

Q: Why is the Museum important to the community?

A: The Valdez Museum serves as a catalyst for creating community identity through educational offerings, thoughtful exhibits, cultural programs and historical preservation. Together, these lead to the development of healthy children and families and a greater sense of community.

**Q: Why does the Museum need more space?**

A: The Museum is now at a point where its progress and offerings are being hampered by the limitations of space. Improving operations with more space will provide:

Collections: Adequate modern storage space for collections and climate control for the preservation of current artifacts and those acquired in future.

Exhibits: Increased exhibit space to allow a broader narrative while providing improved accessibility for everyone.

Education: An expanded, safe and focused learning environment free of distractions.

Programming: Dedicated space for public programs that match program delivery requirements and community needs.

**Q: Why do we need one facility?**

A: The facility would provide three necessary efficiencies for future sustainability: human; financial; and environmental.

Human: A single site decreases the need for additional staff during the summer season.

Financial: A consolidated site reduces costs for general operations, including utilities and human resources.

Environmental: The existing climate control system is outdated, requires expensive regular maintenance and increases electric costs. An up-to-date facility will ensure the health of the collections and the comfort of our visitors.



1902 Gleason & Bailey hand pumper fire apparatus, wood separation caused by humidity fluctuations.

Q: What is the economic impact of a new museum?

A: The economic benefits include attracting tourists to the area, stimulating the economy through increased revenue generated from visitors and tourism businesses, creating more jobs for Valdez.

