



MINUTES OF DISTRICT OF KITIMAT
REGULAR MEETING
MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
606 MOUNTAINVIEW SQUARE, ON MONDAY, APRIL 03, 2023 AT 7:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor: P. Germuth

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

Absent: Councillor(s): G. Leibel

Present: Staff: W. Waycheshen, Chief Administrative Officer
K. Enders, Director of Corporate Administration
T. Tavares, Deputy Director of Corporate Administration
A. Ramos-Espinoza, Director of Engineering Services
A. Hansen, IT Manager

Via WebEx M. Penner, Director of Human Resources and Labour Relations
Via WebEx D. Rutsatz, Director of Finance
Via WebEx M. Gould, Director of Leisure Services
Via WebEx A. Stewart-Jones, Planner

Call to Order

Delegations/Presentations

Public Input / Questions on Agenda Items

Mayor Germuth called for any public input.

Media Inquiries - For Clarification Only

Mayor Germuth called for any media inquiries.

Media from the Northern Sentinel asked Council questions regarding the Request for Comment – Wind Power Investigative License – Sea Breeze Power Corp #6408546.

Call for New Business / Adoption of the Agenda

Moved and seconded,
“THAT the Supplemental Agenda for April 3, 2023, be received.

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: R23-062

Moved and seconded,
“THAT the Regular Council Agenda for April 3, 2023, be adopted as amended.”

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: R23-063

Consent Agenda

Moved and seconded,
“THAT the Consent Agenda for April 03, 2023, be approved as circulated.”

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: R23-064

The following meeting Minutes were adopted:

Regular Meeting of Council	20 March 2023
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes	23 March 2023

All correspondence was received and filed.

Motions

Bylaws

Reports and/or Communications

1. North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) Vaccine Resolution

Councillor Empinado declared a conflict of interest as an employee of Northern Health and left the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Moved and seconded,

“THAT the following be submitted to NCLGA for deliberation and consideration at their 2023 Annual General Meeting:

WHEREAS the COVID-19 Provincial vaccine mandate for health care workers continues and British Columbia’s health care system is under severe stress;

AND WHEREAS the District of Kitimat wrote a letter to BC’s Chief Medical Officer in January of 2023 asking that the vaccine mandate for health care workers be removed or, if the mandate continues, the conditions needed to end the mandate be communicated, to which there has been no response as of March 21, 2023;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the North Central Local Government Association ask the Province to provide the criteria that must be in place in order to remove the vaccine mandate for health care workers.

In Favour: Mayor Germuth, Councillors Feldhoff, Martins and Pitzel

Opposed: Councillor Marleau

Motion Carried

Motion: R23-065

NCLGA Vaccine Resolution (1.5.2.4)

Councillor Empinado returned to the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

2. Request for Comment – Wind Power Investigative License – Sea Breeze Power Corp. #6408546

Moved and seconded,

“THAT the District of Kitimat submit Attachment A to the “Request for Comment – Wind Power Investigative License –Sea Breeze Power Corp. # 6408546” Report dated April 3rd, 2023, in response to the Crown Land File # 6408546 regarding amending an investigative permit tenure area to allow Sea Breeze Power to expand investigative work for wind turbines on District of Kitimat lands.”

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R23-066

Request for Comment – Wind Power Investigative License (1.4.1.19.1)

3. Development Variance Permit Application – 26 Currie Street

Moved and seconded,

“THAT the application for a development variance permit for 26 Currie Street to permit a rear yard setback of 4.7m from the required 7.5m to 4.7m for extending a cantilever deck, be received for consideration;

AND THAT the public notice be issued advising that an application to permit a variance for a rear yard setback of this lot is under consideration by Kitimat Council.”

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: R23-067
DVP – 26 Currie St. (7.9.3.115)

4. Leisure Access Program – Physio Access

Councillor Empinado declared a conflict of interest as an employee of Northern Health and left the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

Moved and seconded,

“THAT the Leisure Access Program be adjusted to include ten no charge access program to Riverlodge Recreation Centre Weight Room/Cardio Room and Sam Lindsay Aquatic Centre Fitness Room be implemented as part of the Leisure Access Program, for those persons who are recommended by the Physiotherapy Department of the Kitimat General Hospital.

AND THAT the ten no charge access program be administered by the Physiotherapy Department of the Kitimat General Hospital.”

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: R23-068
Leisure Access Program – Physio Access (4.2.11)

Councillor Empinado returned to the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

5. Off Leash Dog Area – Hirsch Creek Park

Moved and seconded,

“THAT Staff report back with options for off-leash and on-leash areas at Hirsch Creek Park.”

Amendment:

Moved and seconded,

“AND THAT an advertising campaign regarding dog leash requirements be undertaken.

AND FURTHER THAT signage is created and posted on municipal trail heads and at campgrounds.”

Amendment Carried Unanimously
Motion: R23-069
Off Leash Dog Area – Hirsch Creek Park (1.2.1.4)

Main Motion as Amended

“THAT Staff report back with options for off-leash and on-leash areas at the Hirsch Creek Park.

AND THAT an advertising campaign regarding dog leash requirements be undertaken.

AND FURTHER THAT signage is created and posted on municipal trail heads and at campgrounds.”

Main Motion as Amended Carried Unanimously
Motion: R23-070
Off Leash Dog Area – Hirsch Creek Park (1.2.1.4)

6. Leisure Services Department Update

Moved and seconded,

“THAT the Leisure Services Department Update report be received.”

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: R23-071
Leisure Services Department Update (4.2.0)

New Business

Mayor and Council Reports

Call for New Business / Adoption of the Closed Agenda

Moved and seconded,

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

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: IC23-068

Meeting recessed into the Closed meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 8:36 p.m.

Adjournment

Moved and seconded,

“THAT this meeting adjourn.”

Motion Carried Unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT

Mayor

Corporate Officer