



MINUTES OF DISTRICT OF KITIMAT
REGULAR MEETING

MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
606 MOUNTAINVIEW SQUARE, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2023, AT 7:05 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
K. Enders, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
T. Tavares, Director of Corporate Administration
J. Stevenson, Deputy Director of Corporate Administration
A. Ramos-Espinoza, Director of Engineering Services
A. Hansen, IT Manager
J. Almeida, Director of Finance
K. Hogan, Manager of Planning
W. Tenshak, Director of Economic Development
Via WebEx R. Lambright, District of Kitimat Planning Consultant
Via WebEx R. Beaudry, District of Kitimat Planning Consultant
Via WebEx C. McCulley, Director of Operations
Via WebEx M. Penner, Director of Human Resources and Labour Relations
Via WebEx M. Gould, Director of Leisure Services
Via WebEx F. Sinclair, Director of Planning Interim

1. Call to Order

Mayor Germuth called the Regular Meeting of Council to order.

2. Message from the Mayor

Mayor Germuth provided a message on recent Council activities.

3. Delegations/Presentations

1. Matthew DeSousa – Concerns on Affordable Housing (1.1.2.1.1)

Matthew DeSousa presented to Council on the topics of affordable housing and low rent housing.

2. Kitimat RCMP Detachment – July, August and September 2023 Monthly Policing Reports (8.3.2.3.1)

Staff Sergeant Graham Morgan and Sergeant Rob Gardner presented the RCMP monthly reports to Council.

4. Public Input / Questions on Agenda Items

Mayor Germuth called for public input on the Agenda.

Randy Lambright, Planning Consultant, provided comments for Council consideration regarding tabling the Development Variance Permit Application – 185 Whittlesey Street.

5. Media Inquiries - For Clarification Only

Mayor Germuth called for any media inquiries on the agenda items. There were no media inquiries.

6. Call for New Business / Adoption of the Agenda

Councillor Martins-Consent Agenda, Item 7.7, For Information Only Leisure Services Department Update.

Councillor Martins- Consent Agenda, Item 7.8, Fire Department Statistics.

Moved and seconded,
“THAT the supplemental agenda for November 6, 2023 be received and the Regular Council Agenda be adopted as amended.”

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: R23-209

7. Consent Agenda

Moved and seconded,
“THAT the Consent Agenda for November 6, 2023, be approved as amended.

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: R23-210

The following Minutes were adopted:

Public Hearing Minutes - October 16, 2023
Regular Minutes of Council – October 16, 2023
Committee of the Whole - October 16, 2023
Special Meeting of Council - October 30, 2023

All correspondence was received and filed.

8. Motions

8.1. Councillor Feldhoff– New Housing Legislation

Moved and Seconded,
“THAT the District of Kitimat ask the B.C. government to raise the threshold of the proposed new housing legislation to only those communities with a population over 10,000.”

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

Motion Carried
Motion: R23-211

Councillor Feldhoff Notice of Motion – New Housing Legislation (7.5.2)

9. Bylaws

9.1. **Third Reading and Adoption - Zoning Housekeeping Amendment Bylaw No. 2041, 2023**

Moved and Seconded,
“THAT having held a Public Hearing, reviewed staff reports and considered public consultation activities to date, Kitimat Council resolves the following:

THAT Zoning Housekeeping Amendment Bylaw No. 2041, 2023 receive Third Reading and Adoption.”

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: R23-212
Bylaw No. 2041, 2023 (7.17.28)

9.2. **First, Second and Third Readings - District of Kitimat Council Remuneration Bylaw No. 2043, 2023**

Moved and Seconded
“THAT the District of Kitimat Council Remuneration Bylaw No. 2043, 2023 receive first three readings.”

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: R23-213
Bylaw No. 2043, 2023 (1.1.2.9)

9.3. **First, Second and Third Readings - District of Kitimat Affordable Housing Reserve Fund Amendment Bylaw No. 2044, 2023**

Councillor Leibel advised he was no longer in conflict due to a change in his employment status.

Moved and Seconded
“THAT the District of Kitimat Affordable Housing Reserve Fund Amendment Bylaw No. 2044, 2023, be given first three readings.”

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

Motion **Carried**
Motion: R23-214
Bylaw No. 2044, 2023 (7.24)

10. Reports and/or Communications

10.1. Report - Development Variance Permit Application- 185 Whittlesey Street

Moved and Seconded

“THAT Development Variance Permit No. 06-2023 for 185 Whittlesey Street be tabled to the Tuesday, November 14, 2023, Meeting of Council.”

