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DISTRICT OF KITIMAT
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
TO BE HELD AT THE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 606 MOUNTAINVIEW SQUARE
ON MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2026, AT 7:00 PM

Public Participation

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1. **Call to Order**
2. **Message from the Mayor**
3. **Delegations / Presentations**
4. **Public Input / Questions on Agenda Items**
5. **Media Inquiries - For Clarification Only**
6. **Call for New Business / Adoption of the Agenda**
7. **Consent Agenda**
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9. **Bylaws**
10. **Reports and/or Communications**

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11. **New Business**
12. **Council Reports**
13. **Questions and Answers**

Move to Closed Meeting of Council

In compliance with the *Community Charter*, Council will move to a Closed Meeting for one or more items falling under:

- Section 90(1)(e), the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land;
- Section 90(1)(i), legal advice;
- Section 90(2)(d), another enactment.

Reconvene and Adjourn Regular Meeting of Council

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COUNCIL REPORT

Date: January 20, 2026
 File: 5.10.3
 To: Warren Waycheshen, CAO - for Mayor and Council
 From: Cameron Orr, Communications Manager
 Re: Get Involved Kitimat Budget Feedback 2026
 Applicant: N/A
 Location: N/A



Recommendation:

THAT the Get Involved Kitimat Budget Feedback report dated January 20, 2026, be received for information.

Background:

In October 2023, the District of Kitimat launched Get Involved Kitimat (getinvolved.kitimat.ca) to act as a project information and engagement platform. Over the last three years, it has been used to inform residents about the budget process and receive feedback about budget priorities for Council's consideration. A Kitimat Budget 2026 project page has been created with a public engagement tool to ask the public what their community priorities are.

As of January 20, 2026, there have been 57 total comment submissions on the page.

For Council's awareness here are the submissions received, all of which are publicly viewable at getinvolved.kitimat.ca/kitimat-budget-2026. Duplicated submissions have been removed in the list provided below.

Submissions are presented in this report as visible on the website.

1. City Centre Mall is an eyesore. Why is the landlord not required to at least paint the exterior when the DOK is paying rent.
2. Repaint City steel reservoirs to prolong life and reflect heat in the summer. Will lead to cooler water storage temps.
3. Fix the sidewalks that are here before building new ones .rebuild streets that are damage from the LNG sheet piling project
4. Instead of building a sidewalk to McDonald's how about filling in along the highway under that development so the truckers can get food,coff
5. Bear Proof residential refuse bins. Update curbside collection to automated side loader truck. Requires one person to operate. Savings\$
6. Fix sidewalks ,maybe add sidewalks from Legion,Microtel and Rosarios to downtown area.
7. The side walks, especially Haisla and Lahakas sidewalk, 2 major sidewalks and they are very uneven and dangerous. A lot of side streets!
8. Maintain our the infrastructure. We need to start planning for (and funding) maintenance and upkeep of our roads and water mains.
9. "Retention will struggle in this town unless there's these 2 items: State-of-the-art recreation centre | Drastically better secondary school"
10. Spending more on new things for Kitimat. Area for farmers market, beautification projects, Main Street, etc-some type of growth for our town
11. A new city hall in the old shop easy location. I havent researched but we might be the only town of this size with its location in a mall.

