



MINUTES OF DISTRICT OF KITIMAT
REGULAR MEETING

MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
606 MOUNTAINVIEW SQUARE, ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 03, 2023 AT 7:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor P. Germuth

Present: Councillors: M. Feldhoff, G. Leibel, T. Marleau, G. Pitzel
Present via Councillor M. Martins
WebEx

Absent: Councillor E. Empinado

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

Call to Order

Message from the Mayor

Delegations/Presentations

1. Kitimat Ground Search and Rescue – 2022 Activities Update

Kelly Marsh and Julie Stevens made a presentation to Council on the Kitimat Ground Search and Rescue 2022 Activities. The presenters then answered questions from Council.

Moved and seconded,
“THAT the Kitimat Ground Search and Rescue presentation be received for information.”

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R23-001

Delegation – Kitimat Ground Search and Rescue (1.1.2.1.1)

Public Input / Questions on Agenda Items

Joneen Flaherty and April McLeod provided input and addressed their concerns on the Sumgas Creek Habitat Offsetting/Restoration Enhancement Project.

Rob St. Jean and James Norris from LNG Canada were in attendance to answer questions from the public and Council.

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 Marleau - Item No. #10 – Correspondence dated 07 December 2022 from Northwest Regional Hospital District regarding Physician Recruitment in the Northwest.

Councillor Marleau – Item No. #11 – Correspondence dated 03 January 2023 from Mount Elizabeth Cycling Association (MECA) regarding support for the BC Governments Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program Grant Application.

Moved and seconded,

“THAT the Regular Council and Supplemental Agenda for January 03, 2023, be adopted as amended.

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: R23-002

Consent Agenda

Moved and seconded,

“THAT the Consent Agenda for January 03, 2023, be approved as amended.”

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: R23-003

The following meeting Minutes were adopted:

Regular Minutes of Council	05 December 2022
Special Meeting Minutes of Council	07 December 2022
Special Meeting Minutes of Council	12 December 2022
Committee of the Whole Minutes	12 December 2022
Committee of the Whole Minutes	13 December 2022
Special Meeting Minutes of Council	16 December 2022
Special Meeting Minutes of Council	17 December 2022

All correspondence was received and filed.

Bylaws

1. 2023 Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw No 2022, 2023

Moved and seconded,

“THAT three readings be given to the 2023 Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw No. 2022, 2023.”

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: R23-004
Bylaw No. 2022, 2023 (2.10.3.1)

Reports and/or Communications

1. Sumgas Creek Habitat Offsetting/Restoration Enhancement Project

Moved and seconded,

“THAT LNG Canada, in satisfaction of the Sumgas Creek Habitat Offsetting and Restoration Project Agreement condition “Any public consultation and information sessions will be led by LNG Canada and/or consultants”, will conduct the attached Public Engagement Overview and report back the public consultation results to District of Kitimat Council, including comments received and answers provided in response.”

AND THAT having issued notice pursuant to section 26 of the Community Charter and considered all public input, the Mayor and Corporate Officer sign the Sumgas Creek Habitat Offsetting and Access Agreement.”

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R23-005

Sumgas Creek Habitat Offsetting/Restoration Enhancement Project (10.2.1.4.1)

2. 2022 Annual Kitimat Business Walk

Moved and seconded,

“THAT the report dated January 03, 2023, and titled 2022 Annual Kitimat Business Walk, be received for information.”

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R23-006

2022 Annual Kitimat Business Walk (5.11.1)

3. Northern Development Initiative Trust Local Government Internship Application

Moved and seconded,

“THAT an application be made to the Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) for a grant of up to \$50,000 to hire an intern through the Local Government Internship Program.

AND THAT the District further support this application to the Local Government Internship program with a commitment of \$12,800 to support this position.”

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R23-007

NDIT Local Government Internship Application (5.9.2.1)

4. Economic Development Strategic Planning

Moved and seconded,

“THAT staff proceed with the process to develop a 5-year economic development strategic plan.

AND THAT an application for \$30,000 from the Northern Development Initiative Trust Capacity Building Program be made for this exercise.”

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R23-008

Economic Development Strategic Planning (5.9.0)

5. Policy for the Kitimat Airport Transportation Subsidy Program

Moved and seconded,

“THAT Kitimat Airport Transportation Subsidy Program Policy be approved.”

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R23-009

Kitimat Airport Transportation Subsidy Program (9.1.7)

New Business:

1. Councillor Marleau - Item No. #10 – Correspondence dated 07 December 2022 from Northwest Regional Hospital District regarding Physician Recruitment in the Northwest.

Moved and seconded,

“THAT the District of Kitimat write a letter to the Minister of Health on the concerns of recruitment and retention of physicians in Northwest BC.”

Amendment:

“THAT the District of Kitimat contact the Northwest Regional Hospital District Board to request that the Haisla Nation be included to the list of communities to consider a letter to the Minister of Health on the concerns of recruitment and retention of physicians in Northwest BC.”

Amending Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R23-010

Northwest Regional Hospital District – Physician Recruitment (1.5.1.7)

Main Motion as Amended

Moved and seconded,

“THAT the District of Kitimat write a letter to the Minister of Health on the concerns of recruitment and retention of physicians in northwest BC;

AND THAT the District of Kitimat contact the Northwest Regional Hospital District Board to request that the Haisla Nation be included to the list of communities to consider a letter to the Minister of Health on the concerns of recruitment and retention of physicians in Northwest BC.”

Main Motion as Amended Carried Unanimously

Motion: R23-011

Northwest Regional Hospital District – Physician Recruitment (1.5.1.7)

2. Councillor Marleau – Item No. #11 – Correspondence dated 03 January 2023 from Mount Elizabeth Cycling Association (MECA) regarding support for the BC Governments Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program Grant Application.

Moved and seconded,

“THAT a letter of support be written for Mount Elizabeth Cycling Association’s (MECA) application to the BC Governments Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program to assist with hiring of a consultant for the planning and design of Coho Flats.”

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R23-012

MECA BC Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program Grant (4.9.20)

Mayor and Council Reports

Call for New Business / Adoption of the Closed Agenda

Moved and seconded,

“THAT the January 03, 2023, agenda be adopted and Council deal with these matters in a closed session.”

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: IC23-001

Meeting recessed into the Closed meeting at 9:31 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 9:38 p.m.

Adjournment

Moved and seconded,
"THAT this meeting adjourn."

Motion Carried Unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT

Mayor

Corporate Officer