



MINUTES OF DISTRICT OF KITIMAT
REGULAR MEETING

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

Present:	Acting Mayor:	T. Marleau
Present:	Councillors:	E. Empinado, M. Feldhoff, G. Leibel, M. Martins, G. Pitzel
Absent	Mayor:	P. Germuth
Present:	Staff:	W. Waycheshen, Chief Administrative Officer K. Enders, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer T. Tavares, Director of Corporate Administration J. Stevenson, Deputy Director of Corporate Administration S. Tarnowski, Director of Finance A. Ramos-Espinoza, Director of Engineering M. Gould, Director of Leisure Services W. Tenshak, Director of Economic Development A. Hansen, IT Manager
	Via WebEx	M. Penner, Director of Labour Relations and Human Resources (Out: 8:04 p.m.)
	Via WebEx	R. Beaudry, Director of Planning
	Via WebEx	C. McCulley, Director of Operations

1. Call to Order

Acting Mayor Marleau called the October 7, 2024, Regular Meeting of Council to order.

2. Message from the Mayor

Acting Mayor Marleau provided a brief message on Mayor Germuth's activities since the last Regular Meeting of Council.

3. Delegations/Presentations

3.1 Delegation, Pickleball

Stacy Smeader and Steve Revell presented to Council regarding the sport of pickleball and a request for court upgrades in Kitimat. They then answered questions from Council.

4. Public Input / Questions on Agenda Items

Acting Mayor Marleau called for public input.

Tom Corderio addressed Council and asked for a Letter of Support for his Crown Land application east of IR 3 for a canoe shed, as in Consent Agenda Item 7.6, Notice, dated September 27, 2024, Request for Letter of Support for Tom Cordeiro.

Deanne Snow and Anna Cabral representing Mr. Coelho of Kitimat Apartments, addressed Council and noted their increased costs related to garbage disposal and monitoring of garbage disposal bins at their rental complexes, as in Consent Agenda Item 7.9. Correspondence dated September 27, 2024, from Kitimat Apartments regarding garbage at their rental facilities.

Acting Mayor Marleau asked if there was any other public input on agenda items.

Ed Grant, Haisla Nation, spoke in support of the name change on Raley Street and Anderson Street, as referenced in Agenda Item 10.1, Report, Request for Street Renaming.

Acting Mayor Marleau asked if there were any other public comments.

There were no more questions from the public.

5. Media Inquiries - For Clarification Only

Acting Mayor Marleau called for media inquiries on agenda items.

There were no media inquiries.

6. Call for New Business / Adoption of the Agenda

Councillor Martins, Agenda Item 7.1, Delegation Notice, Stacy Smeader and Steve Revell regarding Kitimat Pickleball request for courts upgrade - (1.1.2.1.1)

Councillor Martins, Agenda Item 7.6 Notice, dated September 27, 2024, Request for Letter of Support for Tom Cordeiro (1.5.1.16)

Councillor Feldhoff, Agenda Item 7.9, Correspondence dated September 27, 2024, from Kitimat Apartments regarding garbage at their rental facilities (1.1.2.0)

Councillor Pitzel, Agenda Item 7.8 Correspondence dated September 24, 2024, from F. Mauro, Chair of the fundraising committee of the Knights of Columbus, requesting a permit be reimbursed for a sea can at the Christ the King Catholic Church (1.1.2.0).

Councillor Leibel, Agenda Item 7.10. Copy of letter dated September 25, 2024, from City of Merritt Mayor to Minister of Finance regarding the burden of delinquent taxes (1.1.2.0).

Moved and seconded,

THAT Council receive the supplemental information and adopt the Regular Meeting of Council Agenda as amended for October 7, 2024.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R24-224

Moved and seconded,

THAT Council remove Agenda Item 10.1 Report on Request for Street Renaming from this agenda and move the report to the next meeting of Council.

In favour: Acting Mayor Marleau, Councillors Empinado, Feldhoff and Pitzel.

Opposed: Councillors Martins and Leibel

Motion **Carried**

Motion: R24-225

Moved and seconded,

THAT Council adopt the October 7, 2024, Regular Meeting of Council Agenda as amended.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R24-226

7. Consent Agenda

Moved and seconded,
THAT the Consent Agenda for October 7, 2024, be approved as amended.

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: R24-227

All correspondence was received and filed.

The following Council meeting minutes were adopted:

September 3, 2024, Regular Meeting of Council
September 9, 2024, Special Meeting of Council

8. Notice of Motion

None.

9. Bylaws

9.1. Adoption, Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No 2057, 2024

Moved and seconded,
THAT Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 2057, 2024, be adopted except for the Christ the King Catholic Church properties listed in Schedule A – Permissive Tax Exemptions – Places of Worship.

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: R24-228
Bylaw No. 2057, 2024 (2.9.1.8)

Councillor Feldhoff declared a conflict of interest as a member of the Catholic Church Parish Finance Committee and left the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Moved and seconded,
THAT Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 2057, 2024, be adopted including the Christ the King Catholic Church properties listed in Schedule A – Permissive Tax Exemptions – Places of Worship.

