



MINUTES OF DISTRICT OF KITIMAT
REGULAR MEETING

MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
606 MOUNTAINVIEW SQUARE, MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2023, AT 7:00 PM

Present: Mayor P. Germuth
Present: Councillors: E. Empinado, M. Feldhoff, G. Leibel, T. Marleau, G. Pitzel
Absent: Councillor: M. Martins

Present: Staff: W. Waycheshen, Chief Administrative Officer
K. Enders, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
T. Tavares, Director of Corporate Administration
A. Ramos-Espinoza, Director of Engineering Services
A. Hansen, IT Technician
W. Tenshak, Director of Economic Development
Via WebEx C. McCulley, Director of Operations
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 his recent activities.

3. Delegations/Presentations

There were no delegations or presentations for this meeting.

4. Public Input / Questions on Agenda Items

Mayor Germuth called for public input on the Agenda Items.

Peter Ponter provided public input on Agenda Item 10.3, Cedar LNG Proposed Pipeline Realignment and LNGC Covenant Modifications.

Gillian Mullins provided public input on Agenda Item 10.3, Cedar LNG Proposed Pipeline Realignment and LNGC Covenant Modifications.

Josh Miller, Cedar LNG, provided public input on Agenda Item 10.3, Cedar LNG Proposed Pipeline Realignment and LNGC Covenant Modifications.

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 Leibel – Consent Agenda, Item 7.2, Correspondence, Letter dated December 08, 2023, from Minister Kahlon, Ministry of Housing, regarding new legislation to support local government housing initiatives.

Moved and Seconded

“THAT the December 18, 2023, Supplemental Agenda be received and the December 18, 2023, Regular Council Agenda be adopted as amended.”

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R23-244

7. Consent Agenda

Moved and Seconded

“THAT the Consent Agenda for December 18, 2023, be approved as amended.”

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R23-245

All correspondence was received and filed.

8. Notice of Motion

There were no Notice of Motion for this meeting.

9. Bylaws

There were no Bylaws for this meeting.

10. Reports and/or Communications

10.1. Report – Backyard Hen Keeping in Residential Zones Policy

Moved and Seconded

“THAT the Policy for Backyard Hen Keeping in Residential Zones be approved.

THAT the registration period for existing households raising backyard hens to participate in the Backyard Hen Keeping in Residential Zones pilot project be accepted until 4:30 p.m. on March 1, 2024.

THAT the application period for twelve (12) new households to participate in the Backyard Hen Keeping in Residential Zones Pilot Project be set from 8:30 a.m. January 2, 2024, to 4:30 p.m. on February 9, 2024.

AND THAT on April 1, 2024, the Kitimat Municipal Code Section 9.4.1.28 be enforceable against persons raising chickens who are not participating in the Backyard Hen Keeping in Residential Zones pilot project.”

Amendment:

Moved and Seconded

“THAT priority for the twelve (12) new households be given to four (4) households per neighbourhood but, where insufficient applications are submitted for a neighbourhood, other applications be considered for any of the twelve remaining spots.”

In Favour: Councillor Pitzel

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

Amending Motion **Defeated**

Motion: R23-246

Backyard Hen Keeping in Residential Zones Policy (7.2.45)

Main Motion:

Main Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R23-247

Backyard Hen Keeping in Residential Zones Policy (7.2.45)

10.2. Report – Union of British Columbia (UBCM) Complete Communities Program Grant Application (2023/2024)

Moved and Seconded,

“THAT the District of Kitimat submit an application to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities 2023/24 Complete Communities Grant Program for a Complete Communities Assessment of Kitimat;

AND THAT the District of Kitimat provide overall grant management if successful.”

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R23-248

UBCM Complete Communities Program Grant Application (2023/2024) (7.1.14)

10.3 Report - Cedar LNG proposed Pipeline Realignment and LNGC Covenant Modifications

Moved and Seconded

“THAT Council accept \$111,343 in exchange for disposition of lands described as Lot B District Lot 6004 Range 5 Coast District Plan EPP79160 to Cedar LNG for the purpose of construction of a pipeline;

AND THAT Public Notice be issued pursuant to Section 26 of the Community Charter;

AND THAT following the notice period the Corporate Officer sign the agreement unless there is public comment which raises issues in response to the Notice, in which case staff are directed to bring the agreement back to Council for further consideration and authority to execute the agreement;

AND THAT the funds received from the disposition of the lands be allocated to the Ecological Restoration Reserve Fund.”

Amendment:

Moved and Seconded,
“THAT following the notice period the Corporate Officer sign the agreement unless there is public comment which raises issues in response to the Notice, in which case staff are directed to bring the agreement back to Council on January 22, 2024, for further consideration and authority to execute the agreement.”

Amending Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: R23-249

Cedar LNG Proposed Pipeline Realignment & LNGC Covenant Modifications (7.13.3.16)

Main Motion as Amended:

Moved and Seconded
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AND THAT Public Notice be issued pursuant to Section 26 of the Community Charter;

AND THAT following the notice period the Corporate Officer sign the agreement unless there is public comment which raises issues in response to the Notice, in which case staff are directed to bring the agreement back to Council on January 22, 2024, for further consideration and authority to execute the agreement.”

AND THAT the funds received from the disposition of the lands be allocated to the Ecological Restoration Reserve Fund.”

Main Motion as Amended Carried Unanimously
Motion: R23-250

Cedar LNG Proposed Pipeline Realignment & LNGC Covenant Modifications (7.13.3.16)

11. New Business

11.1 Councillor Leibel - Consent Agenda, Item 7.2, Correspondence, Letter dated December 08, 2023, from Minister Kahlon, Ministry of Housing, regarding new legislation to support local government housing initiatives

Moved and Seconded
“THAT the Consent Agenda, Item 7.2 – Correspondence - Letter from Minister Kahlon, Ministry of Housing regarding new legislation to support local government housing initiatives be received for information.”

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: R23-251

New Legislation to support Local Government Housing Initiatives (7.5.2)

12. Council Reports

Councillors Empinado, Feldhoff, Leibel, Marleau and Pitzel provided a report on their activities since the last Regular Meeting of Council.

Call for New Closed Business/Adoption of the Closed Agenda

Moved and Seconded

“THAT the December 18, 2023, Closed Agenda be adopted as presented;

AND THAT Council deal with these matters in a Closed Meeting.”

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: R23-252

The Regular Meeting of Council was recessed and moved into a Closed Meeting of Council at 8:05 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of Council Meeting reconvened at 9:29 p.m.

Adjournment

Moved and seconded,

“THAT the December 18, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council be reconvened and adjourned.”

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: R23-253

The Regular Meeting of Council adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT

Mayor

Corporate Officer