



MINUTES OF DISTRICT OF KITIMAT
REGULAR MEETING
MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, NORTHWEST
COMMUNITY COLLEGE, ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2017 AT 7:32 PM

Present: Mayor P. Germuth

Councillors E. Empinado, M. Feldhoff, R. Goffinet,
M. Murphy (7:45 pm), C. Rattée, L. Walker

Present: Staff W. Waycheshen, Chief Administrative Officer
D. Godfrey, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
A. Ramos-Espinoza, Director of Engineering Services
G. Sewell, Director of Community Planning
M. Manson, Director of Operations
M. Gould, Director of Leisure Services
S. Christiansen, Director of Finance
T. Bossence, Fire Chief
M. Dewar, Director of Economic Development
P. Mitchell, Information Systems Coordinator
E. Anderson, Deputy Director of Corporate Administration

Delegations/Presentations

1. Chris Marett, Chief Executive Officer, Donovan Dias, VP of Sales and Project Management, and Lyle McNish, Controller of CityWest – Update of Activities

Mr. Marett provided Council with an overview of CityWest operations and answered questions from Council.

2. Staff Sergeant McLaren and Sergeant Morgan, RCMP – Monthly Policing Report for August 2017

Staff Sergeant McLaren and Sergeant Morgan updated Council on the RCMP Monthly activities and answered questions from Council. Council thanked Staff Sergeant for his time in Kitimat as he will be transferring from the area.

Public Input / Questions on Agenda Items

Paul Lagace - spoke on the value that Staff Sergeant McLaren had in the community and thanked him for his work.

Lynn Dillabough - spoke on the issue of gating the river and how it will affect persons with mobility issues. She suggested Council come up with other solutions than complete access restriction and suggested that a committee may be appropriate.

Bob Graham – spoke on the concern that he had with gating of the areas around the dike road. Suggested that alternative solutions be explored and that this would impact his ability to enjoy the area with his young family.

Carl Wilson – spoke on how the riverbank camping issue was enforced in the past and the issues of gating the access to the river.

Media Inquiries - For Clarification Only

CFTK representative asked if they would be able to get a statement on the Riverbank Flooding issue from the week before.

Call for New Business / Adoption of the Agenda

Two Late Items concerning the Museum Building and Advisory Planning Commission Minutes

Moved and seconded,
"THAT the agenda be adopted as amended."

Motion Carried Unanimously

Minutes

1. Regular Meeting of Council – September 5, 2017

Moved and seconded,
"THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on September 5, 2017 be adopted as amended."

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: R17-178

2. Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council – September 11, 2017

Moved and seconded,
"THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on September 11, 2017 be adopted as circulated."

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: R17-179

Motions

1. Councillor Murphy – Camping on the Riverbank

Moved and seconded,
"THAT the District of Kitimat take measures to stop riverbank camping and direct campers to designated camping areas."

Motion **Defeated**

In Favour: Councillor Murphy, Councillor Walker

Opposed: Mayor Germuth, Councillor Empinado, Councillor Feldhoff
Councillor Goffinet, and Councillor Rattee

Motion: R17-180
Riverbank Camping

Moved and seconded,

“THAT the District of Kitimat establishes a working group of concerned citizens and community groups to address the issue of riverbank camping to find solutions to the issues of long term camping, litter, pollution and safety.”

Motion Carried

In Favour: Mayor Germuth, Councillor Empinado, Councillor Feldhoff
Councillor Goffinet, and Councillor Rattee

Opposed: Councillor Murphy, Councillor Walker

Motion: R17-181
Riverbank Camping

Bylaws

1. Residential & Greenbelt Fence Height Amendment Bylaw 1912, 2017

Moved and seconded,

“THAT third reading and adoption be given to “Residential and Greenbelt Fence Height Amendment Bylaw 1912, 2017.”

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R17-182
Bylaw No. 1912

Reports and/or Communications

1. Access Options for district properties on east side of dike

Moved and seconded,

“THAT Hirsch Creek Park be closed to vehicular traffic until the regular opening in 2018, and that the estimated cost of \$15,000 to fix the road and any site damage be referred to the 2018 budget process.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R17-183
Hirsch Creek Access

Moved and seconded,

“THAT the Hirsch creek park gate potential location move be included in the 2018 budget discussions.”

