts of the runway extension shifting heavy cargo takeoff/landings to the north and impacting on Pt. Woronzof bluff erosion.* These concerns were dismissed in the EA.

To accommodate construction, Runway 15/33 will remain open at reduced lengths during 2018 to reduce increases in aircraft noise to the east of the Airport. The runway will be closed to operations for the 2019 construction season.

Sign up for emails at: [www.anc15-33.com](http://www.anc15-33.com)

Send questions or comments to: [info@anc15-33.com](mailto:info@anc15-33.com), Katherine Wood, Public Involvement Lead, 644-2153

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **AMERICAN RED CROSS OF ALASKA INSTALLING FREE SMOKE ALARMS**

The American Red Cross of Alaska has install over 4,000 free smoke alarms in communities around Alaska since 2014.

**To receive a FREE smoke alarm, contact the American Red Cross at:** 646-5408 and leave a message with your name and phone number, or email: [smokealarm@redcross.org](mailto:smokealarm@redcross.org).

- **JIM SZCZESNIAK NAMED NEW TSAIA AIRPORT MANAGER**

On January 5<sup>th</sup>, Gov. Bill Walker announced the appointment of Jim Szczesniak as the new manager of Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport; his first day is January 22<sup>nd</sup>. *TCC congratulates Mr. Szczesniak on his appointment and looks forward to working with him on Airport items of interest to the council, to ensure a goal of this important transportation amenity continues to be that they are a "good neighbor" to our area.*

- **STAY OFF LAKE HOOD SEAPLANE BASE FROZEN LAKES**

The Airport is asking you to please stay off the ice unless accessing or operating aircraft. Winter operations are in effect — the frozen lakes remain restricted active runway surfaces all winter long for ski plane operations.

**For more information, please call Lake Hood Office:** 907-266-2410

- **ASSEMBLY AUTHORIZATION TO SELL ML&P TO CHUGACH ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION WILL BE ON APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup> BALLOT**

On January 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Assembly passed AO No. 2018-1, an ordinance submitting to the voters a Charter amendment permitting Municipal Light & Power to be sold to Chugach Electric Association, and authorizing disposal of the proceeds of the sale. The proposition will be on the April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018, ballot. *Representatives from both utilities will be at TCC's March 1<sup>st</sup> meeting to provide information on the potential sale.*

- **PEOPLE MOVER MOBILE TICKETING NOW AVAILABLE**

An app-based transit ticketing system now allows you to purchase your pass from your smartphone, putting the convenience of customer service in the palm of your hand. Once you've downloaded the app, you can select the type and quantity of bus passes you'd like — then just open your Ticket Wallet and activate your pass before boarding.

**For more information, go to:**

<http://www.muni.org/Departments/transit/PressReleases/Pages/MobileTicketingLaunch.aspx>

- **#ANCWORKS PROVIDES NEW WAY TO REPORT NEIGHBORHOOD PROBLEMS & ISSUES:**

On June 22, 2016, the Municipality of Anchorage launched #ANCWorks!, an online tool for residents to report neighborhood problems and issues. **Featured with an icon on muni.org**, #ANCWorks! provides an online, mobile friendly platform for residents to report an issue, from potholes to a burnt-out streetlight, and track progress to a resolution. Users can visit [www.muni.org/ancworks](http://www.muni.org/ancworks) on their desktop, tablet, or mobile phone to fill out a short form and report a problem or pass on a compliment or concern to the Municipality. With a one extra click, #ANCWorks! also allows users to attach files and photos to their request and every request will receive a case number, allowing users to track the progress of their issue at any time online.

**For more information, contact:** Myer Hutchinson at 343-7133.