



**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JULY 2, 2024**

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From: [Lani Gibson](#)
To: [districtofkitimat](#); [Michelle Martins](#); [Terry Marleau](#); [Mario Feldhoff](#); [Edwin Empinado](#); [Phil Germuth](#); [Graham Pitzel](#); [Gerry Leibel](#)
Subject: Ecological Restoration fund motion
Date: June 30, 2024 11:41:23 AM

Dear Mayor and Council,

I'm writing in support of Councillor Martins' motion for an expenditure from the ecological restoration fund.

Rather than you deciding this week on a specific project, I ask you to consider using a small amount (e.g., \$10,000 - \$15,000) to hire a professional biologist on contract to host meetings this fall to engage with stakeholders (local conservation groups - KVN, DCW, Rod and Gun, NatureKids Kitimat, the Haisla Nation's land and fisheries department, DFO and MOE), and come back with one or two recommendations for restoration projects to be completed in 2025.

Please do not use these funds to study the impacts of industry. Such studies are important and should be happening, and I thank Councillor Martins for hearing the community's concerns.

However, monitoring industrial impacts should not be paid for with funds designated for ecosystem preservation and restoration.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Lani Gibson

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From: [Kitimat Valley Naturalists](#)
To: [Tracy Tavares](#)
Cc: [Jane Stevenson](#) [REDACTED]; [Peter Ponter](#)
Subject: Environmental Projects Notice of Motion for 2024.07.02 Council Meeting
Date: July 1, 2024 10:20:42 PM

Hi Tracy,

Please forward these comments to the Mayor and Council for Tuesday's council meeting.

Thank you,

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To Mayor and Council,

Please be advised that Kitimat Valley Naturalists endorse the comments provided to you by Lani Gibson in support of Councillor Martins's Notice of Motion regarding Environmental Projects which states:

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Please do not use these funds to study the impacts of industry. Such studies are important and should be happening, and I thank Councillor Martins for hearing the community's concerns. However, monitoring industrial impacts should not be paid for with funds designated for ecosystem preservation and restoration.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Lani Gibson"

Thank you for considering this endorsement.

Peter Ponter

President



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We gratefully acknowledge that we live, work and learn on the traditional and unceded territory of the Haisla Nation.

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From: [Lucy McRae](#)
To: [Tracy Tavares](#); [Jane Stevenson](#)
Subject: Comments for Council's Consideration on a Motion for the July 2nd Meeting
Date: July 2, 2024 1:35:00 AM

Hi Tracy and Jane,

I'm hoping this gets to you in time that you could please forward these comments to the Mayor and Council for Tuesday's council meeting.

Thank you,
Lucy McRae (Secretary -Douglas Channel Watch Society)

Dear Mayor and Council,

Douglas Channel Watch supports Councillor Martins' motion for an expenditure from the ecological restoration fund.

We ask you to consider using a small amount, perhaps up to \$20,000 to hire a biologist who is capable to host a couple of meetings this fall comprised of local conservation groups - KVN, DCW, Rod and Gun, Nature Kids Kitimat , the Haisla Nation's land and fisheries department, DFO and MOE as well as representation from Council. The purpose of these meetings would be to discuss one or two recommendations for restoration projects to be completed in 2025 that a biologist could assist with logistics, possibilities, necessities and eventual successes.

We would not ever recommend using funds designated for ecosystem preservation and restoration to study the impacts of industry. Monitoring industrial impacts are obviously very important to all but should be carried out and paid for with Corporate Funds, not taxpayer monies. Compliance with Environmental concerns are the responsibility of Industry.

Thank you for considering these comments.
Lucy McRae (Secretary DCW)