

October 01, 2022

Mayor Andrew Cremata  
Members of the Skagway Assembly

Dear Mayor Cremata and members of the Assembly,

As another operating season draws to a close, we wish to express our appreciation to the community of Skagway for their hospitality and support through all the challenges we have collectively faced this year. As if the issues brought on by the pandemic recovery were not enough, we are now faced with the additional threat of a possible long-term loss to berthing capacity due to the slide activity at the Railroad dock. The ongoing collaboration to preserve four berths for 2023 is critical for the cruise lines and for the community.

Despite these challenges, Skagway is resilient and we remain optimistic for the long-term future. In that vein, we wish to extend our support for the Proposition #1 revenue bond to upgrade and expand the port facilities. Updating the infrastructure to support today's modern ships will give lines confidence in our ability to plan our future visits to Skagway. The time is right to move ahead with this process.

There is still work to do to refine the details of the expansion plan itself. The team at the Port has been sharing the design details along the way and soliciting feedback from the cruise lines' marine experts. We stand by ready to engage with the city to assure the final product is an efficient and valuable addition to the port and to the community.

Thank you again for your work to help secure a great future for tourism in Skagway.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert Morgenstern".

Robert Morgenstern  
SVP Port Operations  
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