



MINUTES OF DISTRICT OF KITIMAT  
**REGULAR MEETING**

MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,  
606 MOUNTAINVIEW SQUARE, MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2025, AT 7:00 P.M.

Present:	Mayor:	P. Germuth
Present:	Councillors:	E. Empinado, M. Feldhoff, G. Leibel and T. Marleau
	Councillor via WebEx	M. Martins
Absent:	Councillor:	G. Pitzel
Present:	Staff:	W. Waycheshen, Chief Administrative Officer K. Enders, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer A. Ramos-Espinoza, Director of Engineering J. Stevenson, Deputy Director of Corporate Administration S. McLaughlin, Planner A. Hansen, IT Technician S. Tarnowski, Director of Finance W. Tenshak, Director of Economic Development R. Beaudry, Director of Planning M. Gould, Director of Leisure Services T. Bossence, Fire Chief C. McCulley, Director of Operations T. Tavares, Director of Corporate Administration (In 8:02pm)
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**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Germuth called the January 20, 2025, Regular Meeting of Council to order.

**2. Message from the Mayor**

Mayor Germuth provided a brief message on his activities since the last Regular Meeting of Council.

**3. Delegations/Presentations**

Councillor Feldhoff declared a conflict of interest as his wife is employed with School District 82 and left the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

**3.1. Inter-Tribal Education Committee**

Inter-Tribal Education Committee representatives Monica Simms and Debbie Moore presented virtually to Council regarding dedicated indigenous seats on the Board of Trustees for Coast Mountain School District 82.

Councillor Feldhoff re-entered the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

**3.2. Kitimat RCMP**

Kitimat RCMP detachment representatives Staff Sergeant Graham Morgan and Sergeant Robert Gardner presented their monthly statistics for October, November, December 2024.

**3.3. Kitimat Community Services Society**

Kitimat Community Services Society representatives Denise Yagelnesky, Cyndi McIntosh and Brandi Thorton presented to Council regarding the defunding of the language and settlement support services programming.

#### **4. Public Input / Questions on Agenda Items**

Mayor Germuth called for public input.

There was no input from the public.

#### **5. Media Inquiries - For Clarification Only**

Mayor Germuth called for media inquiries on agenda items.

There were no media inquiries.

#### **6. Call for New Business / Adoption of the Agenda**

Councillor Feldhoff requested that consent agenda item 7.3, Delegation Notice, Kitimat Community Services Society, regarding the defunding of the Immigration Settlement Program be moved to New Business.

Councillor Leibel requested that consent agenda item 7.1, Delegation Notice, Inter-Tribal Education Committee, regarding dedicated indigenous seats on the Board of Trustees for Coast Mountain School District 82 be moved to New Business.

Councillor Empinado requested that consent agenda item 7.5, Correspondence, Email from Northwest Early Learning Society regarding a letter of support., be moved to New Business.

Moved and seconded,  
*THAT Council adopt the January 20, 2025, Regular Agenda as amended.*

Motion Carried Unanimously  
Motion: R25-011

#### **7. Consent Agenda**

Moved and seconded,  
*THAT the Consent Agenda for January 20, 2025, be approved as amended.*

Motion Carried Unanimously  
Motion: R25-012

All correspondence was received and filed.

The following Council meeting minutes were adopted:

Regular Meeting of Council Minutes, January 6, 2025.

#### **8. Notice of Motion**

There were no Notices of Motion.

## **9. Bylaws**

### 9.1. Fire Training Grounds Establishment and Fees Bylaw No. 2061, 2025

Moved and seconded,  
*THAT Fire Training Grounds Establishment and Fees Bylaw No. 2061, 2025 be given first three readings.*

Motion Carried Unanimously  
Motion: R25-013  
Bylaw No. 2061, 2025 (11.5.4)

### 9.2. District of Kitimat Water Treatment System Temporary Borrowing Bylaw No. 2062, 2025

Moved and seconded,  
*THAT District of Kitimat Water Treatment System Temporary Borrowing Bylaw No. 2062, 2025 receive first three readings.*

Motion Carried Unanimously  
Motion: R25-014  
Bylaw No. 2062, 2025 (2.10.2.5.2 / 9.2.1)

## **10. Reports and/or Communications**

### 10.1. Report – Environmental Project Funding, Ecological Reserve Fund, Stakeholder Engagement

Moved and seconded,  
*THAT staff engage with the following local groups:*

- *Douglas Channel Watch*
- *Kitimat Chamber of Commerce*
- *Kitimat Valley Naturalists*
- *Kitimat Economic Development Association*
- *Kitimat Rod and Gun Association*
- *Kitimat Airshed Group*
- *Terrace Kitimat Clean Air Coalition*
- *Skeena Roundtable*

*with the addition of the Haisla Nation, to see if there is interest in a one-time meeting to discuss options to address:*

1. *the inadequacies with mapping of old growth forest and wetland/marshes in the area; and/or*
2. *providing a baseline report on local flora and fauna.*

Amendment:

