



MINUTES OF DISTRICT OF KITIMAT  
**REGULAR MEETING**

MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, NORTHWEST  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE, ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 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  
A. Ramos-Espinoza, Director of Engineering Services  
S. Christiansen, Director of Finance  
M. Gould, Director of Leisure Services  
M. Dewar, Director of Economic Development  
M. Manson, Director of Operations  
T. Bossence, Fire Chief  
P. Mitchell, Information Systems Coordinator  
N. Simpkins, Engineering Technologist  
E. Anderson, Deputy Director of Corporate Administration

**Delegations/Presentations**

**1. Glen Okrainetz and Natalie Suzuki, BC Ministry of Environment – Sulphur Dioxide Alert System**

Ms. Suzuki and Mr. Okrainetz provided an overview of the sulphur dioxide monitoring alert system that is being piloted in Kitimat and planned to start in January 2018.

**2. Dennis Horwood and Walter Thorne, Kitimat Valley Naturalists – Bat Condos**

Mr. Horwood and Mr. Thorne provided an overview and update on the Bat Condo project. They request that Council support the building and placement of one more Bat Condo, though they expect that this would be done in 2019.

**3. Manny Arruda and Kelly Marsh, Kitimat Search and Rescue**

Mr. Arruda and Mr. Marsh provided a year end update on Kitimat Search and Rescue activities, including the 11 tasks assigned in 2017. They also provided an update on the new command centre, which was supported by Council with a grant.

Mr. Arruda and Mr. Marsh were then joined by Sgt. Morgan, Cst. Daubaras, and Fire Chief Bossence to provide an in depth overview of the flooding of the Kitimat River on September 11, 2017.

**4. Sgt. Morgan, RCMP – Monthly Policing Report for November 2017**

Sgt. Morgan provided Council with the Monthly Policing Report.

### **Public Input / Questions on Agenda Items**

1. Graham Anderson – 1437 Cormorant

Mr. Anderson provided Council with information about the prevalence of respiratory illness in Kitimat as compared to the rest of BC.

Mr. Anderson also remarked that Council should consider contacting the new Chief Executive Officer of Rio Tinto and ask that he place Sulphur Dioxide scrubbers in the smelter.

Mr. Anderson read to Council a letter that he has written to George Heyman, the Minister of Environmental and Climate Change Strategy.

2. Lis Stannus and Pam Vollrath:

Ms. Stannus believes that the alert system is not good enough and what is required is mitigation of sulphur dioxide. She feels that prolonged exposure still is not adequately explored.

Ms. Vollrath stated that numerous letters have been written to the Ministry of Environment on this issue and that they have recently received an invitation from George Heyman to discuss the issue.

### **Media Inquiries - For Clarification Only**

#### **Call for New Business / Adoption of the Agenda**

1. Councillor Goffinet - Official Thank you
2. Councillor Feldhoff - Sulphur Dioxide Follow up

Moved and seconded,  
*“THAT the agenda be adopted as amended.”*

Motion Carried Unanimously

### **Minutes**

1. **Regular Meeting of Council – December 4, 2017**

Moved and seconded,  
*“THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on December 4, 2017 be adopted as circulated.”*

Motion Carried Unanimously  
Motion: R17-277

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

Moved and seconded,  
*“THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council held on December 11, 2017 be adopted as circulated.”*

Motion Carried Unanimously  
Motion: R17-278

## **Motions**

### **Bylaws**

#### **1. Revenue Anticipation Bylaw No. 1914, 2017**

Moved and seconded,

*“THAT Revenue Anticipation Bylaw No. 1914, 2017 be given three readings.”*

Motion Carried Unanimously  
Motion: R17-279  
Bylaw No.1914, 2017

### **Reports and/or Communications**

#### **1. Sewage Treatment Plant Retrofit – Project Update**

Moved and seconded,

*“THAT the report and presentation dated December 14, 2017 and titled ‘Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) Retrofit – Project Update’ be received for information.”*

Motion Carried Unanimously  
Motion: R17-280  
STP Retrofit

#### **2. Long Service Awards Program**

Moved and seconded,

*“THAT the Long Service Award Program Policy P-11 dated November 22, 2017 be approved.”*

Motion Carried

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

Opposed: Councillor Walker

Motion: R17-281  
Long Service Awards

#### **3. West Coast Amusements Ltd. Use of Public Land**

Moved and seconded,

*“THAT West Coast Amusements Ltd be granted approval to occupy public land in the Lower City Centre parking lot late in the evening on 29 April, all day 30 April and 1 May 2018, subject to standard conditions regarding: location; proof of \$2M (minimum) insurance naming the District of Kitimat (DOK) as co-insured; business license; snow-clearing; and providing DOK with current copy of BC Inspection Certificate for fair equipment.”*

Motion Carried Unanimously  
Motion: R17-282  
West Coast Amusements

**4. BC Natural Resource forum Attendance Approval**

Moved and seconded,

*“THAT Councillor Walker be authorized to attend the BC Natural Resources Forum in Prince George on January 16-18, 2018 and claim expenses for reimbursement per the Travel Expense Policy.”*

