

Ft. Yukon gets city manager, preps for flood season

Things are hopping in Fort Yukon. The community is gearing up for summer projects and welcomes a new City Manager.

A flood control project involves moving about 20,000 cu. yds. of gravel between June and October.

Tasks include:

- Finishing the "Gabion Wall" in which more than 30 workers have participated. The gabion wall will be built 12 feet high this week and 6 feet will be added in August;
- Drafting easement documents

to build a gradual slope over property that is next to the dike project. Over 40 parcels of land are involved. In some cases the dike is being located closer to the River to eliminate the need for an easement;

- Moving the old School Building.

The cost of the flood project exceeds \$900,000. A road project involves placing 10,000 cu. yds. of gravel on our major streets and then covering it with a chemical to eliminate the dust. The road

project is funded for \$350,000.

Ed Cook is the new City Manager for Fort Yukon. He has many years of experience in both public and private business. Mr. Cook holds a Masters in Public Administration and other degrees to meet the needs of Fort Yukon. Most recently, he was with the Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce as the Winter Carnival and Open North American Dog Sled Races coordinator. He is also active in many civic and charitable organizations.

Mr. Cook is an active believer in open government and in meeting the needs of the community. "I believe that all the organizations in Fort Yukon can work together to make this a good place to live." Fort Yukon is not different organizations - it is people. The citizens here want to work, raise their families and succeed. "I want to be part of the process that can make these things happen."

Mr. Cook has actively and openly invited citizens to become

active in their government. He believes that all who seek the good of the citizens, and not just a few special interest groups, must step forward. "The Council is dedicated to providing the citizens here a good and effective city." "They have committed to me, as City Manager, the resources to meet the requirements they have set," says Cook. He has repeatedly stated the positive input and foresight of the council on the many problems Fort Yukon is facing.