

Mayor's Report 1_5_2023

Welcome to 2023 – It's Going to Be a Busy Year

I hope everyone had a pleasant holiday season. There are many exciting events on our horizon but we also have many challenges to overcome. Cruise ship numbers are looking stellar for the 2023 season. Port Manager Jennings, the Ports & Harbor Committee, and staff are working diligently to ensure that passengers can move safely and efficiently on the Railroad Dock. The process should be far more streamlined than last year, which means passengers can get on and off their ship faster and more efficiently.

The waterfront lease ends on March 19. For the first time in its history, the community will own and operate its port. This is a historical event and plans are being made to commemorate the transition in a way that will be remembered for a long time.

Agenda Items

Because there will only be four Assembly Members at tonight's meeting, I tried to keep the agenda streamlined. Most of the items are necessary to keep us moving forward on waterfront projects and I am in support of them all.

New Committee and Board Appointments

I'm encouraged by community members who have stepped up to serve in these positions. For the record, I had a face-to-face discussion with every person recommended for the Dahl Memorial Clinic Board and am excited to see what they bring to the table. There will be more recommended appointments at the next Assembly Meeting.

Thank You!

I want to thank Matt Deach for his many years serving on the Planning & Zoning Commission and Tim Bourcy for his service on the Ports & Harbor Committee. Your hard work made Skagway better.

- Andrew Cremata