



City of Humboldt

Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting of Council September 22, 2025 - 05:30 PM

- PRESENT:
- Mayor Rob Muench
 - Councillor Larry Jorgenson
 - Councillor Roger Korte
 - Councillor Dave Rowe
 - Councillor Marilyn Scott
 - Councillor Karen Siermachesky
 - City Manager Joe Day
 - City Controller Jace Porten
 - Director of Protective Services Mike Kwasnica
 - Director of Public Works Peter Bergquist
 - Director of Cultural Services Jennifer Fitzpatrick
 - Marketing and Development Manager Jarrett Delbridge
 - Communications Coordinator Angie Rolheiser
 - Community Development Coordinator Oriyomi Razak

1 Call To Order

Mayor Muench called the meeting to order at 5:29 p.m.

2 Land Acknowledgement

As we gather here today, we acknowledge we are on Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Métis. We pay our respect to the First Nations and Métis ancestors of this place and reaffirm our relationship with one another.

Resolution: 3
2025.299

3 Adopt Agenda

Moved By: Councillor Dave Rowe

Seconded By: Councillor Karen Siermachesky

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3.1 Conflict of Interest

4 Public Acknowledgement

Councillor McInnis congratulated the Humboldt Broncos on winning their home opener over the weekend.

Councillor Siermachesky congratulated the Juice Pigs on placing second in Division D at the World Series slo-pitch tournament in Kamloops. She also congratulated the men’s and women’s teams on placing second at provincials.

Mayor Muench acknowledged the Humboldt District Community Services on 25 years of supporting employment in the community, supporting over 500 community jobs for a diverse group of people in Humboldt and area. He also recognized Juanine Korte who is entering her 25th year with the organization.

5 Public Hearing

5.1 Suspend Council Meeting

Moved By: Councillor Marilyn Scott
Seconded By: Councillor Roger Korte

That the Regular Meeting of Council be suspended and that we move to enter the Public Hearing, the time being 5:33 p.m.

CARRIED

Resolution: 2025.300

5.2 Recommendation - City Controller - Public Hearing - Discretionary Use Recreation Facility

Moved By: Councillor Karen Siermachesky
Seconded By: Councillor Sarah McInnis

That this report be accepted for information and filed.

CARRIED

Resolution: 2025.301

5.3 Recommendation - City Controller - Public Hearing - Bylaw No. 16/2025

Moved By: Councillor Roger Korte
Seconded By: Councillor Dave Rowe

That this report be accepted for information and filed.

CARRIED

Resolution: 2025.302

5.4 Resume Meeting

Moved By: Councillor Dave Rowe
Seconded By: Councillor Roger Korte

That the Public Hearing be closed, and that Council revert to the Regular Meeting, the time being 5:39 p.m.

CARRIED

6 Approve Minutes

Resolution: 2025.303

6.1 Regular Meeting of Council held August 25th, 2025

Moved By: Councillor Marilyn Scott
Seconded By: Councillor Sarah McInnis

That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held August 25th, 2025 be approved as amended, recorded, and circulated.

CARRIED

Resolution: 2025.304

6.2 Special Meeting of Council held September 8th, 2025

Moved By: Councillor Karen Siermachesky
Seconded By: Councillor Dave Rowe

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held September 8th, 2025 be approved as recorded and circulated.

CARRIED

7 Delegations

Resolution: 2025.305

7.1 Janine Hart & Eilish McAnally - Humboldt Regional Newcomer Centre

Moved By: Councillor Larry Jorgenson
Seconded By: Councillor Sarah McInnis

That this presentation be accepted for information and filed.

CARRIED

Resolution: 7.2 **Lisa Owen - Humboldt Community Gathering Place**
2025.306 **Moved By:** Councillor Roger Korte
Seconded By: Councillor Marilyn Scott

That this presentation be accepted for information and filed.

CARRIED

8 Correspondence

Resolution: 8.1 **Items Received for Information Only**
2025.307 **Moved By:** Councillor Marilyn Scott
Seconded By: Councillor Dave Rowe

That the following correspondence be accepted for information:

1. SUMA City Caucus Agenda Package dated September 4th, 2025

CARRIED

Resolution: 8.1.1 **Motion**
2025.308 **Moved By:** Councillor Sarah McInnis
Seconded By: Councillor Larry Jorgenson

That the Mayor sign the form letter to the local MLA voicing the City is in favour of the Government implementing its e-Justice project in the upcoming budget.

CARRIED

9 Committee Reports

9.1 Vacate Chair

Mayor Muench vacated the Chair and Deputy Mayor Korte presided at 6:15 p.m.

Resolution: 9.2 **Executive Committee Meeting held September 8th, 2025**
2025.309 **Moved By:** Councillor Karen Siermachesky
Seconded By: Councillor Marilyn Scott

That the Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held September 8th, 2025 be accepted for information.

CARRIED

Resolution: 9.3 **Humboldt & District Museum and Gallery Board dated July 10th, 2025**
2025.310 **Moved By:** Mayor Rob Muench
Seconded By: Councillor Dave Rowe

That the Minutes of the Humboldt & District Museum and Gallery Board meeting held July 10th, 2025 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Resolution: 9.4 **Reid Thompson Public Library meeting dated June 9th, 2025**
2025.311 **Moved By:** Councillor Karen Siermachesky
Seconded By: Councillor Dave Rowe

That the Minutes of the Reid Thompson Public Library meeting dated June 9th, 2025 be accepted.

CARRIED

10 Bylaws

Resolution: 10.1 **Recommendation - Community Development Coordinator -**
2025.312 **Bylaw No. 16/2025 – A Bylaw to Amend Bylaw No. 03/2016**

known as the Official Community Plan

Moved By: Councillor Larry Jorgenson

Seconded By: Mayor Rob Muench

That this report be accepted for information and filed.

