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Mayor Kassel Meets with FNSB Mayor Elect Ward

Fairbanks, AK – Mayor Kassel and Fairbanks North Star Borough Mayor Elect Bryce Ward have met to discuss administration transition.

"It is important to have as seamless of a transition as possible from one administration to another in order to provide continuity for the staff and community," Mayor Kassel said. "Mayor Ward and I have worked together closely on a number of issues facing our community and I am confident he will lead the borough in a positive, strategic direction."

Mayor Ward added, "I have met with current staff in the Mayor's Office and have asked them to stay for my administration. Current staff are highly qualified and have proven that record of performance. I am ready to hit the ground running. This is an exciting time in our borough as we get ready for the incoming F-35s. We do have challenges before us, such as air quality, energy, and deferred maintenance, but I look forward to continuing the conversations and lead us toward solutions."

Mayor Ward has served as the North Pole City Mayor for the last 6 years. Prior to that, he served as a North Pole City Council Member. He lead the 4-way race for borough mayor with 51% of the vote. Results will be certified at the October 25 Assembly meeting. Mayor Kassel's term as the FNSB Mayor concludes on October 28, with Mayor Elect Ward's administration commencing on October 29.

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