Motion Carried Unanimously  
Motion: R17-283  
BC Natural Resource Forum

**5. Emergency Operations Centre/Information Technical Infrastructure Grant Application**

Moved and seconded,

*“THAT a grant application be submitted to the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund for \$25,000 to assist with the purchase and relocation of all vital IT Infrastructure to the Public Safety Building to be tied into the emergency generator power.”*

Motion Carried Unanimously  
Motion: R17-284  
EOC/IT Grant

**6. Pre-Approvals for 2018 Budget**

Moved and seconded,

*“THAT the projects/items below that were presented in the Provisional Budget December 11, 2017 receive early approval to proceed.*

<i>Minette Bay Causeway Breach</i>	<i>\$19,000</i>
<i>Minette Bay West Construction - Phase 1</i>	<i>\$800,000</i>
<i>Vehicle &amp; Equipment replacement program</i>	<i>\$1,235,000</i>
<i>Hazardous Materials Study</i>	<i>\$50,000</i>
<i>Lahakas/Quatsino W/W Connection Phase 1 (C/O)</i>	<i>\$450,000</i>
<i>Lahakas/Quatsino W/W Connection Phase 2 (C/O)</i>	<i>\$275,000</i>
<i>GIS Implementation (C/O) (started)</i>	<i>\$45,000</i>
<i>Landfill Cover - Phase 1</i>	<i>\$1,500,000</i>
<i>Dunn Street Outfall - slope stabilization</i>	<i>\$200,000</i>
<i>Water System Assessment Report</i>	<i>\$120,000</i>
<i>Pool Tank Repairs</i>	<i>\$200,000</i>
<i>Hirsch Creek Road Repairs</i>	<i>\$15,000</i>
<i>KIR Chiller</i>	<i>\$190,000</i>
<i>KIR Compressor</i>	<i>\$47,000</i>
<i>Angle Street Playground</i>	<i>\$70,000</i>
<i>Cable Car Park Phase 2</i>	<i>\$140,000</i>
<i>Radley Park Shoreline</i>	<i>\$2,000,000</i>
<i>Haisla Blvd. Tree Removal</i>	<i>\$50,000</i>

Division of the question was called for to separate the following four items from the rest:

<i>Minette Bay Causeway Breach</i>	\$19,000
<i>Minette Bay West Construction - Phase 1</i>	\$800,000
<i>Radley Park Shoreline</i>	\$2,000,000
<i>Haisla Blvd. Tree Removal</i>	\$50,000

*“THAT Minette Bay Causeway Breach as presented in the Provisional Budget for December 11, 2017 receives early approval to proceed.”*

**Motion Carried**

In Favour: Mayor Germuth, Councillor Empinado, Councillor Feldhoff,  
Councillor Goffinet, Councillor Murphy, Councillor Walker

Opposed: Councillor Rattee

Motion: R17-285  
Minette Bay West

*“THAT Minette Bay Construction – Phase 1 as presented in the Provisional Budget for December 11, 2017 receives early approval to proceed.”*

**Motion Carried**

In Favour: Mayor Germuth, Councillor Empinado, Councillor Feldhoff,  
Councillor Goffinet, Councillor Murphy, Councillor Walker

Opposed: Councillor Rattee

Motion: R17-286  
Minette Bay West

*“THAT Radley Park as presented in the Provisional Budget for December 11, 2017 receives early approval to proceed.”*

**Motion Carried**

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

Opposed: Councillor Rattee, Councillor Walker

Motion: R17-287  
Radley Park

*“THAT Haisla Tree Removal as presented in the Provisional Budget for December 11, 2017 receives early approval to proceed.”*

Motion **Carried**

In Favour: Mayor Germuth, Councillor Empinado, Councillor Feldhoff,  
Councillor Goffinet, Councillor Murphy, Councillor Walker

Opposed: Councillor Rattee

Motion: R17-288  
Haisla Tree Removal

*“THAT the projects/items below that were presented in the Provisional Budget December 11, 2017 receive early approval to proceed.*

Vehicle & Equipment replacement program	\$1,235,000
Hazardous Materials Study	\$50,000
Lahakas/Quatsino W/W Connection Phase 1 (C/O)	\$450,000
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Water System Assessment Report	\$120,000
Pool Tank Repairs	\$200,000
Hirsch Creek Road Repairs	\$15,000
KIR Chiller	\$190,000
KIR Compressor	\$47,000
Angle Street Playground	\$70,000
Cable Car Park Phase 2	\$140,000

Motion Carried Unanimously  
Motion: R17-289  
Pre-Approvals

## **Advisory Commission/Committee Minutes**

### **New Business**

#### **1. Councillor Goffinet - Official Thank You**

Moved and seconded,

*“THAT the District of Kitimat officially thanks all the groups and individuals participating in the September 11, 2017 rescue and all other rescues within the District area in 2017.”*

Motion Carried Unanimously  
Motion: R17-290  
Thank You

## 2. Councillor Feldhoff – Sulphur Dioxide

Council discussed a few items that they would like to see come forward in regards to Sulphur Dioxide.

### **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 10:58 p.m.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT

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Mayor

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Corporate Officer