



MINUTES OF DISTRICT OF KITIMAT  
**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**  
MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,  
606 MOUNTAINVIEW SQUARE, ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2023 AT 8:54 PM.

Present: Mayor: Phil Germuth

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

Present: Staff: W. Waycheshen, Chief Administrative Officer  
K. Enders, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer  
T. Tavares, Director of Corporate Administration  
J. Stevenson, Deputy Director of Corporate Administration  
J. Almeida, Director of Finance  
A. Hansen, IT Manager  
A. Ramos-Espinoza, Director of Engineering Services  
A. Anand, Planner  
Via WebEx F. Sinclair, Interim Director of Planning  
Via WebEx C. McCulley, Director of Public Works  
Via WebEx M. Gould, Director of Leisure Services  
Via WebEx M. Penner, Director of Human Resource and Labour Relations  
Via WebEx W. Tenshak, Director of Economic Development

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Germuth called the Committee of the Whole to order.

**2. Public Input / Questions on Agenda Items**

Mayor Germuth called for public input on the agenda items. There was no public input.

**3. Media Inquiries - For Clarification Only**

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

**4. Call for New Business / Adoption of the Agenda**

Moved and seconded,

*“THAT the Committee of the Whole Agenda for October 16, 2023, be adopted as presented.”*

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: C23-081

**5. Proposed Changes to Affordable Housing Fund to Finance Operational Expenses (7.24)**

Councillor Leibel declared a conflict of interest as an employee of the Kitimat Community Services Society who assist persons in the community with finding affordable housing and left the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Moved and seconded,  
*“THAT the Affordable Housing Fund bylaw be brought before Council with amendments to allow for the operation of existing Affordable Housing projects;*

*AND THAT the draft changes in the Affordable Housing Fund Policy be returned to a regular meeting for consideration once the bylaw is adopted.”*

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

Opposed: Councillor Pitzel

Motion Carried

Motion: C23-082

Proposed Change to Allow the Affordable Housing Fund to Finance Operational Expenses (7.24)

Councillor Leibel returned to the meeting at 9:18 p.m.

#### **6. District of Kitimat Economic Development Strategic Plan (5.9.0)**

Moved/Seconded

*“THAT the District of Kitimat Economic Development Strategic Plan (2023-2029) be brought back to a future meeting of Council for consideration of approval.”*

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: C23-083

Economic Development Strategic Plan 2023-2028 4<sup>th</sup> Report (5.9.0)

#### **7. Backyard Hen Keeping in Residential Zones (7.2.45)**

Moved/Seconded

*“THAT a Policy for Backyard Hen Keeping in Residential Zones be brought forward for Council consideration;*

*AND THAT staff report back with options on opening up the pilot program to a limited number of households that do not currently have chickens.”*

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: C23-084

Report Backyard Hen Keeping in Residential Zones (7.2.45)

#### **Call for New Business / Adoption of the Closed Agenda**

Moved and seconded,

*“THAT the October 16, 2023, Closed Agenda be adopted as presented;*

*AND THAT Council move to a Closed Meeting of Council to deal with these matters.”*

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: C23-085

Committee of the Whole Meeting recessed at 9:57 p.m.

Committee of the Whole Meeting reconvened at 10:33 p.m.

**Adjournment**

Moved and seconded,

*“THAT the October 16, 2023, Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned.”*

Motion Carried Unanimously  
Motion: C23-086

The meeting adjourned at 10:34 p.m.

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Mayor

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Corporate Officer