



MINUTES OF DISTRICT OF KITIMAT

**REGULAR MEETING**

MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, NORTHWEST  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE, ON TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2018 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  
G. Sewell, Director of Community Planning  
M. Gould, Director of Leisure Services  
A. Ramos-Espinoza, Director of Engineering Services  
C. McCulley, Director of Operations  
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**

Moved and seconded,  
*“THAT Jeanette Cowan be added to the presentations.”*

Motion Carried Unanimously

**1. Terry Lam, Resident – Water Quality**

Mr. Lam presented to Council his concerns on water quality and lack of filtration for the water system. He requested that sampling be done during high water periods of the Kitimat River.

**2. Grant Foraunet, Kitimat Disability Resources – Kitimat’s 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Autism Walk**

Mr. Foraunet updated Council on some projects worked on by Kitimat Disability Resources and invited them all to the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Autism Walk.

**3. Jack Oviatt and Doug Thompson, Kitimat Valley Housing Society – Presentation on Dementia Care**

Councillor Goffinet declared a Conflict of Interest as he is a Director of the Kitimat General Hospital Foundation which is represented by the presenting committee.

Councillor Goffinet left the Chambers at 7:55 pm.

Councillor Empinado declared a Conflict of Interest as he is an employee of Northern Health which will operate the proposed site.

Councillor Empinado left the Chambers at 7:55 pm.

Mr. Thompson and Ms. Corinne Scott provided a presentation on the proposed Dementia Care project. They spoke about their established new non-profit, “Kitimat Valley Housing Society” and the expected model of ‘Green house care.’ They emphasized some of the issues that they are facing including lack of title to start substantial fundraising.

Councillor Empinado and Councillor Goffinet returned to chambers at 8:22 pm.

#### **4. Winston Michell and Derek DeGoeij, Hirsch Creek Golf and Winter Club – Update**

Mr. Michell and Mr. DeGoeij spoke on operations and events that the Club has been working on as well as spoke to their request on having potholes filled and for assistance with the milling of their cart paths.

#### **5. Jeanette Cowan – Jen’s Munchies**

Ms. Cowan could not attend so Mr. John Burnett attended in her place.

Mr. Burnett requested that Council amend their policies regarding mobile truck vendors to allow Jen’s Munchies to set up on a specified area in Service Centre. Mr. Burnett also requested the ability to keep the trailer in the area overnight.

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

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

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

- 1) Councillor Feldhoff – Request from Hirsch Creek Golf and Winter Club regarding potholes and milling of cart path
- 2) Councillor Feldhoff – Jen’s Munchies request for change to Truck Vendor Policy

Moved and seconded,

*“THAT the Regular Council Agenda for April 3, 2018 be adopted as amended.”*

Motion Carried Unanimously

#### **Minutes**

#### **1. Regular Meeting of Council – March 19, 2018**

Moved and seconded,

*“THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on March 19, 2018 be adopted as circulated.”*

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R18-058

#### **2. Special Meeting of Council – March 26, 2018**

Moved and seconded,

*“THAT the minutes of the Special Council meeting held on March 26, 2018 be adopted as circulated.”*

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R18-059

## **Motions**

### **1. Participation in the Environmental Effects Monitoring Program – Councillor Goffinet**

Moved and seconded,

*“THAT the District of Kitimat, in the interest of maintaining and improving the highest possible standards of air quality in Kitimat air shed, commits to work with BC Ministry of Environment, Rio Tinto Alcan, Haisla First Nation, and other interested community groups as an active and involved participant in the Environmental Effects Monitoring (EEM) program, including 2019’s Comprehensive EEM Program Review.”*

#### **Amendment:**

Moved and seconded,

*Replace “maintaining and improving” with “attaining”.*

#### **Amendment of unanimous consent to the Amendment:**

*Add “and maintaining” to read “attaining and maintaining”.*

Amendment Motion **Carried**

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

Opposed: Mayor Germuth, Councillor Rattée, Councillor Walker

#### **Main Motion as amended:**

*“THAT the District of Kitimat, in the interest of attaining and maintaining the highest possible standards of air quality in Kitimat air shed, commits to work with BC Ministry of Environment, Rio Tinto Alcan, Haisla First Nation, and other interested community groups as an active and involved participant in the Environmental Effects Monitoring (EEM) program, including 2019’s Comprehensive EEM Program Review.”*

