



Present: Mayor P. Germuth

Present: Councillors: E. Empinado, M. Feldhoff, G. Leibel, T. Marleau, M. Martins,  
G. Pitzel

Present: Staff:

W. Waycheshen, CAO  
K. Enders, Director of Corporate Administration  
T. Tavares, Deputy Director of Corporate Administration  
A. Ramos-Espinoza, Director of Engineering  
D. Rutsatz, Director of Finance  
W. Tenshak, Director of Economic Development and  
Communications  
P. Rehal, IT Technician  
Via WebEx M. Gould, Director of Leisure Services  
Via WebEx T. Bossence, Fire Chief  
Via WebEx C. McCulley, Director of Operations  
Via WebEx M. Penner, Director of Human Resources  
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 not public input.

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

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

**4. Adoption of the Agenda**

Moved and seconded,

*“THAT the Special Meeting of Council Agenda for January 09, 2023, be adopted as circulated.”*

Motion Carried Unanimously  
Motion: S23-001

**5. Notice of Motion – Councillor Feldhoff – Vaccine Mandate for Health Care Workers**

Councillor Empinado declared a conflict of interest as an employee for Northern Health and left the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Moved and seconded,

*“THAT the District of Kitimat write BC’s Chief Medical Officer, with copies to the Premier, Minister of Health, Northern Health Authority and MLA, asking that the vaccine mandate for health care workers be ended.”*

In favour: Mayor Germuth, Councillors Feldhoff, Leibel and Pitzel

Opposed: Councillors Marleau and Martins

**Motion Carried**

Motion: S23-002

NOM-Vaccine Mandate for Health Care Workers (1.6.3.4)

Councillor Empinado returned to the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

**6. Report – Request for Comment – Application for Mines Act Permit – JHW Quarry**

Moved and seconded,

*“THAT the District of Kitimat submit Attachment A to the “Request for Comment – Application for Mines Act Permit – JHW Quarry” Report dated January 4th, 2023, in response to the Mines Act Permit #0101323 - referral application for a Notice of Work and Reclamation Program (NOW) for Mineral Exploration (the “Application”).*

Moved and seconded,

*“THAT staff report back with clarification from the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation on the requirement for re-zoning as noted in their December 15, 2022 correspondence regarding the application by JHW: Hirsch Creek Pit.”*

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: S23-003

Request for Comment – JHW Quarry (1.4.2.18.6)

**7. Report – 2023 Budget Deliberations**

Staff noted the Victim Services Grant for \$44,000 was not requested for 2023 and could be removed from Appendix B (Community Grants 2023)

Moved and seconded,

*“THAT \$228,463 from the repurposed (RFFE) reserves be reallocated to general revenues”*

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: S23-004

2023 Budget Deliberations (2.10.3)

Moved and seconded,  
"THAT the 2023 grant for Mount Elizabeth Cycling Association be reduced from \$250,000 to \$175,000."

Motion Carried Unanimously  
Motion: S23-005  
2023 Budget Deliberations (2.10.3)

Moved and seconded,  
"THAT the 2023 Community Group operating grants be approved as follows:

<b>Community Group</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<i>Kitimat Public Library</i>	\$640,700
<i>Kitimat Museum &amp; Archives</i>	\$382,225
<i>Kitimat Museum &amp; Archives additional grant</i>	\$16,471
<i>Kitimat Arts for Youth</i>	\$13,000
<i>Kitimat Community Development Centre</i>	\$53,060
<i>Kitimat 50+ Society</i>	\$35,280
<i>Kitimat Flying Club</i>	\$10,808
<i>Kitimat Airshed Group</i>	\$20,400
<i>Kitimat Snowmobile Club</i>	\$50,000
<i>Snowflake Community Fairgrounds</i>	\$3,000

Motion Carried Unanimously  
Motion: S23-006  
2023 Budget Deliberations (2.10.3)

Moved and seconded,  
"THAT staff report back on the commitments and compliance of the agreement between the District of Kitimat and the Hirsch Creek Golf and Winter Club."

