

Grayling Community Plan 2016

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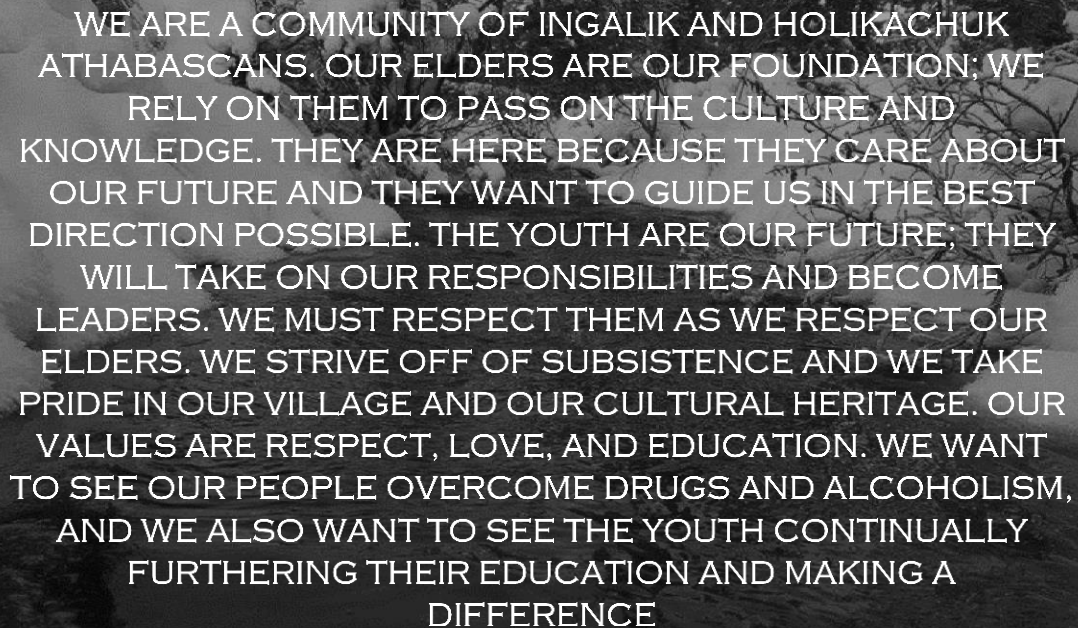
Executive Summary

Our first meeting was held on November 1st, 2015 to discuss housing, economic development, school/education, transportation, fire safety, VPSO, and the naming of the Grayling IRA Tribal Building. Through continued planning efforts a community plan was successfully developed to help guide future community development.

Community members present:

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Douglas Deacon	Angela Howard	Richard Nicholi
David Deacon	Carla Howard	Sue Nicholi
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Mary Deacon	Cynthia Kruger	William Painter
Wanda Deacon	Melody Kruger	Bessie Solomon
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Vision Statement



WE ARE A COMMUNITY OF INGALIK AND HOLIKACHUK
ATHABASCANS. OUR ELDERS ARE OUR FOUNDATION; WE
RELY ON THEM TO PASS ON THE CULTURE AND
KNOWLEDGE. THEY ARE HERE BECAUSE THEY CARE ABOUT
OUR FUTURE AND THEY WANT TO GUIDE US IN THE BEST
DIRECTION POSSIBLE. THE YOUTH ARE OUR FUTURE; THEY
WILL TAKE ON OUR RESPONSIBILITIES AND BECOME
LEADERS. WE MUST RESPECT THEM AS WE RESPECT OUR
ELDERS. WE STRIVE OFF OF SUBSISTENCE AND WE TAKE
PRIDE IN OUR VILLAGE AND OUR CULTURAL HERITAGE. OUR
VALUES ARE RESPECT, LOVE, AND EDUCATION. WE WANT
TO SEE OUR PEOPLE OVERCOME DRUGS AND ALCOHOLISM,
AND WE ALSO WANT TO SEE THE YOUTH CONTINUALLY
FURTHERING THEIR EDUCATION AND MAKING A
DIFFERENCE

Community Profile

History and Culture

The Holikachuk city government was incorporated in 1969. Holikachuk's constitution and by-laws were approved May 17th, 1948. We are a federally recognized tribe, and a second class city. In 1900, the U.S. Revenue steamer Nunivak reported 75 individuals, a store, and a large wood yard to supply steamers. Between 1962 and 1966 twenty five families moved from Holikachuk to Grayling. Holikachuk had an annual spring flooding and during the fall the low water levels made it difficult for families to return from fish camp. The community decided it would be ideal to relocate to Grayling. The whole village worked together gathering lumber for housing. The first year most people lived in canvas tents and shacks while their homes were being constructed. Residents got to choose their lots, the people who chose river view lots had to wait a year to get started on their homes.