CARRIED

Resolution: 2025.313 10.2 Second Reading - Bylaw No. 16/2025 – A Bylaw to Amend Bylaw No. 03/2016 known as the Official Community Plan
Moved By: Councillor Larry Jorgenson
Seconded By: Mayor Rob Muench

Resolved that Bylaw No. 16/2025, being a bylaw to amend Bylaw No. 03/2016 known as the Official Community Plan, be read a second time.

CARRIED

Resolution: 2025.314 10.3 Third Reading - Bylaw No. 16/2025 – A Bylaw to Amend Bylaw No. 03/2016 known as the Official Community Plan
Moved By: Councillor Sarah McInnis
Seconded By: Councillor Dave Rowe

Resolved that Bylaw No. 16/2025, being a bylaw to amend Bylaw No. 03/2016 known as the Official Community Plan, be read a third time and now be adopted.

CARRIED

10.4 Resume Chair

Mayor Muench resumed the Chair, the time being 6:31 p.m.

11 New Business

Resolution: 2025.315 11.1 Proclamation - Culture Days
Moved By: Councillor Roger Korte
Seconded By: Councillor Sarah McInnis

That the Mayor be authorized to proclaim the week of September 19 to October 12, as "Culture Days" in the City of Humboldt.

CARRIED

Resolution: 2025.316 11.2 Proclamation - Truth and Reconciliation Week
Moved By: Councillor Karen Siermachesky
Seconded By: Councillor Larry Jorgenson

That the Mayor be authorized to proclaim the week of September 22nd to 26th as "Truth and Reconciliation Week" in the City of Humboldt.

CARRIED

Resolution: 2025.317 11.3 Proclamation - National Disability Employability Month
Moved By: Councillor Roger Korte
Seconded By: Councillor Sarah McInnis

That the Mayor be authorized to proclaim the month of October 2025 as "National Disability Employability Month" in the City of Humboldt.

CARRIED

Resolution: 2025.318 11.4 Recommendation - Community Development Coordinator - Discretionary Use - Recreational Facility
Moved By: Councillor Larry Jorgenson
Seconded By: Councillor Dave Rowe

That a discretionary use be approved to operate a Commercial recreation facility, limited to indoor use, at 520 9th Street legally described as Block 6 – Plan 99H01872

CARRIED

Resolution: 2025.319 11.5 Recommendation - Director of Leisure Services - Living Skies Music Festival Multi-Year Agreement
Moved By: Councillor Roger Korte
Seconded By: Councillor Sarah McInnis

That the City enter into a five-year agreement, to host the Living Skies Music Festival through 2030 and commit to a \$40,000 cash sponsorship per year to be reduced to 30,000 in any year where the promoter secures a presenting sponsor, with additional in-kind support provided as in past years.

CARRIED

Resolution: 2025.320 11.6 Recommendation - Director of Public Works - Community Airport Partnership Grant
Moved By: Councillor Sarah McInnis
Seconded By: Councillor Larry Jorgenson

That Administration be authorized to submit an application to the Community Airport Partnership (CAP) for funding in the amount of approximately \$176,000.

CARRIED

Resolution: 2025.321 11.7 Recommendation - Director of Protective Services - Fire Department Utility Vehicle
Moved By: Councillor Marilyn Scott
Seconded By: Councillor Sarah McInnis

That Discovery Ford be awarded the tender for one (1) 2025 Ford F350 Diesel at a price of \$77,748.00 plus applicable taxes.

CARRIED

12 Enquiries

Mayor Muench enquired with the Director of Leisure Services regarding the heat and humidity concerns in the Arena over the weekend. The Director responded the dehumidification system needed some maintenance causing some humidity concerns, staff temporarily used the furnace to combat the humidity issues, but it did cause heat issues as the furnace was left on a little longer than it should have.

Councillor Korte enquired with the Director of Leisure Services regarding the smell of chlorine in the Uniplex. The Director responded that staff are looking into the cause and suspect it may be due to some changes made in the facility changing the airflow patterns. Staff are working on identifying and isolating the issue.

Resolution: 2025.322 13 Committee of the Whole
Moved By: Councillor Dave Rowe
Seconded By: Councillor Roger Korte

That we sit in a private session as Committee of the Whole, the time being 7:00 p.m.

CARRIED

13.1 Authority

The Committee met under Section 5(3) of Part III of *The Local Authority of Freedom of Information and Privacy Act*.

13.2 Present in the Committee of the Whole

Mayor Rob Muench, Councillor Larry Jorgenson, Councillor Roger Korte, Councillor Sarah McInnis, Councillor Dave Rowe, Councillor Marilyn Scott, Councillor Karen Siermachesky, City Manager Joe Day, City Controller Jace Porten, Director of Leisure Services Mike Ulriksen, Director of Protective Services Mike Kwasnica, Director of Public Works Peter Bergquist, Marketing and Development Manager Jarrett Delbridge.

13.3 Delegation - Westwood Estates

Resolution:
2025.323

13.4 Revert

Moved By: Councillor Roger Korte
Seconded By: Councillor Karen Siermachesky

That Council revert to the Regular Meeting, the time being 7:40 pm.

CARRIED

Resolution:
2025.324

13.5 Delegation - Motion

Moved By: Councillor Roger Korte
Seconded By: Councillor Sarah McInnis

That this presentation be accepted for information and filed.

CARRIED

Resolution:
2025.325

14 Adjourn

Moved By: Councillor Larry Jorgenson
Seconded By: Councillor Sarah McInnis

That we do now adjourn, the time being 7:41 p.m.

CARRIED