

Introduced by: Mayor, Ecklund
Date: 07/11/23
Action: Adopted
Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2023-050**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH INITIATIVE
FOCUSING ON HAZARD ASSESSMENT, NETWORKING, AND HAZARD
PREPAREDNESS FROM LANDSLIDE GENERATED TSUNAMIS**

WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Borough (the “Borough”) maintains an All-Hazards Mitigation Plan in order to identify, mitigate and prepare for known and foreseeable hazards which could impact Borough residents, life, and property; and

WHEREAS, the Borough’s Resilience and Security Advisory Commission is tasked with supporting hazard mitigation planning that accounts for changing environmental conditions; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2022-41 directs support to local, state, and federal agencies to address repetitive landslide hazards along the coastal face of Bear Mountain which connects the Resurrection Bay communities of Lowell Point and Seward; and

WHEREAS, a collaborative research and stakeholder initiative referred to as Arctic T-SLIP is being proposed through a National Science Foundation funding opportunity to understand and prepare for landslide generated tsunamis in permafrost and glacial regions, which may be hazards that have not previously been formally recognized within the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the partnership is intended to include physical and social scientists alongside community stakeholders and local managers to build a network, generate understanding of hazards and mitigation strategies, and to frame research needs; and

WHEREAS, the Borough’s Resilience and Security Advisory Commission, the Office of Emergency Management, the Borough’s Incident Management Team, and the Borough’s Planning Department, along with the coastal communities, residents, industries and businesses have stakeholder interests in this topic and could benefit from the initiative and potentially contribute local knowledge and perspective to the project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

SECTION 1. That the Borough encourages National Science Foundation funding for the Arctic T-SLIP project proposal and supports the Borough’s stakeholder level involvement in project forums.

SECTION 2. That this resolution is effective immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 11TH DAY OF JULY, 2023.


Brent Johnson, Assembly President

ATTEST:


Michele Turner, CMC, Acting Borough Clerk



Yes: Chesley, Cox, Derkevorkian, Ecklund, Elam, Hibbert, Ribbens, Johnson
No: None
Absent: Tupper