



Present: Mayor P. Germuth
Present: Councillors E. Empinado, M. Feldhoff, G. Leibel, M. Martins, G. Pitzel
Via WebEx T. Marleau

Present: Staff W. Waycheshen, Chief Administrative Officer
A. Ramos-Espinoza, Director of Engineering
K. Enders, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
T. Tavares, Director of Corporate Administration
J. Stevenson, Deputy Director of Corporate Administration
S. Tarnowski, Director of Finance
M. Gould, Director of Leisure Services
S. Purita, IT Technician
G. Mukendi, IT Technician
L. Hadley, RCMP Office Manager
Via WebEx T. Bossence, Fire Chief
Via WebEx W. Tenshak, Director of Economic Development
Via WebEx M Penner

1. Call to Order

Mayor Germuth called the February 17, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Message from the Mayor

Mayor Germuth provided an update of his activities since his last Regular Meeting of Council.

3. Delegations/Presentations

3.1. Kitimat R.C.M.P. Presentation

Sergeant Rob Gardner presented the statistics for the months of October, November and December 2025 and summarized their year end statistics.

Sergeant Gardner took questions from Council.

4. Public Input / Questions on Agenda Items

Mayor Germuth called for public input on agenda items.

Michelle Murdoch spoke on Item 10.5, 2026 Budget Deliberations Report #2, and the capital funding for the town to cable car active transportation project.

Mayor Germuth called for further public input on agenda items.

There were no comments 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 Martins requested that Item 7.5, Correspondence, letter dated January 9, 2026, from the Kitimat Airshed Group regarding Air Quality Health Index be moved to New Business.

Councillor Leibel requested that Item 7.4, For Information Only Report, Battered Women's Support Society Presentation and District of Kitimat Community Actions be moved to New Business.

Councillor Leibel requested that Item 7.7 Correspondence, undated letter received February 9, 2026, from A. Patel regarding LNG cumulative health impact assessment be moved to New Business.

Moved and seconded,
THAT the February 17, 2026, Regular Agenda be adopted as amended.

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: R26-029

7. Consent Agenda

Moved and seconded,
THAT the Consent Agenda for February 17, 2026, be approved as amended.

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: R26-030

All correspondence was received and filed.

The following Council meeting minutes were adopted:

Regular Meeting of Council, February 2, 2026.

8. Notice of Motion

8.1. Councillor Martins, Municipal Facility Lights

Moved and seconded,
THAT the District of Kitimat Proclamation and Flag Request Policy (P-30) Schedule of Observances, Standing Approvals for Facility Lights be amended to include February 24th, the Anniversary of Russia's invasion of Ukraine with municipal facilities illuminated in yellow and blue on that date annually.

Amendment:

Moved and seconded,
THAT "while the conflict persists" be added to the end of the main motion.

Amendment Carried Unanimously
Motion: R26-031

Main Motion, as amended:

THAT the District of Kitimat Proclamation and Flag Request Policy (P-30) Schedule of Observances, Standing Approvals for Facility Lights be amended to include February 24th, the Anniversary of Russia's invasion of Ukraine with municipal facilities illuminated in yellow and blue on that date annually while the conflict persists.

Main Motion as amended Carried Unanimously

Motion: R26-032

Municipal Facility Lights (1.2.1.13.1)

9. Bylaws

9.1. Leisure Services Advisory Commission Amendment Bylaw No. 2078, 2026

Moved and seconded,

THAT Leisure Services Advisory Commission Amendment Bylaw No. 2078, 2026, be adopted.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R26-033

Leisure Services Advisory Commission Amendment Bylaw No. 2078, 2026 (4.2.8)

10. Reports and/or Communications

10.1. Kitimat Flying Club - Request for Financial Support

Moved and seconded,

THAT the the Kitimat Airpark's additional request for \$32,328.44 be referred to the 2026 Budget deliberations.

In favour: Mayor Germuth and Councillor Feldhoff

Opposed: Councillors Empinado, Leibel, Marleau, Martins and Pitzel

Motion **Defeated**

Motion: R26-034

Kitimat Flying Club Request for Financial Support (1.6.3.30)

Moved and seconded,

THAT the District withdraws the application to the 2026 BC Air Access Program for a grant to support the purchase of maintenance equipment for the Kitimat Airpark.

