



Municipality of Skagway

MEMO

TO:	Mayor and Assembly
FROM:	Emily Deach, Deputy Manager
DATE:	July 18, 2022
SUBJECT:	Approval of MOU with Skagway Traditional Council re: Archaeological Assessment

Municipality of Skagway (MOS) and Skagway Traditional Council (STC) staff have been working together since May to develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the archaeological assessment of Blocks 95 and 102, the former location of the St. Pius X Residential Boarding School (the Project).

The MOU in the packet sets forth the general understanding between MOS and STC with respect to their collaboration on the project, specifically providing guidelines for consultation and notification between the parties, handling of cultural artifacts and culturally sensitive information, and other aspects of Project activities. STC has also pledged to reimburse MOS for up to \$20,000 of the cost of the Project.

Though the MOU is nonbinding, it plays a critical role in providing a framework for sensitive and communicative collaboration on the Project. Staff requests that the Assembly adopt a motion **to approve the MOU between the Municipality of Skagway and Skagway Traditional Council for collaboration on the Archaeological Assessment project.**