



MINUTES OF DISTRICT OF KITIMAT
REGULAR MEETING

MEETING HELD AT MUNICIPAL HALL
270 CITY CENTRE, ON MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor P. Germuth

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

Present: Staff:

	W. Waycheshen, CAO
Via WebEx	E. Anderson, Director of Corporate Administration
Via WebEx	A. Ramos-Espinoza, Director of Engineering
Via WebEx	A. Lucas, Director of Planning
Via WebEx	D. Rutsatz, Director of Finance
Via WebEx	M. Gould, Director of Leisure Services
Via WebEx	M. Dewar, Director of Economic Development
Via WebEx	T. Bossence, Fire Chief
Via WebEx	C. McCulley, Director of Operations
Via WebEx	M. Penner, Director of Human Resources
Via WebEx	K. Hogan, Planner
Via WebEx	J. Silvinski, Climate Change Specialist
Via WebEx	C. Brown, Planner

Message from the Mayor

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

Delegations/Presentations

1. Kitimat RCMP – Monthly Update

Staff Sergeant Graham Morgan presented the October and November 2020 monthly policy reports. He then answered questions from Council.

2. Aspect Safety – New Community Program

Jesse Santos, General Manager, and Logan Arruda, Aspect Safety made a presentation to Council regarding a new community program for local residents to get pre-employment training free. They then answered questions from Council.

Public Input / Questions on Agenda Items

Media Inquiries - For Clarification Only

Call for New Business / Adoption of the Agenda

Councillor Gibson – Consent Agenda Item 6 – Overdose Crisis and Call for Overdose Action Plan

Moved and seconded,

“THAT the Regular Council Agenda for January 4, 2021, be adopted as amended.”

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R21-001

Consent Agenda

Moved and seconded,

“THAT the Consent Agenda for January 4, 2021 be approved.”

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R21-002

The following meeting Minutes were adopted:

Regular Meeting of Council Minutes – 21 December 2020
Committee of the Whole Minutes – 22 December 2020

All correspondence was received and filed.

Motions

Bylaws

1. Refuse Collection Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 1992, 2021

Moved and seconded,

“THAT three readings be given to Refuse Collection Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 1992, 2021.”

Councillor Empinado left the meeting at 7:40 pm.

Motion Carried

In Favour: Mayor Germuth, Councillors Feldhoff,
Goffinet, Marleau, and Zielinski

Opposed: Councillor Gibson

Motion: R21-003

Bylaw No. 1992, 2021

Councillor Empinado returned at 7:45 pm

Reports and/or Communications

1. Downtown Plan Engagement Summary

Moved and seconded,

“THAT the report titled "Downtown Plan Engagement Summary", dated 21 December 2020, be received for information.”

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: R21-004
Downtown Plan Engagement Summary

2. Downtown Plan and Design Guidelines - Next Steps

Moved and seconded,

“THAT the draft Downtown Plan be restructured as a concept plan, with the following sections:

- 1. Vision*
- 2. Design Principles*
- 3. Goals and Objectives (former Big Moves)*
- 4. Project Areas*

AND THAT the draft Vision and Design Principles (only) are endorsed, as presented;

AND THAT Council approve staff recommendation that the revised draft Downtown Design Guidelines will be a separate document;

AND THAT staff bring back a report on the Downtown Design Guidelines draft that incorporate some of the concepts that have been put forth by Council, along with a language compromise that may be a suitable alternative.”

Amendment:

Moved and seconded,

“THAT section 1.23 be removed for a section that has more positive language.”

Motion Carried

In Favour: Mayor Germuth, Councillors Empinado, Feldhoff,
Goffinet, and Zielinski

Opposed: Councillor Gibson, Marleau

Motion: R21-005
Downtown Design Guidelines

Division of the Question:

“THAT the draft Downtown Plan be restructured as a concept plan, with the following sections:

- 1. Vision*
- 2. Design Principles*
- 3. Goals and Objectives (former Big Moves)*
- 4. Project Areas*

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: R21-006
Downtown Design Guidelines

“AND THAT the draft Vision and Design Principles (only) are endorsed, as presented”

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: R21-007
Downtown Design Guidelines

“AND THAT Council approve staff recommendation that the revised draft Downtown Design Guidelines will be a separate document”;

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: R21-008
Downtown Design Guidelines

“AND THAT staff bring back a report on the Downtown Design Guidelines draft that incorporate some of the concepts that have been put forth by Council, along with a language compromise that may be a suitable alternative.”

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: R21-009
Downtown Design Guidelines

“THAT section 1.23 be removed for a section that has more positive language.”

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: R21-010
Downtown Design Guidelines

“THAT Council direct staff to prepare a bylaw to amend Kitimat Municipal Code to eliminate Minimum Parking Requirements in Downtown Kitimat.”

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: R21-011
Downtown Plan and Design Guidelines

New Business

1. Councillor Gibson

Consent Agenda Item 6 – Overdose Crisis and Call for Overdose Action Plan

Moved and seconded,
“THAT Council

- a) *request that the Government of Canada:*
 - i) *declare the overdose crisis a national public health emergency so that it is taken seriously and funded appropriately*
 - ii) *immediately seek input from the people most affected by this crisis and meet with provinces and territories to develop a comprehensive, Pan-Canadian overdose action plan, which includes comprehensive supports and full consideration of reforms that other countries have used to significantly reduce drug-related fatalities and stigma, such as legal regulation of illicit drugs to ensure safe supply of pharmaceutical alternatives to toxic street drugs, and decriminalization for personal use*
- b) *forward this motion to other BC municipalities and request they make a similar motion to ask the Government of Canada to address the overdose crisis*

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: R21-012
Overdose Prevention

Mayor and Council Reports

Moved and seconded,
“THAT this meeting adjourn.”

Motion Carried Unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT

Mayor

Corporate Officer