



MINUTES OF DISTRICT OF KITIMAT

**SPECIAL MEETING**

MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, NORTHWEST  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE, ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2017 AT 7:30 PM

Present: Mayor P. Germuth

Councillors E. Empinado, M. Feldhoff, R. Goffinet,  
M. Murphy, 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. Gould, Director of Leisure Services  
M. Dewar, Director of Economic Development

**1. Call to Order**

The Chief Administrative Officer provided an update on the boil water notice.

**2. Public Input / Questions on Agenda Items**

**3. Media Inquiries - For Clarification Only**

**4. Grant Request**

Ms. Sandra Mielke came forward and explained the Mountainview Horizon House grant request for Squirrel Park.

Moved and seconded,

*“THAT the October 25, 2017 grant request for improvements in Squirrel Park from Mountainview Horizon House be referred to staff for a report.”*

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: S17-044

Grant - Squirrel Park

**5. Grant/Loan Application Update.**

Moved and seconded,

*“THAT the Grant/Loan Application Update Report be received for information.”*

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: S17-045

Grant Update

**6. 2018 Northern Development Business Façade Improvement Grant**

Moved and seconded,

*“THAT staff submit a grant application to Northern Development Initiative Trust for the Business Façade Improvement Grant funding program.”*

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: S17-046

Business Façade Grant

**7. Northern Development Economic Capacity Building Grant.**

Moved and seconded,

*“THAT staff submit a grant application to Northern Development Initiative Trust for the Economic Development Capacity Building funding program.”*

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: S17-047

Capacity Building Grant

**8. Rio Tinto Site Consolidation.**

Moved and seconded,

*“THAT the October 25, 2017 report on the Rio Tinto site consolidation be tabled for staff to determine if the consolidation will affect the BC Assessment property classification or taxation for the smelter.”*

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: S17-048

Rio Tinto Site Consolidation

**9. 2018 Cannabis Legislation**

Moved and seconded,

*“THAT staff submit a report to the provincial government’s consultation on cannabis reform indicating the legislation cannot result in a downloading of duties to local governments.”*

**Amendment:**

Moved and seconded,

*“THAT the motion be amended, that the word ‘cannot’ be replaced with ‘should not’.”*

Motion Carried Unanimously

Main Motion as Amended:

*“THAT staff submit a report to the provincial government’s consultation on cannabis reform indicating the legislation should not result in a downloading of duties to local governments.”*

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: S17-049

Cannabis consultation

Moved and seconded,

*“THAT staff submit a report to the provincial government’s consultation on cannabis reform indicating provincial and federal cannabis fee/tax revenues be shared with local governments to offset additional costs.”*

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: S17-050

Cannabis revenue sharing

Moved and seconded,

*“THAT a municipal working group on cannabis legalization be established consisting of the CAO, Department Heads and the RCMP.”*

Motion Carried

In Favour: Mayor Germuth, Councillor Empinado, Councillor Feldhoff  
Councillor Goffinet, Councillor Murphy, and Councillor Rattée

Opposed: Councillor Walker

Motion: S17-051  
Cannabis working group

Moved and seconded,

*“THAT staff prepare Official Community Plan and zoning reviews for cannabis legalization in Q1 2018 for consideration.”*

Motion Carried

In Favour: Mayor Germuth, Councillor Empinado, Councillor Feldhoff  
Councillor Goffinet, Councillor Murphy, and Councillor Rattée

Opposed: Councillor Walker

Motion: S17-052  
Cannabis OCP and Zoning

Moved and seconded,

*“THAT staff prepare a report with business licensing and fee options for cannabis retail stores and production facilities in Q1 2018.”*

Motion Carried

Motion: S17-053  
Cannabis licensing

In Favour: Mayor Germuth, Councillor Empinado, Councillor Feldhoff  
Councillor Goffinet, Councillor Murphy, and Councillor Rattée

Opposed: Councillor Walker

Motion: S17-054  
Cannabis licensing

Moved and seconded,

*“THAT this meeting adjourn.”*

Motion Carried Unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT

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Mayor

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Corporate Officer