

# COUNTY OF YORK

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** January 2, 2024  
**TO:** York County Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Mark L. Bellamy, Jr., Interim County Administrator   
**SUBJECT:** Economic Impact of Cruise Ship Visitation

### Purpose:

The purpose of this communication is to provide a cursory evaluation of the financial impact of cruise ship visitation of both U.S. and foreign-flagged vessels to Yorktown.

### Background:

According to the Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA), the cruise industry supports 1.7 million jobs globally with a payroll of approximately \$50 billion annually. The industry purportedly generates \$150 billion in economic activity globally.

The following evaluation is loosely based on a study commissioned by the Town of Bar Harbor, Maine, in 2016. Visitors to Bar Harbor are generally highly educated, affluent, over 50 years of age, and avid cruisers. These demographics are similar to those of visitors to the Historic Triangle. Also noteworthy is that Bar Harbor and Yorktown share some similarities in that each is a neighbor to a significant national park. Bar Harbor is the gateway to Acadia National Park, as Yorktown is to the Colonial Historical National Park. Both localities also serve as cruise stops, not points of embarkation or disembarkation. While they share these commonalities, they are dissimilar in their geography as it relates to other significant destinations such as Jamestown and Colonial Williamsburg. Regional cruise companies also visit Bar Harbor. For the purpose of Bar Harbors' study, all passengers were aggregated for their results.

Bar Harbors' economic impact study excludes the crew's financial impact and fees collected by the town, such as head fees, security fees, and tender fees. According to our reading, visitation and financial impact vary by cruise line. Specifically, mass-market cruisers are likely to spend more than high-end cruisers. Literature indicated that those passengers who went ashore spent between \$57 and \$74 each (in 2016 dollars) on items other than ship-sponsored tours. Further, the literature solidifies Princess' claim that roughly 2/3 of the passengers disembark at the port for various activities (4 hours or more), from self-guided wandering to formal tours. Ninety-six percent of passengers surveyed ashore indicate that they visited at least one store, restaurant, or bar. One-third of those surveyed indicated that they visited ten or more places. Three-quarters of passengers indicated they spent money in 1 to 4 locations, be it food, beverage, or goods. Slightly less than 140,000 cruise ship passengers visited Bar Harbor in 2016. The study estimates their economic impact at \$20.2 million in local spending, 379 local jobs, and \$5.4 million in labor income, again in 2016

dollars. Note that Bar Harbors' study was done after several cruise seasons, not as a consideration for implementation.

**Assumptions:**

As we understand, the pilot program will visit three times with one of two ships. For the purposes of this evaluation, we will assume the larger 3,000-passenger ship. The staff has made some initial assumptions about head fees, tender fees, and security fees. Assume 2,000 of the 3,000 visitors disembark.

**Pro-forma Outcomes:**

- Two thousand passengers spending \$57 each would be \$114,000. At \$74 each, those 2,000 passengers would spend \$148,000. Assuming conservatively that a third of that revenue stayed in Yorktown, it would be \$38,000 to \$49,300 per each ship visit. For the pilot program, calendar year 2024 would be \$114,000 to \$148,000 in additional revenue for local businesses.
- Assuming a head fee of \$20 for each passenger, and \$500 for four tenders, this would generate \$62,000 per visit directly to the County. Additionally, expenses for County personnel, i.e., security or tourism staff due to the cruise ship stop, would be paid by the cruise line and would have no financial impact on the County. For the pilot program of three ships, this equates to \$186,000. If this revenue were found to be accurate, 12 visiting ships would roughly equate to \$.01 on the real estate rate.
- These assumptions don't include crew spending in the local economy or indirect revenue from additional consumer, professional, and real estate taxes.

In summary, the financial evaluation of the pilot program is de minimis. The real value of the pilot program lies in determining the impact on the community and whether or not the community can embrace this tourism activity.

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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** January 3, 2024

**TO:** York County Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Mark L. Bellamy, Jr., Interim County Administrator 

**SUBJECT:** Princess Briefing, Public Meeting, and Waterfront State Grant

As was included in Mr. Morgan's memorandum dated November 9, 2023, the state appropriated \$7.5 million for Yorktown waterfront improvements associated with cruise ship visits and \$1 million for parking improvements at Colonial Williamsburg. Recently, the County acknowledged Colonial Williamsburg's request, claiming the \$1 million associated with their infrastructure project. The County has made no effort to claim the \$7.5 million available.

