

## **Mayor's Report 6\_16\_2022**

### **Community Garden Resolution**

I fully support this resolution. The cost of groceries isn't going down any time soon, so it's vital that the Community Garden be moved to a scalable location that allows for growth. The previous leaseholder of USS 994 Lot 1 chose not to renew their lease prior to its expiration in June of 2021, and the improvements on the lot became municipal property 60 days after the lease expiration date. The Assembly can decide how it would like to manage this municipal property, whether it is used for a particular purpose, leased, or sold; the sale of this property has not been considered by the Municipality in the past. The Parks and Recreation Committee recommends that the property be utilized for a community garden; this property provides an ideal location for gardening and respite from the busy Downtown area. If passed, the Municipality will need to decide how the garden will be managed in the future.

### **Sale of Kit Cabin**

I understand that the Public Works Committee discussed that the Assembly should consider selling this cabin; however, just in the last few weeks a couple of year-round residents asked me why there is no available cabin in Nahku Bay for locals who would like to spend a day or two out there. It's a valid question. I think the Assembly should discuss placing this kit cabin out in Nahku Bay and make it available to Skagway residents to use for free, instead of selling it.

### **Discussion of SEARHC Response to Appraisal**

I have grave concerns about this response that I plan on sharing at the Assembly table. If SEARHC is unwilling to accept the appraisal amount, then I have trouble figuring out why we are bringing this issue to a vote.

### **Medallion Program Correspondence**

Thank you to the local business community for this unprecedented outpouring of concern about Princess Cruise Line's Medallion Program. In total, 67 business owners signed this letter asking the Assembly (and me) to do whatever it takes to ensure the program is not allowed in our community. I intend to forward this letter to Princess representatives tomorrow and schedule a meeting to share the business community's concerns.

- Andrew Cremata