

**Dyea Community Advisory Board**  
**CHAIR REPORT to DCAB and Assembly**  
**November 6, 2023**

I have decided to separate the Chair Report into two sections. The first half will deal with what actions we have taken in regard to previous agenda items and the second half will deal with adding information to the current agenda.

**Action Report:**

**Nahku Bay Infrastructure:** The Board feels that the A-Frame could be of much more use to the community if there was an awareness of its availability. There are numerous groups that could benefit from using the cabin throughout the year. This publicity could come from a variety of sources but the recreation center is probably best positioned to get the word out. The Board feels that the cabin should be maintained to facilitate its use as a day facility by non-profit groups as envisioned in code for the building.

**End of Season Campground Report:** The Board feels that we need more data on the use of the campground and camping on the flats to advise the assembly on future actions. We have contacted the administration to ask for more information regarding use. Currently, the only report generated involves money taken in. We would like to see a daily tally of usage and a report of incidents involving potential fire hazards and bear problems.

**Research Inventory:** We have reached out to STC and KGNP for information on their environmental research projects in the Dyea valley. A letter from STC is in our meeting packet. The NPS superintendent pointed me to published environmental research in the park. Their research included bird and amphibian surveys and monitoring air quality, vegetation changes, invasive plant species and pollinators. We are not sure how this information should be handled by the municipality but it does seem to be important to be aware of these projects.

**Fire Mitigation Grants:** We have worked with the administration on the Community Wildfire Defense Grant which is designed to help governments design a wildfire plan for their location. We have also researched the Volunteer Fire Capacity Program and encouraged the assembly and administration to use this program to acquire tools and training to deal with wildfires. \$7,000 grants are available and require a 10% contribution.

**11-8 DCAB Agenda**

**New Board Member:** We will be advising the assembly of community members who may be interested in serving on the board.

**Dyea Boundaries:** We will begin the discussion of what eastern and western boundaries of Dyea make the most sense in code.

**Lost Lake cabin and trail:** The high cost of building and maintaining a trail and cabin seem to have pushed the project too far back on the burner. Among other alternatives is asking the municipality to donate the cabin kit to a non-profit group for construction near Lost Lake.

**E-bike, scooter, and hovercraft tours:** There seems to be a desire to continue discussion of the impact of these tours, recognizing the limited actions available to the municipality.

**Ski trails:** This winter could provide us with everything from no snow to 6 feet of snow in the valley. We will discuss what we should recommend to the assembly in terms of protecting our multi-use environment.