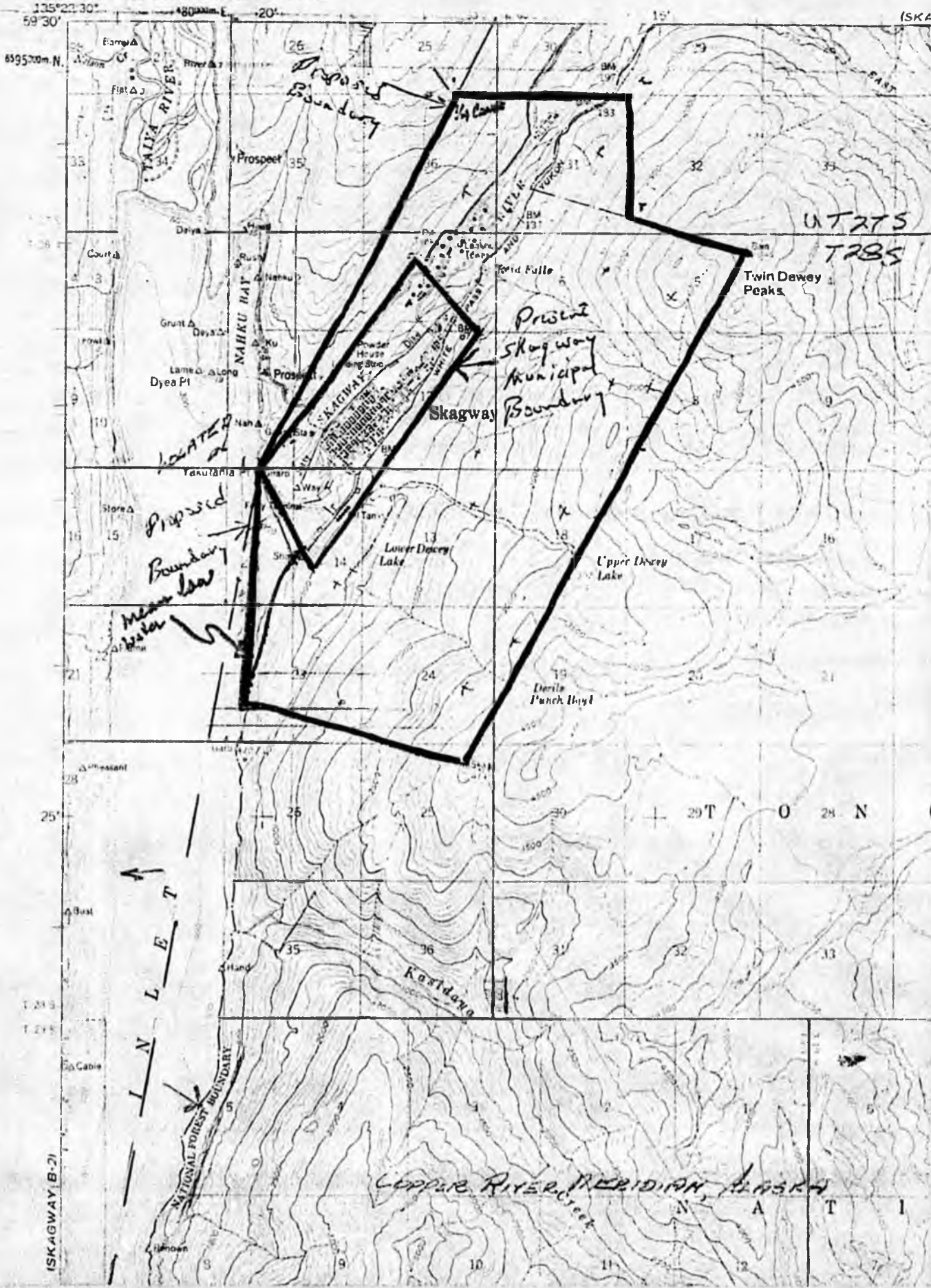


SKAGWAY

EXPLANATIONS

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

(SKAGWAY C-2)



UPPER RIVER MERIDIAN, ALASKA

(SKAGWAY B-2)

SUMMARY FOR SKAGWAY ANNEXATION

Present area of Skagway: 931.5 acres

Area of proposed annexation: approximately 10 times present area

Present population of Skagway: 695

Population in area of annexation: 29

Purposes of annexation (per City):

