

Privileged Meeting of Witless Bay Council
June 2, 2016

Attending: Mayor Sebastien Despres, Deputy Mayor Dena Wiseman, Councillor Ralph Carey and Councillor Kevin Smart

Absent: Councillor Albert Murphy, Councillor Ken Brinston and Councillor Vince Swain

Recording: Geraldine Caul

1. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Despres at 7:05 p.m.
2. **2016-102** Councillor Ralph Carey/Councillor Kevin Smart
Be it resolved Council adopt the agenda of June 2, 2016
Motion carried unanimously.
3. Allegation of conflict of interest relating to Town Plan – Mayor Despres explained that the Town received a letter from a resident who informs Council that Councillor Murphy has placed himself in a conflict of interest. He has asked the government to intervene and asked the Town to make a decision on this. Mayor Despres called for a motion on this matter.

2016-103 Deputy Mayor Dena Wiseman/Councillor Kevin Smart

Be it resolved Council call a Friendly Hearing to allow Councillor Albert Murphy to present his position on voting on January 12, 2016 (motion#2016-005). Councillor Murphy's discussion of, and voting on this matter relates to a choice of two (2) Municipal Plans. This is a potential conflict of interest since 1 of the 2 Municipal Plans discussed and voted on relates to property owned by a relative as defined in the Municipalities Act, and since Councillor Murphy has been already declared to be in a conflict of interest by Council in relation to the Town Plan.

Motion carried unanimously.

2016-104 Deputy Mayor Dena Wiseman/Councillor Kevin Smart

Be it resolved that Council set the Friendly Hearing for Councillor Albert Murphy for June 21, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

2016-105 Deputy Mayor Dena Wiseman/Councillor Ralph Carey

Be it resolved Council request the Town's lawyer to draft a letter to be sent to Councillor Murphy to set out the details of the allegation of conflict of interest, and to inform him of the time of the Friendly Hearing.

Motion carried unanimously.

2016-106 Councillor Ralph Carey/Councillor Kevin Smart

Be it resolved Council obtain legal advice from the Town lawyer on this matter.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. **2016-107** Deputy Mayor Dena Wiseman/Councillor Kevin Smart
Be it resolved Council adjourn at 7:35.

Motion carried unanimously.