

Mayor's Report 9_21_2023

Containerized Ore Ordinance

I support this Ordinance and appreciate Assemblyperson Potter bringing it to the table. The Skagway residents deserve to have confidence that any future ore shipments through this community are as environmentally responsible as possible. Considering the tens of millions of dollars the municipality is going to spend on remediation of the harbor and waterfront uplands, this seems to me like a simple decision.

If Skagway doesn't take the time to explicitly clarify how ore is to be shipped through this community, then the Marine Services Platform construction should be halted until the community has time to weigh in on this important issue.

Upcoming Election

I'm encouraged to see an assortment of local residents running for school board as write-in candidates. Public service is hard work, and it can appear intimidating when a handful of people on social media use the platform to attack elected officials on a daily basis. If you're running for election, take my words to heart - these people are a TINY minority. I suggest tuning them out and tuning into the wonderful, supportive majority of our community.

Most people in Skagway are kind and supportive, even if they don't agree with every decision you make as an elected official. Remain grateful and positive and you will likely find that your term in office is both appreciated and personally rewarding.

Sales Tax Increase Town Hall

Some members of the Assembly said they were going to hold a town hall to promote the sales tax increase. Is that happening? Perhaps I missed the public notice.

- Andrew Cremata