During the month of December, Mr. Wagner met with members of the Board of Supervisors and me to offer a briefing during the February 6, 2024, work session to be followed by a public meeting on February 7, 2024, at the Yorktown Library, in a town hall-style meeting, fielding questions regarding Princess' potential arrivals. Mr. Wagner's briefing has been added to the February work session agenda. The Yorktown Library's large meeting room has been held for the following evening. Mr. Wagner, a Princess executive(s), and County staff will be in attendance. I have asked staff to start considering the logistics of such a meeting.

Regarding the \$7.5 million appropriation, I have requested staff to meet with state officials to determine what projects may qualify for the grant and, if directed to do so, how those funds would be accessed. The team has met and developed a preliminary list of potential projects. Recognizing that the top five projects would require cooperation and coordination with organizations outside the County, as well as funding limitations, they are as follows:

1. Paving Waterman's Gravel Parking Lot.
2. Trolley Purchases.
3. Connection between the County lot under the Coleman Bridge and Waterman's Parking Lot.
4. Modify Water Street to allow for pull-offs between the Freight Shed and Bridge.
5. Extension of the Riverwalk Landing sidewalk through the picnic area.

**Attachment:**

- Memorandum dated November 9, 2023.

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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** November 9, 2023

**TO:** York County Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Neil A. Morgan, County Administrator 

**SUBJECT:** Princess Cruise Lines' Interest in Yorktown

### Introduction

Over the last few months, the topic of Princess Cruises calling on Yorktown has generated concerns and controversy. It became an election topic and one of the more popular citizen comment items at Board of Supervisors' meetings. Staff and Board members have often found themselves responding to questions about Princess that only the company could accurately answer. The purpose of this memorandum is to tell the Board and the public everything staff knows about this topic from my vantage point as County Administrator.

### History

During my time, the County and its agencies have never actively pursued ports-of-calls from large cruise ships. We have successfully encouraged smaller cruise ships, other maritime attractions, and military vessels to visit the Yorktown waterfront.

During the summer of 2022, I received several phone calls from local architect Greg Brezinski about the possibility of a major cruise line wanting to come to York County. Despite my curiosity, he was not authorized to disclose who he represented at that time. Initially, he asked about various locations and seemed to be thinking of a terminal rather than just a port-of-call. I explained to him why the National Park Service-owned "picnic area" would not be practical for that purpose, and that, more generally, there was no place in Yorktown that could handle the scale of an actual terminal. I suggested he look at the Dominion Energy and Plains' properties if the company was serious about an actual terminal. He later indicated that they were not available, as we suspected they would not be.

In one of our later conversations, he reported that he was having discussions with the Watermen's Museum, and there was some interest from its Board in using that property as a port-of-call, but not as a terminal. On one occasion, he asked if I would attend a meeting, or invite Board members to a meeting, on this specific idea. I explained to him that I was not willing to attend or invite others unless I first met with a principal from the company and was advised what company was exploring this idea.

Ultimately, Mr. Brezinski agreed to organize a meeting with a representative of the company and me. On August 26, 2022, I met and talked with John Padgett, who I learned was the President of Princess Cruises and a former York County resident. Also in

attendance were Mr. Brezinski and Gray Bowditch, representing the Watermen's Museum. At that time, I was asked not to publicly divulge the name of the company and I agreed not to, respecting their status as a confidential business prospect, which is a normal business practice.

Mr. Padgett explained his vision for Yorktown as a Princess visitation venue and their preliminary idea to redevelop the museum site as the port-of-call hub to offer historic tour excursions in the region. While expressing interest and acknowledging the potential upside for the County and the region, staff and I identified most of the questions and concerns we have since heard articulated by local opponents of Princess' interest in Yorktown. We wondered about the impact on the Coleman Bridge, the Navy, the National Park Service, and Yorktown residents; whether our infrastructure was adequate for what was envisioned; as well as other topics, such as environmental permitting and any potential for disturbing colonial shipwrecks.

Mr. Padgett provided meaningful responses to most of the concerns we articulated. He acknowledged that all of the questions were reasonable, and summarized how similar issues had been addressed in other locations. We did focus on what seemed to be one of the larger potential problems, which would be the construction of a major pier at the museum that would bring the large ships very close to shore and require Coleman Bridge lifts.

It was at this meeting that the idea of the ships remaining anchored in the river and tendering to piers in Yorktown was first discussed. Mr. Padgett agreed that might be a practical and less objectionable scenario, which he committed to explore. There was still interest in the redevelopment of the Watermen's Museum, although some doubt about the pier idea began to emerge.

