



MINUTES OF DISTRICT OF KITIMAT
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
606 MOUNTAINVIEW SQUARE, ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2021, AT 7:00 PM

Present: Mayor P. Germuth

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

Present: Staff:

- Via WebEx W. Waycheshen, CAO
- Via WebEx K. Enders, 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 and Communications
- Via WebEx C. McCulley, Director of Operations
- Via WebEx M. Penner, Director of Human Resources
- Via WebEx M. Hall, Business and Communication Manager
- Via WebEx K. Carlson, Engineering Services Project Manager
- Via WebEx A. Hansen, Information Technology Manager
- Via WebEx G. Whitters, Deputy Director of Corporate Administration
- Via WebEx T. Tavares, Executive Assistant
- Via WebEx J. Dave, IT Technician

1. Call to Order

2. Haisla Nation Council Members

Crystal Smith, Chief Councillor, Arthur Renwick, Deputy Chief Councillor, and Kevin Stewart, Councillor, Haisla Nation Council, raised issues of concern and reconciliation regarding the Reforming Local Laws and Green Bylaws. They then answered questions from Council.

Moved and seconded,

“THAT Council receive the delegation from the Haisla Nation for information.”

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: C21-160

Haisla Nation Council Members (1.1.2.1 / 7.4.14)

3. Delegation – BC Transit – Transit Services

Lindsay Taylor, BC Transit, provided an update to Council regarding transit services in Kitimat. She then answered questions from Council.

Moved and seconded,

“THAT Council receive the presentation from BC Transit for information.”

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: C21-161

Delegation – BC Transit – Transit Services (9.1.0)

4. Delegation - Kitimat Economic Development Association – Reforming Local Laws

Ron Burnett, Bill Eynon and Bill Hickman, Kitimat Economic Development Association (KEDA), addressed Council regarding the proposed reformation of local laws and green bylaws. They then answered questions from Council.

Moved and seconded,

“THAT Council receive the delegation from Kitimat Economic Development Association for information.”

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: C21-162

Delegation – KEDA – Reforming Local Laws (1.1.2.1 / 7.4.14)

5. Delegation - Claire Rattée – Reforming Kitimat’s Local Laws

Claire Rattée addressed Council regarding the proposed changes to the Official Community Plan and reforming Kitimat’s local laws. She then answered questions from Council.

Moved and seconded,

“THAT Council receive the delegation from Claire Rattée for information.”

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: C21-163

Delegation - Claire Rattée (1.1.2.1 / 7.4.14)

6. Delegation - The North Matters - Economic Development/Opposition to Kitimat Valley Naturalists proposal

David Johnston, The North Matters, provided a presentation to Council regarding economic development in Kitimat and the Kitimat Valley Naturalists’ proposal. He then answered questions from Council.

Moved and seconded,

“THAT Council receive the presentation from The North Matters for information.”

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: C21-164

Delegation - The North Matters – Reforming Local Laws (1.1.2.1 / 7.4.14)

7. Delegation - Corinne Scott – Proposed Protected Goose Creek Recreation Area

Corinne Scott addressed Council regarding the proposed protected Goose Creek Recreation area. She then answered questions from Council.

Moved and seconded,
“THAT Council receive the delegation from Corinne Scott for information.”

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: C21-165

Delegation - Corinne Scott - Proposed Protected Good Creek Recreation Area (1.1.2.1 / 7.4.14)

8. Public Input / Questions on Agenda Items

Mayor Germuth called for public input on the agenda items.

Elizabeth Thorne provided input on Agenda Item No. 11 - Report - Reforming Kitimat’s Local Laws and Green Bylaws.

Mike Langedger provided input on Agenda Item No. 11 - Report - Reforming Kitimat’s Local Laws and Green Bylaws.

Gillian Mullins provided input on Agenda Item No. 11 - Report - Reforming Kitimat’s Local Laws and Green Bylaws.

Rick Thompson provided input on Agenda Item No. 11 - Report - Reforming Kitimat’s Local Laws and Green Bylaws.