The population of Grayling is comprised of Holikachuk and Ingalik Indians. Our indigenous language is Holikachuk. Subsistence has always been a huge part of our livelihoods. Our culture and language is dying.. We would like to bring back our native language, dance, and song. Many people still practice native arts such as basket making, sewing, carving, and beading. We are taught to respect our elders and our land. Grayling is a great place to live because the Yukon provides us with many different fish that were not available on the Innoko. Also the hills behind the village provide berries easy for gathering.

Location, climate and Land Description

The community of Grayling is located in the western interior of Alaska, on the west bank of the Yukon. It is east of the Nulato hills, 62°54'38"N 160°4'2"W. Our climate ranges anywhere from -40 to 97 degrees. We get about 110 inches of snowfall a year and 21 inches of rain fall. Our river is ice free from mid-May to mid-October. We have a huge open beach and a creek that runs behind the village. Land area totals 27.609 square kilometers.

Population & Demographics

Grayling currently has about 186 residents with about 64 house units (although not all are suitable for living). Houses owned by occupants, 37 (57.8%); the number of houses rented, 18 (21.8%). The median age is approximately 24 years old; the median house hold income is about \$23,125. About 78.7% of the residents are employed.

Governance Entities

The Tribal Council

Our tribal council consists of a seven member council who serve for two to three years. The election process starts with the tribal posting the openings 30 days prior to the election. People who want to run for the council have to turn in their letters of intent to run a week prior to election. Our tribal court has 8 tribal judges but only 3 are required at court at a time.

Our tribal council runs projects and programs such as TWEP (GA), Energy Assistance, Higher Education, spirit camp (which happens sometimes twice a year), gardening for the community, summer meal program, cutting a fire line around the village, and we are working on getting the IDCDBG grant. Projects we have recently completed include our new tribal/community hall, and rehab of the old clinic into a bingo building. Every year if we can afford it our tribe buys 10 gallons of gas for every house hold for moose hunting. We have seasonal festivities. We have 3 recently adopted tribal codes, adopted June of 2009.

The City Council

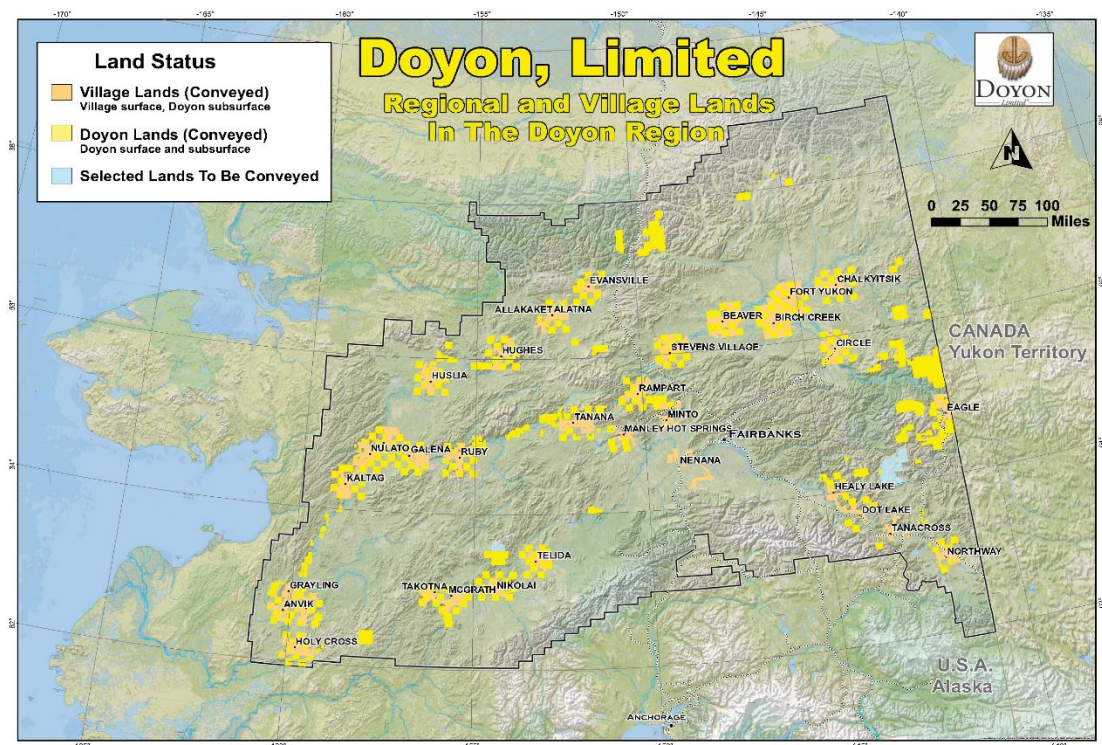
Our city council is made up of seven members and a mayor, their terms are for three years. Our city runs the water and sewer systems and they are contracted with AVEC. They are currently working towards getting a washeteria and a grant that allows us to use the waste heat from AVEC to heat water for the washeteria. They also are in charge of our local bingo.

