



MINUTES OF DISTRICT OF KITIMAT  
**REGULAR MEETING**

MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,  
606 MOUNTAINVIEW SQUARE, ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2019 AT 7:00 PM

Present: Mayor P. Germuth

Councillors E. Empinado M. Feldhoff, L. Gibson  
R. Goffinet, T. Marleau, M. Zielinski

Present: Staff W. Waycheshen, Chief Administrative Officer  
G. Sewell, Director of Community Planning  
A. Ramos-Espinoza, Director of Engineering Services  
M. Gould, Director of Leisure Services  
T. Bossence, Fire Chief  
M. Dewar, Director of Economic Development  
M. Penner, Director of Labour Relations  
E. Anderson, Director of Corporate Administration  
A. Hansen, Information Systems Coordinator

**Message from the Mayor**

Mayor Germuth provided a message on Council activities over the recent past.

**Delegations/Presentations**

**Public Input / Questions on Agenda Items**

Mayor Germuth asked if there were any representatives from 70 Lillooet Street to speak to it being unsightly. No one came forward.

Mayor Germuth asked if there were any representatives from 123 Kootenay Street to speak to it being unsightly. No one came forward.

Mayor Germuth asked if there were any comments regarding a Cannabis Retail Application at 213 City Centre.

Barb Campbell, 75 Angle Street – spoke in opposition.

Three letters were read into the record:  
Jerry Minni, Earls Financial Cove Corp – In Support  
Iqbal Bath and Inder Dhillon – In support of their application  
Petition – Opposed

Inder Dhillon, Terrace, BC – spoke in favour of their application.

Mayor Germuth asked if there were any comments regarding a Cannabis Retail Application at 432 Enterprise Avenue.

Sandra Mielke, 67 Carlson – asked about other locations for Cannabis Retail.

Jack Oviatt, 497 Quatsino – discussed his opposition to the Temporary Use Permit at 2 Dewberry.

Kevin Finn, 4 Osprey – discussed his support of the Temporary Use Permit at 2 Dewberry.

Barb Campbell, 75 Angle Street – discussed her opposition to the Temporary Use Permit at 2 Dewberry.

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

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

Item Number 2 under Reports/Communications was removed.

Moved and seconded,  
*"THAT the Regular Council Agenda for October 7, 2019 be adopted as amended."*

Motion Carried Unanimously  
Motion: R19-260

### **Consent Agenda**

Moved and seconded,  
*"THAT the Consent Agenda for October 7, 2019 be approved."*

Motion Carried Unanimously  
Motion: R19-261

### **Motions**

### **Bylaws**

#### **1. First Three Readings - Permissive Property Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 1957, 2019**

Moved and seconded,  
*"THAT three readings be given to Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 1957, 2019"*

Division of the Question

*"THAT three readings be given to Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 1957, 2019 with respect to properties that are not the Roman Catholic Church, Baptist Church or Kitimat Valley Institute."*

Motion Carried Unanimously  
Motion: R19-262  
Bylaw No.1957, 2019

Councillor Feldhoff and Councillor Empinado both declared a conflict of interest as they are part of the executive of the Roman Catholic Church. They left the Chambers at 7:35 pm.

*"THAT three readings be given to Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 1957, 2019 with respect to the Roman Catholic Church properties."*

Motion Carried Unanimously  
Motion: R19-263  
Bylaw No.1957, 2019

Councillor Feldhoff and Councillor Empinado returned to the Chambers at 7:35 pm.

Councillor Goffinet declared a conflict of interest as he is the Chair of Kitimat Valley Institute and part of the executive of the Baptist Church. He left the Chambers at 7:35 pm.

*"THAT three readings be given to Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 1957, 2019 with respect to the Baptist Church and Kitimat Valley Institute properties."*

Motion Carried Unanimously  
Motion: R19-264  
Bylaw No.1957, 2019

Councillor Goffinet returned to the chambers at 7:36 pm.

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

#### **1. Nuisance Property – 70 Lillooet Street**

Moved and seconded,

*"THAT the home owner of 70 Lillooet Street be given until 9 a.m. on October 22 to cut the grass, brush, weeds or other growth and should the home owner fail to remedy the unsightly condition of the property, District employees be authorized to enter and effect remedial action at the expense of the home owner, the charges for doing so, if unpaid on December 31 in the year in which the Municipality effects the required remedial action, shall be added to and form part of the taxes payable in respect of the real property in question, as taxes in arrears."*

Motion Carried Unanimously  
Motion: R19-265  
70 Lillooet Street

#### **2. Nuisance Property – 91 Omenica Street**

Item be removed.

#### **3. Nuisance Property – 123 Kootenay Street**

Moved and seconded,

*"THAT the home owner of 123 Kootenay Street, be given until 9 a.m. on October 22 to cut the grass, brush, weeds or other growth and should the home owner fail to remedy the unsightly condition of the property, District employees be authorized to enter and effect remedial action at the expense of the home owner, the charges for doing so, if unpaid on December 31 in the year in which the Municipality effects the required remedial action, shall be added to and form part of the taxes payable in respect of the real property in question, as taxes in arrears."*

Motion Carried Unanimously  
Motion: R19-266  
123 Kootenay Street

#### 4. Cannabis Retail – 213 City Centre

Moved and seconded,  
“*THAT Liquor & Cannabis Regulation Branch be advised District of Kitimat supports the Cannabis Retail Licensing Application (Job #001738) for 213 City Centre.*”

Moved and seconded,  
“*THAT this item be tabled until staff can report back on other applications.*”

Tabling Motion **Carried**

In Favour: Councillor Gibson, Councillor Goffinet, Councillor Marleau, Councillor Zielinski

