

May 6, 1985

Dear Citizens,
Councilmembers,
Mayor of West Yellowstone,

We the Members of the Town of West Yellowstone's Local Government Study Commission conclude our study of the Town's Government as of May 15, 1985.

We have fulfilled our duties; holding several Public meetings, writing a Preliminary as well as the Final Report on the Study of the structure of the Town's Government.

Our meetings were held during that time of the year (February, March and April) when most of the Citizens of the Town were not on vacation, and were not busy with their businesses. In other words, they were in town. Even with this we received only comments from one Citizen and her input could not be related to the scope of our study.

Since we recommend the present system of Government for the Town be maintained as is; there will be no need for a special election dealing with any changes.

It has been a great pleasure to serve the Citizens of West Yellowstone in our capacity as the "Local Government Study Commission." We are grateful for this opportunity.

Please find attached our Final Report.

Respectfully Submitted,

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WEST YELLOWSTONE, MT.

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FINAL REPORT

WEST YELLOWSTONE CITY GOVERNMENT

STUDY COMMISSION

Your Study Commission has called for and listened to public comment and also has conducted public meetings to study the workings of the government of the City of West Yellowstone.

The Study focused only on the structure of the government. We did not study personnel or matters that could be changed or affected using the existing structure of government.

The general conclusion of this Study Commission is that the present Charter system allows for the City Government to accomplish its designated tasks.

This Study Commission therefore recommends the present system of government for the City of West Yellowstone be maintained as is.

The Study Commission advises the public that changes in public policy as well as various procedural and administrative changes can be effected easily and inexpensively with processes now in place, including the all powerful electoral process.

Your Study Commission wishes to offer one suggestion for the consideration of the City Council.

Since City Governments, however large or small, have become more dependent upon the policies of larger governments, that is County, State, and Federal, and since there is much technical and procedural activity involved, we recommend that an advisor or expert in these matters be considered. A shared-time plan with other cities could reduce costs. It would not be necessary

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to change the present government system to retain such an expert-advisor as it would be if a city-manager were to be considered.

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