

Dear Haines Borough Planning Commissioners,

Please consider supporting the establishment of a Geotechnical Advisory Committee. The purpose of a Geotechnical Advisory Committee (GAC) is to advise the Assembly, Planning Commission, Mayor, Borough Departments, and the professional design community by providing professional advice on issues relating to geologic hazards risk mitigation. The GAC should consist of geo-professionals including geotechnical engineers and geologists from various fields and other community members who are experienced with natural hazard identification, interpretation, and mitigation.

Geologic hazards are an adverse geologic condition capable of causing damage or loss of property or life. The Haines Borough is impacted by several geologic hazards including landslides, rockfall, debris flows, and earthquakes. Haines is also home to several well qualified, experienced geo-professionals who can help the community understand the impacts of these hazards and how the hazards should be managed. By establishing a GAC the Borough will ensure that professional resources are available to provide advice on planning, zoning, budget considerations, and code related to geologic hazards.

Thank you for your consideration and service to the Haines Borough.

Sincerely,  
Travis Eckhoff, P.E.