



MINUTES OF DISTRICT OF KITIMAT
REGULAR MEETING

MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
606 MOUNTAINVIEW SQUARE, ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2022, AT 7:00 PM

Present: Mayor P. Germuth

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

Present: Councillors: M. Feldhoff, R. Goffinet
(All Via WebEx)

Present: Staff: W. Waycheshen, CAO
A. Ramos-Espinoza, Director of Engineering
D. Rutsatz, Director of Finance
M. Gould, Director of Leisure Services
Via WebEx K. Enders, Director of Corporate Administration
Via WebEx A. Lucas, Director of Planning
Via WebEx M. Hall, Director of Economic Development and Communications
Via WebEx T. Bossence, Fire Chief
Via WebEx C. McCulley, Director of Operations
Via WebEx M. Penner, Director of Human Resources
G. Whitters, Deputy Director of Corporate Administration

Call to Order

Message from the Mayor

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

Public Input / Questions on Agenda Items

Mayor Germuth called for public input on the agenda items. There was no public input.

Media Inquiries - For Clarification Only

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

Call for New Business / Adoption of the Agenda

Councillor Gibson - Correspondence from the District of North Saanich Re: Parental Leave for Elected Officials

Moved and seconded,
"THAT the Regular Council Agenda for January 4, 2022, be adopted as amended."

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: R22-001

Consent Agenda

Moved and seconded,
"THAT the Consent Agenda for January 4, 2021, be approved."

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: R22-002

The following meeting Minutes were adopted as amended:

Regular Meeting of Council - December 20, 2021

All correspondence was received and filed.

Bylaws

1. Automated Vote Count System Authorization and Procedure Bylaw No. 2009, 2021

Moved and seconded,

“THAT third reading of Automated Vote Count System Authorization and Procedure Bylaw No. 2009, 2021 be rescinded;

AND THAT Staff report back on options of incorporating a manual count into the automated vote count procedure.”

Motion: Carried Unanimously

Motion: R22-003

Automated Vote Count System Authorization and Procedure Bylaw No. 2009, 2021 (1.1.3.0)

2. 2022 Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw No. 2010, 2022

Moved and seconded,

“THAT three readings be given to the 2022 Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw No. 2010, 2022.”

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R22-004

2022 Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw No. 2010, 2022 (2.10.3.1)

Reports and/or Communications

1. 2021 Annual Kitimat Business Walk

Moved and seconded,

“THAT the report dated December 28, 2021, and titled “2021 Annual Kitimat Business Walk”, be received for information.”

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R22-005

2021 Annual Kitimat Business Walk (5.7.10)

By unanimous consent, Council agreed to discuss new business prior to the 2022 Budget Deliberations (Second Report)

New Business

1. Councillor Gibson - Correspondence from the District of North Saanich Re: Parental Leave for Elected Officials

Moved and seconded,

“THAT the correspondence from the District of North Saanich regarding parental leave for elected officials be received and staff report back on options for adoption of a parental leave policy before the 2022 election.”

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R22-006

Parental Leave for Elected Officials (1.5.1.3)

2. 2022 Budget Deliberations (Second Report)

Moved and seconded,

“THAT the 2022 budget be drafted with a 3.5% tax increase.”

Amendment:

Moved and seconded,

“THAT 3.5% be replaced with 4%.”

Amending Motion: **Carried**

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

Opposed: Councillor Feldhoff

Motion: R22-007

2022 Budget Deliberations (Second Report) (2.10.3.1)

Main motion as amended:

Moved and seconded,

“THAT the 2022 budget be drafted with a 4% tax increase.”

Motion: Carried

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

Opposed: Councillor Feldhoff

Motion: R22-008

2022 Budget Deliberations (Second Report) (2.10.3.1)

Moved and seconded,

“THAT the grant request of \$30,778 for Delta King Place for upgrades to the Kiwanis Village fire monitoring system and that the operating grant request of \$35,446 for the Kitimat Community Services Society’s Community Rental Subsidy Program be tentatively funded from the Affordable Housing Fund.”