#### **Tabling Motion:**

Moved and seconded,

*“THAT this item be tabled until clarification of the Terms of Reference of the EEM program can be provided.”*

Tabling Motion **Defeated**

In Favour: Mayor Germuth, Councillor Rattée, Councillor Walker

Opposed: Councillor Empinado, Councillor Feldhoff, Councillor Goffinet,  
Councillor Murphy

**Amendment:**

Moved and seconded,

*Add: "AND THAT a staff member be assigned and a budget be prepared."*

Amendment Motion Carried Unanimously

**Main Motion as amended:**

*"THAT the District of Kitimat, in the interest of attaining and maintaining the highest possible standards of air quality in Kitimat air shed, commits to work with BC Ministry of Environment, Rio Tinto Alcan, Haisla First Nation, and other interested community groups as an active and involved participant in the Environmental Effects Monitoring (EEM) program, including 2019's Comprehensive EEM Program Review.*

*AND THAT a staff member be assigned and a budget be prepared."*

Main Motion as Amended Carried Unanimously

Motion: R18-060

EEM Program

**2. Removal of Smoke Easements – Councillor Feldhoff**

Moved and seconded,

*"THAT the District of Kitimat asks Rio Tinto to remove smoke easements that are in place for properties in Kitimat."*

**Amendment:**

Moved and seconded,

*Add "and works with".*

Amendment Motion Carried Unanimously

**Main Motion as Amended:**

*"THAT the District of Kitimat asks and works with Rio Tinto to remove smoke easements that are in place for properties in Kitimat."*

**Tabling Motion:**

*"THAT this item be tabled until a report from staff can be provided."*

Tabling Motion **Defeated**

In Favour: Mayor Germuth, Councillor Empinado, Councillor Rattée,

Opposed: Councillor Feldhoff, Councillor Goffinet, Councillor Murphy,  
Councillor Walker

Main Motion as Amended **Carried**

In Favour: Councillor Feldhoff, Councillor Goffinet, Councillor Murphy,  
Councillor Rattée, Councillor Walker

Opposed: Mayor Germuth, Councillor Empinado

Motion: R18-061  
Removal of Smoke Easements

## **Bylaws**

### **1. First Reading – Dementia Cottage Care Facility, 100 Loganberry Avenue, Zoning Amendment No. 1918**

Councillor Goffinet declared a Conflict of Interest as he is a Director of the Kitimat General Hospital Foundation which is part of the application for rezoning.

Councillor Goffinet left the Chambers at 9:37 pm.

Councillor Empinado declared a Conflict of Interest as he is an employee of Northern Health which will operate the proposed site where the rezoning is proposed.

Councillor Empinado left the Chambers at 9:37 pm.

Moved and seconded,

*“THAT first reading be given to "Dementia Cottage Care Facility, 100 Loganberry Avenue, Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1918";  
AND THAT the development permit amendment and zoning amendment applications for 100 Loganberry Avenue be referred to the Advisory Planning Commission and Housing Committee for comment;  
AND THAT permission be granted to issue public notice regarding the development permit amendment and zoning amendment applications for 100 Loganberry Avenue;  
AND FURTHER THAT a Public Hearing be set for 30 April 2018 at 7:00pm at Council Chambers.”*

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R18-062

Bylaw No. 1918

Councillor Empinado and Councillor Goffinet returned to chambers at 9:40 pm.

## **Reports and/or Communications**

### **1. Minette Bay Causeway Structure**

Moved and seconded,

*“THAT Causeway Shelter design concept, dated 26 March 2018, is approved in principle.”*

**Tabling Motion:**

Moved and seconded,  
*“THAT this item be tabled for staff to come back with concepts for wind protection.”*

**Amendment:**

Moved and seconded,  
*Add: “and other design criteria.”*

Amendment Motion Carried Unanimously

**Tabling Motion as Amended:**

*“THAT this item be tabled for staff to come back with concepts for wind protection and other design criteria.”*