During the fall of 2022, Princess hired Mr. Frank Wagner to advise and assist them. Mr. Wagner called and informed me that he was working with Princess, and that one thing he was focusing on was the opportunity to seek state funding, primarily to support the improvements envisioned at the Watermen's Museum and the infrastructure needed to function as a cruise ship port-of-call. Although staff did not participate in any meetings with General Assembly members or the Governor's administration, Mr. Wagner reported that he was engaged in such discussions.

As a result of those discussions, Mr. Wagner recommended that a letter from the County requesting funding would help secure such assistance. Staff and I prepared various draft letters that were commented on by Mr. Wagner and others more familiar with Princess, the Watermen's Museum, and General Assembly dynamics. After conferring with all five members of the Board of Supervisors, the January 4 letter was signed by outgoing Chairman Noll and incoming Chairman Shepperd and distributed to our General Assembly delegation. Despite suggestions by some critics that this undertaking was done in secret, the letter was immediately put in the Board's Weekly Correspondence package and has been transparently available for the past ten months. (Attachment #1)

During the spring and summer of 2023, the primary focus of activity related to Princess, from the County's standpoint, was work connected to next year's announced three-ship visit schedule, which would utilize the County piers for tendering. I sent the Board an updated memo on April 28, 2023, which was also made publicly available immediately thereafter. (Attachment #2)

Late this summer, once the State approved its adjusted FY24 budget, we learned that \$7.5 million was provided for future work related to Princess and the Watermen's Museum. (Attachment #3). It will be some time before we understand all of the rules and conditions associated with those funds, which require various reviews by State agencies. Although exactly how the language emerged from the General Assembly is unknown to me, I had advocated to Princess lobbyists that the money should not be granted directly to the Watermen's Museum but rather required to pass through the County or its Economic Development Authority (EDA). It was my view that this would give the County greater control over what could happen in terms of physical improvements, and it also recognized that the County was better equipped to manage a complex grant. While it remains to be seen how and when these funds can be successfully used, it needs to be said that it is highly unusual that a local government receives a special appropriation of State funds of this magnitude, and that is significant.

The staff's biggest disappointment in how the news of Princess has unfolded is the frustratingly long time it took for Princess to organize a community meeting to tell their story and answer questions that everyone understood needed answers. Princess representatives had acknowledged the need for such a meeting from the first conversation I had with them. The eight months between the public's awareness of Princess' interest and the first meeting held in August 2023 created a situation where concerned citizens could not have their questions accurately answered. It put staff in the position of attempting answers based on their best understanding of what was known at that time while waiting for a community meeting. This dynamic created an information vacuum that was partially filled by various theories, accusations, and exaggerations that contributed to public angst regarding this matter. Personally, I found Mr. Padgett's information credible and specific in my one direct meeting with him, as well as during his portion of the community meeting. I did not find the portion of the meeting associated with a forty-year-old TV show to be helpful.

### Current Situation

What we know as of now is that Princess is planning and marketing three to five one-day visits during the warm weather months of 2024 and 2025 as a pilot program. The Coast Guard has approved an anchorage location in the river, and visitors will be tendered to and from the County's Yorktown pier complex. Princess has honored certain restrictions the County has imposed on visits – staying away from weekends and major event days. A security plan has been approved by the Captain of the Port (Coast Guard and other federal agencies). All County costs related to implementing the security plan will be covered by any foreign-flagged ships that dock or tender to the County piers. County staff and Princess representatives have coordinated with various regional tourist-oriented destinations so that visitors can visit those sites of interest as part of their experience. We

believe that the phased arrival and departure of visitors and off-site staging of buses at the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown and the Watermen's Museum will create a positive experience for visitors, and be less disruptive to local residents than many current Yorktown activities, such as Thursday night concerts.

The limited and short-duration visits currently planned will allow Princess, the County, and receiving businesses and museums to adjust, based on experience. It will also allow everyone in York County to see for themselves whether these visits are a net positive for the community.

### **Potential More Permanent Arrangement**

We have recently confirmed that the company now believes a docking facility at the Watermen's Museum is ill-advised. It would require cruise ships to pass the Coleman Bridge, bring the large ships close to shore, and be quite expensive to permit and construct. However, they still have a vision of redeveloping the Watermen's Museum in a manner that would create new facilities for the Museum and for cruise ship visitors arriving or departing by tender.