The Village Corporation, Hee-Yea Lindge

The village corporation currently employs four people. This corporation runs services such as our HYL fuel. Gas prices were dropped somewhat recently for the convenience of the community and to have prices at a reasonable rate. Diesel is \$5.75 per gallon, gas is \$5.50 per gallon, and propane is \$225.00 per tank.

Regional Corporation

Our regional corporation is Doyon. Their mission as stated in their web sites is “To continually enhance our position as a financially strong Native corporation in order to promote the economic and social well-being of our shareholders and future shareholders, to strengthen our Native way of life, and to protect and enhance our land and resources.



Public Utilities

Water plant

Our water plant was built in 1977. Our water is infiltrated from the creek and piped throughout the town. Most homes have running water. If people are in need of water they haul it from a neighbor's house or from the tribal. Our water is purified mainly with chlorine.

Landfill/Sewage disposal

We have a land fill about a mile outside of the village. We do not use burn barrels to burn; we use them as public trash disposal.



We have a lagoon to dispose of our sewage.

Communications

Telephone and internet services are provided by GCI and Bush Tell. Internet is available at the school, tribe, corporation, city office but they are not for public use. Some people can have their own private internet.

Power/Energy

Electric

Our energy supply comes from a diesel fueled generator. The total kilowatts used per year are 595,532. The amount of diesel burned a year to supply our generator is 44,826 gallons.

Bulk Fuel

Our bulk fuel storage tanks are owned by HYL fuel, AVEC, and the school. The cost of fuel per gallon is \$5.75. The price was recently dropped for the convenience of the community.

Public Facilities

Clinic

Grayling's clinic meets the medical needs of the community. We have one health-aid who works full time and an office assistant. The health aid treats many different things; if patients are too ill or cannot be treated they are usually sent to Bethel or a higher care facility. We are a primary and Preventive health care facility.

YKHC receives all of the HIS funds. YKHC distributes monthly checks to the tribe to pay for utilities, maintenance and janitorial duties along with cleaning supplies.

School



We are a part of the Iditarod Area School District. There is no threat of our school closing; we have many students. The teachers are brought in from out of town, they leave in May when school is over. We currently do not have early head start but there is a family visitor who works as a 1 on 1 homebased teacher that's funded by TCC. There is tutoring offered but

students are busy with at home chores after school. The teachers would like for parents to help with afterschool programs and activities. We do not have any child care facilities or youth programs going on. Our school is 21,370 square feet and it was built in 1978. There have not been any upgrades to the building. The back side of the school is rotting and needs to be fixed.

Post office

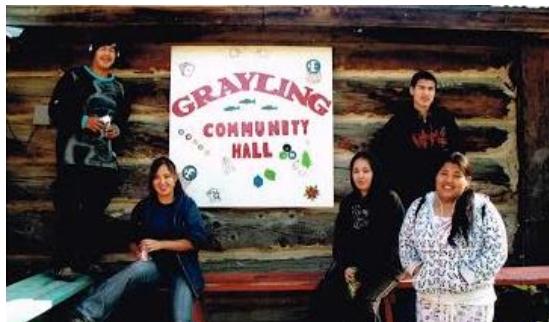
There is one post master. The Post Office is open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Mon-Fri, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays. Lunch hours are from 12 to 1:30 and it's closed on Sunday. Mail is received via air cargo.

