

Manager's Update – September 15, 2022

Town Hall: The Municipality has scheduled a Town Hall meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 22 at the AB Hall to discuss Proposition #1 authorizing \$65 million in port development revenue bonds. Proposition #1 is on the ballot for the October 4, 2022 municipal election. Participants who will not be physically present can join the meeting online at this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83124741057>. Representatives from the Municipality and the Alaska Municipal Bond Bank will present information and answer questions.

Rockslide Update: Shannon & Wilson continue to work on a conceptual mitigation plan and initial cost estimate, which is needed prior to determining next steps and funding for mitigation. We expect this conceptual plan and cost estimate to be received by September 19, 2022. Municipal staff attended Sen. Murkowski's grant symposium in Anchorage on September 7 and met with various federal and state representatives to discuss funding for this emergency mitigation project; staff intends to apply for any funds that are available. However, potential state and federal funding opportunities do not seem able to provide funds prior to the 2023 season. Other issues being considered by staff include: the impact of mitigation on downstream infrastructure; permitting; and near-term pre-mitigation activities such as scaling.

Little Dippers: Little Dippers and Big Dippers have come to an agreement allowing the Little Dippers to continue using the existing municipal facility into the winter. In light of this development, I intend to extend Little Dipper's lease.

Marine Services Platform: Municipal staff have met several times with Yukon Government representatives regarding funding support for the Marine Services Platform (MSP) on the Ore Dock. This portion of the redevelopment project is not intended to be funded with Port revenue bonds. The MSP would allow containerized ore to be exported from Skagway using a rotainer system. We appreciate the ongoing intergovernmental relationship we have with the Yukon Government and look forward to continued collaboration with them on this project.

Ferry Peninsula: The Municipality continues to work with the Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF) on development of a multi-use dock at the Ferry Peninsula, or relocation of the dock. The group continues to work through issues posed by federal restrictions related to the proposed mixed use of the peninsula, which is not wide enough to adequately separate uses.

SEARHC: The Municipality expects draft lease agreement and sale agreement documents from SEARHC by October 6, 2022, and after they are received, we will send them through legal review prior to presenting them to the Assembly.

Dahl Memorial Clinic Update: Bill Weiss has returned to the Dahl Memorial Clinic as a provider. Bill joins Johanna Huff and Tracey Carter. Kiels Kitchens will be joining the Clinic in October to fill the vacancy when Tracey leaves at the end of September.

Clean Sweep: The autumn Clean Sweep event will be conducted this year by the Skagway Visitor Department and the Public Works Department on October 1.

Airport Discussion: I have had the opportunity to discuss with DOT&PF representatives the potential transfer of the airport property to the Municipality. It was a good discussion, and the summary of the conversation is they are still working on a proposal based on the Municipality owning the airport. It is also important to note the DOT&PF is not offering to lease the entire airport to Alaska Seaplanes, but instead Alaska Seaplanes is purchasing the building and leasing the land.