In favour: Councillors Empinado, Leibel, Marleau, Martins and Pitzel

Opposed: Mayor Germuth and Councillor Feldhoff

Motion **Carried**

Motion: R26-035

Kitimat Flying Club Request for Financial Support (1.6.3.30)

10.2. District of Kitimat Fees and Charges Bylaw Update

Moved and seconded,
THAT a bylaw be brought forward for Council's consideration to update Part 10, Finance, Division 1, Miscellaneous Charges of the Kitimat Municipal Code.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R26-036

District of Kitimat Fees and Charges Bylaw Update (1.2.1.5)

Moved and seconded,
THAT a bylaw be brought forward for Council consideration to establish a fee structure for RCMP responses to false alarms, aligned with the fee structure for Fire Services false alarms.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R26-037

District of Kitimat Fees and Charges Bylaw Update (1.2.1.5)

10.3. Canada Day Helicopter Landing and Take Off Permission

Councillor Marleau stepped out of the meeting at 7:46 pm

Moved and seconded,
THAT Council support the landing and take-off of helicopters from Riverlodge Ball Field #2 as part of the Canada Day Festivities on July 1st, 2026.

AND THAT a letter of support be written to Canadian Helicopters advising them of Council's motion.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R26-038

Canada Day Helicopter Landing and Take Off Permission (5.3.5)

10.4. Kitimat Market Steering Committee Terms of Reference Report

Moved and seconded,
THAT the Terms of Reference for the Kitimat Market Steering Committee as presented to Council in the report dated February 10, 2026, be approved.

Councillor Marleau returned to the meeting at 7:48 pm

Tabling Motion:

Moved and seconded,
THAT the Kitimat Market Steering Committee terms of reference be tabled pending approval of the market project through the 2026 Budget.

In favour: Mayor Germuth, Councillors Feldhoff and Marleau

Opposed: Councillors Empinado, Leibel, Martins and Pitzel

Tabling Motion: **Defeated**

Motion: R26-039

Kitimat Market Steering Committee Terms of Reference Report (5.14.0.5)

Main Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R26-040

Kitimat Market Steering Committee Terms of Reference Report (5.14.0.5)

The agenda was varied to address New Business before Report 10.5

Varied Agenda

11. New Business

11.3. Councillor Martins, Correspondence, letter dated January 9, 2026, from the Kitimat Airshed Group regarding Air Quality Health Index

Moved and seconded,
THAT the District of Kitimat include the BC Government Air Quality Health Index air quality data on the District's website.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R26-041

Correspondence, letter dated January 9, 2026, from the Kitimat Airshed Group regarding Air Quality Health Index (1.6.3.29)

11.4. Councillor Leibel, For Information Only Report, Battered Women's Support Society Presentation and District of Kitimat Community Actions

Moved and seconded,
THAT staff report back on the topic of formal Council statements or resolutions recognizing gender-based violence as a community priority and affirming support for survivors.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R26-042

Battered Women's Support Society Presentation and District of Kitimat Community Actions (1.1.2.1.1)

11.5. Councillor Leibel, Correspondence, undated letter received February 9, 2026, from A. Patel regarding LNG cumulative health impact assessment

Moved and seconded,
THAT staff reach out to the District of Squamish to facilitate information sharing between two Councils on the LNG facilities.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion R26-043

Correspondence, undated letter received February 9, 2026, from A. Patel regarding LNG cumulative health impact assessment (1.1.2.0)

Varied Agenda

10.5. 2026 Budget Deliberations Report #2

Council deliberated on Community Grants.

Moved and seconded,
THAT the Kitimat 50 Plus Society grant request in the amount of \$37,428 be approved for the 2026 budget.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R26-044

2026 Budget Deliberations Report #2 (2.10.3.1)

Moved and seconded,
THAT the Kitimat Airshed Group grant request in the amount of \$21,977 be approved for the 2026 budget.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R26-045

2026 Budget Deliberations Report #2 (2.10.3.1)

Moved and seconded,
THAT the Kitimat Arts for Youth grant request in the amount of \$14,013 be approved for the 2026 budget..