Tabling Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R18-063

Minette Bay Causeway Shelter

**2. Crown Land Referral: Skeena Sawmills; Proposed Heli Drop Zones**

Moved and seconded,  
*“THAT Council provide the following comment (option c) on Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (FLNRO) application No. 100231571, submitted by Skeena Sawmills Ltd, for: (1) a Licence of Occupation; to establish eleven Heli Drop Zones and a Floating Camp in the vicinity of, and beyond, the southern boundary of the District of Kitimat*

*c. No objection to approval of project, subject to the conditions outlined below: Skeena Sawmills holds tenure to harvest timber within the Municipal Forest License A-16885 and TFL 41. Occasional applications to establish helicopter drop zones are an expected business practice. Gilttoeyes Inlet, Miskatla Inlet and the west side of Douglas Channel are popular destinations for recreational boaters who start and end trips in Kitimat. Boating tourists also visit these waters. Gilttoeyes and Miskatla Inlets are becoming popular with kayakers and eco-tour operators. No objection provided helilogging and drop zones do not interfere with recreational marine traffic and safety.”*

**Tabling Motion:**

Moved and seconded,  
*“THAT this item be tabled for staff to request and extension to the comment period deadline to reach out to Skeena Sawmills for a presentation.”*

Tabling Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R18-064

Tabling of Skeena Sawmills Heli Drop Zone

### 3. Affordable Housing Fund Application

Moved and seconded,

*"THAT the report dated 29 March 2018, titled "Tamitik Status of Women, Affordable Housing Fund Application" be received for information."*

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R18-065

Affordable Housing Fund Application

### 4. Corporate Branding and Leisure Services Logo Usage

Moved and seconded,

*"THAT both the corporate logo and the existing Leisure Services logo continue to be used for communications, with the corporate logo taking prominence, in instances where the branding is related to Leisure Services activities, following the completion of the corporate branding guidelines in 2018."*

Motion Carried

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

Opposed: Councillor Empinado, Councillor Rattée

Motion: R18-066

Corporate Branding

### 5. Flat Tax Options for 2018

Moved and seconded,

*"THAT the Flat Tax rate for the 2018 year be set at \$612, equal to the 2017 Flat Tax rate of \$594 plus a 3.0% adjustment for budget increases."*

Motion Carried

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

Opposed: Councillor Walker

Motion: R18-067

Flat Tax for 2018

### 6. Statement of Accounts – January 2018

Moved and seconded,

*"THAT the Statement of Accounts paid for the month of January 2018, in the amount of \$1,778,112.82 is reviewed and that it be filed."*

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R18-068

Statement of Accounts for January 2018

## 7. Statement of Accounts – February 2018

Moved and seconded,  
*“THAT the Statement of Accounts paid for the month of February 2018, in the amount of \$2,257,684.61 is reviewed and that it be filed.”*

Motion Carried Unanimously  
Motion: R18-069  
Statement of Accounts for February 2018

## Advisory Commission/Committee Minutes

### 1. Age Friendly Committee Minutes – January 17, 2018

Moved and seconded,  
*“THAT the Age Friendly Committee minutes from January 17, 2018 be received and filed.”*

Motion Carried Unanimously  
Motion: R18-070

### 2. Age Friendly Committee Minutes – February 21, 2018

Moved and seconded,  
*“THAT the Age Friendly Committee minutes from February 21, 2018 be received and filed.”*

Motion Carried Unanimously  
Motion: R18-071

## New Business

Councillor Feldhoff – Request from Hirsch Creek Golf and Winter Club regarding potholes and milling of cart path

Moved and seconded,  
*“THAT we contact the golf course and work with them in respect to their request.”*

Motion Carried Unanimously  
Motion: R18-072  
HCGWC Request

Councillor Feldhoff – Jens Munchies request for change to Truck Vendor Policy

Moved and seconded,  
*“THAT this request be forwarded to the Advisory Planning Commission for comment and recommendation.”*

## **Amendment:**

Moved and seconded,  
*ADD “and Traffic Committee”.*



Amendment Motion Carried Unanimously

**Main Motion as Amended:**

*"THAT this request be forwarded to the Advisory Planning Commission and Traffic Committee for comment and recommendation."*

Main Motion as Amended Carried Unanimously

Motion: R18-073

Jen's Munchies

**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 10:48 p.m.

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Mayor

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Corporate Officer