

## **Mayor's Report 7\_7\_2022**

### **Thanks to Our Canadian Guests**

Whitehorse Mayor, Laura Cabott invited me to attend Canada Day on the 1st and I asked her to participate in the 4th of July celebration in Skagway. Canada Day was a fantastic experience and it was a great honor to join their parade and represent Skagway during their festivities. Mayor Cabott and Yukon Minister of Economic Development Ranj Pillai came to Skagway on the 4th and kindly joined in our festivities. After the parade, we met for an hour to discuss tourism and mining. Strengthening relationships with our northern neighbors is more important than ever, and I'm hopeful that these mayoral visits become an annual tradition.

### **Railroad Dock Rockslide**

I'm glad to see the municipality taking an active role in addressing the multiple rockslide issues above the Railroad Dock. We need to work with White Pass in an effort to permanently mitigate the danger. Unfortunately, I don't think it's going to be easy or cheap. Approving the assessment contract is a positive first step.

### **Meeting with AMHS and DOT Representatives**

I spent all day Wednesday meeting with representatives from DOT and AMHS including Commissioner Ryan Anderson, Deputy Commissioner Rob Carpenter, and Change Management Director Katherine Keith. We provided them a tour of our port and discussed a variety of topics including the electric ferry pilot program, the ferry dock, and possible future development of the Broadway Peninsula. For some of our guests, it was their first visit to Skagway. There was general amazement at seeing how well this small community handles large volumes of cruise passengers on a four-ship day.

### **Ore Dock Momentum**

As we all saw over the past week, one rockslide can have major financial repercussions. It's more important than ever to maintain momentum on the new Ore Dock to ensure we can accommodate Quantum-class ships and cargo/fuel barges. I also think it's time to forgo calling it the Ore Dock and give the dock a new, recognizable title. Ship Passengers are often confused by the names of our docks, so renaming them numerically makes sense. Ore Dock would be Terminal One. Broadway Dock would then become Terminal Two. Perhaps White Pass would be willing to rename their berths 3 and 4.

### **Dahl Memorial Clinic Board Education**

I spent a considerable amount of time over the past few weeks reviewing all the DMC's onboarding materials in an attempt to better understand the role of the board and how it should function. Multiple board members have reached out to me and said they had never seen these materials, which underscores the fact that there are problems we must immediately address.

The Assembly has also heard from multiple board members asking for training. Last week, I met with representatives from COORS and asked them to prepare a cost estimate for providing

comprehensive board training. I recommend the Assembly approve this expenditure, which is designed to empower the board to be the absolute best it can be.

The DMC Board must function at a high level for the clinic to function at a high level. Board members must understand their respective roles and be fully informed of their personal liability as board members. This program is designed to do exactly that and includes training for the Assembly so that we can learn techniques to better work with the board. The training can be performed during off-hours and weekends.

I intend to meet with individual board members next week to ensure that every board member is able and willing to fully commit to this training. With only one year-round provider at the clinic and morale at an all-time low, we can't postpone or delay this action. I appreciate the hard work of the DMC Board members and hope that they eagerly take advantage of this opportunity. The health of our community literally depends upon it.

- Andrew Cremata