



MINUTES OF DISTRICT OF KITIMAT
REGULAR MEETING

MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
606 MOUNTAINVIEW SQUARE, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2024, AT 7:00 PM

Present: Mayor: P. Germuth
Present: Councillors: E. Empinado, M. Feldhoff, G. Leibel, T. Marleau, G. Pitzel
Absent: Councillor: M. Martins

Present: Staff: W. Waycheshen, Chief Administrative Officer
K. Enders, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
J. Stevenson, Deputy Director of Corporate Administration
A. Ramos-Espinoza, Director of Engineering Services
M. Gould, Director of Leisure Services
A. Hanson, IT Manager
W. Tenshak, Director of Economic Development
Via WebEx C. McCulley, Director of Operations

1. Call to Order

Mayor Germuth called the Regular Meeting of Council to order.

2. Message from the Mayor

Mayor Germuth provided a message on recent Council activities.

3. Delegations/Presentations

There were no delegations.

4. Public Input / Questions on Agenda Items

Mayor Germuth called for public input on the Agenda Items.

Tim Carter provided comments on Agenda Item 10.7, 2024 Budget Deliberations Report #5.

5. Media Inquiries - For Clarification Only

Mayor Germuth called for any media inquiries on the agenda items.

Hunter Wild, Skeena Reporter, inquired on the following: Agenda Item 7.8, Correspondence dated February 1, 2024, from B. Bayne of Kitimat Airshed Group; Agenda Item 7.10, Minutes, For Information Only, North West Regional Hospital District November 18, 2023; Agenda Item 10.2, Report, Short Term Rental Accommodations; Agenda Item 10.4, Report, Disposition of Land to Cedar LNG Report #3; Agenda Item 10.5, Report, North Central Government Association, Request for Resolutions; Agenda Item 10.6, Report, Kitimat Healthcare Professionals Attraction and Retention Strategy Final Report.

6. Call for New Business / Adoption of the Agenda

Councillor Marleau –Consent Agenda, Item 7.8, Correspondence dated February 1, 2024, from B. Bayne of Kitimat Airshed Group.

Councillor Feldhoff – Consent Agenda Item 7.4, Registry of Observances for February 2024.

Moved and Seconded,
THAT the February 5, 2024, Regular Meeting of Council Agenda be adopted as amended.

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: R24-019

7. Consent Agenda

Moved and Seconded,
THAT the Consent Agenda for February 5, 2024, be approved as amended.

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: R24-020

All correspondence was received and filed.

The following Minutes were adopted:

January 22, 2024, Regular Meeting of Council
January 22, 2024, Committee of the Whole
January 29, 2024, Special Meeting of Council

8. Notice of Motion

There were no Notice of Motion.

9. Bylaws

9.1 Bylaw – First Second and Third Reading, Repeal of Part 1, Division 11 Advisory Commission for Persons with Disabilities Bylaw No. 2046, 2024

Moved and Seconded
THAT Repeal of Part 1, Division 11 Advisory Commission for Persons with Disabilities Bylaw No. 2046, 2024 receive first three readings.

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion R24-21
Bylaw No. 2046, 2024 (1.6.3.16)

10. Reports and/or Communications

10.1. Report – Minerals North Conference Additional Grant Request

Moved and Seconded
THAT the Kitimat Minerals North Conference Committee be allocated an additional \$4,050 facility rental grant to cover the fees associated with the rental of the Riverlodge Recreation Centre.

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: R24-022
Minerals North Conference (2.8.3)

10.2. Report – Short Term Rental Accommodations

Councillor Pitzel declared a conflict of interest as he operates a short-term rental accommodation in Kitimat and left the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Moved and Seconded,
THAT the short-term rental accommodations report dated January 29, 2024, be received for information.