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R26-046

2026 Budget Deliberations Report #2 (2.10.3.1)

Moved and seconded,
THAT the Kitimat Community Development Centre grant request in the amount of \$54,440 be approved for the 2026 budget..

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R26-047

2026 Budget Deliberations Report #2 (2.10.3.1)

Moved and seconded,
THAT the Kitimat Community Services Society grant request in the amount of \$40,261 for the Rental Subsidy Program be approved for the 2026 budget..

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R26-048

2026 Budget Deliberations Report #2 (2.10.3.1)

Moved and seconded,
THAT the Kitimat Community Services Society grant request in the amount of \$42,676 for the Kitimat Victim Services Program be approved for the 2026 budget..

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R26-049

2026 Budget Deliberations Report #2 (2.10.3.1)

Moved and seconded,
THAT the Kitimat Flying Club grant request in the amount of \$11,537 be approved for the 2026 budget.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R26-050

2026 Budget Deliberations Report #2 (2.10.3.1)

Moved and seconded,
THAT the Kitimat Flying Club late additional grant request in the amount of \$10,405 for the Kitimat Airpark Master Plan be approved for the 2026 budget..

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R26-051

2026 Budget Deliberations Report #2 (2.10.3.1)

Councillor Empinado declared a conflict of interest as he is employed by Northern Health Authority and left the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Moved and seconded,
THAT the Kitimat Health Advocacy Group grant request in the amount of \$25,000 be approved for the 2026 budget. .

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R26-052

2026 Budget Deliberations Report #2 (2.10.3.1)

Councillor Empinado returned to the meeting 8:26 pm

Moved and seconded,
THAT the Kitimat Museum and Archives operating grant request in the amount of \$413,329 be approved for the 2026 budget.

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: R26-053
2026 Budget Deliberations Report #2 (2.10.3.1)

Moved and seconded,
THAT the the Kitimat Museum and Archives' grant request in the amount of \$31,800 for rent subsidy be approved for the 2026 budget..

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: R26-054
2026 Budget Deliberations Report #2 (2.10.3.1)

Moved and seconded,
THAT the Kitimat Public Art Alliance grant request in the amount of \$35,900 be approved for the 2026 budget.

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: R26-055
2026 Budget Deliberations Report #2 (2.10.3.1)

Councillor Feldhoff declared a conflict of interest as his spouse is a member of the Kitimat Public Library Board of Directors and left the meeting 8:27 p.m.

Moved and seconded,
THAT the Kitimat Public Library Operating grant request in the amount of \$574,683 be approved for the 2026 budget.

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: R26-056
2026 Budget Deliberations Report #2 (2.10.3.1)

Moved and seconded,
THAT the Kitimat Public Library grant request in the amount of \$111,600 for rent subsidy be approved for the 2026 budget.

Motion Carried Unanimously
Motion: R26-057
2026 Budget Deliberations Report #2 (2.10.3.1)

Councillor Feldhoff returned to the meeting 8:28 p.m.

Moved and seconded,

THAT the Kitimat Understanding the Environment (KUTE) grant request in the amount of \$313,956 be approved for the 2026 budget.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R26-058

2026 Budget Deliberations Report #2 (2.10.3.1)

Moved and seconded,

THAT the Kitimat Understanding the Environment (KUTE) additional grant request in the amount of \$152,239 be approved for the 2026 budget.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R26-059

2026 Budget Deliberations Report #2 (2.10.3.1)

Councillor Feldhoff declared a conflict of interest as his spouse is employed by the Mount Elizabeth Theatre and left the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

Moved and seconded,

THAT the Mount Elizabeth Theatre operating grant request in the amount of \$151,310 be approved for the 2026 budget.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R26-060

2026 Budget Deliberations Report #2 (2.10.3.1)

Moved and seconded,

THAT the Mount Elizabeth Theatre's capital grant request in the amount of \$39,500 be approved for the 2026 budget.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R26-061