1. Skagway has become the commercial center for the outlying area.
2. Skagway provides certain municipal services to outlying area, including:
 - a) City dump
 - b) City schools
 - c) City medical clinic
 - d) City library, museum, roads and other municipal facilities
 - e) Limited city-supported police services
3. City could plan for rational and orderly economic development of area through planning and zoning powers for activities including:
 - a) Port development
 - b) Klondike Goldrush Historical Park
 - c) Skagway Carcross Road construction

Upon annexation, the City would have the following policy towards the new area:

1. Taxation would be a differential basis
2. Municipal services such as sewer and water would be extended on City's financial ability and on cost/benefit ratio.
3. City would not impose property taxes until 1978

Background Note:

The City of Skagway originally desired to annex all the area between the Haines Borough and the Canadian border (approximately 166 square miles). According to G. D. Aker, Skagway City Manager, the previous City Council reduced the area to essentially what is being proposed by the Boundary Commission which Aker described as an "equitable compromise". Aker said that the new City Council, which desires the larger area, was assured that the City of Skagway could petition for a new annexation without prejudice once the present recommendation went into effect.

On February 6, Sigvald Strandberg told the House Community & Regional Affairs Committee that the Boundary Commission had not recommended the larger area for annexation by Skagway for the following reasons:

1. 166 square miles appeared to be too large an area for city government, as generally defined in Alaska, even though in Skagway's case it would produce possible revenue without the liability of supplying services to populations in remote areas.

2. Skagway had been resisting incorporating itself into the Haines Borough or into a borough of its own, yet with the larger annexation proposal it was seeking borough-like status.
3. The Commission generally believed that cities should provide government to areas of fairly substantial concentrations of urban and suburban populations. Skagway's larger annexation request would have extended the City's boundaries to unpopulated areas.

Ben Harding

2-6-78

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Extend warm greetings for a healthy and prosperous New

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ope to increase our editions
r; give better local coverage;
ent a better paper.

PATTY SAID SO!

Patty is a feature writer
Seattle Times and is an auth-
Alaska and adjacent Canada.
ould be as his father was a
President of the University of
and mining operator in Yukon.

ote a special article on
n the Seattle Times, Sunday,
8, 1978 and concluded with:
S(Alaskan) TO WATCH this year:
for one, with completion of
highway soon into Carcross and
n Territory, plus growth of
Klondike Gold Rush National
agway will blossom!
Patty stated to this publisher
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nd note how the Park Develop-
doing and ride across the
way.

SHOWS MERGE

Day's of '98 Variety Show &
y Show expect to merge for
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racter.

Eighty Moose show is expected
te agin this year, which will
star attractions in 1978.

EDITORIAL WITH A PLEA - - - - -

AN OPEN LETTER TO

THE STATE LEGISLATURE:

SKAGWAY IS AN IMPORTANT GATEWAY &
RICH IN HISTORICAL AND OTHER POTEN-
TIALITIES - PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE.

UNFORTUNATELY IT IS IN AN UNORGAN-
IZED BOROUGH, WITH BUT A SMALL PORT-
ION OF THE AREA BEING AN ORGANIZED
CITY.

THE PROBLEMS ARE SO COMPLEX THAT
THE PRESENT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A
ING A SMALL PORTION OF THE AREA INTO
THE CITY DOESN'T GO FAR ENOUGH; THE
NUMBER OF PERSONS LIVING OUTSIDE THE
CITY MAKES IT A GROWING PROBLEM TO
GET TOGETHER WITH THE CITY AND AGREE
ON AN APPROVED PLAN FOR COMMERCIAL
AND PERSONAL USE OF THE VALUABLE &
NEEDED WATERFRONT OUTSIDE OF THE CITY;
PLUS OTHER PROBLEMS OF: MORE VISITORS;
A NEW HIGHWAY TO ALASKA HIGHWAY; THE
NEW NATIONAL PARK; A SUBSTANTIAL
GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF OIL & OTHER
MINERALS IN YUKON AND NORTHWESTERN
BRITISH COLUMBIA PORTIONS OF CANADA.

IT WOULD PRESENTLY APPEAR IMPOSS-
IBLE FOR THE STATE GOVERNMENT TO RE-
SOLVE IMPORTANT MATTERS FOR THE COM-
MON GOOD OF THE AREA & ALASKA, WITH
THE GROWING, DIVERGENT VIEWS OF PER-
SONS BOTH WITHIN AND WITHOUT THE CITY.