Washeteria

Grayling currently does not have a washeteria. There used to be a few washers and dryers at the city office before they reconstructed the building to make the post office bigger. The community would like to have a building with washers and showers available to the people who come in from out of town and also for residents who don't have hot water. Although we do not need one, the community members would like to have one. The city council is working toward getting one.

Community hall

In 2013 we up graded to a larger facility. Our community hall now has 4 offices, a kitchen, restrooms and 3 extra rooms for storage. We have office space now and community members are welcome to hang out.



Bingo hall

We recently renovated our old clinic and turned it into a bingo hall. The city runs the bingo hall, the Grayling council runs the pull tabs at the tribal building. We own a quarter part of Fairbanks Chena bingo. We have bingo on Mondays and Fridays starting at 7:30 p.m.

Public Safety Entities/emergency services

We don't have a VPSO right now. The nearest Trooper is located in Aniak. We can be set up to get a VPSO out here as soon as we can provide housing. We have the recreational equipment for transportation already at hand. Right now in case of emergency we have a health aid on call and many volunteers.

Housing

There are near 65 houses, although not all of them are in use. Of the houses currently being used, ten don't have running water, three are uninhabitable. Many houses are overcrowded. There is definitely not enough housing available to meet the demands of our community. There are three recent houses that have been built.

Economy

Local store and Businesses



Local government and professional services are main forms of employment in the village.

Kwikpac Fisheries provide services in Alakanuk, Nunam Iqua, Emmonak, Kotlik, Mt. Village and Grayling. Their goal is to provide opportunity to participate and invest in fisheries in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area; to support

economic development; to alleviate poverty and provide economic and social benefits for residents of western Alaska; and to achieve sustainable and diversified local economies in western Alaska. They also offer scholarships to those seeking higher education. They will provide financial aid to part time and full time students.

Composition of employment

According the U.S. Census Bureau the median household income in Grayling is \$21,250.00

Most employment is made through the tribal. Many jobs are seasonal.

Transportation



Grayling is not on a road system. The main access is by air or by boat. Supplies are flown in or brought in on the barge. People travel by boat up and down the river in the summer. In the winter people travel to nearby villages by snow machine.

We currently have just two airlines that fly here; Ravn and Ryan air. Planes travel

here when the weather allows them to. In the winter it can be difficult for planes to get in but they manage. Our airport is made of gravel and the condition is good. The elevation of our airport is 137.5 ft. The dimensions are 4000 x 75 ft.

