

**SAND LAKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2024-02**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SAND LAKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL TO URGE IMMEDIATE ACTION AND LONG-TERM PLANNING TO REDUCE FLOODING AT DELONG LAKE AND THE SURROUNDING WETLANDS**

**WHEREAS**, the wetlands surrounding Delong Lake are experiencing significant flooding due to the lack of a natural outflow, resulting in property damage and financial hardship for local residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the airport has the capability to pump water from these wetlands to the Airport Stormwater System, but previous efforts to do so were halted due to permitting issues; and

**WHEREAS**, staff of the Ted Stevens International Airport and Municipality of Anchorage have acknowledged the need to alleviate flooding in the neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS**, the construction of the “Tug Road” during airport development effectively dammed the natural flow between the wetlands and Lake Spenard, contributing to the current flooding situation; and

**WHEREAS**, the active flooding is a public health and safety issue that warrants immediate action and long-term planning to mitigate flooding and protect the surrounding community;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Sand Lake Community Council calls upon Interim Airport Director Angie Spear to authorize the immediate installation of a temporary culvert and activation of pump to facilitate water movement from the wetlands to Airport Stormwater System; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Sand Lake Community Council urges the Alaska Department of Transportation (AKDOT) to support and expedite necessary actions, including the approval of any permits required for the operation of the pumping system; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a comprehensive long-term management plan for the wetlands be developed in collaboration with the Anchorage Airport, municipal staff, permitting

agencies and local stakeholders to ensure sustainable flood mitigation strategies are in place moving forward; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Sand Lake Community Council commits to keeping the community informed of all actions taken and progress made regarding this urgent issue.

RESOLVED this 22nd day of October, 2024

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Signature

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