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Subject: Re: Time Line

To all interested,

Regarding Dan Bockhorst's June 4 objections to the proposed name of the municipal corporation:

Tell me if I'm wrong. The language inserted in February in the KCC draft, I believe, remains as follows:

SECTION 1.01 NAME

The municipal corporation shall be known as " Ketchikan." Whenever it deems in the public interest to do so, the municipality may use the name "City and Borough of Ketchikan." and ... that line was adapted from Section 1.01 of Sitka's charter, as quoted in agenda statements at the KCC meetings of Feb. 6 and Feb. 13, and again quoted below:

Sitka Alternative: [The municipal corporation shall be known as "Sitka." Whenever it deems it in the public interest to do so, the municipality may use the name "City and Borough of Sitka."]

If Mr. Bockhorst is correct in saying the following in his e-mail, it must be that in Sitka's case he is quoting the reference in the second sentence.

It is noteworthy that each of the 162 city and borough governments in Alaska follows the convention of including the proper type of municipal corporation in its name. The name of each of the 146 city governments in Alaska includes, "City of." Likewise, each of the 16 organized boroughs includes the word "Borough" or "Municipality" in its name.

I talked to Cliff Groh, Sitka's municipal attorney. He said they don't have any problem with the language in their charter. They use "City and Borough of Sitka" all over their letterheads and in other corporate communications. In his work, Groh said, he doesn't often see "Sitka."

So, what's the problem? Can't the place and the corporation be known as "Sitka" or "Ketchikan" even if the borough manager, borough clerk, attorney, personnel director and planning director use the longer, businesslike term whenever they "(deem) it in the public interest to do so"?

Thanks for listening,
Tom Miller