

Kuspuk Borough Steering Committee Mission Statement

- ▶ The mission of the Steering Committee is to discuss the various elements required to include in a draft charter for a potential borough formation petition. Two delegates were selected from each of the 10 Middle Kuskokwim villages, either by election or appointment, as decided by their communities. The decisions made and the options identified in this planning workshop are to serve as guidelines in the draft of the charter. Upon completion of Phase I of the Steering Committee's work in the spring of 2016, the draft charter shall be distributed and presented to all community members in the potential borough area for further review and refinement.

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Next Steps

- ▶ The Steering Committee agreed that a vote of the people is needed to decide if a borough should or shouldn't be formed only if and when the project known as Donlin Gold makes a decision to move into operations of a mine and has obtained funding
- ▶ The fundamental question of whether the borough should be created has not been addressed; only the Kuspuk region voters can decide that
- ▶ The Steering Committee agrees to follow the public process (local option). 15% of the voters who voted in the last State election in the region would need to sign a petition in order to send it to the local boundary commission and eventually to a vote.
 - ▶ Borough Consultant Drafts Written Charter from Steering Committee's recommendations (March)
 - ▶ Mails Draft Written Charter to Steering Committee (April)
 - ▶ Steering Committee Meets again to review Draft (April/May)
 - ▶ Draft then presented & mailed to Community Members (May...2016)

TKC Agreement

- TKC's Board of Directors has asked management to educate TKC's communities on what a borough is, what the implications are in the formation of a borough, and the implications if others annexing the Kuspuk region. TKC hired a borough consultant to provide resources in the educational process. TKC has paid for 2 members from each TKC village who were either elected or appointed by their community to meet in a workshop format as a Steering Committee discuss their recommendations for a Draft Written Charter.
- ▶ TKC agrees:
- ▶ A vote of the people is needed to decide if a borough should or shouldn't be formed only if and when the project known as Donlin Gold makes a decision to move into operations of a mine and has obtained funding
- ▶ The Draft charter will be put on a shelf, until Donlin makes a decision to move into operations and assist with continued communication in the region
- ▶ TKC will not take the Draft Written Charter and form a borough
- ▶ That the potential Kuspuk borough shall only be formed by a vote of the residents in the Kuspuk region
- ▶ The Steering Committee should determine negotiations of any PILT or tax agreement with Donlin

Timeline

Question: What are the Borough Formation Next Steps

