

Mayor's Report 10_5_2023

Skagway 2023 Municipal Election

As always, I'd like to extend my thanks and gratitude to the canvassing board. This year, you had a tremendous challenge counting a large number of write-in votes and your hard work did not go unnoticed.

Congratulations to all our newly elected officials. I'm sure you will serve Skagway with dedication and purpose.

Thank you to everyone who put your name in the hat for Mayor, Assembly, and School Board. If you didn't win your election, I hope you seek service by joining a committee or board. There are a lot of vacant seats that need filling, and your involvement will not only be greatly appreciated, it will also help you better understand important facets of being an elected official.

Ordinance 23-23 - Bulk Ore Containerization

I support this ordinance and appreciate Assembly comments made at the last meeting. It's vital that Skagway manage its port with standards that protect residents from health hazards associated with ore exports and I'm hopeful that this ordinance helps set the stage for a vibrant diversified economy over the next few decades.

Final Words

It's been my great pleasure to serve the community I love and build positive relationships with so many people, both in Skagway and around the state. Public service has been a highly rewarding experience and I'm grateful for the community's trust throughout my tenure.

Skagway, you should be proud. The challenges of a pandemic, losing our entire economy, and subsequent rockslides could have been devastating. You weathered the storm by coming together and supporting one another.

I also want to recognize the hard work of Manager Ryan and the municipal staff. Skagway's rebound from the pandemic is nothing short of miraculous and its manifestation is largely due to their hard work and dedication. It's been my pleasure to work closely with Manager Ryan, so I know how much work he does, and how much energy he puts into bettering this community. Success is only possible with teamwork and I'm grateful to have worked with such an incredible team.

Speaking of teamwork, thank you, Assembly Members, both past and present, who served during my tenure. I appreciate your service and have learned from all of you, although I would have been happy never learning about the difference between speed bumps and speed humps.

Despite the challenges of the past few years, we now operate and manage our waterfront and, as a result, our collective destiny. More importantly, we already see port improvements that will drive business and jobs for the next fifty years.

And the best is yet to come.

Thank you, Skagway.

- Andrew Cremata