IT IS, THEREFORE, RECOMMENDED THAT
THE LEGISLATURE APPOINT A TASK FORCE
COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THIS UNFOR-
TUNATE SITUATION TO ENDEAVOR TO COME
UP WITH RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH WOULD
BE TO THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE AREA,
THE STATE AND THAT OF OUR CANADIAN
NEIGHBORS.

IN SHORT: PLEASE DO NOT LET US BE
LOCKED UP IN SUCH A WAY THAT WOULD
HINDER THE GREATEST AND BEST USE FOR
VISITOR AND COMMERCIAL PURPOSES KEEP-
ING MIND THAT SKAGWAY HAS BEEN AN
IMPORTANT GATEWAY FOR CANADIAN VISI-
TORS AND OTHER BUSINESS FOR 79 YEARS,
AND THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE PROSPECTS
FOR GREATLY IMPROVED VISITOR & BUS-
INESS USE FROM THIS SOURCE VIA THE
NEW HIGHWAY, THE EXISTING RAILWAY &
INCREASED AIR SERVICE IS SIGNIFICANT
AND SHOULDN'T BE TAKEN LIGHTLY.

GOODBYE "PRINCESS P

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Railway.

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winter season Los Angeles

HEALTH CARE

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showing what health care c
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doing much about it. Conta
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Alaska Health Systems Agen
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CITY OF SKAGWAY

GATEWAY TO THE GOLD RUSH OF '98"
P. O. BOX 415 SKAGWAY, ALASKA 99840

February 2, 1978

Senator Joseph L. Orsini
Chairman, Community & Regional Affairs Committee
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Orsini:

Please reference your letter of 23 January 1978 concerning the recommendations of the Local Boundary Commission for annexation of land by the City of Skagway.

The views of all interested citizens of the Skagway community were considered by the City Council in the development of its annexation petition. Similarly, in the development of its recommendation, the Local Boundary Commission offered an opportunity for public participation and all views expressed by the City Council and concerned citizens were given full consideration. Although the boundary descriptions contained in the L.B.C. recommendations differ from those proposed in the City's petition, it is considered that they reflect an equitable compromise. Accordingly, the City Council recommends that the lands as described in the L.B.C. recommendation be annexed to the City of Skagway.

Sincerely,

G.D. Acker

G.D. Acker
City Manager

cc: City Attorney - Jacobson
DCRA - Pritchard
Representative Mike Miller
Representative Jim Duncan
Senator Bill Ray

GDACP

STATE OF ALASKA

LOCAL BOUNDARY COMMISSION

JUNEAU, ALASKA

RECOMMENDATION FOR ANNEXATION OF TERRITORY TO THE

CITY OF SKAGWAY

SUBMITTED JANUARY 18, 1978

RECOMMENDATION FOR ANNEXATION OF TERRITORY

TO THE
CITY OF SKAGWAY

WHEREAS, petitioner, the City of Skagway has requested that certain territory be annexed to the City of Skagway; to wit: an area contiguous to the City containing residential, commercial, industrial and recreational lands; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to giving proper notice, the Local Boundary Commission conducted a public hearing in Skagway on June 22, 1977, to consider whether the territory for which the City of Skagway petitioned should be annexed to the City; and

WHEREAS, following the public hearing the Local Boundary Commission convened a decisional meeting at which it reviewed the City of Skagway's petition, supporting brief and all testimony received prior to and during the June 22, 1977, public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Local Boundary Commission has determined that certain portions of the territory meet the standards for annexation in that the area is likely to see development that will require municipal services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Skagway is the only local government located proximate to the territory which has the capability of providing the needed services;

NOW THEREFORE, the Local Boundary Commission recommends that pursuant to Article X, Section 12 of the Alaska Constitution and Alaska Statutes

44.19.260 that the amended petition for annexation of territory to the City of Skagway be approved and that the boundaries of the City of Skagway be changed to read as follows:

Beginning at the NW corner of the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 36, UT27S, R59E, Copper River Meridian, Alaska; thence East to the NE Corner of Section 31, UT27S, R60E; thence South along the center line common to Sections 31 and 32, UT27S, R60E, to the point where it intersects the National Forest Boundary; thence in an easterly direction along the National Forest Boundary to corner number 3 of the National Forest Elimination, located at Bain 5645; thence in a southerly direction along the National Forest Boundary to corner number 4 of the National Forest Elimination, located at Skag 4140; thence in a westerly direction along the National Forest Boundary to corner 5 of the National Forest Elimination; thence continuing in a westerly direction until the extension of this westerly line intersects the mean low water of Taiya Inlet; thence in a northerly direction along the mean low water of Taiya Inlet to the point where the mean low water intersects the NS center line of Section 14, UT28S, R59E; thence in a northerly direction to the SE corner of the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of section 11, UT28S, R59E; thence in a north northeast direction to the point of beginning, containing 11.0 sq. miles, more or less.