Moved and seconded  
*THAT Skeena Roundtable be removed from the list.*

Amendment Carried Unanimously  
Motion: R25-015  
Environmental Project Funding, Ecological Reserve Fund,  
Stakeholder Engagement (1.2.2.13.1)

Main motion as amended

Moved and seconded,  
*THAT staff engage with the following local groups:*

- *Douglas Channel Watch*
- *Kitimat Chamber of Commerce*
- *Kitimat Valley Naturalists*
- *Kitimat Economic Development Association*
- *Kitimat Rod and Gun Association*
- *Kitimat Airshed Group*
- *Terrace Kitimat Clean Air Coalition*

*with the addition of Haisla Nation to see if there is interest in a one-time meeting to discuss options to address:*

1. *the inadequacies with mapping of old growth forest and wetland/marshes in the area; and/or*
2. *providing a baseline report on local flora and fauna.*

Main Motion as Amended Carried Unanimously  
Motion: R25-016  
Environmental Project Funding, Ecological Reserve Fund,  
Stakeholder Engagement (1.2.2.13.1)

10.2. Zoning Amendment Application 1442 Nalabila

Moved and seconded,  
*THAT staff be directed to prepare a bylaw for the Zoning Amendment application at 1442 Nalabila Boulevard.*

Motion Carried Unanimously  
Motion: R25-017  
Zoning Amendment Application 1442 Nalabila (7.5.3.166)

10.3. 2023 Audited Financial Statements

A representative from Vohora, LLP, Auditor, answered questions from Council regarding the 2023 audited financial statements.

Moved and seconded,  
*THAT the 2023 Audited Financial Statements for the District of Kitimat be approved as presented.*

Motion Carried Unanimously  
Motion: R25-018  
2023 Audited Financial Statements (2.1.0.1)

**11. New Business**

11.1. Consent Agenda 7.3

Delegation Notice, Kitimat Community Service Society, defunding of rural immigration and language support services.

Moved and seconded,  
*THAT the District write a letter to Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) expressing our disappointment of the discontinuation of Kitimat Community Service Society's rural immigration and language support services and request reconsideration.*

Motion Carried Unanimously  
Motion: R25-019  
Delegation Notice Kitimat Community Service Society (1.1.2.1.1)

11.2. Consent Agenda Item 7.5

Correspondence, Northwest Early Learning Society regarding a Letter of Support

Moved and seconded,  
*THAT the District write a letter of support for Northwest Early Learning Society's application to Northern Development Initiative Trust's Northern Healthy Communities fund for additional daycare spaces.*

Moved and seconded,  
*THAT the request from Northwest Early Learning Society for a letter of support be tabled.*

In favour: Mayor Germuth, Councillors Feldhoff and Marleau  
Opposed: Councillors Empinado, Leibel, and Martins  
Motion **Defeated**  
Motion: R25-020  
Northwest Early Learning Society regarding a Letter of Support (1.1.2.0)

In favour: Councillors Empinado, Leibel, Marleau, and Martins  
Opposed: Mayor Germuth and Councillor Feldhoff  
Main Motion **Carried**

Motion: R25-021

Northwest Early Learning Society regarding a Letter of Support (1.1.2.0)

11.3. Consent Agenda Item 7.1  
Delegation Notice, Inter-Tribal Education Committee

Councillor Feldhoff declared a conflict of interest as his spouse is employed with School District 82 and left the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

Councillor Marleau declared a conflict of interest as he is on leave as an employee with School District 82 and left the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

Moved and seconded,

*THAT the District write a letter of support for Inter-Tribal Education Committee's request for changes to Indigenous representation on School District 82 Board of Trustees.*

In favour: Councillors Leibel and Martins  
Opposed: Mayor Germuth and Councillor Empinado

Motion **Defeated**

Motion: R25-022

Delegation Notice Intertribal Education Committee (1.1.2.1.1)

Moved and seconded,

*THAT the District ask School District 82 and the Ministry of Education and Child Care for further information on this topic.*

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R25-023

Delegation Notice Intertribal Education Committee

Councillors Feldhoff and Marleau re-entered the meeting at 9:11 p.m.

## **12. Council Reports**

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

### **Move to Closed**

Moved and seconded,

*THAT Council move to a Closed Meeting for one or more items falling under Community Charter:*

- *section 90(1)(e), land;*
- *section 90(1)(g), litigation;*
- *section 90(1)(k), municipal service;*
- *section 90(1)(m), financial disclosure act; and*
- *section 90(2)(b), negotiation between the municipality and Provincial and/or Federal Government or between the Provincial Government and/or Federal Government and a third party*

Motion Carried Unanimously  
Motion: R25-024

The Regular Meeting of Council was recessed and moved into a Closed Meeting of Council at 9:14 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of Council reconvened at 9:46 p.m.

### **Adjournment**

Moved and seconded,

*THAT the January 20, 2025, Regular Meeting of Council be reconvened and adjourned.*

Motion Carried Unanimously  
Motion: R25-025

The Regular Meeting of Council adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT COPY of  
the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council  
held Monday, January 20, 2025.

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Philip Germuth  
Mayor

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Tracy Tavares  
Corporate Officer