

Manager's Update – June 1, 2023

Alaska Court System Agreement: The Municipality has renewed its memorandum of agreement with the Alaska Court System for the use of the Assembly chambers for Trial Court operations. The term of the agreement ends on June 30, 2025.

Nahku Bay A-Frame: There has been some outreach about the condition of the Nahku Bay A-Frame. The Public Works Department is putting a temporary patch on the stove pipe hole, but other than that the Municipality does not have plans to put any investment into the building. In my tenure at the Municipality, I have never had a request from a non-profit organization to utilize the cabin as is allowed by code, and had I received a request I would have denied the request because the cabin is not in an acceptable condition to allow public use. I would appreciate it if an Assembly Committee could discuss the future of the Nahku Bay A-frame.

SMC 6.14.030

C.3.b. The A-frame shall be available to rent on a daily basis to nonprofit groups. The A-frame shall not be used for housing. The borough manager shall provide written guidelines for use of the cabin, provide forms for requesting rental of the A-frame, and review and approve rental requests. Fees for daily rental of the A-frame shall be established by the borough assembly via resolution.

Rockslide Mitigation Measures Testing: On Saturday May 27, municipal staff and Shannon & Wilson staff released multiple rocks between one and two feet in diameter to test the rockslide mitigation measures. The majority of the rocks did not make it past the upper drape mesh. Of all the rocks released, only one release resulted in rocks encountering the lower attenuator fence, and none of them reached the dock.

Petro Marine Lease: The Municipality conducted an independent review of Petro Marine's tank inspection reports, and with this information is prepared to begin final negotiations with Petro Marine for a long-term lease. Due to the value of the long-term lease, the lease authorization ordinance will need to be ratified in the October election.

Port of Skagway Clean-up: If you have not been through the Port of Skagway lately, I am proud to say it is getting freshened up and I anticipate this beautification to continue. Clean-up efforts include the small boat harbor area, which is looking better all the time, and cleaning up the derelict boats and RVs to make more room for our harbor users.

Library Director's Update: The Summer Reading Program at the library has begun with a record-breaking number of participants in its first week: 41 kids at last Thursday's activity! This week, we'll continue with a make-your-own comic book session, story time, and teen night.

For the month of June, the library and Skagway Pride are teaming up to create a display case featuring LGBTQIA+ authors and literature. Because everyone is represented at the library. And then later this month, on Saturday, June 24th, a special Story Time with Skagway's Kings and Queens will bring Pride's message of inclusivity and love to the library. More details to come in the next few weeks.