



MINUTES OF DISTRICT OF KITIMAT
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
606 MOUNTAINVIEW SQUARE, ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2022 AT 7:36 PM

Present: Mayor P. Germuth

Present: Councillors: M. Feldhoff, R. Goffinet, T. Marleau,
Present Councillor L. Gibson
Via WebEx

Absent: Councillors: E. Empinado, M. Zielinski

Present: Staff:
W. Waycheshen, CAO
K. Enders, Director of Corporate Administration
T. Tavares, Deputy Director of Corporate Administration
A. Ramos-Espinoza, Director of Engineering
Via WebEx T. Bossence, Fire Chief
Via WebEx M. Penner, Director of Human Resources
Via WebEx M. Gould, Director of Leisure Services
Via WebEx C. McCulley, Director of Operations
Via WebEx D. Rutsatz, Director of Finance
Via WebEx A. Stewart-Jones, Planner

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Public Input / Questions on Agenda Items**

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

3. **Media Inquiries - For Clarification Only**

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

4. **Call for New Business / Adoption of the Agenda**

Councillor Gibson – Notice of Motion – Comment regarding Coastal GasLink Application to the B.C. Oil and Gas Commission to authorize the discharge of air emissions from six burn piles under the provisions of the *Environmental Management Act*.

Moved and seconded,
“*THAT the Committee of the Whole Agenda for September 26, 2022, be adopted as amended.*”

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: C22-068

5. Report – Maternity and Parental Leave Policy

Moved and seconded,

“THAT the maternity leave under the Maternity and Parental Leave Policy be set at 17 weeks;

AND THAT maternity leave taken under Maternity and Parental Leave Policy be paid.”

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: C22-069

Maternity and Parental Leave Policy (1.1.4.2)

Moved and seconded,

“THAT the parental leave under the Maternity and Parental Leave Policy be set at 17 weeks;

AND THAT parental leave taken under Maternity and Parental Leave Policy be paid.”

In favour: Mayor Germuth Councillors Feldhoff, Marleau

Opposed: Councillors Gibson, Goffinet

Motion Carried

Motion: C22-070

Maternity and Parental Leave Policy (1.1.4.2)

6. Report -Policy for the Kitimat Airport Transportation Subsidy Program

Moved and seconded,

“THAT staff report back with a policy to authorize funding for the program for 3 years;

AND THAT a rate of 75% of the fare be reimbursed.”

Amendment:

Moved and seconded,

“THAT the fare for a one-way trip from Kitimat to the airport be reimbursed at a rate of 80%.”

Amending Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: C22-071

Kitimat Airport Transportation Subsidy Program (9.1.7)

Main Motion as amended:

Moved and seconded,

“THAT staff report back with a policy to authorize funding for the program for 3 years;

AND THAT a rate of 80% of the fare be reimbursed.”

Main Motion as amended Carried Unanimously
Motion: C22-072
Kitimat Airport Transportation Subsidy Program (9.1.7)

7. Notice of Motion – Comment on Coastal GasLink Application to the BC Oil and Gas Commission to authorize the discharge of air emissions from six burn piles under the provisions of the Environmental Management Act

Moved and seconded,

“THAT the District provide comment on the Coastal GasLink Application to the B.C. Oil and Gas Commission to authorize the discharge of air emissions from six burn piles under the provisions of the Environmental Management Act as follows:

The legislation governing open burning in British Columbia requires that every reasonable alternative for reducing, reusing or recycling debris be pursued to minimize the amount of debris to be open burned.

The applicant has not provided details of those reasonable efforts and should be required to do so. Efforts should include, at a minimum, all reasonable efforts to recycle the cardboard, and to provide scavenging permits to members of the public or local businesses willing to sign a waiver and follow a safety protocol for the clean wood. If re-use of the wood is not possible, then chipping, burying or composting the wood should be pursued prior to the issuance of a burning permit.”

Amendment:

Moved and seconded,

“THAT “at a minimum” be removed;

AND THAT the word “pursued” be changed to “considered”.”

Amending Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: C22-073
Coastal GasLink Application (1.4.2.18)

Main Motion as amended:

“THAT the District provide comment on the Coastal GasLink Application to the B.C. Oil and Gas Commission to authorize the discharge of air emissions from six burn piles under the provisions of the Environmental Management Act as follows:

The legislation governing open burning in British Columbia requires that every reasonable alternative for reducing, reusing or recycling debris be pursued to minimize the amount of debris to be open burned.

The applicant has not provided details of those reasonable efforts and should be required to do so. Efforts should include all reasonable efforts to recycle the cardboard, and to provide scavenging permits to members of the public or local businesses willing to sign a waiver and follow a safety protocol for the clean wood. If re-use of the wood is not possible, then chipping, burying or composting the wood should be considered prior to the issuance of a burning permit.”

Main Motion as amended Carried Unanimously
Motion: C22-074
Coastal GasLink Application (1.4.2.18)

8. Call for New Business / Adoption of the Closed Agenda

Moved and seconded,
“THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated and Council deal with these matters in a closed session.”

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: IC22-165

Council moved into closed at 8:27 p.m.
Council moved into open at 10:08 p.m.

9. Adjournment

Moved and seconded,
“THAT this meeting adjourn.”

Motion Carried Unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 10:09 p.m.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT

Mayor

Corporate Officer