



MINUTES OF DISTRICT OF KITIMAT
REGULAR MEETING

MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
606 MOUNTAINVIEW SQUARE, ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2023, AT 7:04 PM

Present: Mayor P. Germuth

Present: Councillors: E. Empinado, M. Feldhoff, G. Leibel, T. Marleau, M. Martins,
G. Pitzel

Present: Staff: W. Waycheshen, Chief Administrative Officer
T. Tavares, Director of Corporate Administration
J. Stevenson, Deputy Director of Corporate Administration
A. Ramos-Espinoza, Director of Engineering
P. Rehal, IT Technician
W. Tenshak, Director of Economic Development
J. Almeida, Director of Finance
J. Christiansen-Liptak, Environmental Services Manager
Via WebEx C. McCulley, Director of Operations
Via WebEx M. Penner, Director of Human Resources and Labour Relations
Via WebEx T. Bossence, Fire Chief
Via WebEx M. Gould, Director of Leisure Services

1. Call to Order

Mayor Germuth called the Regular Meeting of Council to order (7:04 p.m.).

2. Message from the Mayor

Mayor Germuth provided a message on recent Council activities.

3. Delegations/Presentations

3.1 Carole Gagnon – Northern Spirit Dragon Boat Team

Carole Gagnon and members of the Northern Spirit Dragon Boat Team provided an update to Council.

3.2 Frank Mauro – Concerns on Healthcare, School System, and Infrastructure (Nalabila and Cablecar Roads)

Frank Mauro spoke to Council about his concerns on local healthcare, the school system and infrastructure, specifically Nalabila from the highschool to the Kuldo extension and the Cablecar roads. Staff answered questions on roads and infrastructure. Council discussed the school system, health care and infrastructure.

4. Public Input / Questions on Agenda Items

Mayor Germuth called for public input on the agenda items.

Jesse Schuster and Steve Bradley spoke on Consent Agenda Item 7.12, Correspondence, letter received September 5, 2023, regarding current state of municipal water. They noted their concerns on the water quality on Gull Street. Staff answered questions about the water quality and infrastructure.

Tim Carter spoke on Consent Agenda Item 7.12, Correspondence, on the topic of water quality concerns. Tim Carter noted concerns on water quality on Skeena Street. Staff answered questions on water quality testing frequency and type as well as requirements and standards for drinking water.

Frank Mauro spoke on Consent Agenda Item 7.12, Correspondence, regarding drinking water quality and infrastructure.

Ben Ashton, JGC Fluor, joined the meeting via WebEx and spoke to Consent Agenda Item No. 7.15, Correspondence from JGC Fluor regarding an application to the BC Energy Regulator to amend their permit for wastewater. LNG C has submitted an application to the BC Energy Regulator to amend their wastewater discharge permit. Ben Ashton answered questions from Council.

5. Media Inquiries - For Clarification Only

Mayor Germuth called for any media inquiries. There were no media inquiries.

6. Call for New Business / Adoption of the Agenda

Councillor Martins - Item 7.10 – Correspondence from Mary Ann Shannon, dated September 5, 2023, regarding waste discharge from LNG Canada plant.

Councillor Martins – Item 7.12 – Correspondence from Jesse Schuster and Steve Bradley, dated September 5, 2023, regarding current state of municipal water.

Councillor Martins – Item 7.13 – Correspondence from the Great Blue Heron Society, dated September 11, 2023, regarding environmental initiatives.

Moved/Seconded

“THAT the October 3, 2023, Regular Meeting Agenda, be adopted as amended.”

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: R23-181

7. Consent Agenda

Moved and seconded,

“THAT the Consent Agenda for October 3, 2023, be approved as amended.”

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: R23-182

The following Minutes were adopted:
Regular Meeting of Council, September 5, 2023
Special Meeting of Council, September 11, 2023
Committee of the Whole Meeting, September 12, 2023

All correspondence was received and filed.

8. Motions

9. Bylaws

9.1. Adoption – Solid Waste Disposal Amendment Bylaw No. 2040, 2023

Moved and Seconded

“THAT Schedule A, Fee Schedule, of the Solid Waste Amendment Bylaw No. 2040, 2023, be amended to have Yard Waste at no charge for residential and commercial operators”

Amendment:

“THAT the motion be amended to remove the word “commercial”.

Amending Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R23-183

Bylaw No. 2040, 2023 (6.4.0.7)

Main Motion as amended

“THAT third reading of “Solid Waste Disposal Amendment Bylaw No. 2040, 2023”, given September 11, 2023, be rescinded;

AND THAT Solid Waste Disposal Amendment Bylaw No. 2040, 2023, Schedule A, Fee Schedule, be amended by removing “Residential Yard Waste, \$20.00 per tonne, for 2024 to 2027” and replacing with “Residential Yard Waste, No Charge, for 2024 – 2027”, be given third readings.”

