



**CITY & BOROUGH OF SITKA**  
**BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION APPLICATION**

Municipal Clerk's Office, 100 Lincoln Street, Floor 3  
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**Submit this completed application AND either a letter of interest or resume to the Municipal Clerk's Office by noon on the Wednesday prior to an advertised Assembly meeting.**

Board/Commission/Committee Applying For: Tourism Task Force

Name: Ian Dempster

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Mailing Address: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Length of Residence in Sitka: 17 months

Registered to vote in Sitka? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Employer Business Name and your position: US Coast Guard / Supply Officer

Organizations you belong to or participate in:

Coast Guards Chief Warrant Officer Association, Air Station Sitka's Chief Mess, American Legion Post 13, Safeguard Sitka's Future Coalition.

Explain your main reason for applying:

To offer my project management and leadership experience to help facilitate common ground between the cruise industry and Sitka residents. Also, to generate responsible tourism practices for the betterment of Sitka.

What experience or credentials will you bring to the board, commission, or committee membership?

B.A in Business Administration, graduate of the coast guard Leadership & Management school, graduate of Chief Petty Officer Academy, qualifications in Mission Support Planning, Performance Assessment and Mission Strategy Execution, certified National Incident Manager and Team Facilitator.

Appointments are typically made during Assembly meeting open sessions. However, Assembly members may vote to discuss applicant(s) in closed executive session. In this case, do you wish to be present when your application is discussed? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Potential conflicts of interest that may arise from your appointment must be disclosed. These may include, but are not limited to, a substantial financial interest of \$1000 annually that could be influenced by your appointment, or an immediate family member employed within the scope of this appointment. Do you have any potential conflicts of interest to disclose? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please explain: Spouse is owner of a local small business with primary customers being cruise tourists.

*I understand this is a volunteer position appointed by the City and Borough of Sitka Assembly and requires regular meeting attendance. I further understand this application is public information and the merits of my appointment may be discussed at a public forum. In addition, my name may be published in media outlets. If I am appointed to serve, I will follow all laws, procedures, and practices associated with my appointment.*

*I certify that the information in my application is true and accurate.*

Date: Jan 11th, 2024 Applicant Signature: [Signature]

Dear Members of the City and Borough of Sitka,

I am writing to express my sincere interest in being nominated for a position on the Cruise Tourism Task Force. As a dedicated member of the community and someone deeply invested in the Sitka community and sustainable development of tourism in Sitka, I believe my background in project management and leadership, particularly gained during my service in the Coast Guard, equips me with the skills needed for this vital role.

Throughout my career in the Coast Guard, I have honed my project management abilities in dynamic and high-pressure environments. Leading diverse teams, I have successfully planned and executed complex operations, demonstrating adaptability, strategic thinking, and a commitment to achieving objectives efficiently. These experiences have instilled in me a deep appreciation for effective collaboration and the importance of thoughtful decision-making.

My passion for fostering responsible tourism aligns with the objectives of the Cruise Tourism Task Force. I am committed to ensuring that our community's natural and cultural assets are preserved while also enhancing the overall tourism experience for all residents. My familiarity with the intricacies of coordinating large-scale operations, coupled with my ability to navigate diverse stakeholder interests, positions me well to contribute meaningfully to the task force's objectives.

I am particularly enthusiastic about the prospect of leveraging my skills in project management and leadership to address the challenges and opportunities associated with cruise tourism in Sitka. By actively participating in the task force, I aim to facilitate sustainable practices, promote community engagement, and contribute to the long-term prosperity of our city.

In conclusion, I am eager to bring my dedication, skills, and experience to the Cruise Tourism Task Force, contributing to the thoughtful and responsible development of tourism in Sitka. I appreciate your consideration of my nomination and the opportunity to collaborate with fellow community members on this crucial initiative.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Ian Dempster



## Tourism Task Force

NAME	CONTACT NUMBERS	TERM STARTS (expires April 2024)	CATEGORY
PHYLLIS HACKETT 707 Lake Street A	907-738-1991 hackett.phyllis@gmail.com	4/25/23	At-Large Resigned 1/10/24
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CAMILLE FERGUSON 204 Siginaka Way	907-738-2102 camille.ferguson@sitkatriben-sn.gov	4/25/23	STA
CAMBRIA HOLMES 609 Etolin Street	805-459-9593 cambriamarietgoodwin@gmail.com	4/25/23	Business in General
CHRIS McGRAW 4311 Halibut Point Road	907-738-9011 chris@sitkadock.com	4/25/23	Sitka Sound Cruise Terminal
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JEREMY PLANK 303 Islander Drive	425-269-3921 plankj@outlook.com	4/25/23	Tours and Attractions
SCOTT WAGNER 304 Nicole Drive	907-738-2729 scott_wagner@nsraa.org	4/25/23	Port and Harbors Commission Rep
Rachel Roy 104 Lake Street	907-747-8604 director@sitkachamber.com		Ex-officio
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Chris Ystad 104 Chirikov Drive	907-735-1560 assemblyystad@cityofsitka.org		Alternate Assembly Liaison

Pursuant to Resolution 2023-11 the Task Force shall consist of nine representatives:  
 Sheet'ká Kwáan Sitka Tribe of Alaska, Port and Harbors Commission, Sustainability Commission,  
 Downtown Business Corridor, Business in General, Tours and Attractions, Sitka Sound Cruise Terminal,  
 Community At-Large (2 seats)