Motion Carried

In Favour: Mayor Germuth, Councillor Empinado, Councillor Feldhoff
Councillor Goffinet, Councillor Rattee and Councillor Walker

Opposed: Councillor Murphy

Motion: R17-184
Hirsch Creek Access

Moved and seconded,

“That two gates be installed at a) the entrance to the pollution control center Kitimat River Outflow access, and b) at the pump houses just below the Haisla Bridge on the east bank of the Kitimat River AND THAT the gates be close until spring 2018 or as directed by Council.”

Moved and seconded,

“That this report be tabled until after the working group provides information.”

Amendment:

Moved and seconded,

“To Add – ‘and have staff come back to us on the urgency for a gate at the river pumphouse’.”

On the Amendment:

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R17-185

Motion as Amended:

Moved and seconded,

“That this report be tabled until after the working group provides information and have staff come back to us on the urgency for a gate at the river pumphouse.”

On the Motion:

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R17-186
Gating of Dike Roads

2. Pool Shutdown

Moved and seconded,

“THAT this report dated September 15, 2017 – Pool Shutdown Update be received for information.”

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R17-187
Pool Shutdown

3. Nuisance Property 70 Lillooet Street

Moved and seconded,

“THAT a Notice of Hearing be sent to the property owner of 70 Lillooet Street, Kitimat BC advising that a hearing will be held on October 2, 2017 for consideration in declaring the property a nuisance property in an unsightly condition because of uncut grass, noxious weeds and brush.”

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: R17-188
70 Lillooet Street

4. Nuisance Property 64 Omineca Street

Moved and seconded,

“THAT a Notice of Hearing be sent to the property owner of 64 Omineca Street, Kitimat BC advising that a hearing will be held on October 2, 2017 for consideration in declaring the property a nuisance property in an unsightly condition because of uncut grass, noxious weeds and brush.”

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: R17-189
64 Omineca Street

5. Nuisance Property 77 Okanagan Street

Councillor Walker declared a Conflict of Interest for the following item, as he feels there would be a personal bias. Councillor Walker left the Chambers at 9:38 pm.

Moved and seconded,

“THAT a Notice of Hearing be sent to the property owner of 77 Okanagan Street, Kitimat BC advising that a hearing will be held on October 2, 2017 for consideration in declaring the property a nuisance property in an unsightly condition because of uncut grass, noxious weeds and brush.”

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: R17-190
77 Okanagan

Councillor Walker returned to the Council Chambers at 9:40 pm.

6. Nuisance Property 127 Liard Street

Moved and seconded,

“THAT a Notice of Hearing be sent to the property owner of 127 Liard Street, Kitimat BC advising that a hearing will be held on October 2, 2017 for consideration in declaring the property a nuisance property in an unsightly condition because of uncut grass, noxious weeds and brush.”

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: R17-191
127 Liard Street

7. Airport Transportation Taxi/Shuttle Service

Moved and seconded,

*“THAT the Airport Transportation Shuttle Service be extended until November 1, 2018
AND THAT staff continue to monitor and review the program prior to winter 2018-2019.”*

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: R17-192
Airport Transportation Taxi

Advisory Commission/Committee Minutes

New Business

1. Museum Building Lease

Moved and seconded,

“THAT public notice be issued of intention to lease property at 293 City Centre to Kitimat Museum & Archives (Society 8205 for a period of eleven years in return for lease payment of \$31,800 an continued museum operations;

AND THAT, in the absence of objections received during the public comment period, the Mayor and Corporate Officer be authorized to execute a Lease Agreement.”

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: R17-193
Museum Building Lease

2. Advisory Planning Commission Minutes – August 15, 2017

Moved and seconded,

“THAT the Advisory Planning Commission Minutes from August 15, 2017 be received and filed.”

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: R17-194
APC Minutes

Mayor and Council Reports

Verbal reports were given by members of Council.

Moved and seconded,
 “THAT this meeting adjourn.”

Motion Carried Unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT

Mayor

Corporate Officer