In favour: Councillors Empinado, and Pitzel

Opposed: Mayor Germuth and Councillors Feldhoff, Leibel, Marleau, Martins

Main Motion as Amended Motion **Defeated**

Motion: R23-184

Solid Waste Disposal Bylaw No. 2040, 2023 (6.4.0.7)

Moved and Seconded

“THAT third reading of “Solid Waste Disposal Amendment Bylaw No. 2040, 2023”, given September 11, 2023 be rescinded”;

AND THAT “Solid Waste Disposal Amendment Bylaw No. 2040, 2023” with Schedule A, Fee Schedule, be amended by removing “Soil Suitable for Onsite Use” fees and replacing it with “no charge” for “Soil Suitable for Onsite Use”, be given third readings.”

In favour: Councillor Feldhoff

Opposed: Mayor Germuth and Councillors Empinado, Leibel, Marleau, Martins, Pitzel

Motion **Defeated**

Motion: R23-185

Bylaw No. 2040, 2023 (6.4.0.7)

Moved and Seconded

“THAT Solid Waste Disposal Amendment Bylaw No. 2040, 2023, be adopted.”

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: R23-186
Bylaw No. 2040, 2023 (6.4.0.7)

10. Reports and/or Communications

10.1. BC Active Transportation Grant

Moved and Seconded

“THAT applications be submitted to the BC Active Transportation Infrastructure Grants Program for the Phase 1 and Phase 2 walkway reconstruction of Haisla Boulevard from Kingfisher to Ptarmigan.

AND THAT the District of Kitimat commits to funding its share of the project cost, including any ineligible costs and cost overages of the project.”

Amendment

Moved and Seconded

“THAT staff investigate potential grants to include proposed installation of hydronic heat exchanger in the proposed sidewalks.”

In Favour: Councillors Leibel and Martins
Opposed: Mayor Germuth and Councillors Empinado, Feldhoff, Marleau, Pitzel

Amending Motion **Defeated Unanimously**
Motion: R23-187
Active Transportation Grants (10.2.3.8)

Main Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: R23-188
Active Transportation Grants (10.2.3.8)

11. New Business

11.1. Councillor Martins - Item 7.10 - Correspondence from Mary Ann Shannon, dated September 5, 2023, regarding waste discharge from LNG Canada plant.

Moved and Seconded,

“THAT the letter from Mary Ann Shannon be received for information.”

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: R23-189
Waste Discharge from LNG Canada (5.12.1)

11.2. Councillor Martins - Item 7.12 - Correspondence from Jesse Schuster and Steve Bradley, dated September 5, 203, regarding current state of municipal water.

Moved and seconded,

“THAT Council to direct staff to explore rebate options for residents who have purchased / installed drinking water filtration systems at their own costs while the District of Kitimat updates the Water Treatment and Distribution system”.

In favour: Mayor Germuth, Councillors Feldhoff, Leibel, Marleau, Martins and Pitzel

Opposed: Councillor Empinado

Motion Carried

Motion: R23-190

Municipal Water Concerns (9.2.1)

11.3. Councillor Martins - Item 7.13 correspondence from the Great Blue Heron Society, dated September 11, 2023, regarding environmental initiatives.

Moved and Seconded

“THAT Council direct Staff to further investigate the suggestion number 1, the hiring of a biologist, in the Great Blue Heron Society’s letter and report back.”

Moved/Seconded

“THAT the following motion be tabled to budget deliberations “THAT Council direct staff to further investigate suggestion Number 1, the hiring of a biologist, in the Great Blue Heron society’s letter and report back.””

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R23-191

Great Blue Heron Society (2.10.3.1 / 3.11.0)

12. Council Reports

Moved/Seconded

“THAT the Committee of the Whole Meeting, scheduled for October 3, 2023, following the Regular Meeting of Council, be deferred to a later date.”

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R23-192

Call for New Business/ Adoption of the Closed Agenda

Moved and seconded,
"THAT the October 03, 2023 Closed agenda be adopted as presented and Council deal with these matters in a closed meeting."

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: R23-193

Meeting recessed into the Closed meeting at 9:54 p.m.
Meeting reconvened at 10:42 p.m.

Adjournment

Moved and seconded,
"THAT the October 03, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned."

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: R23-194

The meeting adjourned at 10:43 p.m.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT

Mayor

Corporate Officer