Gregory Judas provided input on Agenda Item No. 11 - Report - Reforming Kitimat’s Local Laws and Green Bylaws.

Larry Thompson provided input on Agenda Item No. 11 - Report - Reforming Kitimat’s Local Laws and Green Bylaws.

9. Media Inquiries - For Clarification Only

Mayor Germuth called for any media inquiries. There were no media inquiries

10. Call for New Business / Adoption of the Agenda

Moved and seconded,
“THAT the Committee of the Whole Agenda for November 29, 2021, be adopted as circulated.”

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: C21-166

The meeting recessed at 9:29 p.m.
The meeting reconvened at 9:35 p.m.

11. Report - Reforming Kitimat's Local Laws and Green Bylaws

Moved and seconded,

"THAT the report titled "Reforming Kitimat's Local Laws and Green Bylaws", dated November 22, 2021, be received for information."

AND THAT staff schedule a strategic planning session, prior to March 31, 2022, for Council to discuss the following questions provided by Councillor Gibson:

- 3.1 How can the DOK identify sensitive ecosystems, green infrastructure, and connecting corridors?*
- 3.2 How can the DOK develop a Growth Management Strategy?*
- 3.3 How can the DOK remove barriers and provide incentives for re-development of brownfield and adjacent degraded lands?*
- 3.4 How can the DOK understand the impacts of proposed greenfield development on the following:*
 - o watershed, riparian, or wetland processes?*
 - o environmentally sensitive areas and their functions?*
 - o known wildlife corridors or habitats?*
 - o cumulative effects when considered with pre-existing or proposed development adjacent development?*
- 3.5 How can the DOK establish a watershed management / water sustainability plan?*
- 3.6 How can the DOK ensure that local knowledge is incorporated into decision-making processes when development of greenfield areas is proposed?"*

Moved and seconded

"THAT the November 29, 2021, Committee of the Whole meeting be extended to 10:45 p.m."

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: C21-167

Amendment:

Moved and seconded:

THAT "prior to March 31, 2022" be struck and replaced with "at the earliest possible time".

Amending Motion: **Carried**

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

Opposed: Councillors Empinado and Feldhoff

Motion: C21-168
Reforming Kitimat's Local Laws and Green Bylaws (7.4.14)

Main motion as amended:

Moved and seconded

“THAT the report titled “Reforming Kitimat’s Local Laws and Green Bylaws”, dated November 22, 2021, be received for information.”

AND THAT staff schedule a strategic planning session, at the earliest possible time, for Council to discuss the following questions provided by Councillor Gibson:

- 3.1 How can the District of Kitimat (DOK) identify sensitive ecosystems, green infrastructure, and connecting corridors?*
- 3.7 How can the DOK develop a Growth Management Strategy?*
- 3.8 How can the DOK remove barriers and provide incentives for re-development of brownfield and adjacent degraded lands?*
- 3.9 How can the DOK understand the impacts of proposed greenfield development on the following:*
 - watershed, riparian, or wetland processes?*
 - environmentally sensitive areas and their functions?*
 - known wildlife corridors or habitats?*
 - cumulative effects when considered with pre-existing or proposed development adjacent development?*
- 3.10 How can the DOK establish a watershed management / water sustainability plan?*
- 3.11 How can the DOK ensure that local knowledge is incorporated into decision-making processes when development of greenfield areas is proposed?”*

Main Motion as Amended Carried Unanimously
Motion: C21-169
Reforming Kitimat’s Local Laws and Green Bylaws (7.4.14)

12. Automated Vote Counting

Moved and seconded,

“THAT the report titled “Automated Vote Counting”, dated November 17, 2021, be received for information.

Motion: **Carried**

In favour: Mayor Germuth, Councillors Empinado, Goffinet, Marleau, and Zielinski

Opposed: Councillors Feldhoff and Gibson

Motion: C21-170
Automated Vote Counting (1.1.3.0)

13. Adjournment

Moved and seconded,

“THAT this meeting adjourn.”

Motion Carried Unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT

Mayor

Corporate Officer