If this vision materializes in the future, that would likely be where the bulk of specially-appropriated State funds would be deployed. A decision to move forward with something like that would involve a multi-year design and construction process. In addition to administrative regulations through the site plan and building code, such a facility could not proceed without use permits that would give the County and all interested parties the opportunity to impose conditions, scrutinize the project, and ultimately approve or reject the concept. This scenario would only materialize if the cruise ship visits over the next couple of years prove to be popular to cruise customers and palatable for our community.

### **Concluding Comments**

An information vacuum during much of 2023 has conflated what might otherwise be viewed as a positive opportunity into a topic of concern for some. Although certainly unintentional, it has made the challenge of going forward larger than it should have been. Hopefully, there will be a better flow of information between Princess, the County, State agencies, and interested citizens in the future. For now, what we know is that three ships are coming for one-day weekday visits in 2024. The ship will be anchoring in the river, and tendered passengers will be incrementally disembarked from the County pier system, similar to "The World" visits this past fall and also back in 2002 when they visited for the first time.

Fuller/3504

#### **Attachments:**

- Letter from January 4, 2023 - Board of Supervisors Information Folder dated January 6, 2023
- Memorandum from April 28, 2023 - Board of Supervisors Information Folder dated April 28, 2023

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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** January 4, 2023  
**TO:** York County Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Neil A. Morgan, County Administrator   
**SUBJECT:** Special Appropriation Request - Virginia General Assembly

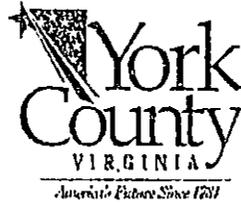
The attached letter was sent to the following State Representatives seeking assistance in securing funds for a newly proposed partnership between the Watermen's Museum, Princess Cruise Lines, and the County to construct a cruise ship pier facility in Yorktown.

- Delegate Amanda Batten
- Delegate A.C. Cordoza
- Senator Mamie Locke
- Senator Monty Mason
- Delegate Michael Mullin
- Senator Thomas Norment

Please contact me if you have any additional information regarding this proposal.

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COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
Neil A. Morgan



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December 20, 2022

The Honorable Amanda Batten  
Delegate  
Virginia General Assembly  
Room W432  
P.O. Box 406  
Richmond, VA 23218

Dear Delegate Batten:

York County needs your assistance in securing funds from the Commonwealth for a newly proposed cruise ship port-of-call tender pier facility in Yorktown. A proposed partnership with the Watermen's Museum and York County with a commitment from Princess Cruise Lines for a multi-phased facility development is envisioned. We are requesting a \$15 million special appropriation for the initial phase to support this major cruise line tourism commitment to Yorktown. With your help, it is the intent of Princess to initiate service during 2024 via shore tender operations. Over several years a new pier could be constructed and the Watermen's Museum campus would be completely reconfigured. The Commonwealth's funds would be used for pier construction and transportation improvements required by VDOT to support the tourism commitment.

There are two interrelated aspects to this project important for your understanding. Most importantly, the visitors arriving at Yorktown would be immersed with history-themed tours. Over the course of a year, thousands of additional tourists would contribute to the Greater Williamsburg economy, benefiting regional attractions, and generating revenue for both the Commonwealth and multiple local governments.

Within the next decade, Princess volume would create the economic value necessary to progress to a second phase cruise ship pier at York County's discretion. The number of cruise visits with York County's support could grow from six per year to an increase in frequency over time, with corresponding increases in visitation. Princess Cruise Lines has a unique system of crowd management which would allow passengers to access land in an orderly manner with minimal impact on the local infrastructure.

The second aspect of the proposal is the opportunity to reimagine and reconstruct the Watermen's Museum. With revenue generated from cruise lines, the non-profit museum can improve the experience and overall educational content.

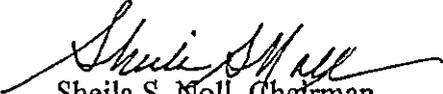
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The Watermen's Museum will be able to expand its educational contributions, providing more in-depth, year-long programs that support primary, elementary, and high school SOL standards in science and history, specifically in maritime trades, colonial-period culture, and the American Revolution. The reimagining of the Watermen's Museum would also strengthen the region's museum offerings, further enhancing the visitor experience.

Please contact us or the County Administrator if we can provide more information as you consider this important request. Thank you for your dedicated service to the Commonwealth.