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: R24-023
Short Term Rental Accommodations (7.19.1)

Councillor Pitzel returned to the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

10.3. Report – Rogers Communications Inc. Communications Tower

Moved and Seconded,
THAT the District provide the following to SitePath Consulting Ltd. regarding land use concurrence of the Rogers Communications Inc. communications tower (Rogers File: 29921-Navigata Kitimat) at the Hirsch Creek Golf and Winter Club located at 2000 Kingfisher Avenue North, Kitimat BC:

- *THAT the District of Kitimat is satisfied with Rogers Communications Inc. consultation process, as outlined in the ISED's Default Consultation Process;*
- *THAT the proposed communications tower is a permitted use;*
- *The proposed design and location, as set out in Attachment B to the Rogers Communications Inc communication tower report dated January 30, 2024, is acceptable;*
- *AND THAT the District of Kitimat has been consulted and concurs with the tower location.*

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: R24-024
Rogers Communications Inc. Communications Tower (1.7.4.1)

10.4 Report – Disposition of Land to Cedar LNG Report #3

Moved and Seconded,
THAT the Corporate Officer be authorized to execute the Covenant Modification Agreement, as attached as Attachment B to the Disposition of Land to Cedar LNG Report 2 dated January 31, 2023, upon receipt of notice of a positive final investment decision by Cedar LNG. The notice of positive final investment decision must be received by the Corporate Officer by February 5, 2025, and in a form acceptable to the Corporate Officer.

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: R24-025
Disposition of Land to Cedar LNG Report #2 (7.13.3.16)

10.5 Report – North Central Local Government Association Request for Resolutions

Moved and Seconded

THAT a draft resolution be brought before Council for the purposes of forwarding to the North Central Local Government Association for deliberation and consideration at the 2024 Annual General Meeting on the following topic:

- *keeping with Council's previous advocacy to increase the Provincial legislation on small-scale multi unit housing legislation to apply to communities with greater than 10,000 people.*

In favour: Mayor Germuth, Councillors Empinado, Feldhoff, Marleau and Pitzel

Opposed: Councillor Leibel

Motion: **Carried**

Motion R24-026

North Central Local Government Request for Resolutions (1.5.2.4)

10.6 Report - Kitimat Healthcare Professionals Attraction and Retention Strategy Final Report

Councillor Empinado declared a conflict of interest as an employee of Northern Health Authority and left the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Moved and Seconded,

THAT the District of Kitimat approves the final report for the Kitimat Healthcare Professionals Attraction and Retention Strategy in principle;

AND THAT staff bring forward the budget for implementing the recommendations as summarized in the report for approval at a future meeting.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R24-027

Kitimat Healthcare Professionals Attraction and Retention Strategy Final Report (5.15.5)

Councillor Empinado returned to the meeting 8:02 p.m.

10.7 Report – 2024 Budget Deliberations Report #5

Moved and Seconded,

THAT the Items in the Early Approval Request (Attachment B to 2024 Budget Deliberations – Report 5 dated January 31, 2024) be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R24-028

Report 2024 Budget Deliberation Report #5 (2.10.3.1)

11. New Business

Councillor Marleau - Consent Agenda, Item 7.8, Correspondence dated February 1, 2024, from B. Bayne of the Kitimat Airshed Group.

Moved and Seconded,
THAT Council write a letter of support for the Kitimat Airshed Group's grant application to Northern Development Initiative Trust's Healthy Communities Grant.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R24-029

Correspondence dated February 1, 2024, from B. Bayne of the Kitimat Airshed Group (1.6.3.29)

Councillor Feldhoff – Consent Agenda Item 7.4, Registry of Observances

Moved and Seconded,
THAT Agenda Item 7.4, Registry of Observances, be received for information.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R24-030

Registry of Observances

11. Council Reports

Councillors Empinado, Feldhoff, Leibel, Marleau and Pitzel provided a report on their activities since the last Regular Meeting of Council.

Move to Closed/Adoption of Closed Meeting of Council

Moved and Seconded
THAT the February 5, 2024, Closed Meeting of Council Agenda be adopted as presented.

Motion Carried Unanimously

R24-031

The Regular Meeting of Council was recessed and moved into a Closed Meeting of Council at 8:19 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of Council reconvened at 8:50 p.m.

Adjournment

Moved and Seconded,
THAT the February 5, 2024, Regular Meeting of Council be reconvened and adjourned.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R24-032

The Regular Meeting of Council adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT COPY of
the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council
held Monday, February 5, 2024.

Philip Germuth
Mayor

Tracy Tavares
Corporate Officer