

# City Council of Point Hope Passes Resolution Calling for Improved Freight Service and Mail

The City Council of Point Hope has passed a resolution calling for federal and state investigation of air service to the community.

The resolution, passed on Nov. 6, claims that the community has received very slow service on air mail and air freight, and asks the appropriate state and federal agencies to investigate.

Among the complaints listed, the resolution charges that airmail letters postmarked Oct. 16 did not reach Point Hope until Nov. 2.

The council also claims that perishable air freight delivered to the airline in Kotzebue on October 9 had not yet arrived on Nov. 6,

even though the invoice was received Oct. 20.

The council claims that employment in Point Hope has been stalled due to nonarrival of necessary equipment ordered from Kotzebue by radio, and subsistence hunting is being halted because of nonarrival of repair parts for snow machines.

President Sig Wien of Wien Air Alaska reports that his airline has a major problem servicing the community because of ocean fog in the area and a lack of facilities at the airport.

"The airport is not adequate for large aircraft," says Wien. He adds that the airport also lacks ground communication.

At present, the airline is forced to use single-engine aircraft at Point Hope. There

are many times when service cannot be provided, even when it can be given to other villages in the area.

"I think we are actually rendering quite good service with the equipment we have," said Wien, noting that he had, in the past, been forced to land passengers on the beach. From there, they

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would get in by walking or by dogsled.

The airline is aware of the problem, Wien said, and has ordered twin-engine Otter aircraft for use at such airports.

This aircraft will carry three times the load of the present planes, can fly by instruments in bad weather, and has a short take-off run.

The Otter for the Point Hope-Kotzebue area of Alaska will be delivered in February, he said.

Ninety people have signed the resolution, which has been sent to airline presidents, Alaska's Congressional Delegation, Governor Walter J. Hickel; State Senator Bob Blodgett; State Rep. Willie Hensley, U. S. Postal Inspectors, the Civil Aeronautics Board, and villages serviced by air carriers out of Kotzebue.

"It is our hope that through this resolution we can obtain better mail, freight, and passenger service for all of Northwestern Alaska," says council president Andrew N. Tooyak, Sr.

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Snow shoveling is strenuous exercise, your Alaska Heart Association notes, and even reasonably healthy men should do it unhurriedly and avoid overexertion.