Sincerely,

  
Sheila S. Noll, Chairman  
York County Board of Supervisors

  
Thomas G. Shepperd, Jr., Vice Chairman  
York County Board of Supervisors

Copy to: Neil A. Morgan, County Administrator

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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** April 28, 2023  
**TO:** York County Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Neil A. Morgan, County Administrator  
**SUBJECT:** Princess Cruises Preparations and Ports Research



As the planning and coordination for the Yorktown Princess Cruises pilot program is underway for 2024, staff has put together a timeline of preparations, and activity/accomplishments and compiled research on other locations' ports and cruise ship docking experiences.

### **Timeline: Preparations and Activity to Meet Marine Transportation Security Act of 2002 (MTSA) Compliance**

- March 7, 2023 – Meeting with USCG Waterway Division for initial pier assessment at the Riverwalk Landing Piers
- March 22, 2023 – Meeting with USCG Sector Virginia, Homeland Security, FEMA to discuss the new rules and regulations in Norfolk
- April 5, 2023 – Initial cybersecurity meeting with Clint Theobald from USCG Sector Virginia, Department of Homeland Security, via Zoom
- April 12, 2023 – In-person meeting for cybersecurity with Clint Theobald and USCG reps, Cyber Director, as well as with IT Deputy Director and Chief in Yorktown and at Riverwalk Landing Piers
- April 12, 2023 – Meeting with the Watermen's Museum Executive Director and Board members to discuss grant opportunities
- April 13, 2023 – Ports Security and Emergency Response Demo at ODU Sailing Center in Norfolk
- April 13, 2023 – Follow up walk-through with Clint Theobald to help write up cyber plan for our Facility Security Plan (FSP)

### **Accomplishments and Next Steps:**

- Staff is working on updating our Facility Security Plan (FSP) which is 90% of what needs to be accurately completed to obtain our MTSA regulation status.

- The new requirements for cybersecurity have been the hardest part, but after our last meeting with Clint Theobald and the York County IT team, we have the information and are starting to build that into our FSP.
- Building a list of needs to logistically be MTSA compliant and costs associated to apply for the FEMA Ports Security Grant. This grant, up to \$25,000, does not have to be matched by the applicant. Evaluating cyber needs for security, new radios to be used exclusively for operations when cruise ships are here, barricades for the docks, along with proper signage, etc., with a goal to keep below the \$25,000 threshold.
- Submittal information and new FSP ready by August 1 with a goal for approval by the USCG and compliance granted by September 2023.
- Planning for October Cruise Ship World Arrival to serve as a possible test of our systems and security measures in preparation for the Princess Cruises arrivals in 2024 and beyond.
- February 24, 2023 – Zoom meeting with AFR Tours, the Shore Excursion provider for Princess Cruises to discuss the tours to be offered.
- Staff has facilitated contact between the tour company and Yorktown attractions/businesses to provide details for destination experiences.
- May 31, 2023 – Scheduled logistics meeting to review bus staging areas and other related details.

#### **Coordination with Princess Cruises**

- Working to finalize 2024 pilot program dates.
- Staff continues to be in communication with the Princess Cruises Port Operations Team to identify dates that work for both the cruise line and the County.
- Staff continues to work with the communications team/director in announcing the 2024 pilot program details and have offered to assist in hosting a press event.
- Dates have been requested to hold local town hall meetings with the principal of Princess Cruises.

We have established dialogue with other ports to understand other ports' experiences, successes, and challenges as well as fees and structure. While this is only a small sample

of cruise ship experience, staff continues to reach out to other localities. We will continue to develop research and follow up as it is received.

Given the status of the state budget, we have no information regarding any possible grant and we will need to await further developments regarding any activity concerning a permanent facility suggested for the future.

Olsen/3525

Attachment:

- February 9, 2023 Press Release



**Yorktown, Va., to be Featured on Princess' 2024 Schedule,  
First Major Oceangoing Cruise Line to Visit Virginia's Historic Triangle**

***America's Earliest Settlements, Revolutionary War Sites and Charming Small Towns  
Provide Guests with Unique Experiences Ashore***

**SANTA CLARITA, Calif. (February 9, 2023)** -- For the first time ever, Princess Cruises will call at Yorktown, Va. and Virginia's Historic Triangle, as part of a series of custom-curated itineraries in summer 2024 that will highlight opportunities to experience Colonial Williamsburg and Jamestown in addition to visiting the historic seaside town.

Princess Cruises is planning five day-long calls – three via Island Princess (2,200 guests/900 crew) and two via Emerald Princess (3,080 guests/1,200 crew) – that will result in a significant economic impact to the region, which has played an important role in American history.

Additional details, including specific sailing dates, itineraries and shore excursions, are expected to be announced in the coming weeks.

