

Barrow Council opposes boundary change

The City of Barrow Council met on November 7, 1985 in the North Slope Borough Assembly Room located in Barrow, Alaska where the city holds regular monthly meetings on the first Thursday of each month.

A resolution of the City Council of Barrow was passed at the meeting in support of the North Slope Borough's opposition to the State Department of Community and Regional Affairs' Initiation of a change of boundaries of the North Slope Borough detaching the Red Dog Mine and adjacent areas. The Barrow City Council based their decision on the October 1, 1985 North Slope-wide election on the question of detachment of the Red Dog mine.

The results of the election in Barrow were 328 votes against the detachment of Red Dog and 180 votes in favor of the detachment. City of Barrow Mayor Nathaniel Olemaun said, "The resolution is consistent with the wishes of the majority of voters in Barrow; the North Slope Borough is a major employer in the city of Barrow and people are concerned about a stable tax base and economic stability of the borough as it relates to their jobs."