



**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2023**

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- Agenda Item #7.4 Public comment received December 18, 2023, from Lani Gibson regarding Consent Agenda Item #7.3, correspondence regarding rodeos (1.1.2.3)
- Agenda Item #7.5 Public comments received December 18, 2023, from Lani Gibson regarding:
- Regular Agenda Item 10.3, Report, Cedar LNG Proposed Pipeline Realignment and LNGC Covenant modifications (7.13.3.16)
 - Regular Agenda Item 10.1, Report, Backyard Hen Keeping in Residential Zones Policy (7.2.45).

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From: Lani Gibson <[REDACTED]com>

Sent: Friday, December 15, 2023 3:16 PM

To: districtofkitimat <dok@kitimat.ca>

Subject: Comment to Council

Dear Mayor and Council,

I support the request made by Theresa Mejaski to prohibit the inhumane treatment of animals during rodeos in our community. I was very disturbed by what I saw at a rodeo in Kitimat many years ago and I know others in our community object to these practices as well.

If your focus on strategic priorities would be impaired by the time required to draft and pass a formal bylaw, perhaps Council could just make a motion directing staff that rodeos will not be permitted at Tamitik or on any other municipal property unless the rodeo management can prove that they enforce policies to prevent cruelty to animals.

Thank you for your consideration of this perspective.

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From: Lani Gibson [REDACTED]
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Subject: Covenant Modification - support for motion

Dear Mayor and Council,

I'm writing to express my strong support for the recommendation on page 39 of your December 18 agenda, *THAT the funds received from the disposition of the lands be allocated to the Ecological Restoration Reserve Fund.*

The ecological restoration fund provides an opportunity for Council to mitigate deforestation and other ecological damage arising from projects such as the construction of the Cedar LNG pipeline by ensuring that any financial compensation paid to the District is available for ecological restoration projects elsewhere in the community. When a protected area such as a park or covenant is disturbed and the funds are set aside specifically for ecological restoration, **this gesture builds confidence within the community that the District is acting responsibly as a steward of public land.**

Of course, any proposed disturbance of a protected area also warrants meticulous oversight by the District to ensure that all other alternative options are explored first, and that the least damage possible occurs if the project proceeds.

This Covenant, dating back to 1984, is an excellent example of the kind of ecological and public access protection that community members have been asking the District to undertake on a broader scale. As you can see from the process currently unfolding, this covenant to protect public access and ecological integrity is not an outrageous industry-suppressing monster to be feared. Riparian covenants and OCP designations of sensitive ecosystems, connectivity corridors, and outdoor recreation areas are all simply aspects of good community planning.

Planning ahead for environmental protection doesn't put an end to industry, it merely puts lines on the map so that industry knows the areas that the community values for non-industrial purposes and can plan around them from the outset.

I would also like to offer my support for the recommended backyard hen policy and thank staff for doing such an excellent job on all aspects of this project. My only concern is with **the short time frame for registering existing flocks and applying for the project.** Although applicants for the 12 new coops allowed under the pilot will want to know if they are successful early enough in the spring to be able to order chicks, the February 9 deadline does not leave a lot of time after the busy Christmas season for families to learn about the pilot and research and design

their coop/run/compost areas. **Extending all of the deadlines in the recommended motion by one month may help the success of the project.**

Thank you for consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

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