

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR PHIL GERMUTH



This Strategic Plan provides a framework for Council priorities while in office. The Plan outlines the important issues Council has identified as the municipality prepares for significant change and an exciting future.

- Council is committed to working with the Haisla Nation, the community and others to protect our quality of life and enhance our public services
- Council wants to ensure the long-term viability of our community by diversifying the economy and protecting the environment
- Council is committed to expanding waterfront access
- Council recognizes the importance of ensuring the long-term sustainability of the District's infrastructure

This Strategic Plan demonstrates Council's commitment to ensure Council focusses on the critical issues facing the community and responds appropriately to future opportunities.



Strategic Plan 2015-2018



1. WE STRIVE FOR GOOD GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT; VALUING RELATIONSHIPS AND EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE

Priorities:

- Engage proactively with our Haisla neighbours, the community and others on common issues
- Ensure we are appropriately structured and staffed to meet our community's needs
- Consider the long-term environmental and financial impacts of our decisions
- Stay engaged to protect our valuable health assets in Kitimat

2. WE STRIVE TO BE PROACTIVE AND DELIBERATE IN OUR APPROACH TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Priorities:

- Continue to focus on our existing industry, businesses and downtown core
- Balance environmental risk and economic benefits in approving industrial growth
- Continue to pursue diverse options for economic growth
- Ensure new development is not to the detriment of existing businesses and industry

3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ASSET MANAGEMENT MUST BE DISCIPLINED WITH A LONG-TERM VIEW

Priorities:

- Diversity in housing is important to our community
- Planning to ensure the community receives long-term benefits from industrial investment
- Continue with asset management plan and building assessment study to ensure infrastructure continues to provide a high level of service for future generations
- Continue to seek funding for bridge upgrades
- Once new industries are operational we support models that have workers and families living in the community

4. WE VALUE AND PROTECT OUR WATERFRONT AS KEY TO OUR NATURAL BEAUTY AND STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE

Priorities:

- Ensure recreational access to the Kitimat waterfront for residents
- Ensure sufficient lands are available for development
- Complete Official Community Plan of Minette Bay lands and west side of Douglas Channel