12. Have some answers to water issues in town. It is an on going problem. We shouldn't have to deal with this, a solution it is well overdue.
13. Fixing the roads, streets & sidewalks are more important to me than an outside water park
14. Fix the reason some of the properties on Swannell St are saturated with water. Some houses on the inside loop by the sidewalk do not drain.
15. Revenues strong but spending tilted to admin/protection; infrastructure IS underfunded. Council should rebalance to prevent long-term risks.
16. RV dump station right by the sewage control centre. No holding tank would be required. Would be gravity fed. Lots of turnaround room.
17. " - side road asphalt resurfacing |- Cul-de-sac water main replacement to BLUE BRUTE |- full youth area at riverlodge age 7-16"
18. Fix the drinking water issues for the residents of Gull and Skeena streets ASAP.
19. We need to develop the Centennial Park. Relocate sidewalk and crosswalk further east to the Chalet property. Grade / Landscape / covered bbq
20. Put some funding into memss because it is falling apart. Or do something nice with the new open plot at Nechako center
21. I understand that the DOK does not have any water reservoirs or wells. We are in a worsening drought . What plans to handle this?
22. I'd like to see us review opportunities for efficiencies to bring down the operational budget to be more in line with a communities our size
23. Infrastructure and leisure. Support our schools. Community housing and support for local organizations which help with the homeless.
24. Upgrade the mall for a more modern area.
25. Create a new bus route that takes you to Mcdonald's. Lots of non drivers work in that complex with no transportation options other than car.
26. "More things for families to do. | If kitimat could host basket ball tournament or soccer year round with a covered area! The money \$\$\$"
27. Covered, indoor, cement floor, multi sport facility - upgrade to Hirsch Creek Golf & Winter Club (curling rink surface)
28. I would like to see atleast 3 streets rebuilt and restored per year. Otherwise I will be dead before I see my street done. After 50 years.
29. Attention and repair to the concrete walkways and sidewalk curbs throughout town for accessibility for the many wheelchairs and disabled.
30. Build new schools on same footprint as the propertys they are currently on. Therefor keeping old schools still occupied until completion.
31. Fix side roads and main roads . Extend sidewalk to join at haisla and nalibilha. Cut trees at top haisla for better view.
32. We need indoor entertainment in our very wet snowy town, for kids and adults, bowling, theater, bounce park, anything
33. Further development of the Strawberry Meadows treatment center adding to it post recovery transitional housing accessible to men and women
34. Priority is required for infrastructure of the water systems potable water, grey water, sewer etc.
35. " -Fire department auto extrication equipment. | -Repair the leaking pool | -Indoor batting cage, pickle ball courts, etc. | -NO SPLASH PARK"
36. actually reservaced.
37. Improve Hirsh Creek Park by up grading and adding camping sites. Have a community rv dump station at Tourist Building.
38. replace bear safe bins and stop spending public money without public approval which wont help the community in any manner
39. Expanding and making of a beach in minnette bay for all the kids and families can use to swim . With electric hook up for camping
40. help rio tinto workers with better emergency care and hire locals to support the hospital foundation and not outsiders with multiple roles

41. Use the public funds for the residents and not to pay for people who run non profits and hire locals to operate the non profits in the town
42. Roads need major repair. Dangerous paths driven into the pavement from cars. There is hole between Baker and Bartholomew that needs repair.
43. Fix the sidewalks and the roads (paint the lines in the spring instead of the fall would be way smarter)
44. Infrastructure, firehall.
45. Maintaining existing infrastructure, Kitimat is crumbling around us. Streets, water systems are paramount and they have been ignored.
46. Haisla Boulevard walkway. It's been talked about for quite a few years and recommended to do by hired consultants. View is amazing.
47. Modernize residential waste collection to "animal proof" garbage bins. Not everyone has secure storage for their garbage cans.
48. Update the TAMITIK sign and lighting facing Lahaska to display special events. Repaint the ugly dreary brown siding to an inviting colour
49. Switch to BEAR PROOF residential refuse/waste bins. Put some effort into protecting wildlife!!!!
50. New City Hall/FireHall at Nechako Centre or Kingfisher. We own the land Build there. Central location. STOP paying rent!!!!
51. Eliminate unnecessary snow clearing O/T . PWY staff review other community procedures and redirect cost savings to pothole/road repairs etc
52. Install GSP in PWY mobile equipment to monitor/reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions because of "unnecessary" travel/cruising the streets
53. Install GSP in mobile equipment to develop efficient travel to worksites and comply with Community Greenhouse Emmision Reduction Plan
54. Focus on fixing the roads/walkways/other infrastructure before taking on additional projects. Catch up to what is falling apart 1st
55. Commercial development should be at the forefront of spending, above how our 'stakeholders' feel

Alternative Options:

1. Another option determined by Council discussion.

Budget Implications:

None.

N/A

Director of Finance Initials

Budgeted:

Unbudgeted:

Council Initiative/Other Relevant Plans:

Strategic Plan (2023-2026)

Partnerships and Community Engagement | Continue to engage citizens and youth in Kitimat governance

Joint Strategic Plan for Haisla Nation Council – District of Kitimat (2024-2029)

Not Applicable

District of Kitimat and Haisla Council Friendship Agreement - gi guálap' nis

Not Applicable

Community Energy and Emissions Plan

Not Applicable

Housing Action Plan and Needs Assessment

Not Applicable

Kitimat Age-Friendly Assessment Report and Action Plan

Not Applicable

Kitimat Cycle Network Plan

Not Applicable

Kitimat Poverty Reduction Strategy

Not Applicable

Leisure Services Master Plan

Goal 4 – Social Connections and Engagement

Minette Bay West Concept Plan

Not Applicable

Official Community Plan (and Downtown Design Guidelines)

