

# Port Director Report: April 5, 2022

## US/Canadian Border

As of April 1st travelers are eligible to enter or return to Canada if they qualify as a fully vaccinated traveler. To qualify as a fully vaccinated traveler to Canada, you must have received at least 2 doses of a COVID-19 vaccine accepted for travel, a mix of 2 accepted vaccines or at least 1 dose of the Janssen/Johnson & Johnson vaccine, have no signs or symptoms of COVID-19, [upload proof of vaccination in ArriveCAN](#), complete your ArriveCAN submission and complete arrival test if selected.

## CDC Drops Cruise Travel Health Notice

On Wednesday, March 30th, after two years The CDC dropped its cruise health travel notice which advised Americans not to take a cruise. This is a positive step as we move closer to the cruise season which begins in Skagway April 26th.

<https://www.cruiseindustrynews.com/cruise-news/27114-finally-cdc-drops-cruise-travel-health-notice.html>

## Grant Funding

The Municipality of Skagway is seeking consultant assistance from HDR to select a project and prepare an application for the Maritime Administration's PIDP 2022 grant cycle. At its March 17, 2022 meeting, the Assembly voted unanimously to approve the use of \$71,274.36 toward the HDR proposal for Federal Grant Application Assistance.

## IAMPE Training Update

I completed the MPM and MPE certification training March 19th. The training was incredibly valuable as was the networking and resources that we now have at our disposal including access to the IAMPE's electronic library, the IAMPE's network of port professionals, and ongoing support from the association's faculty regarding any of the topics covered during the course.

## Port Electrification Feasibility Study

Discussions are ongoing with Yukon Energy. Last week we met to review the scope of work for renewable shoreside power feasibility study. We are working on a draft RFP to bring forward for review.

## Seatrade

Assembly members, Hylton and Hanson, Borough Manager, Ryan, Tourism Director Bricker and I - will be traveling to Miami later this month to attend Seatrade Cruise Global. We will be participating in the Alaska Exhibit with other cruise destinations and ATIA. We will also be attending several meetings with cruise industry partners and other networking opportunities.

## Small Boat Harbor Housekeeping

We have started cleaning out derelict vehicles, junk and other non-marine related items from the small boat harbor and storage area. To kick things off public works is removing and decommissioning the old boat harbor vehicle. Harbormaster O'Boyle recently removed abandoned golf carts as well. We expect to continue these efforts throughout the spring, requesting individuals and businesses remove junk and non-marine related items.

### Small Boat Harbor Launch Ramp Extension

Enclosed in your packet is 65% submittal documents for the SSBH Boat Launch Extension project. The attachments include 65% plans, specifications and engineer's estimate. The project is moving along and if there are no significant changes we could easily have the 95% drawings complete ahead of schedule and possibly have the project out for bid for work to begin before the end of the year.