

The View from The Future 2017



Fifty Years after the Alaska Purchase Centennial

With the goal of making a permanent investment in Alaska, William A. Egan, the first governor of the State of Alaska, established an Alaska Centennial Commission in 1962. Local communities from around the state responded with imaginative and enterprising projects, including museums, community centers, performing arts facilities, libraries, campgrounds, historical parks, and a variety of restoration projects. What they all had in common was the commitment from local residents to pay their share, and the solid backing of the community. Almost every town in Alaska benefited in some way.



The Centennial logo, carved in wood, hangs on the wall of the civic center in Fairbanks' Pioneer Park