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: R24-229
Bylaw No. 2057, 2024 (2.9.1.8)

Councillor Feldhoff joined the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

**9.2. First, second and third reading, District of Kitimat Council Remuneration
Amendment Bylaw No. 2059, 2024**

Moved and seconded,
*THAT District of Kitimat Council Remuneration Amendment Bylaw No. 2059, 2024, be
given first, second and third reading.*

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: R24-230
Bylaw No. 2059, 2024 (1.1.2.9)

10. Reports and/or Communications

10.1. Report – Request for Street Renaming

Report 10.1, Request for Street Renaming (1.5.1.16), was moved to the next meeting of Council as per Council resolution R24-225.

**10.2. Report – 2025 Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) Business Façade
Improvement Grant**

Moved and seconded,
*THAT a grant application be made to the Northern Development Initiative Trust for the
2025 Business Façade Improvement funding program.*

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: R24-231
NDIT Business Façade Improvement Grant (5.9.2.1)

10.3. Report – Implementation of Nechako Centre Concept Plan

Moved and seconded,
*THAT staff be directed to prepare and issue a Request for Proposals for a development
plan for vacant and underutilized public lands in Nechako Centre, including:*

- a. Development Feasibility and Ownership Structure Analysis*
- b. Engineering Capacity Assessment and Servicing Strategy*
- c. Public Realm Improvement Plan*
- d. Operational Strategy*
- e. Regulation and policy updates as needed*

*AND THAT funding for a development plan for vacant and underutilized public lands in
Nechako Centre be considered through Budget 2025 deliberations.*

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion R24-232
Implementation of Nechako Centre Concept Plan (7.2.47)

10.3 Report – Kitimat Community Humane Society Building Septic Tank/Field Project

Moved and seconded,
THAT the Kitimat Community Humane Society 2024 Septic Tank project budget be increased from \$10,000 to \$35,000.

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion R24-233

Kitimat Community Humane Society Building Septic Tank/Field Project (10.4.2.20.1)

11. New Business

11.1. Councillor Martins, Agenda Item 7.1, Delegation Notice, Stacy Smeader regarding Kitimat Pickleball request for courts upgrade

Moved and seconded,
THAT options for improving and adding pickleball facilities be referred to the 2025 budget.

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: R24-234

Kitimat Pickleball request for courts upgrades (1.1.2.1.1)

11.2. Councillor Martins, Agenda Item 7.6 Notice, dated September 27, 2024, Request for Letter of Support for Tom Cordeiro

Moved and seconded
THAT a letter of support be issued to Tom Cordeiro for his application through the Lands Act to acquire lands for his proposal to build a canoe shed.

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: R24-235

Request for Letter of Support for Tom Cordeiro (1.5.1.16)

11.3. Councillor Pitzel, Agenda Item 7.8 Correspondence dated September 24, 2024, from F. Mauro, Chair of the fundraising committee of the Knights of Columbus, requesting a permit be reimbursed for a sea can at the Christ the King Catholic Church

Councillor Feldhoff declared a conflict of interest as a member of the Catholic Church Parish Finance Committee and left the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Councillor Empinado declared a conflict of interest as a member of the Knights of Columbus and left the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Moved and seconded
THAT the Consent Agenda item 7.8 Correspondence dated September 24, 2024, from Frank Mauro, chair of the fundraising committee of the Knights of Columbus requesting a permit be reimbursed for a sea can at the Christ the King Catholic Church be received for information.

Motion carried Unanimously
Motion: R24-236

Knights of Columbus requesting reimbursement for a sea can at the Christ the King Catholic Church (1.1.2.0)

Councillors Empinado and Feldhoff joined the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

11.4 Councillor Feldhoff, Agenda Item 7.9, Correspondence dated September 27, 2024, from Kitimat Apartments regarding garbage at their rental facilities

Moved and seconded,
THAT staff provide a report on alternatives on how to respond to the issues raised by the Kitimat apartments and their garbage collection challenges.

In favour: Acting Mayor Marleau, Councillors Empinado, Feldhoff and Martins
Opposed: Councillors Leibel and Pitzel

Motion **Carried**

Motion: R24-237

Kitimat Apartments regarding garbage at their rental facilities (1.1.2.0)

11.5 Councillor Leibel, Agenda Item 7.10. Copy of letter dated September 25, 2024, from City of Merritt Mayor to Minister of Finance regarding the burden of delinquent taxes

Moved and seconded,
THAT the District write a letter to the Province in support of the City of Merritt letter dated September 25, 2024 to review and revise the Community Charter to relieve the burden of delinquent taxes on local governments.

In favour: Acting Mayor Marleau, Councillors Empinado, Feldhoff, Leibel and Martins
Opposed: Councillor Pitzel

Motion **Carried**

Motion: R24-238

Copy of letter dated September 25, 2024, from City of Merritt Mayor to Minister of Finance regarding the burden of delinquent taxes (1.1.2.0)

12. Council Reports

Acting Mayor Marleau and Councillors Empinado, Feldhoff, Leibel, Martins, 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 October 7, 2024, Closed Meeting of Council Agenda be adopted as presented;

AND THAT Council move to a Closed Meeting of Council to deal with these matters.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R24-239

The Regular Meeting of Council was recessed and moved into a Closed Meeting of Council at 8:57 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of Council reconvened at 10:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Moved and seconded,
THAT the October 7, 2024, Regular Meeting of Council be reconvened and adjourned.

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: R24-240

The Regular Meeting of Council adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT COPY of
the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council
held Monday, October 7, 2024.

Philip Germuth
Mayor

Tracy Tavares
Corporate Officer