

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON
MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2019 AT 7:35 P.M.**

Deputy Mayor B. Downie presided. Councillors present were S. Bujtas, L. Christiansen, J. Cordeiro, J. McCallum-Miller, and E. Ramsay. Mayor C. Leclerc was absent. Also in attendance were H. Avison, Chief Administrative Officer, T. Irwin, City Planner, A. Thompson, Clerk, and A. Poole, Executive Assistant.

**MOVE TO IN-CAMERA
SPECIAL COUNCIL:**

**Meeting Called to Order at
6:45 p.m. – Move to In-
Camera Special Council**

(No. 351)

MOVED/SECONDED to move In-Camera and close the meeting to the public pursuant to Division 3, Sections 90(1) (l) of the Community Charter (to discuss matters related to discussions with municipal officers and employees respecting municipal objectives, measures, and progress reports for the purpose of preparing an annual report).

Carried Unanimously.

REGULAR MEETING:

Deputy Mayor Downie acknowledged that the meeting was being held on the traditional unceded homelands and territory of the Tsimshian First Nation. He also advised that Council agendas and minutes are available for viewing on the City's home page at www.terrace.ca. The past minutes have been archived.

ADDENDUM:

There was no Addendum.

DELEGATIONS & GUESTS:

**Rodrigo Samayoa, Fresh
Voices – Request for
Resolution of Support for
the Lost Votes Campaign**

Deputy Mayor Downie welcomed Mr. Samayoa to the Council meeting.

Mr. Samayoa requested that the City of Terrace pass a resolution in favour of granting permanent residents the right to vote in municipal elections.

There is a Province-wide campaign taking place seeking to give permanent residents the right to vote in local elections. The campaign is being led by Fresh Voices which is an organization in the lower mainland that works with immigrants and refugee youth to give them a voice in their community.

Refugee youth are active members in their communities, but don't have an active voice in politics until they

become citizens, which can take years or even decades.

Mr. Samayoa is a permanent resident who strongly believes in civic engagement and the importance of voting.

It can be difficult for immigrants to get involved in their community. By giving permanent residents the ability to vote in local elections they will have a voice in local decisions that directly affect them.

Studies show that if you vote in 1 election, you are much more likely to vote in subsequent elections. If permanent residents are able to vote in municipal elections today, they are more likely to vote in provincial and federal elections once they become citizens.

Giving permanent residents the right to vote is a common practice around the world. Over 45 countries have granted voting rights to permanent residents.

In Canada, there are a number of cities exploring permanent residents' voting rights.

At the upcoming UBCM Convention in September, multiple communities will be bringing forward resolutions calling on the Province to grant permanent residents the right to vote in municipal elections.

Most of the elected officials in lower mainland and Vancouver Island support this campaign. Two weeks ago the City of Prince Rupert became the first Northern BC community to support this campaign, followed by the District of Kitimat.

Mr. Samayoa asked that the City of Terrace pass a resolution similar to the resolution passed by the City of Prince Rupert to show support for this initiative prior to UBCM 2019.

Terrace has at least 1,300 immigrants, many of who are permanent residents of voting age. Less than 18% of eligible voters cast their vote in the 2018 municipal election.

Deputy Mayor Downie thanked Mr. Samayoa for his presentation and advised that the matter would be further dealt with under the "Correspondence" portion of this meeting's Agenda (See Resolution No. 356).

MINUTES:

**Regular Council Minutes,
July 22, 2019**

(No. 355)

MOVED/SECONDED that the Regular Council Minutes of July 22, 2019 be adopted as read on this day and that such Minutes as read set out all the business before Council that day and fully and properly record all of the resolutions and bylaws passed and adopted by Council at that meeting.

Carried Unanimously.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM
THE MINUTES (OLD
BUSINESS):**

There was no Old Business.

CORRESPONDENCE:

**Rodrigo Samayoa, Fresh
Voices – Request for
Resolution of Support for
the Lost Votes Campaign**

(No. 356)

MOVED/SECONDED that Council write a letter to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing in support of the Fresh Voices campaign to allow permanent residents to vote in municipal elections.

Carried Unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Committee of the Whole
➤ July 17, 2019**

(No. 357)

It was recommended that the Committee now rise and report.

MOVED/SECONDED that the July 17, 2019 Committee of the Whole report be adopted with the following recommendation:

1. PACIFIC NORTHERN GAS LTD. UPDATE

There were no recommendations.

Carried Unanimously.

**Committee of the Whole
➤ July 29, 2019**

(No. 358)

MOVED/SECONDED that the July 29, 2019 Committee of the Whole report be adopted with the following recommendation:

1. GENERAL UPDATE WITH MLA TODD STONE

There were no recommendations.

Carried Unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
(FOR INFORMATION ONLY):

**Committee of the Whole
Development Services
Component**

➤ **July 22, 2019**

(No. 359)

MOVED/SECONDED that the July 22, 2019 Development Services Component of the Committee of the Whole report be received for information.

Carried Unanimously

SPECIAL REPORTS:

**Memo – Director of Finance,
Municipal Insurance
Association 2019 Voting
Delegates**

(No. 360)

MOVED/SECONDED that Council appoint Councillor Sean Bujtas as a voting delegate and Councillors Evan Ramsay and Jessica McCallum-Miller as alternates to vote at the Annual General Meeting of the Municipal Insurance Association of British Columbia to be held on Tuesday, September 24, 2019.

Carried Unanimously.

**Memo – Director of
Development Services, BC
Rural Dividend Fund (Sixth
Round Application Intake)**

(No. 361)

MOVED/SECONDED that the City of Terrace apply to the sixth intake of the BC Rural Dividend Program, under Funding Stream “Partnerships” and “Destination Trails” for \$500,000 funding for the “Grand Trunk Pathway Completion and Connection Project: Terrace to Kitsumkalum (Skeena River Walk Section)” and

THAT the City of Terrace allot up to \$450,000 from the 2019 Gas Tax program (Community Works fund) towards this project.

Carried Unanimously.

**Memo – Building Inspector,
July 2019 Building Synopsis**

(No. 362)

MOVED/SECONDED that July 2019 Building Synopsis be received for information.

Carried Unanimously.

BYLAWS:

There were no Bylaws.

NEW BUSINESS FROM COUNCIL:

Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine Report

Councillor Bujtas and Councillor Cordeiro reported on the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine.

REPORTS ON COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:

Councillor Christiansen

Councillor Christiansen reported on the NCLGA Board of Directors meeting and the unveiling of the Dr. & Mrs. Mills commemorative plaque.

Councillor Bujtas

Councillor Bujtas reported on the Pride Parade in Masset and a ride along with the RCMP.

Councillor McCallum-Miller

Councillor McCallum-Miller reported on the Downtown Community Clean-up event and the Riverboat Days Parade.

Councillor Cordeiro

Councillor Cordeiro reported on Riverboat Days.

Deputy Mayor Downie

Deputy Mayor Downie reported on Riverboat Days and acknowledged Kermodei Tourism Society and the Greater Terrace Beautification Society for a great job cleaning up the City during Riverboat Days.

REPORT FROM IN-CAMERA:

There were no items released from In-Camera status.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE MEDIA & AUDIENCE:

There were three questions from the Media and no questions from the Audience.

ADJOURNMENT

(No. 363)

MOVED/SECONDED that the August 12, 2019 Regular Meeting of Council be now adjourned.

Carried Unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Deputy Mayor

Clerk