

### Manager's Update – July 6, 2023

**Ore Peninsula Redevelopment Project:** One bid was received for this project from Pacific Pile & Marine (PPM) for a total of \$102,255,589 (this includes the base bid, force accounts, and Marine Services Platform (MSP) additive alternate – see bid tabulation online [HERE](#)). Our engineer's estimate for the total project cost, including the MSP and force accounts, is \$52,641,029. We met with PPM on July 5 to discuss their detailed bid schedule, and I am traveling to Seattle to meet with PPM and our engineers in person on July 6 to discuss descoping the project. This likely will involve focusing on the cruise float and postponing the other aspects of the project until a later time. I hope to have a recommendation for the Assembly at its July 20 meeting.

**Waterfront Ambassadors & Visitor Statistics:** The five municipal Waterfront Ambassadors were very busy in June, with 11,647 visitors assisted. They continue to make beneficial recommendations for improving visitor experience in the port. Thank you to Tourism Director Jaime Bricker for managing this valuable port service. Following are visitor statistics for the season so far:

|              |           |                    |                                        |
|--------------|-----------|--------------------|----------------------------------------|
| <b>April</b> | 4 Ships   | 12,753 Passengers  | 104% of projected passengers for April |
| <b>May</b>   | 85 Ships  | 195,509 Passengers | 92% of projected passengers for May    |
| <b>June</b>  | 117 Ships | 245,281 Passengers | 102% of projected passengers for June  |

**Library Director Update:** The Skagway Public Library is conducting a survey as part of the implementation for the Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities grant from Saturday, July 1st to Friday, July 7th. All community members and library visitors are encouraged to complete and submit a survey on accessibility at the library, available online or on paper in the library. Any questions can be directed to the Library Director.

**Tourism Director Update:** I'd like to extend a special "thank you" to our community members. To everyone that went to work and provided world class hospitality & guest services including our Skagway Visitor Department Staff. To those that traveled to be here. To Public Works crew for handling logistics for street closures, trash and street clean up. For Police, Fire and EMS being available to keep people safe. To every single person that volunteers, donates, hosts events, entertains, joins the parade, etc. And every business/organization that sponsors events and dedicates resources to making the 4th of July in Skagway like NO OTHER! The list of contributors is extensive, and I am truly honored to organize all your wonderful events into one schedule under the umbrella of this department!