

MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY
Dyea Community Advisory Board
MINUTES

Wednesday, November 2, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in Assembly Chambers

Board Members

Bruce Weber, Chair

Michael Yee, Vice Chair

Courtney Ellingson, Secretary

Lynne Davison

Wayne Greenstreet

Assemblymember Jay Burnham (Ex-Officio)

1. **Call to Order:** 6:02pm
2. **Roll Call:** Courtney Ellingson, Wayne Greenstreet, Michael Yee, Lynne Davison, Bruce Weber, Jay Burnham~Assembly Liaison
3. **Approval of Agenda** Greenstreet motion to approve agenda as written, Yee second, motion passes unanimously
4. **Minutes:**
 - A. October 6, 2022
 - i. Ellingson motion to approve October 6, 2022 minutes, Weber second, motion passes unanimously
5. **Communications:**
 - A. Citizen's Present
 - i. SPD Chief JJ Reddick: Shares information about the University of Alaska Southeast Tsunami study- informs us that there is no Dyea study and that Manager Ryan insisted that Dyea be a part of the study as it's also at risk and will need to be a part of the emergency plan. They also discussed planning evacuations, Emergency supplies up West Creek in the case of natural disasters, would like to address the current storm siren in Dyea and come up with some kind of brochure that is easy to follow so we can all be aware of procedures in the event of an emergency.
 - ii. NPS Superintendent Angela Wetz: Shares information from the USGS (Taiya River analyzing)- where has the river moved and how is it continuing to change? Wetz will see about getting us the documents/information. False front structure in the old townsite was moved earlier this summer due to erosion and they continue to monitor as the landscape is changing quickly and seems to be somewhat uncertain.
 - B. Correspondence
6. **New Business:**
 - A. Condition of the Dyea Flats Road
 - i. NPS Wetz: Dyea Flats road is now passable for the winter and he closed sign has been removed. NPS has applied for disaster funds which is dependent on federal budget funds. The Flats Road will be compromised but will be open for emergency services and access for property owners. Some of the emergency funds will be

allotted to the Chilkoot Trail also, as the flooding did some major damage there (washed out the steel bridge, communications, breached the beaver ponds, etc.).

- ii. Micheal Yee: Is hopeful that the MOS, NPS, etc. might step in to help the McDermotts as they have single handedly held off the river from more damage to the road, trail, and various adjacent property owners, etc. Is there a way to provide some support so that all entities are more protected?
 - iii. Wayne Greenstreet requests from the NPS that a more immediate plan be put in place in the case of an unexpected emergency/dire need for the Dyea Flats road.
- B. Alaska Power & Telephone - 8 Hour Power Outage**
- i. Weber asks Chief Reddick if he knows about any other plans for power outages. Reddick said he was only given 2 hours notice for the last outage.
 - ii. Yee asks if we might communicate with AP&T to ensure that we have more sufficient notice as well as factors such as temperatures. Is there a way for the MOS to support folks who may want to leave their houses for the day due to a lack of heat/power? Ellingson will reach out to Darren Belisle at AP&T to communicate concerns and to open communications regarding work and any planned outages in the future.

7. Unfinished Business:

- A. Dyea Fire Mitigation and Emergency Response Protocol**
- i. NPS Angela Wetz: Shares strategies moving forward- FireWise (thinned areas around structures and education), an updated fire ecology study/information: NPS is looking at Spring for some local field studies, strategic removal of wood, fuel load evaluation, etc. There is still a vacancy in the Dyea Ranger position with no real time frame for hiring a new Law Enforcement Ranger. It is a longer hiring process but it is unknown when this may be addressed and filled as a position.
 - ii. Lynne Division asks about an emergency gathering place in Dyea and if we've made any progress on this issue. We have not and are still discussing emergency preparedness in Dyea and Nakhu Bay.
 - iii. Greenstreet believes that the dry hydrants Chief Rauscher suggested won't work and that we should go with a single water source well as a simple heated building with communications in the case of an emergency in the Dyea Valley or Nacho Bay.
 - iv. Ellingson brings up the concern of general public safety in Dyea. Chief Reddick will bring this up at the next Public Safety meeting.
- B. Flood Response and Impact-Table**
- C. Review of 2010 Dyea Flats Management Plan-Table**
- i. Section: Goals and Objectives Review and Updates using notes from July 20th meeting

8. Discussion Items:

- A. General Discussion**
- i. Board Recruitment
- B. Schedule Next Meeting: December 7, 2022**

9. Adjournment: Ellingson motion to adjourn, Weber second, adjournment at 7:01pm