

HAINES BOROUGH

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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE THIRD CLASS HAINES BOROUGH

- Prior to 1963 - Haines Independent School District
- 1963 - Mandatory Borough Act. Haines and Skagway were left out of this act due apparently to a "political compromise" effected by Morgan Reed, Skagway representative for Election District #5.
- 1964, June ---- People of Haines voted and rejected a First Class Borough proposal.
- 1964, late June--Commissioner of Education, under AS. 14.10.150(5) created a special school district for Haines, known as the Haines-Port Chilkoot Special School District. This was a necessary step because the Haines Independent School District was slated to go out of existence July 1, 1964 as a result of the passage of the Mandatory Borough Act of 1963.
- 1965-1966 ----- Title 14 recodified and AS 14.10.150(5) repealed.
- July 1, 1966----- Recodification of Title 14 effective. Haines-Port Chilkoot School District remained in tact, although under the new Title 14 it was a non-entity. It functioned as a school district, collecting taxes, governing the schools, and receiving state monies including the Foundation Program Allotment.
- 1967, October--- People of Haines voted and rejected a Second Class Borough Proposal.
- 1967, October 10 -- Superintendent of Schools received word from the State Department of Education that there was a grave question of whether or not the present organization of the school district would be supported by the Department.
- 1967, October 13-All State funds suspended from the Haines-Port Chilkoot Special School District until a "legal" school district was established.
- 1967, October 13-Haines Schools closed.
- 1967, October - City School District formed. Port Chilkoot paid taxes in lieu of tuition. State would pay state tuition for the students living outside the City of Haines and the City of Port Chilkoot.
- There were three school boards:
City School Board paid bills and entered into contracts.
Port Chilkoot School Board had the right to approve or reject the school budget.
Administrative Board set policy and was made up of the same people who had been on the Haines-Port Chilkoot Special School District Board
- 1968, early ---- People of Haines voted and rejected a proposal to form a Second Class Borough.
- 1968-----Legislature passed the Third Class Borough Act, through the efforts of Haines residents and Vance Phillips of Anchorage.
- 1968 ----- People of Haines voted and accepted the Third Class Borough proposal.
- 1968, September 3 - The Haines Borough School District came into being.