

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF KITIMAT COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, NORTHWEST COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE, ON MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2016 AT 7:30 P.M.

Present: Mayor P. Germuth  
Councillors E. Empinado, M. Feldhoff, R. Goffinet,  
M. Murphy, C. Rattee, L. Walker

Present: Staff W. Waycheshen, Chief Administrative Officer  
D. Godfrey, Director of Corporate Administration  
T. Gleig, Director of Engineering Services  
G. Sewell, Director of Community Planning  
S. Christiansen, Director Finance  
M. Gould, Director of Leisure Services  
R. Klukas, Director of Economic Development  
T. Bossence, Fire Chief  
B. Krause, Operations Manager  
P. Mitchell, Information Systems Coordinator  
M. Dewar, Business & Communications Officer  
S. Boudreault, Deputy Clerk

Delegations/Presentations

Council agreed to add Sandra Mielke from Mountainview Horizon House Public Garden to the agenda to speak on a funding request.

Pacific Pilotage	Captain Kevin Obermeyer, from the Pacific Pilotage Authority, gave a presentation on navigational safety on the BC Coast.
Plastic Bag Ban	Unity Kukulies, Christine Ferreira, Kemper Weightman and Victor Botelho of St. Anthony's Division 6 class, gave a presentation regarding their request to ban plastic bags in the community.
Policing Report	Staff Sergeant McLaren and Sergeant Morgan presented the monthly policing report for March.
Visitor Centre and Tourism Services	Trish Parsons, Executive Director, Kitimat Chamber of Commerce, presented the Annual Report for visitor centre and tourism services.
North West Photo Fest	Robin Rowland, Artistic Director and Louise Avery, Museum Curator, gave a presentation regarding the North West Photo Fest planned for August 2016.
Community Garden	Sandra Mielke, on behalf of Mountainview Horizon House Public Garden, addressed Council requesting a grant to put towards a green house and soil for the public garden located between the Hospital and the College.  The Mayor advised this request would be referred back to staff for a Council report.

Public Input

Drug Traffic

Serena St. Germaine, Resident Manager, Ocean View and Viewpoint Apartments, asked Council what is being done to deal with the drug problem in town and questioned whether there is a catch and convict program in Kitimat to deal with drug dealers. Mayor Germuth advised Ms. St. Germaine that perhaps the RCMP could respond to this at the next Council meeting.

Agenda Changes

R16-071

1. Better at Home Program Letter from FIO- Councillor Walker
2. North West Photo Fest - Councillor Feldhoff
3. Home Owner Grants Letter from FIO - Councillor Feldhoff

Moved and seconded,

THAT the agenda be adopted as amended.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Minutes

R16-072

Moved and seconded,

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held April 4, 2016 be adopted as circulated.

Motion Carried Unanimously

R16-073

Moved and seconded,

THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of Council held April 11, 2016 be adopted as circulated.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motions

R16-074

Kitimat Area Refinery

Moved and seconded,

THAT the District of Kitimat engage a service provider to facilitate greater awareness by the Federal, Alberta, and British Columbia governments and media, of the benefits of a Kitimat area refinery as compared to various pipeline proposals such as Energy East or Trans Mountain.

Motion Carried

In Favour Mayor Germuth,  
Councillors Empinado, Feldhoff, Murphy, Rattee

Opposed Councillors Goffinet, Walker

Reports and/or Communications

R16-075  
Ban on Plastic Bags

Circulated to Council was a letter from St. Anthony's School Division 6 Class, requesting plastic bags be banned in the community.

Moved and seconded,

THAT staff report back with a suggested direction with regard to plastic bags as advocated by the St. Anthony Division 6 Class.

Motion Carried

In Favour Mayor Germuth,  
Councillors Empinado, Feldhoff, Murphy, Rattee

Opposed Councillors Goffinet, Walker

High Diving Platform

Circulated to Council was a report from the Director of Leisure Services, dated, April 13, 2016, regarding the Sam Lindsay Aquatic Centre high diving platform.

Moved and seconded,

THAT Administration remove the high diving platform as part of the 2016 pool shutdown; and that Administration bring forward possible replacement options for the 2017 budget deliberations.

Division of the question was called.

R16-076

On the first part:

THAT Administration remove the high diving platform as part of the 2016 pool shutdown.

Motion Carried

In Favour Mayor Germuth,  
Councillors Empinado, Goffinet,  
Murphy, Rattee, Walker

Opposed Councillor Feldhoff

R16-077

On the second part:

THAT Administration bring forward possible replacement options for the 2017 budget deliberations.

Motion Carried Unanimously

R16-078  
Multi-Family  
Development Permit  
Application - 1464  
Nalabila

Circulated to Council was a report from the Director of Community Planning, dated April 14, 2016, regarding a development permit application for 1464 Nalabila.

Moved and seconded,

THAT the application for a Development Permit at 1454 Nalabila Boulevard be referred to the Housing Committee for comment and that permission to issue notice be granted.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Budget 2016

Due to time constraints the budget discussion was deferred to the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

R16-079  
Statement of Accounts  
March 2016

Circulated to Council was the Statement of Accounts paid for the month of March 2016.

Moved and seconded,

THAT the Statement of Accounts paid for the month of March 2016, in the amount of \$1,755,030.21 is reviewed and that it be filed.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Commission/Committee Minutes

R16-080  
Advisory Planning  
Commission -  
April 12, 2016

Circulated to Council were the minutes of the Advisory Planning Commission meeting held April 12, 2016.

Moved and seconded,

THAT the minutes of the Advisory Planning Commission meeting held April 12, 2016 be received for information.

Motion Carried Unanimously

New Business

Better at Home  
Program in Kitimat

Councillor Walker, referring to a letter in the FIO package regarding the Better at Home Program, asked for clarification as to what the issues are and whether Terrace will now be operating the service. Councillor Murphy responded that funding is an issue and that an agency to administer the program is being actively recruited.

R16-081  
North West Photo Fest

Moved and seconded,

THAT the District of Kitimat provide \$5000 to the North West Photo Fest.

Motion Carried

In Favour Mayor Germuth,  
Councillors Empinado, Feldhoff, Murphy, Walker

Opposed Councillors Goffinet, Rattee

BC Home Owner  
Grant

Councillor Feldhoff, referring to a letter in the FIO package from the City of Burnaby advocating the Province look at redistribution of the BC Home Owner Grant, cautioned Council to read the letter carefully in preparation of the UBCM meeting.

Council Reports

Verbal reports were given by various member of Council.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:32 p.m.

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Corporate Officer

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Mayor