Motion Carried Unanimously  
Motion: S23-007  
2023 Budget Deliberations (2.10.3)

Moved and seconded,  
"THAT the 2023 grants considered through agreements be approved as follows:

<b>Community Group</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<i>Grants to Community Organizations (travel grants)</i>	\$60,435
<i>Soccer Club</i>	\$30,000
<i>Student Employment Grants</i>	\$25,500
<i>Festivals Kitimat Summer Student</i>	\$5,000

Motion Carried Unanimously  
Motion: S23-008  
2023 Budget Deliberations (2.10.3)

Councillor Feldhoff declared a conflict of interest as his spouse is the manager of the Mount Elizabeth Theatre and left the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Moved and seconded,

*“THAT the Mount Elizabeth Theatre 2023 operating grant request totalling \$120,500 be approved.*

Motion Carried Unanimously  
Motion: S23-009  
2023 Budget Deliberations (2.10.3)

Moved and seconded,

*“THAT the Mount Elizabeth Theatre 2023 Capital grant request totalling \$36,000 be approved.*

Motion Carried Unanimously  
Motion: S23-010  
2023 Budget Deliberations (2.10.3)

Councillor Feldhoff returned to the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Councillor Martins declared a conflict of interest due to providing advice on this grant request while transitioning off the KUTE Executive.

Councillor Martins declared a conflict of interest as an employee of the Tamitik Status of Women.

Councillor Martins declared a conflict of interest due to past involvement with the Kitimat Public Art Alliance.

Councillor Martins left the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

Moved and seconded,

*“THAT the Kitimat Understanding the Environment 2023 operating grant request totalling \$300,000 be approved.*

Motion Carried Unanimously  
Motion: S23-011  
2023 Budget Deliberations (2.10.3)

Moved and seconded,

*“THAT the Tamitik Status of Women 2023 operating grant request totalling \$45,900 be approved.*

Motion Carried Unanimously  
Motion: S23-012  
2023 Budget Deliberations (2.10.3)

Moved and seconded,

*“THAT the Kitimat Public Art Alliance 2023 operating grant be reduced to \$20,000 for one mural.”*

Amending Motion Carried Unanimously  
Motion: S23-013  
2023 Budget Deliberations (2.10.3)

Councillor Martins returned to the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Councillor Leibel declared a conflict of interest as an employee for Kitimat Community Services Society and left the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

Moved and seconded,  
*“THAT the Kitimat Community Services Society 2023 operating grant request totalling \$17,031 be approved.*

Motion Carried Unanimously  
Motion: S23-014  
2023 Budget Deliberations (2.10.3)

Councillor Leibel returned to the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Councillor Empinado declared a conflict of interest as an employee for Northern Health and left the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Moved and seconded,  
*“THAT the Kitimat Health Advocacy Group 2023 operating grant request totalling \$25,000 be approved.*

Motion Carried Unanimously  
Motion: S23-015  
2023 Budget Deliberations (2.10.3)

Councillor Empinado returned to the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

Moved and seconded,  
*“THAT staff report back with a list of time-sensitive capital projects for 2023 budget early approval.”*

Motion Carried Unanimously  
Motion: S23-016  
2023 Budget Deliberations (2.10.3)

Moved and seconded,  
*“THAT the 2023 revenues and general operating expenses, as summarized in Appendix A to the 2023 Budget Deliberations (Second report) dated 04 January 2023 be tentatively approved, with final approval in spring 2023 when the five-year financial plan is adopted.*

Motion Carried Unanimously  
Motion: S23-017  
2023 Budget Deliberations (2.10.3)

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

Moved and seconded,  
*“THAT the January 09, 2023, Closed agenda be adopted and Council deal with these matters in a closed session.”*

Motion Carried Unanimously  
Motion: IC23-003

Meeting recessed into the Closed meeting at 8:38 p.m.  
Meeting reconvened at 9:14 p.m.

**9. Adjournment**

Moved and seconded,  
*“THAT this meeting adjourn.”*

Motion Carried Unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT

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Mayor

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Corporate Officer