Public Meeting of Witless Bay Council
Town Hall - 7:30 p.m.
February 10, 2015

Attending: Mayor Sébastien Després, Deputy Mayor Dena Wiseman
Councillors: René Estrada, Kevin Smart, Ralph Carey

Recording: Geraldine Caul/Barb Harrigan

1. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Sébastien Després at 7:30 p.m.

2. **2015-011** Deputy Mayor Dena Wiseman/Councillor Kevin Smart
Be it resolved Council adopt the February 10, 2015 Agenda.
Motion carried unanimously.

3. **2015-012** Councillor Ralph Carey/Deputy Mayor Dena Wiseman
Be it resolved Council adopt the January 13, 2015 Minutes of Meeting as presented.
Motion carried unanimously.

4. Business Arising from Minutes:

a. Gas Tax Projects:

2015-013 - Councillor Ralph Carey/Councillor Kevin Smart
Be it resolved Council apply for gas tax funding.

Amendment: Councillor René Estrada/Councillor Ralph Carey
Be it resolved Council submit its Capital Investment Plan to the Department of Municipal Affairs for Gas Tax Funding in the amount of 454,701 for the following projects:
• Upgrading Recreation grounds and their trail ($15,000)
•The beautification of key locations ($4,701)
• The design and construction of new signage throughout the Town ($25,000)
• Design and architectural work for the repurposing of Witless Bay's Municipal Buildings ($10,000).
Be it further resolved the last two projects listed go towards leveraging other monies (the second last project through ACOA's 80-20 funding, and the last project through the Province's 90-10 funding).
Amendment carried unanimously.
Motion Carried unanimously.

5. New Business:

a. Tourism & Business Growth & Renewal Strategy - This Tourism proposal was presented to Council by Mr. Pat Curran of Independent Consultants Group. Mr. Curran recommended the Tourism Plan be reviewed by Council annually.

2015-014 Deputy Mayor Dena Wiseman/Councillor Ralph Carey
Be it resolved Council accept and adopt the Tourism & Business Growth & Renewal Strategy Plan 2015-2020 as presented by Mr. Pat Curran.
Motion carried unanimously.

b. Vision Statement for the Town of Witless Bay - Mayor Després explained that one of the first things recognized by the Community Enhancement Committee 18 months ago was that the Town did not have an official Vision Statement. The Tourism & Business Growth & Renewal Strategy includes a section that will now become the Town's new Vision Statement.

2015-015 Deputy Mayor Dena Wiseman/Councillor Ralph Carey
Be it resolved Council adopt the following text as the Town's official Vision Statement: "*The people of Witless Bay stand united as stewards of rich natural, cultural, and heritage resources to ensure our beautiful town's continual vitality. We are recognized for an authentic identity and inviting character that makes our community a great place in which to grow and prosper*."
Motion carried unanimously.

c. Town Logo:

2015-016 Deputy Mayor Dena Wiseman/Councillor Kevin Smart
Be it resolved Council invite requests for quotes for the design of a new Town Logo.
Motion carried unanimously.

2015-017 Deputy Mayor Dena Wiseman/Councillor Ralph Carey
Be it resolved Council empower the Communication Committee to accept the best quote.
Motion carried unanimously.

d. Appointing an Appeal Commissioner - Mayor Després explained that the Town has been using Mr. Thomas Strickland as an Appeal Commissioner for a number of years and that he has served the Town well.

2015-018 Councillor Ralph Carey/Councillor Kevin Smart
Be it resolved Council re-appoint Mr. Thomas Strickland as an Appeal Commissioner for the Town for 2015.
Discussion: Councillor René Estrada questioned what options are available to the town, and whether there are other commissioners the Town could consider. Mayor Després suggested Councillor Estrada make a second motion to that effect.
Motion carried unanimously.

2015-019 Councillor René Estrada/Councillor Kevin Smart
Be it resolved that Council be presented with a pool of commissioners to review before the end of the year.
Motion carried unanimously.

e. MMSB - Deputy Mayor Dena Wiseman explained that in 2014 the MMSB made composting bins available to Towns at a cost of $25, and that this offer is being made to Towns again this year. Because all bins were purchased in 2014, the Town will be participating in this program in 2015 and will order 50 compost bins.

2015-020 Deputy Mayor Dena Wiseman/Councillor Ralph Carey
Be it resolved the Town participate in the 2015 MMSB Composter Program and order 50 compost bins.
Motion carried unanimously.

6. Committees:

Finance:

a. Monthly payables - presented for information purpose.

b. Snow clearing invoices & logs:

2015-021 Councillor Ralph Carey/Councillor René Estrada
Be it resolved Council pay snow contractor's invoices for the period January 1-31, 2015.
Motion carried unanimously.

Community Enhancement Committee:

a. Launching the Adopt-a-Spot Program - Mayor Després explained that the Town is inviting families, community groups, and businesses to participate in the new Adopt-A-Spot Community Beautification Program. Volunteers can choose an area, adopt it, and look after it (stretch of coastline, trail(s), public space, street, etc.). Mayor Després said that participants will receive a certificate of adoption

and be recognized with a sign bearing their name at their location as well as an acknowledgment of the town's official Adopt-A-Spot Map. At the end of the year, awards will be given out for a number of Adopt-A-Spot categories, including most inviting roadway, cleanest business property, most beautiful spot, etc. Anyone wishing to participate in this program can contact Mayor Després at 336-1166.

2015-022 Deputy Mayor Dena Wiseman/Councillor Kevin Smart
Be it resolved Council launch the 2015 Adopt-A-Spot project for Witless Bay.
Motion carried unanimously.

b. Kinsmen Community Clean-up 2015 - Mayor Després announced that the clean-up will take place on May 9, and said the Town hopes for an even bigger success this year.

Public Works and Compliance:

a. **2015-023** Councillor Ralph Carey/Councillor René Estrada
Be it resolved Council approve in principle application for residential single family dwelling on 69 Country Path Drive, subject to approval from Services NL.
Motion carried unanimously.

b. **2015-024** Councillor Ralph Carey/Councillor Dena Wiseman
Be it resolved Council approve application for garage on 21 Country Path Drive.
Motion carried unanimously.

c. **2015-025** Councillor Ralph Carey/Councillor Kevin Smart
Be it resolved Council approve application for shed on 16 Gallows Cove Road.
Motion carried unanimously.

7. **2015-026** Deputy Mayor Dena Wiseman/Councillor Ralph Carey
Be it resolved Council adjourn at 8:50 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.