In accordance with Article X, Section 12 of the Alaska Constitution, this recommendation shall become effective forty-five days after presentation to the legislature or at the end of the session, whichever is earlier, unless disapproved by a resolution concurred in by a majority of the members of each house.

CITY OF SKAGWAY

GATEWAY TO THE GOLD RUSH OF '98"

P. O. BOX 415 SKAGWAY, ALASKA 99840

January 17, 1977

Mr. Palmer McCarter
Director, Division of Local Government Assistance
Department of Community & Regional Affairs
Pouch B
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Palmer:

Please refer to our telephone conversation of yesterday and to Jake Jacobson's letter of 11 January concerning the annexation petition. I passed along to the City Council the rationale which preclude action on the City's petition during the current legislative session. This was accepted along with expressions of considerable disappointment, to say the least.

Although there continues to be a lack of unanimity among the Council members as to the scope of the territory to be annexed as well as the form of governance to be adopted, there is a consensus that there is a need to prepare for the impacts of foreseen community growth - specifically through the making of land available for development and by the exercise and provision of municipal controls and services. It was primarily for the purpose of satisfying these ends that the annexation petition was submitted. The City Council looks to the Local Boundary Commission to resolve the questions of municipal boundaries and type of government - city or borough - in the best interests of all entities concerned - the peoples of the City, the Territory and the State. Inasmuch as this decision must await the convening of the next Legislature, the City Council intends to reexamine and refine its position. Further, as the composition of the Council has changed, it is believed that it would be helpful if the City Council might meet again with a member of your staff. Accordingly, within the next several months, I will contact you or Pat Poland to request a visit with the City Council in Skagway.

The City Council appreciates the consideration your office has given to this matter and would be grateful to receive your continued assistance.

Sincerely,

G.D. Acker
G.D. Acker
City Manager

cc: hm. Ruddy
GDACP

State of Alaska

LOCAL BOUNDARY COMMISSION

City of Skagway petition for)
Annexation of unorganized)
borough territory)

Statement of Decision

Whereas, on November 14 , 1976 , the City of Skagway submitted a petition to the Local Boundary Commission through the Department of Community and Regional Affairs in accordance with Title 29 of the Alaska Statutes requesting the annexation of unorganized borough territory generally northerly and westerly of and contiguous to the present corporate limits of the city; and

Whereas, on November 15 , 1976, the Department found the petition in proper form; and

Whereas, the Local Boundary Commission scheduled a public hearing with prescribed public notice; and

Whereas, the Commission conducted a physical inspection of the proposed annexation territory and held a public hearing in the Skagway City Council Chambers on June 22, 1977; and

Whereas, the Commission held a public decisional meeting immediately following the adjournment of the public hearing;

Now, therefore, the Commission confirms its decision to accept, with modification (reduction of proposed annexation territory), the City of Skagway boundary change proposal in accordance with Exhibit "A" attached hereto and enters the following summary of findings in correlation with Commission regulations:

19 Alaska Administrative Code 05.010 (a) (3): Significant portions of the approved territory are generally being used to support the natural growth and expansion of the Skagway community beyond current city limits.

19 AAC 05.010 (a) (4): The territory approved for annexation is in need of Skagway City general fund services, is presently benefitted thereby, and the City of Skagway is capable and willing to provide general fund services. The city is the only local government entity in existence in the area capable of supplying needed services and jurisdiction to residents of the territory.

19 AAC 05.010 (a) (5): The Commission finds that the territory approved is absorbing Skagway population growth and community expansion and because of this, should be under the jurisdiction of the City of Skagway for orderly control of this growth.

LOCAL BOUNDARY COMMISSION

January 30, 1978

Approved:



Sigvald J. Strandberg, Chairman

Sheila Gallagher

Edward Hopson

Absent & Excused:

James Dodson

Josephine Anderson