Not Considered

Solid Waste Action Plan

Not Applicable

Water Conservation Plan

Not Applicable

BC Transit Future Services Plan

Not Applicable

Economic Development Strategic Plan (2023-2029)

Not Applicable

“Cameron Orr”

Submitted by
Cameron Orr
Communications Manager

“Walsham Tenshak”

Approved by:
Walsham Tenshak
Director of Economic Development

“Warren Waycheshen”

Approved for Submission
Warren Waycheshen, CAO

Attachment(s): N/A

Item 2

NOTICE

Date: January 21, 2026
 File No: 2.10.3.1
 To: Warren Waycheshen, CAO – for Mayor and Council
 From: Tracy Tavares, Director of Corporate Administration
 Re: 2026 Budget Deliberations Continuation
 Applicant: N/A
 Location: N/A



Background

At the January 5, 2026, Regular Meeting, Council began 2026 budget deliberations with the consideration of the Director of Finance's first budget report. During the meeting, the following motion was made:

Moved and seconded,
THAT the fees be waived for Public Land Policy C-27 for 2026.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R26-011

2026 Budget Deliberations Report #1 (2.10.3.1)

Council deferred discussion of Section 6, Community Grants, and concluded the January 5, 2026, meeting after completing Section 14, Protective Services. The Director of Finance will continue presenting the budget and it is recommended that deliberations for the January 26, 2026 meeting begin at Section 15, Engineering Services.

An updated Section 2, Reserves, sheet has been provided which now includes the amount from the Northwest BC Regional Funding (RBA). The updated sheet is included as Attachment A.

Attachment:

- A. Updated Section 2 – Reserves

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Attachment A
Reserves
2026 BUDGET



Reserve	Estimated Opening Balance			Committed	Transfer Out	Ending Balance Dec. 31, 2026
	Jan. 1, 2026	Contribution	Interest Income			
Affordable Housing	2,980,000	0	89,400	1,177,500	125,000	1,766,900
Alternate Transportation	51,820	0	5,500	0	0	57,320
Building	449,000	0	13,470	0	0	462,470
Cemetery	59,275	0	1,778	0	0	61,053
Computer Equipment	211,000	100,000	6,330	0	140,000	177,330
Ecological	363,500	0	10,905	0	0	374,405
Fire Equipment	1,350,000	600,000	40,500	0	687,500	1,303,000
Hydrant Capital	10,045	0	301	0	0	10,346
Land	485,000	0	14,550	0	0	499,550
Leisure Large Equipment	270,000	40,000	8,100	0	0	318,100
Sewer Surplus	653,000	0	19,590	0	50,000	622,590
Snow Clearing	400,000	0	0	0	0	400,000
Water Surplus	112,883	0	3,386	0	75,000	41,269
Sewer Bylaw 1660 Improvements	793,600	0	23,808	0	0	817,408
Public Works Large Equipment	850,000	1,000,000	25,500	0	1,785,000	90,500
Roads and Bridges	2,098,086	0	62,943	0	1,450,000	711,029
Reserve for Future Expenditures	400,000	0	0	0	400,000	0
Northwest BC Regional Funding (RBA)	10,881,581	0	174,427	0	6,685,000	4,371,008
Grand Total	\$ 22,418,790	\$ 1,740,000	\$ 500,489	\$ 1,177,500	\$ 11,397,500	\$ 12,084,279

Budget Notes:

Public Works equipment replacement schedule has been staggered to require an annual renewal investment of \$1,500,000

Five-Year Fire Department equipment replacement schedule totals \$4,375,000 for 2026 - 2030

Transfer out from Roads and Bridges Reserve is to fund KVHS road design and Smith Street slope temporary stabilization

January 26, 2026 version changes:

RBA fund added to list. Capital projects to be funded by RBA was amended and approved by Council on September 12, 2025 and can be further amended if directed by Council

Affordable Housing committed amount updated to reflect commitments to Dementia House (\$500,000), Kitimat Valley Housing Society Senior's Housing (\$500,000) and BC Housing/Tamitik Status of Women at 461 Quatsino (\$202,500). Also the TSW operational funding (\$125,000) for the day shelter

January 26, 2026

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