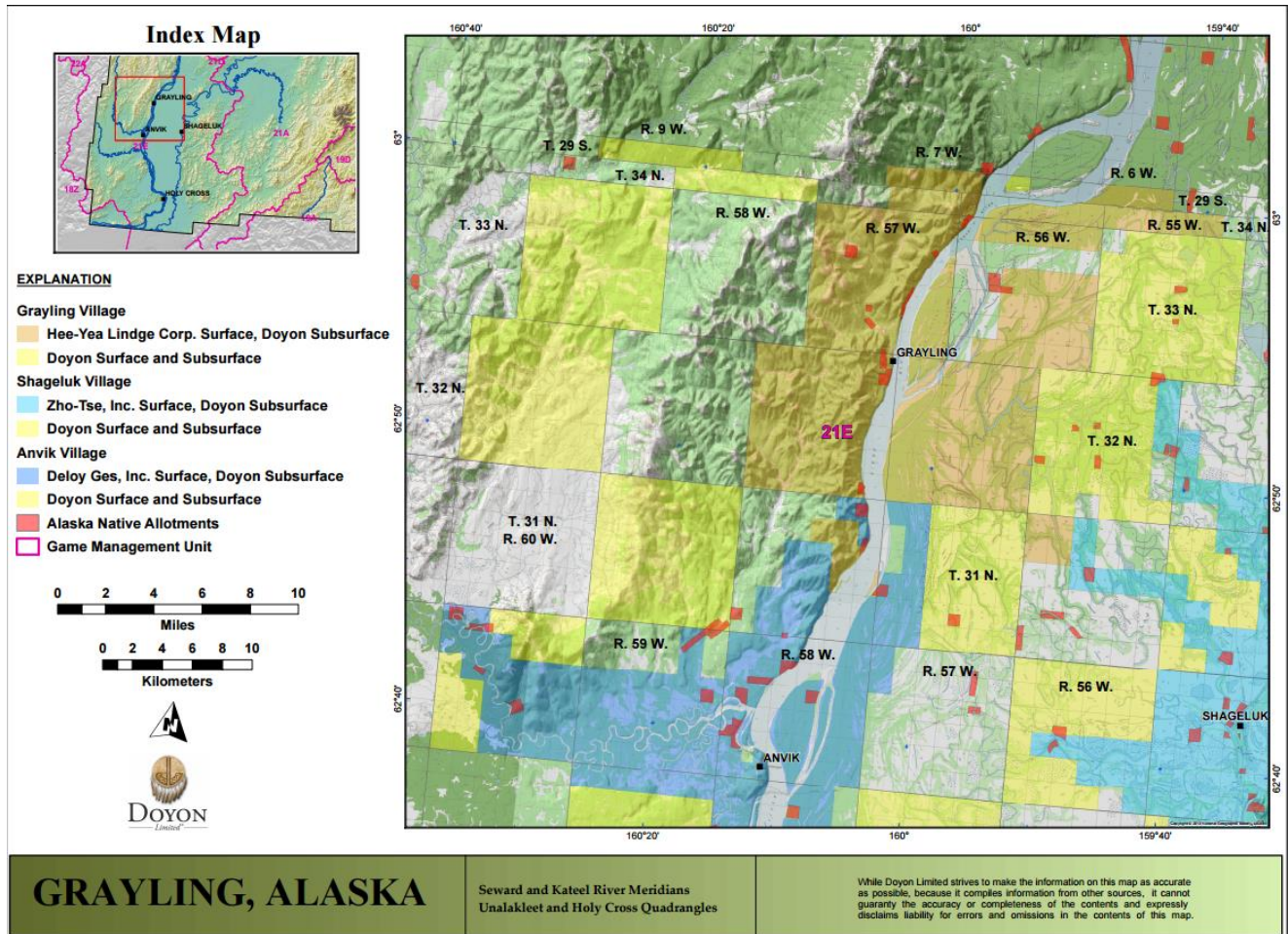
Transportation Update: In February 2014, Western Federal lands completed the design for the third street reconstruction. Construction monies are needed to complete this project but since the water and sewer systems need to be upgraded this project was put on hold.

A Tribal Transportation safety planning grant application was submitted for Grayling tribal council to develop a community safety plan in the amount of \$12,500. TCC receives Tribal Transportation Program funding for grayling tribal council from the federal Highway administration. If any changes or additions that need to be made to the road inventory, submissions need to be turned in by March 2015.

Land use and Environment

Ownership

The Hee-Yea Lindge Corporatio's Village Entitlement includes 92,160 acres.



Environmental Concerns

There are no environmental concerns.

Subsistence

Our Community greatly depends on our subsistence way of living. We go hunting in the fall and fishing in the summer when permitted. People go trapping to sell the furs of the animals they catch. We recently had Bison placed within the area. We go berry picking back the hill and across the Yukon.

Health and Wellness

Elder care programs

We have an elder program that is run by TCC that provides our elders with lunches three times a week. Meals are served Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays to elders 62 and older.

Additional Education

Grayling tribal has a Higher Education program. They award full time students \$2,000 a semester.

Cultural/ Seasonal events

Lamprey Eeling, Moose hunting, berry picking and trapping are the most popular events that happen throughout the year.



