



**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2024**

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To Kitimat Council and staff,

I appreciate the opportunity to provide comment on agenda item to consider establishing a Kitimat environmental advisory committee, being strongly in support of.

The following are comments for your consideration:

- The effort and time to create the October 22, 2024 District of Kitimat Environmental Committee information package being considered is recognized and appreciated.
- Under “Purpose and Objectives” it is noted; “many of the objectives were similar to those of other District committees or commissions”. Although some other committees may have an environmental context, they tend to be specific in nature and do not focus on local ecosystem, wetlands, fish and wildlife values, water quality, wildlife corridors, old and secondary growth forests, associated social values, economic benefits and risks etc. For clarity this is not to be taken as undermining other committees or commissions, just that the environmental consideration stated above but not limited to have not been their focus. This creating an information gap that would be addressed with the establishment of an environmental committee/commission.
- “Are there other objectives that could be assigned to the Environmental Committee”? Yes, currently the gap that exists around aspects of consultation and sharing of local knowledge on environmental issues as identified above should be part of the objectives.
- “Where staff identify a potential overlap or duplication”. I don’t believe such an overlap or duplication exists noting the environmental information gap identified. To my knowledge no such committee or commission exists that is tasked with reviewing, identifying, regularly meets, and provides advice pertaining to our local ecosystem, wetlands, fish and wildlife, source water, associated values, habitat sustainability and restoration etc.
- Success of such a committee/commission revolves around the passion and dedication of its members. I firmly believe that we have local NGO’s and community members with a plethora of knowledge willing to volunteer and be part of a Kitimat environmental advisory group.

The establishment of a Kitimat environmental Committee/commission has merit, is defensible, and opens the door to local knowledge and information sharing to better understand, identify local environmental concerns, consider ecosystem sustainability, shared values, etc, and provide advice to Council for consideration on such matters. I see significant value supporting establishing a environmental committee/commission, hoping Council shares this perspective supporting the motion.

Your time to review my input is appreciated and can be contacted if there are any questions.

In conservation,

Michael Langegger

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From: Gillian Mullins [REDACTED]
Sent: October 26, 2024 3:51 PM
To: Jane Stevenson <jstevenson@kitimat.ca>
Subject: Discussion of an Environmental Group

Hi Jane,

I note on the October 28th council meeting there will be discussion of developing an Environmental Committee, to assist Council in decision making with respect to issues pertaining to the environment.

I would like to recommend that prior to council moving forward on any decision making on this, they consider inviting environmental groups to comment, and put forth some recommendations as to how this could be beneficial to council, and some of their ongoing decisions that may impact the environment.

I would ask that you pass on my comments to council for consideration

Thank You

Gillian Mullins