2026 Budget Deliberations Report #2 (2.10.3.1)

Moved and seconded,

THAT the Mount Elizabeth Theatre grant request in the amount of \$2,000 for the offset of the telethon be approved for the 2026 budget.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R26-062

2026 Budget Deliberations Report #2 (2.10.3.1)

Councillor Feldhoff returned to the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Moved and seconded,

THAT the Shames Mountain – My Mountain Coop grant request in the amount of \$50,000 be approved for the 2026 budget.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R26-063

2026 Budget Deliberations Report #2 (2.10.3.1)

Moved and seconded,

THAT the Snowflake Community Fairgrounds Society grant request in the amount of \$30,000 be approved for the 2026 budget.

Amendment

Moved and seconded,

THAT the Snowflake Community Fairgrounds Society be provided a grant of \$3,500 plus 2.6% for the 2026 budget.

Tabling Motion

Moved and seconded,

THAT the Snowflake Community Fairgrounds Society grant request be tabled.

Tabling Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R26-064

2026 Budget Deliberations Report #2 (2.10.3.1)

Moved and seconded,

THAT the Tamitik Status of Women grant request in the amount of \$49,476 be approved for the 2026 budget.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R26-065

2026 Budget Deliberations Report #2 (2.10.3.1)

Moved and seconded,

THAT the Tamitik Status of Women's grant request in the amount of \$250,000 for Salon A be tabled.

Tabling Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R26-066

2026 Budget Deliberations Report #2 (2.10.3.1)

Moved and seconded,

THAT the Kitamaat Basketball Tournament grant request in the amount of \$5,000 be approved for the 2026 budget.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R26-067

2026 Budget Deliberations Report #2 (2.10.3.1)

Moved and seconded,
THAT the grant for Sports and other Organizations in the amount of \$123,605 be approved for the 2026 budget.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R26-068

2026 Budget Deliberations Report #2 (2.10.3.1)

Moved and seconded,
THAT the Kitimat Concert Association grant request in the amount of \$10,000 be approved for the 2026 budget.

Tabling motion

Moved and seconded,
THAT the Kitimat Concert Association grant request of \$10,000 be tabled.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R26-069

2026 Budget Deliberations Report #2 (2.10.3.1)

Moved and seconded,
THAT the grants for the following agreements be approved for the 2026 budget:

- *Hirsch Creek Golf and Winter Club in the amount of \$200,498*
- *Kitimat Youth Soccer Association in the amount of, \$35,000*
- *Student Employment Grants, in the amount of \$25,000*
- *Festivals Kitimat Summer Student, in the amount of \$5,000*

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R26-070

2026 Budget Deliberations Report #2 (2.10.3.1)

Council deliberated on Funded Capital Projects.

Moved and seconded,
THAT the Haisla Boulevard Walkway Phase 2 Kingfisher to Ptarmigan project, for \$700,000, be deferred to 2027 budget.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R26-071

2026 Budget Deliberations Report #2 (2.10.3.1)

Moved and seconded,
THAT any uncommitted funds for the Parking Lot Reconstruction design (Public Works and Riverlodge) project, be deferred to 2027.

In favour: Mayor Germuth, Councillors Empinado, Feldhoff, Leibel and Marleau

Opposed: Councillors Martins and Pitzel

Motion **Carried**

Motion: R26-072

2026 Budget Deliberations Report #2 (2.10.3.1)

Moved seconded,
THAT the Kitimat Valley Housing Society's Road Design project for \$750,000 be tabled until we get clarification on the status of their grant application for funding.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R26-073

2026 Budget Deliberations Report #2 (2.10.3.1)

Moved and seconded
THAT the Detailed Design for Public Safety Building Replacement Project (Existing Funding) for \$1,000,000 and Detailed Design for Public Safety Building Replacement (Additional Funding) for \$150,000 be deferred to budget 2027;

AND THAT staff report back to update on options for upgrades necessary to the existing Public Safety Building.

