

Manager's Update – November 3, 2022

Garden City RV Park / Archaeological Assessment: In preparation of a contract to manage the Garden City RV Park next season, I will need the Assembly's direction on the following:

- Will Garden City be operated as an RV park in 2023? We do not currently have plans or budget to upgrade sewer, water, and electrical at the site, so the sites would be dry as they were in 2022.
- Should we allow an option in the management contract for winter use? This would expand the management contract to be year-round, and we would need to obligate Public Works resources for plowing and sanding the site.
- If the park is operated as proposed in 2023, we will be proposing to the Assembly some changes to the fee structure for the RV Park.
- If the Assembly would like this to be discussed further in committee, please provide direction regarding which committee is most appropriate.

The archaeological team has finished its field work on the site and will continue to develop its final report, which we expect early next year. The team had initially found two anomalies at the site through ground penetrating radar (GPR), but upon excavation and testing found the anomalies to be natural (tree stumps). They did find a lot of structural evidence of the mission school as well as several artifacts that will be tested and catalogued. We will work with the Skagway Traditional Council (STC) to determine custody of the artifacts, per our memorandum of understanding with the Tribe.

SEARHC: The Municipality continues its effort to locate and compile due diligence documents required for the draft asset purchase agreement.

Rockslide: White Pass has agreed to not take any legal action or file any claims against the Municipality and contractors for any damage to the Railroad Dock incurred during rock scaling and mitigation efforts this fall and winter.

Alternative Mooring Project: We continue to move forward procuring the materials needed for this project, as approved by the Assembly. The project is out for bid (see <https://www.skagway.org/rfps>) and will close on November 10, 2022. We intend to have bids to the Assembly for consideration at its November 17 meeting.

Waterfront Leases: Staff continues to work with legal counsel to develop waterfront leases for TEMSCO, Alaska Marine Lines, and Petro 49. We have met separately with all parties to begin negotiation of the leases.

Library Update:

- After a successful season last year, Book Bingo is back this winter as our Winter Reading Challenge! From November through February, patrons can visit the library every time they read a book that fits one of the categories on our giant bingo card in the library's front foyer and have their name posted to the corresponding bingo square. Complete a whole line on the card and receive a prize! And to help you discover new books to read, the library will be starting a Staff Picks display where each staff member chooses a book that they recommend and shares why. Look for our favorites on display starting mid-November.

- The library was recently gifted a fish tank, complete with new aquatic friends, so November will see some fishy events to get the community acquainted with our newest residents. First up is a naming contest, to find the perfect literary name for our dedicated sucker fish. Then, on Thursday, November 10th at 5:00 pm, we'll be holding a Skype a Scientist session, where community members will hear from Dr. Callie Crawford, a fish expert, via videoconferencing, and have the opportunity to ask her all their fishy questions.
- Finally, thanks to the generosity of Grizzly's General Store, the library will be adding a large number of movies to our collection over the next few weeks. Then, in early December, we will be hosting a DVD sale for the remaining films that we don't keep. DVDs and BluRays will be available for \$1 each, with all proceeds going to the library.