



MINUTES OF DISTRICT OF KITIMAT  
**REGULAR MEETING**

MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
606 MOUNTAINVIEW SQUARE, ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2022, AT 7:00 PM

Present: Mayor P. Germuth

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

Present: Councillors: M. Feldhoff  
(Via WebEx)

Absent: Councillor: M. Zielinski

Present: Staff: 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. Hall, Director of Economic Development and Communications  
Via WebEx C. McCulley, Director of Operations  
Via WebEx M. Penner, Director of Human Resources  
Via WebEx 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.

**Delegations/Presentations**

**District of Kitimat Horticulturist – Horticulture in Kitimat 2021 and Plans for 2022**

Todd Gesshe, Horticulturist, provided a presentation on horticulture in Kitimat in 2021 and plans for 2022. He then answered questions from Council.

**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 - Consent Agenda Item No. 4 - Copy of Correspondence from the Village of Cumberland, dated January 28, 2022, regarding Bill C-216, Health-Based Approach to the Substance Use Act

Councillor Gibson – Consent Agenda Item No. 5 - Copy of Correspondence from MP, Peter Julian, dated February 10, 2022, regarding Bill C-229 An Act to Amend the Criminal Code (Banning Symbols of Hate)

Moved and seconded,

*“THAT the Regular Council Agenda for February 22, 2022, be adopted as amended.”*

Motion Carried Unanimously  
Motion: R22-053

### **Consent Agenda**

Moved and seconded,

*“THAT the Consent Agenda for February 22, 2022, be approved as amended.”*

Motion Carried Unanimously  
Motion: R22-054

The following meeting Minutes were adopted:

Regular Meeting of Council Minutes – February 7, 2022  
Committee of the Whole Minutes – February 14, 2022

All correspondence was received and filed.

### **Bylaws**

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

Moved and seconded,

*“THAT the first two readings of Automated Vote Count System Authorization and Procedure Bylaw No. 2009, 2021 be rescinded.”*

Motion Carried Unanimously  
Motion: R22-055

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

#### **2. Water Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 2012, 2022**

Moved and seconded,

*“THAT staff report back with options and effects for metered rates and users.”*

Motion Carried

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

Opposed: Councillor Feldhoff

Motion: R22-056  
Water Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 2012, 2022 (9.2.1.4)

**Reports and/or Communications**

**1. Ministry-Initiated Amendment of Environmental Management Act permit for Rio Tinto Alcan (RTA)**

Moved and seconded,

*“THAT the report on Ministry-Initiated Amendment of Environmental Management Act permit for Rio Tinto Alcan be received for information.*

*AND THAT the District of Kitimat receive notification when bypasses of the stacks occur if the Ministry-Initiated Amendment of Environmental Management Act permit for Rio Tinto Alcan is approved.”*

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R22-057

Environmental Management Act Permit for Rio Tinto Alcan (1.4.1.12)

**2. District of Kitimat Statement of Objectives Regarding Recreation in Kitimat**

Moved and seconded,

*THAT staff incorporate the wording “to promote the physical and mental wellbeing of residents” into the Leisure Services Commission’s revised Statement of Objectives.*

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R22-058

Statement of Objectives Regarding Recreation in Kitimat (4.1.2)

Moved and seconded,

*“THAT the following 1981 Objective remain in the revised objectives for the Leisure Services Commission:*

*“Competition with the private sector will be avoided, except where the private sector chooses to offer what is considered to be a basic leisure service.””*

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R22-059

Statement of Objectives Regarding Recreation in Kitimat (4.1.2)

Moved and seconded,

*“THAT the following 1981 Objective remain in the revised objectives for the Leisure Services Commission:*

*“The cost of administering the collection of revenue shall not be disproportionate to the revenue which accrues or the advantage gained.”*

*AND THAT the following be included in the revised objectives for the Leisure Services Commission:*

*“To provide programs and services for the sake of contributing to the greater good of individuals and community quality of life that may, as a result, not prioritize or seek revenue generation (e.g., lost leader programs).””*

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R22-060

Statement of Objectives Regarding Recreation in Kitimat (4.1.2)

Moved and seconded,

“THAT Council adopt the revised “Statement of Objectives, 2022 Recommended Updates” for the District of Kitimat.”

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R22-061

Statement of Objectives Regarding Recreation in Kitimat (4.1.2)

### **3. North Central Local Government Association – Resolutions**

Moved and seconded,

*“THAT the following resolution be forwarded to North Central Local Government Association for deliberation and consideration:*

*“THAT all BC municipalities and regional districts commit to undergoing localized indigenous cultural awareness training with the respective First Nations of their local areas, and that, they commit to advancing all Calls to Action within the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada.”*

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R22-062

North Central Local Government Association – Resolutions (1.5.2.4)

Moved and seconded,

*“THAT the following draft resolution be brought before Council for the purposes of forwarding to North Central Local Government Association for deliberation and consideration:*

*“THAT the North Central Local Government Association request the Provincial Government to streamline the credentialing of internationally educated nurses and provide financial support to these nurses to register with the BC College of Nurses and Midwives.”*

Tabling Motion:

Moved and seconded,

*“THAT the following motion be tabled to a future meeting:*

*“THAT the following draft resolution be brought before Council for the purposes of forwarding to North Central Local Government Association for deliberation and consideration:*

*“THAT the North Central Local Government Association request the Provincial Government to streamline the credentialing of internationally educated nurses and provide financial support to these nurses to register with the BC College of Nurses and Midwives.”*

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R22-063

North Central Local Government Association – Resolutions (1.5.2.4)

#### **4. Water Conservation Plan – Adoption**

Moved and seconded,

*“THAT the District of Kitimat Water Conservation plan, prepared by McElhanney, Rev. 2 Section 4.1 Updated, dated January 18, 2022, be adopted as presented.”*

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R22-064

Water Conservation Plan – Adoption (9.2.1)

#### **New Business**

##### **1. Councillor Gibson: Copy of Correspondence from the Village of Cumberland, dated January 28, 2022, regarding Bill C-216, Health-Based Approach to the Substance Use Act**

Moved and seconded,

*“THAT a letter be sent in support of the correspondence received from the Village of Cumberland, dated January 28, 2022, regarding Bill C-216, Health-Based Approach to the Substance Use Act to the sponsoring MP, Carolyn Bennet, Minister of Health and Addictions and the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau.”*

Motion Carried

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

Opposed: Councillor Feldhoff

Motion: R22-065

Bill C-216, Health-Based Approach to the Substance Use Act (1.3.1.1 / 1.3.1.12)

##### **2. Councillor Gibson: Copy of Correspondence from MP, Peter Julian, dated February 10, 2022, regarding Bill C-229 An Act to Amend the Criminal Code (Banning Symbols of Hate)**

Moved and seconded,

*“THAT a letter be sent to the appropriate Federal Ministers on behalf of the District of Kitimat Mayor and Council endorsing the MP Peter Julian’s Private Member’s Bill C-229 An Act to Amend the Criminal Code (Banning Symbols of Hate).”*

Motion Carried

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

Opposed: Councillor Feldhoff

Motion: R22-066

Bill C-229 An Act to Amend the Criminal Code (Banning Symbols of Hate) (1.3.1.0)

#### **Mayor and Council Reports**

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

Moved and seconded,

*“THAT the agenda be adopted as presented and Council deal with these matters in a closed session.”*

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R22-067

Council moved into closed at 8:55 p.m.

Council moved into open at 9:59 p.m.

**Adjournment**

Moved and seconded,

*“THAT this meeting adjourn.”*

Motion Carried Unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT

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Mayor

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Corporate Officer