



MINUTES OF DISTRICT OF KITIMAT

PUBLIC HEARING

MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
606 MOUNTAINVIEW SQUARE, ON MONDAY, MAY 4, 2020 at 7:20 PM

Present: Mayor P. Germuth

Councillors: E. Empinado, M. Feldhoff, L. Gibson
(All Via WebEx) R. Goffinet, T. Marleau, M. Zielinski

Present: Staff:

	W. Waycheshen, Chief Administrative Officer
Via WebEx	E. Anderson, Director of Corporate Administration
Via WebEx	D. Rutsatz, Director of Finance
Via WebEx	M. Gould, Director Leisure Services
Via WebEx	M. Penner, Director of Human Resources
Via WebEx	T. Bossence, Fire Chief
	A Ramos-Espinoza, Director of Engineering Services
Via WebEx	G. Sewell, Director of Planning
Via WebEx	N. Simpkins, Deputy Director of Operations
Via WebEx	M. Dewar, Director of Economic Development
Via WebEx	C. McCulley, Director of Operations
	A. Hansen, Information Systems Coordinator
Via WebEx	K. Enders, Deputy Director of Corporate Administration

The Public Hearing is being held pursuant to the Local Government Act to consider the Multi-family Development Permit Guidelines, FireSmart Amendment Bylaw No. 1967, 2020 and Development Permit Area – Hazardous Areas FireSmart Amendment Bylaw No. 1968, 2020.

The Mayor advised that a Ministerial Order was released regarding public hearings that would allow electronic participation. However, for the FireSmart Development Permit guidelines, due to COVID impacting open houses, staff utilized an online, virtual open house and no comments were received. As the new principles do increase building costs and we have not heard from builders, developers or the public; staff recommends the public hearing be closed and bring the item back when open houses can be reinstated and a more robust public engagement be implemented.

Moved and seconded,

"THAT the Public Hearing for Bylaws No. 1967 and 1968 be cancelled and this item be returned to Council with a public engagement plan post-COVID."

Councillor Gibson commented that:

- This is important fire safety bylaw and would like to see it move forward;
- Reference to "post-COVID" could indicate a long period of time before being brought back; and
- It should happen this summer.

Councillor Feldhoff commented that:

- Public needs to have further input; and
- Other meaningful ways for that input can happen.

Councillor Marleau commented that Council has the authority to bring this matter back whenever they want.

In response to a query, the Chief Administrative Officer advised that:

- Funding is pursuant to a grant deadline; and
- Item will be brought back in a timely manner.

Amendment:

*Moved and seconded,
"THAT "post-COVID" be deleted."*

Motion: **Defeated**

In Favour: Councillor Gibson

*Opposed: Mayor Germuth, Councillors Empinado, Feldhoff
Goffinet, Marleau, Zielinski*

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Main Motion:

Motion: **Carried**

*In Favour: Mayor Germuth, Councillors Empinado, Feldhoff
Goffinet, Marleau, Zielinski*

Opposed: Councillor Gibson

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The Public Hearing adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT

Mayor

Corporate Officer