10 Points about the Port of Skagway

1. The current Tidelands Lease with White Pass began in 1968 and ends in 2023. The Municipality is exploring its options for post-2023 port operations.

2. The Port of Skagway is currently used for tourism, bulk ore shipments, ferries, fuel shipments, and general cargo.

3. While the Municipality of Skagway owns the tidelands, the Broadway and Ore Docks are currently owned by White Pass.

4. If Skagway’s cruise ship passenger growth mirrors that of cruise industry projections, the waterfront could see a 50% increase in traffic over the next decade.

5. In 2018, the Municipality collected approximately $5,880,000 in waterfront-related revenue, which is used to fund Small Boat Harbor operations, infrastructure needs, and municipal operations. This included $127,200 from the White Pass lease payment, $437,000 from the Small Boat Harbor (including moorage, commercial use fees, storage, and wharf fees), $4,725,000 in shared State Commercial Passenger Vessel excise taxes, and $190,000 from the Pullen Creek RV Park.

6. The Municipality has no control over cruise ship berthing under the Tidelands Lease.

7. Upon expiration of the Tidelands Lease in 2023, the Municipality will gain the ability to manage the Port of Skagway more directly.

8. There has been interest in partnering with the Municipality of Skagway for various port needs.

9. White Pass is finalizing a plan to address port environmental remediation, which will be reviewed by the public and Assembly.

10. White Pass is now owned by Klondike Holdings, a joint venture of Survey Point Holdings Inc., Rail Management Services, the founding shareholders of Carrix, and Holland America Princess Alaska Tours.
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