"Princess is already well known for our unique itineraries that appeal to our guests who gravitate toward interesting historical and cultural opportunities and Yorktown is perfectly in tune with that philosophy, offering not only a glimpse at the Revolutionary War but also dining, shopping and activity options with wide-ranging appeal. It's a win-win for everyone," said John Padgett, president of Princess Cruises.

Padgett added that the new itineraries are even more significant as interest builds ahead of events and festivities across Virginia to commemorate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of the Revolutionary War and the Declaration of Independence.

"Our community is rooted in history and it is an important part of our visitor mix. We are honored that Princess Cruises sees the value in bringing their customers to Yorktown," said Kristi Olsen-Hayes, Director, York County Economic & Tourism Development. "Additional visitors coming to our area via the cruise line would contribute to the region's economy, benefiting retail, restaurants, and regional attractions, as well as generating revenue for both the Commonwealth and multiple local governments."

As the first major cruise line to call on the region, Princess understands and appreciates the significant role it plays in boosting area tourism and, as it does with other homeport and port of call communities, the company will work with local tour operators to showcase the attributes of this fascinating historical region while benefiting local residents.

"We couldn't be more excited about this incredible opportunity to add this truly unforgettable destination experience to our already impressive array of itineraries," said Padgett. "As a native Virginian myself, I can attest that an itinerary that offers the chance to visit Colonial Williamsburg, Jamestown and Yorktown promises to be a most welcome addition for our guests, providing them memorable vacation experiences that they can't find anywhere else."

Yorktown offers 300 years of history from revolutionary battlefields to 18th Century homes. Picturesque streets provide the backdrop for art galleries, antique and specialty shops, while attractions like the Watermen's Museum offer hands-on programs and exhibits for all ages. Entertainment, including Fifes and Drums performances, abounds, and visitors can stroll along the scenic riverwalk lined with charming restaurants and shops that offer a view of the York River.

Sure to be a popular shore excursion, a visit to Colonial Williamsburg will allow guests to discover why this was the capital of Virginia and the largest, most prosperous American colony. Men and women from all walks of life strolled these streets, and Princess guests will follow in their footsteps as they re-trace history. They'll also explore dozens of original buildings, homes, and shops reconstructed on 301 acres – most on their original foundations. Rare animal breeds, historic trades, and lovingly restored gardens add layers of authenticity to the Colonial Williamsburg experience. Guests will feel as if they've traveled back in time.

Guests opting to visit Jamestown, just a short, 30-minute motorcoach ride from the port, will be captivated by the history behind the original site of the first permanent English settlement in North America and the story of the role of the three cultures - European, North American and African - that came together to lay the foundation for a uniquely American form of democratic government, language, free enterprise and society.

Princess Cruises sails to more than 330 incredible destinations around the world. More information is available through a professional travel advisor, by calling 1-800-PRINCESS (1-800-774-6237) or by visiting the company's website at [www.princess.com](http://www.princess.com).

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#### **About Princess Cruises**

Princess Cruises is The Love Boat, the world's most iconic cruise brand that delivers dream vacations to millions of guests every year in the most sought-after destinations on a fleet of 15 ships that offer elite service personalization and simplicity customary of small, yacht-class ships. Well-appointed staterooms, world class dining, grand performances, award-winning casinos and entertainment, luxurious spas, imaginative experiences and boundless activities blend with exclusive Princess MedallionClass service to create meaningful connections and unforgettable moments in the most incredible settings in the world - the Caribbean, Alaska, Panama Canal, Mexican Riviera, Europe, South America, Australia/New Zealand, the South Pacific, Hawaii, Asia, Canada/New England, Antarctica, and World Cruises. The company is part of Carnival Corporation & plc (NYSE/LSE:CCL; NYSE:CUK).

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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** January 2, 2024

**TO:** York County Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Mark L. Bellamy, Jr., Interim County Administrator

**SUBJECT:** Public Engagement Forum - Proposed Waterfront Facilities



A public engagement forum has been scheduled by the County's Department of Planning and Development Services on Tuesday, January 9, at 5:00 p.m. at the Freight Shed. The primary purpose of the forum is to discuss and receive public input on the proposed developments for the County's waterfront facilities, including:

- Replacement of the Dockmaster's Building with the construction of a new one-story office building.
- A new office is proposed to be erected on property located behind the parking terrace to accommodate the County's waterfront staff due to constraints of the proposed Dockmaster's Building being one story.

We are currently publicizing this upcoming forum on the County website and are encouraging residents to attend and share their comments/suggestions on this matter at that time.