Divide the Question:

Councillor Goffinet declared a conflict of interest as a member of the Delta King Place Society Board and left the meeting at 8:01

Moved and seconded,

“THAT the grant request of \$30,778 for Delta King Place for upgrades to the Kiwanis Village fire monitoring system be tentatively funded from the Affordable Housing Fund.”

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R22-009

2022 Budget Deliberations (Second Report) (2.10.3.1)

Councillor Goffinet returned to the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Moved and seconded,

“THAT the operating grant request of \$35,446 for the Kitimat Community Services Society’s Community Rental Subsidy Program be tentatively funded from the Affordable Housing Fund.”

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R22-010

2022 Budget Deliberations (Second Report) (2.10.3.1)

Moved and seconded,

“THAT staff contact Kitimat Understanding the Environment, Kitimat Community Development Centre and the Mount Elizabeth Cycling Association (MECA) to discuss a reduction to their grant request; and invite them to meet with Council to discuss impacts of a reduced grant.”

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R22-011

2022 Budget Deliberations (Second Report) (2.10.3.1)

Moved and seconded,

“THAT staff repurpose the funds of the following Reserves line-items:

- No. 45 - \$123,466 for the Kitimat Ice Rink roof replacement*
- No. 48 - \$163,281 for Radley Park Shoreline Protection*
- No. 50 - \$47,500 for Campground Registration Software”*

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R22-012

2022 Budget Deliberations (Second Report) (2.10.3.1)

Moved and seconded,

“THAT staff return with a list ranking the remaining reserve line-items marked “repurpose” to identify which items can be easily repurposed without impacting projects scheduled for completion in 2022.”

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R22-013

2022 Budget Deliberations (Second Report) (2.10.3.1)

Moved and seconded,
“THAT the Reserves line-item No. 60 of \$30,000 for a Community Engagement Manual be reallocated.”

Tabling Motion:

Moved and seconded,
“THAT the following motion be tabled to the next budget meeting:

“THAT the Reserves line-item No. 60 of \$30,000 for a Community Engagement Manual be reallocated.”

Motion: **Carried**

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

Opposed: Councillors Feldhoff and Zielinski

Motion: R22-014
2022 Budget Deliberations (Second Report) (2.10.3.1)

Councillor Gibson declared a conflict of interest as a member of the Kitimat Public Art Alliance and left the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Councillor Zielinski declared a conflict of interest as a member of the Kitimat Public Art Alliance and left the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Moved and seconded,
“THAT the grant request of \$20,000 from the Kitimat Public Art Alliance for a mural be reduced to \$15,000.”

Amendment:

Moved and seconded,
“THAT staff contact the Kitimat Public Art Alliance to discuss a reduction to their grant request and invite them to meet with Council to discuss impacts of a reduced grant.”

Amending Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: R22-015
2022 Budget Deliberations (Second Report) (2.10.3.1)

Main motion as amended:

Moved and seconded,
“THAT staff contact the Kitimat Public Art Alliance to discuss a reduction to their grant request and invite them to meet with Council to discuss impacts of a reduced grant.”

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: R22-016
2022 Budget Deliberations (Second Report) (2.10.3.1)

Councillors Gibson and Zielinski returned to the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

Moved and seconded,

“THAT staff report back on the amount budgeted under the Council Travel Fund.”

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R22-017

2022 Budget Deliberations (Second Report) (2.10.3.1)

Mayor and Council Reports

Call for New Business / Adoption of the Closed Agenda

Councillor Gibson - Municipal Service Item - S. 90(1)(k)

Moved and seconded,

“THAT the Closed Council agenda of January 4, 2022, be adopted as amended.”

Motion Carried Unanimously

R22-018

Council moved into closed at 8:58 p.m.

Council moved into open at 9:21 p.m.

Adjournment

Moved and seconded,

“THAT this meeting adjourn.”

Motion Carried Unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT

Mayor

Corporate Officer