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R23-215

Development Variance Permit Application- 185 Whittlesey Street (7.9.3.118)

10.2. Report - Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program (REDIP) Application

Moved and Seconded,

“THAT District of Kitimat Council provide a letter of support for the Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program (REDIP) application to conduct a feasibility study, site selection analysis, markets assessment and design for an outdoor market downtown;

AND THAT the District of Kitimat further support this application to the Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program (REDIP) with a \$20,000 commitment from the Economic Development and Communication Department’s operating budget.”

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R23-216

Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program Application (REDIP) (5.9.2)

10.3. Report - Council appointments to Committees and Commissions

Moved and Seconded,

“THAT the Council Committees and Commissions 2024 appointments, as attached to the November 1, 2023, report to Council, be approved for the term December 1, 2023, to November 30, 2024.”

Amendment:

Moved and Seconded,

“AND THAT Councillor Martins and Councillor Leibel be appointed to the Kitimat Kitamaat Food Policy Council.”

Amending Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R23-217

Council Appointments to Committees and Commissions (1.1.2.4)

Main Motion as Amended

Moved and Seconded,
“THAT the Council Committees and Commissions 2024 appointments be amended to appoint Councillors Martins and Leibel to the Kitimat/Kitamaat Food Policy Council.

AND THAT the Council Committees and Commissions 2024 appointments, as attached to the November 1, 2023 report to Council, be approved as amended for the term December 1, 2023, to November 30, 2024.”

Main Motion as Amended Carried Unanimously
Motion: R23-218
Council appointments to Committees and Commissions (1.1.2.4)

10.4. Report - Election – Director and Alternate Director for Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine

Moved/Seconded
“THAT Section 2.9.1.1 of the Kitimat Municipal Code be suspended;

AND THAT the Director and Alternate Director for the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine Board be elected to a term of one-year.”

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: R23-219
Election – Director and Alternate Director for Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine (1.5.1.5.)

Mayor Germuth turned the meeting over to Chief Administrative Officer, to conduct the election for Director and Alternate Director for the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine.

The Chief Administrative Officer named the Director of Corporate Administration as the Returning Officer and the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer as the Deputy Returning Officer. The Chief Administrative Officer provided direction on the election process.

The Chief Administrative Officer called for nominations for the position of Director of the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine.

Councillor Feldhoff nominated Mayor Germuth for Director of the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine. Mayor Germuth accepted.

The Chief Administrative Officer called for nominations a second time. The Chief Administrative Officer called for nominations a third time. There were no further nominations.

Mayor Germuth was acclaimed as the Director for the Regional District of Kitimat Stikine.

Election – Director for Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine (1.5.1.5.)

The Chief Administrative Officer called for nominations for the position of Alternate Director of the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine.

Mayor Germuth nominated Councillor Marleau for Alternate Director of the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine. Councillor Marleau accepted.

The Chief Administrative Officer, called for nominations a second time. The Chief Administrative Officer called for nominations a third time. There were no further nominations.

Councillor Marleau was acclaimed as the Alternate Director for the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine.

Election – Alternate Director for Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine (1.5.1.5.)

Mayor resumed chairing the meeting.

11. New Business

11.1 Councillor Martins - Consent Agenda, Item 7.7, For Information Only, Leisure Services Department Update.

Moved and Seconded,
“*THAT Item 7.7 - For Information Only, Leisure Services Department Update, be received for information.*”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Motion: R23-220

FIO Leisure Services Department Update (4.2.0)

11.2 Councillor Martins, Consent Agenda, Item 7.8, For Information Only, Fire Department Statistics, August.

Moved and Seconded,
“*THAT Item 7.8. - For Information Only, Fire Department Statistics, be received for information.*”

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R23-221

FIO Fire Department Statistics, August

12. Council Reports

Councillors Empinado, Feldhoff, Leibel, Marleau, Martins and Pitzel provided a report on their activities over the last few days.

Call for New Closed Business/Adoption of the Closed Agenda

Moved and seconded,
“THAT the November 6, 2023 Closed Agenda be adopted as presented and Council deal with these matters in a closed meeting.”

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: R23-222

Meeting recessed into the Closed Meeting at 8:39pm

Meeting reconvened at 10:21pm

Adjournment

Moved and seconded,
“THAT the November 6, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned.”

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: R23-223

The meeting adjourned at 10:21 p.m.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT

Mayor

Corporate Officer