



GREATER SITKA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION 2013-04

IN SUPPORT OF GEOCHEMICAL SAMPLING AT GREEN LAKE ROAD

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors (“Board”) of the Greater Sitka Chamber of Commerce has a responsibility to its members; and

**WHEREAS**, the Greater Sitka Chamber of Commerce’s mission is to promote, support, and facilitate commerce and economic growth in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sitka Economic Development Association (SEDA) has the opportunity to hire a consultant, Avalon Development (“Avalon”), to conduct a geochemical sampling program at Green Lake Road in the Sitka-Chichagof Gold Belt to help identify prospective gold exploration targets; and

**WHEREAS**, Avalon will conduct surface rock and soil geochemical sampling along Green Lake Road but will conduct NO drilling, trenching or other activity along Green Lake Road right of way that would normally require application and receipt of local, Federal or State of Alaska permits; and

**WHEREAS**, Avalon will perform work to current industry accepted best management practice standards; and

**WHEREAS**, SEDA and Avalon will work together to formulate a land status map of the portion of Green Lake Road where sampling is intended to insure that no trespass occurs on private lands along the right of way.

**WHEREAS**, Avalon will prepare and present a written summary to SEDA outlining the findings of its fieldwork, along with all raw data from that work and these data shall become and remain the sole property of SEDA; and

**WHEREAS**, the Greater Sitka Chamber of Commerce recognizes the need for new economic drivers in Sitka; and

**WHEREAS**, mining of the type that might be developed along the road to Green Lake would provide high paying jobs for residents and significant property tax revenues to the City and Borough of Sitka, as exemplified by operations of the Kensington Mine in Juneau; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chamber supports this initial sampling to see if Sitka has a natural resource that could potentially provide high paying jobs, increased school enrollment and an increased tax base in the future; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chamber recognizes that mining can only be done in conjunction with environmental standards including protection of fisheries and clean water and in alignment with community goals; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Chamber does hereby request the City and Borough of Sitka Assembly to provide a portion of the \$72,237 required for the sampling project; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Greater Sitka Chamber of Commerce does hereby request that the City and Borough of Sitka grant permission for SEDA and Avalon to access Green Lake Road and adjacent City and Borough of Sitka land between Sawmill Cove and the lower end of Green Lake for the purpose of geochemical sampling; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Greater Sitka Chamber of Commerce requests the Community of Sitka to support the City and Borough Assembly to support both the access request and the funding request for the geochemical sampling; and


**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution shall be effective immediately; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the officers and agents of the Greater Sitka Chamber of Commerce be and are hereby authorized to take all action necessary to effect the foregoing resolution.

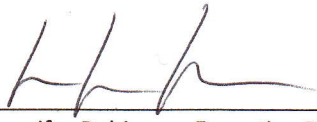
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**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Sitka Chamber of Commerce in accordance with its organic documents at a Meeting of the Sitka Chamber of Commerce held on June 7, 2013 and said resolution appears in the record of said Meeting as set forth above. Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2013.



Ptarmica McConnell, President



Jennifer Robinson, Executive Director