



**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2024**

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From: Lani Gibson [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 30, 2024 9:00 PM
To: districtofkitimat <dok@kitimat.ca>; Michelle Martins <mmartins@kitimat.ca>; Gerry Leibel <gleibel@kitimat.ca>; Terry Marleau <tmarleau@kitimat.ca>; Edwin Empinado <eempinado@kitimat.ca>; Mario Feldhoff <mfeldhoff@kitimat.ca>; Gerry Leibel <gleibel@kitimat.ca>; Phil Germuth <pgermuth@kitimat.ca>
Subject: Objection to proposed use of ecosystem restoration fund

Dear Mayor and Council,

I'm writing to object to the expenditure on consulting fees from the Ecosystem Restoration fund proposed by staff in your meeting agenda package.

Seeking advice from professionals on the impact of proposed resource extraction projects on natural assets valued by the community is part of the normal due diligence process of a municipal government. Consulting fees should be paid from general revenue as they are on a regular basis for legal fees, engineering consultants, etc.

The ecosystem restoration fund is for projects directly relating to the conservation or preservation of ecosystems. There are many ecosystem restoration projects which could be undertaken within municipal boundaries and community groups seem eager to discuss these further with you and see you fund them.

I sincerely hope you will proceed with the necessary due diligence, and leave the funds in this Statutory Reserve in place for their intended future purpose.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Lani

Lani E. Gibson (she/her)
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Kitimat BC, V8C [REDACTED]
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I live and work on unceded Haisla Nation territory

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-----Original Message-----

From: Lucy McRae [REDACTED]
Sent: August 31, 2024 10:28 PM
To: Warren Waycheshen <wwaycheshen@kitimat.ca>
Subject: RE: Ecological Restoration Funds

To Council through the CAO,

I wish to express my concerns on the topic on the Agenda of Sept 3rd, of the suggestion of using funds from the Ecological Restoration fund for hiring a consultant to look at impacts of a Commercial venture by a private party or business.

I don't feel that this would be defined as something that this fund was intended for. I was under the impression that this fund was for restoration of the ecology in areas of Kitimat or surrounding Kitimat for which ecological damage has already impacted an area, or to bring previously changed areas back to their natural state, or even to improve a natural area to enhance said use of that area for wildlife to offset another area that was unintentionally degraded from human causes or use.

If the City starts taking funds out of the Ecological Restoration fund for other uses than what it is intended for "Restoration or even Enhancement" then it would set a precedent that we would not be able to come back from. I doubt if another Council in future would hesitate to keep using said funds for future uses diminishing it unfairly.

Sincerely,

Lucy McRae (private citizen)

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From: Gillian Mullins
Sent: Tuesday, September 3, 2024 9:45 AM
To: Kiona Enders
Subject: use of ecological restoration funds

Mayor and Council,

I understand that staff are recommending \$10,000 be used from the Ecological Reserve Fund to assess the impact of a mining project on Clague Mountain. Whilst I very much appreciate the importance of council's due diligence in assessing potential impacts of this project on an important recreational area, I am not convinced that the Ecological Reserve fund is the best use of funds for this project.

It would be my hope that funds from this pot of monies would be more suitably used to engage with community partners in assessing or restoring important bio-diverse areas within, or adjacent to community boundaries. Using scarce funds to assess a private, for profit company's intent to develop a mine, and the impact of such would not appear to be consistent with the intent of these funds, and should more suitably come from other District of Kitimat funds that would normally be used to assess such projects within community boundaries.

It is my hope that over the next few years various Environmental Groups will be in a position to work with Council in identifying projects that lend to preservation or restoration of important bio diverse areas within district boundaries, projects that would be more suitable from funding from the Ecological Reserve Fund. If this funding is siphoned of on assessments such as the one being proposed, there will be less financial room for funding of more suitable projects.

Thank you for consideration of my concerns

Gillian Mullins

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