***Angelina Hamilton
beaver trapping***



***Angelina and Edward
Hamilton skinning***



***Angelina Hamilton berry
picking up Blueberry Hill***

Community Goals and Objectives

Goals	Objectives
Build two houses every year for the next five years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Homes for elders/ families Creating jobs for community members Apply for the ICDBG
Roads for expansion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create more lots to build on Creates jobs for community members
Fixing our current roads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work on water system first Fix roads to support weight of heavy equipment
Fixing our water system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fixing the problem for good NO MORE LEAKS, and fixing the sewer lines as well
Getting a VPSO out here to ensure the community safety and reliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Getting a VPSO Providing housing Provide safe environment for the community
Economic Development, tourism.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Six pack license Hiring within the community Provide new job opportunities: B&B, tour guide, etc.
Get a food/snack business license to sell goods (as a fundraiser for future events).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invest in a coffee (latte) maker Find a way to get baked goods out here
Start an Agriculture Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make a huge community garden Distribute throughout the community Teaching the youth Helping our elders

More cultural teaching within our school

- RurAL CAP Cultural Grant
- Trap line for students
- Wood working/carving
- Native dance/song

Fire Prevention/Fire safety

- Upgrade to a mark III pump
- Regular Inventory Check
- Home safety upgrades

Goals, Objectives & Action Plan

Goal 1. Build two houses every year for the next five years.

Objective 1: Providing new homes for elders and families.

1. Provide a clean and safe environment
2. Less people crowding in one house

Objective 2. Apply for grants such as the ICDBG.

1. A way to help us with funding

Objective 3. Creating jobs for community members

1. Construction/electrician/carpenters from the community will have jobs

Goal 2. Roads for expansion

Objective 1. Build a sub division to access new lots

1. Allow population growth
2. More homes for families in need.

Goal 3. Fixing our current roads

Objective 1. Fixing the water system along with the roads.

1. Fix the roads, make them strong enough to support construction/heavy equipment
2. Prevent damage to the pipes by fixing the roads

Objective 2. Prevent future erosions and further damage of water pipes

Goal 4. Fixing the water and sewer system

Objective 1. Stop the reoccurring water leaks

Objective 2. Get RABA compliant to be eligible for grants

Goal 5. VPSO

Objective 1. Getting a VPSO

1. Hire someone from outside of the community
2. Someone willing to live here

Objective 2. Providing housing

1. Somewhere for VPSO to stay and feel comfortable.
2. Snow go provided and other means of transportation.

Goal 6. Economic development

Objective 1. Six pack license

1. Getting people from our community to sign up for license

Objective 2. Hiring within the community

1. Hiring people to guide tourist/hunters

Objective 3. Provide new job opportunities: B&B, tour guide, etc.

1. New job opportunity

Goal 7. Food license

Objective 1. Snack shop/coffee house

1. Invest in a coffee (latte) maker
2. Have someone to bake goods and sell them

Objective 2. Have a place during the day to sell these items

1. Provide a place for people to enjoy their coffee

Goal 8. Agriculture Project

Objective 1. Make a huge community garden

1. Distribute throughout the community

Objective 2. Teaching the youth

1. Teaching youth how to plant and take care of plants
2. Teach them how important agriculture is

Objective 3. Helping our elders

1. Giving our elders vegetables from the community garden.
1. Plant, water, and weed our elders gardens

Goal 9. Cultural teaching within our school

Objective 1. Apply for Rural Cap Cultural Grant

1. Trap line for students
2. Wood working/carving
3. Native dance/song writing

Goal10. Fire safety and prevention

Objective 1. Upgrade to a mark III pump

1. Regular Inventory Check

Objective 2. Home safety upgrades

1. Get new fire extinguisher in all homes.
2. Make sure all homes have working fire alarms
3. Teach fire safety to youth.

RESOURCES

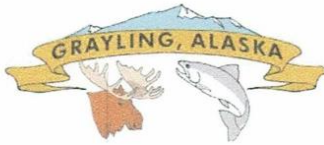
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Resolution # 2016-0301 Adopting Community Plan

Whereas, this Community Plan is important to the future growth and development of Grayling; and,

Whereas, this plan was created through a public process which captured the values and goals of our community; and,

Whereas, this plan is a tool that helps us manage change in our community; and,

Whereas, this plan is intended to coordinate future community development and service delivery; and,

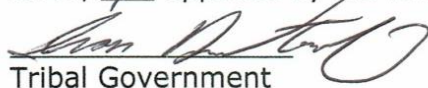
Whereas; it is understood that this document was created for public use and will be made publically available and,

Whereas, we ask all public, private, and non-profit entities serving our community to recognize and use this plan; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the parties of this resolution agree to work together to pursue the values, goals, and vision express in this plan.

Certification

We hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed and approved 7 in favor, 0 opposed by the following parties:


Tribal Government

02-02-16
Date