



Notes from Council

Kitimat Council Meeting Summary of Key Items – October 16, 2023

October 16, 2023 – Regular Meeting of Council

- Following a Public Hearing, Council gave Third Reading and Adoption to Strawberry Meadows Neighbourhood Policies Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 2042, 2023 which amends the Official Community Plan by adding the Strawberry Meadows Neighborhood and specific objectives and policies for the area.
- Council gave first and second reading to Zoning Housekeeping Amendment Bylaw No. 2041, 2023 which proposes to amend Part 9, Division 1 and Division 2 of the *Kitimat Municipal Code* to include improvements to formatting and addition of visuals, corrections to outdated legislation, clarification to wording in existing definitions, addition of new definitions for permitted uses that are currently undefined and relocation of detailed regulations embedding in definitions to the appropriate area in the *Kitimat Municipal Code*.

For more information including how to participate in the Public Hearing or to provide comment on Bylaw No. 2041, 2023, please visit the District website [here](#).

- Public Notice will be issued, and a public hearing is scheduled for Monday, November 06, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.
- Council received a report on the Water System Update and directed staff to add the Skeena Street and Gull Street water upgrades to the 2024 Budget deliberations for consideration.
- Council approved Councillor Leibel and other interested members of Council to attend BC's Affordable Housing Conference, Housing Central November 20-22, 2023.
- Council authorized a grant application to Northern Development Initiative Trust for the 2024 Business Façade Improvement funding program. If successful, this grant will provide annual funding for local businesses and commercial landowners who make improvements to the exteriors of their businesses.
- Council approved a Development Variance Permit to allow building of a garden shed/accessory structure on the property line by varying the permitted setback requirement at 28 Eagle Street.
- Council directed staff to review and clearly identify the industrial zones that permit industrial activities related to storage and/or transportation of hazardous material within Part 9 Division 6 of *the Kitimat Municipal Code*.
- Council directed staff to seek further information regarding the Homeless Count Statistics.



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October 16, 2023 – Committee of the Whole

- Council provided direction to amend the Affordable Housing Fund bylaw which will be brought back for Council consideration at a future meeting of Council. The amendments allow for grant funding for the operations of existing Affordable Housing Projects.
- Council directed Staff to bring the District of Kitimat Economic Development Strategic Plan (2023-2029) back to a future meeting for consideration of approval. You can find the draft plan [here](#).
- Council provided direction for staff to report back on the Policy for Backyard Hen Keeping in Residential Zones with the option of opening the pilot program to a limited number of households that do not currently have chickens.

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Next Meeting:

- No meeting – Monday, October 23, 2023
- Monday, October 30, 2023, Special Meeting of Council at Council Chambers, 606 Mountainview Square

For more information on any of the above items, please contact the District of Kitimat at 250-632-8900 or dok@kitimat.ca.