Opposed: Mayor Germuth, Councillor Empinado, Councillor Feldhoff

Motion: R19-267  
Cannabis Application – 213 City Centre

#### 5. Cannabis Retail – 432 Enterprise Avenue

Moved and seconded,  
“*THAT Liquor & Cannabis Regulation Branch be advised District of Kitimat supports the Cannabis Retail Licensing Application (Job# 001403) for 432 Enterprise Avenue.*”

Motion Carried Unanimously  
Motion: R19-268  
Cannabis Application – 432 Enterprise Avenue

#### 6. OCP and Zoning Amendment - 2 Dewberry

Moved and seconded,  
“*THAT, having reviewed public feedback and considered the public interest, Kitimat Council resolves that the Official Community Plan and Zoning Amendment application for a parking lot at 2 Dewberry Street be denied.*”

Motion Carried Unanimously  
Motion: R19-269  
OCP and Zoning Amendment - 2 Dewberry

#### 7. Centennial Park Expansion

Moved and seconded,  
“*THAT a public consultation be enacted on Centennial Park amenities.*”

Motion Carried Unanimously  
Motion: R19-270  
Centennial Park

Moved and seconded,  
“*THAT a public consultation on the location of a band shell in Kitimat be conducted.*”

*Tabling Motion*

Moved and seconded,  
“*THAT this item be tabled until staff report back on the Chamber of Commerce band shell.*”

Motion Carried Unanimously  
Motion: R19-271  
Band shell

**8. LGBTQ Committee – Facility Use Request**

Moved and seconded,  
“*THAT the Kitimat LGBTQ Committee receive no charge use of the Kitimat Youth Centre for the committee meetings.*  
*AND THAT the continued no charge usage be reviewed in September 2020.*”

Motion Carried Unanimously  
Motion: R19-272  
LGBTQ Committee

**9. Invasive Plants Program**

Moved and seconded,  
“*THAT funding for the development of an invasive plant strategy, bylaws and ongoing management for Kitimat be considered as part of the 2020 operational budget.*”

Amendment:

Moved and seconded,  
*ADD: “AND THAT the strategy that is brought back include an option for permitting a process for naturally landscaped lands.”*

Motion Defeated

In Favour: Councillor Gibson

Opposed: Mayor Germuth, Councillor Empinado, Councillor Feldhoff, Councillor Goffinet, Councillor Marleau, Councillor Zielinski

Motion: R19-273  
Invasive Plants

Motion Carried Unanimously  
Motion: R19-274  
Invasive Plants

**10. Radley and Hirsch Creek Park – Bylaw No. 1425**

Moved and seconded,

*“THAT a maximum fourteen (14) day booking be included in the campground registration software program.*

*AND THAT twenty five percent of the available sites (both non electrical and electrical) remain as non-reservable.*

Motion Carried Unanimously  
Motion: R19-275  
Radley and Hirsch Creek

## **11. Sam Lindsay Aquatic Centre – LED Lighting Project**

Moved and seconded,

*“THAT Administration proceed with the tendering of LED lighting upgrade for non-deck areas (change rooms, washrooms, offices, lobby, storage rooms and pool basement) for the Sam Lindsay Aquatic Centre.*

*AND THAT additional LED lighting upgrading for the Sam Lindsay Aquatic Centre be considered as part of the 2020 budget deliberations.*

Motion Carried

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

Opposed: Councillor Gibson Councillor Marleau  
Motion: R19-276  
Sam Lindsay LED Light Upgrade

## **12. Canada Day Weekend Concert**

Moved and seconded,

*“THAT funding of up to \$30,000 for the Canada Day Concert in 2020 be provided as part of the 2020 operational budget.”*

Motion Carried Unanimously  
Motion: R19-277  
Canada Day Weekend

## **13. Joanne Monaghan Community Kitchen Usage**

Moved and seconded,

*“THAT approval be provided for no charge use of the Joanne Monaghan Community Room Kitchen for the purposes of sharing skills pertaining to food preparation and preservation when the kitchen is not otherwise booked;  
AND THAT a refundable deposit fee of fifty dollars (\$50) be charged to users for additional clean-up costs;*

*AND FURTHER THAT if paid bookings for the Joanne Monaghan Community Room and kitchen that are received outside forty eight (48) hours of the no charge booking of the kitchen will receive priority for the use of the kitchen space.”*

Motion Carried Unanimously  
Motion: R19-278  
Community Kitchen

#### 14. Airport Transportation Subsidy Program

Moved and seconded,

*“THAT the rate of reimbursement for the Airport Transportation Subsidy Program be increased to a maximum of \$100 per trip, THAT the District of Kitimat Airport Transportation Subsidy Program be extended until October 31, 2020.”*

Motion Carried Unanimously  
Motion: R19-279  
Air Transportation Subsidy Program

#### 15. Council Remuneration

Moved and seconded,

*“THAT the report be tabled until staff can report back on how to bring Council remuneration in line with average remuneration.”*

Motion Defeated

In Favour: Councillor Gibson, Councillor Marleau, Councillor Zielinski

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

Motion: R19-280  
Council Remuneration

Moved and seconded,

*“THAT the following increase be presented in a draft bylaw for consideration: Mayor and Council remuneration increase by the Consumer Price Index of 2.8% for the period June 2018 to August 2019, resulting in an increase of \$995.29 for the Mayor and \$409.26 for Council. Total 2020 annual pay will be set for the Mayor at \$36,541.37 and for Council at \$15,025.55.*

*AND FURTHER that there be a broader discussion on Council remuneration going forward.”*

Motion **Carried**

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

Opposed: Councillor Gibson, Councillor Zielinski

Motion: R19-281  
Council Remuneration

#### New Business

#### Mayor and Council Reports

Moved and seconded,

*"THAT this meeting adjourn."*

Motion Carried Unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT

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Mayor

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Corporate Officer