In favour: Mayor Germuth, Councillors Empinado, Feldhoff, Leibel, Marleau

Opposed: Councillors Martins and Pitzel

Motion **Carried**

Motion: R26-074

2026 Budget Deliberations Report #2 (2.10.3.1)

Moved and seconded,
THAT the Spray Park Construction (Existing Funding) for \$1,500,000 and Spray Park Construction (Additional Funding) for \$750,000 be deferred to the 2027 budget.

In favour: Mayor Germuth, Councillors Empinado, Feldhoff and Leibel

Opposed: Councillors Marleau, Martins and Pitzel

Motion **Carried**

Motion: R26-075

2026 Budget Deliberations Report #2 (2.10.3.1)

Council deliberated on Unfunded Capital Projects.

Moved and seconded
THAT the Service Centre Forcemain Design (Phase 1) project for \$250,000, and the Tamitik Roof Assessment and Patch Repair project for, \$50,000, form part of the 2026 Capital Projects Budget.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R26-076

2026 Budget Deliberations Report #2 (2.10.3.1)

Moved and seconded,
THAT Nechako Centre Temporary Improvement project for, \$80,000, form part of the 2026 Capital Projects Budget.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R26-077

2026 Budget Deliberations Report #2 (2.10.3.1)

Moved and seconded,
THAT staff report back on cost estimates and feasibility of an RV dump station at the Pollution Control Centre and the Chamber of Commerce, a proposed pull out for truckers at the Crossroads location, and for Swannell Street drainage.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R26-078

2026 Budget Deliberations Report #2 (2.10.3.1)

Council deliberated on Early Approvals.

Moved and seconded,
THAT the following projects be granted early approval in the 2026 Budget:

- *Courthouse Roof Replacement in the amount of \$250,000*
- *Annual Walkway Reconstruction Program in the amount of \$600,000*
- *Creed Street Stormwater Repair in the amount of \$700,000 Smith Street Interim Stabilization in the amount of, \$700,000*

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R26-079

2026 Budget Deliberations Report #2 (2.10.3.1)

Moved and seconded,
THAT the Gull Street Auto Flusher project for \$75,000, be granted early approval in the 2026 Budget.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R26-080

2026 Budget Deliberations Report #2 (2.10.3.1)

Moved and seconded,
THAT the following projects be granted early approval in the 2026 Budget:

- *Public Works Fleet Replacement in the amount of \$1,420,000*
- *Riverlodge Secondary Electrical Service Upgrade in the amount of \$250,000*
- *Sam Lindsay Aquatic Centre Duct Sox Replacement in the amount of \$425,000*
- *Sam Lindsay Aquatic Centre Emergency Lighting Replacement in the amount of \$150,000*
- *Sam Lindsay Aquatic Centre Sand Filter Replacement in the amount of \$600,000*

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R26-081

2026 Budget Deliberations Report #2 (2.10.3.1)

Council deliberated on the Fire Department budget

Moved and seconded,
THAT the contribution to Fire Department Equipment reserve for the 2026 Budget remain at \$600,000.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R26-082

2026 Budget Deliberations Report #2 (2.10.3.1)

Moved and seconded,
THAT the Engine 12 Replacement (year 1) project in the amount of \$983,567 be granted early approval in the 2026 Budget

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R26-083

2026 Budget Deliberations Report #2 (2.10.3.1)

11. New Business

See above varied agenda.

12. Council Reports

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

Move to Closed Meeting of Council

Moved and seconded,
THAT, in compliance with the Community Charter, Council move to a Closed Meeting for one or more items falling under:

- *Section 90(2)(k) Municipal service*
- *Section 90(1)(o) Consideration of others attending a Closed Meeting of Council*

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R26-084

The Regular Meeting of Council was recessed and moved into a Closed Meeting of Council at 9:52 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of Council reconvened at 10:34 p.m.

Adjournment

Moved and seconded,
THAT the February 17, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council be reconvened and adjourned.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: R26-085

The Regular Meeting of Council adjourned at 10:34 p.m.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT COPY of
the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council
held Tuesday, February 17, 2026.

Phil Germuth
Mayor

Tracy Tavares
Corporate Officer