

Public Meeting of Witless Bay Town Council
March 11, 2014

Attending: Mayor Sébastien Després, Deputy Mayor Dena Wiseman, Councillors: René Estrada, Kevin Smart, Ralph Carey, Tommy Crocker
Absent: Terry Dunne
Recording: Barb Harrigan

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by Mayor Sébastien Després.
2. **2014-035** – Ralph Carey/Rene Estrada
Be it resolved Council adopt the March 11, 2014 Agenda.
Motion carried unanimously.
3. Sebastien called for a motion to adopt the Minutes of February 11, 2014, asking if there were any errors or omissions.
Correction: Page 2, 3rd line should read motion be **postponed** until the March meeting and Motion 2014-018 should have read **Motion 2014-018 postponed**.
Correction: Motion #2014-019 should read: Be it resolved Council **postpone** further discussion on Council's decision relating to upgrades to Mallowney's Lane for March meeting, and pending further review.

2014-036 – Kevin Smart/Dena Wiseman
Be it resolved Council adopt the February 11, 2014 Minutes of Meeting as amended.
Motion carried unanimously.
4. Presentation by Ed Vickers, representative of Friends of Ragged Beach. (FORB) – Information Only.
5. Business arising from minutes:
 - a) Maintaining cul-de-sacs and compiling road list

2014-037 – Ralph Carey/Rene Estrada
Be it resolved Council compile a list of existing locations in Town that have sub-standard roads that need to be brought up to Town's standard.

Amendment – Dena Wiseman/Ralph Carey
Be it resolved Council compile a list of existing locations in Town that have sub-standard roads that need to be brought up to Town's standard, and that Council meet with the Town Engineer and a representative from Municipal Affairs for guidance on this endeavor.
Amendment carried unanimously.
Motion carried unanimously.
 - b) Gallows Cove Road/Mallowney's Lane per Minister Steve Kent's correspondence:

2014-038 – Dena Wiseman/Kevin Smart
Be it resolved that Council not allow the widening of Mallowney's Lane to accommodate the proposed development relating to the "Amendment Request –Gallows Cove Road" therefore terminating the rezoning process and closing the file on the Gallows Cove Ragged Beach development.
For the motion: Sébastien Després, Dena Wiseman, Ralph Carey, Kevin Smart, Tommy Crocker
Against the motion: Rene Estrada
Motion carried.

- c) Outside Development Officer – Quote for proposal

2014-039 – Dena Wiseman/Tommy Crocker

Be it resolved Council accept proposal for Development/Control Officer from Independent Consultants Group for the amount of \$2644.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. General Business:

- a) Group Ratification – Mobile Central High

2014-040 – Rene Estrada/Ralph Carey

Be it resolved Council accept Mobile Central High School Group Ratification Form.

Motion carried unanimously.

- b) **2014-041** – Ralph Carey/Kevin Smart

Be it resolved Council support the Seniors Outreach Dinner with a donation of \$925.00

Motion carried unanimously.

- c) Standing offer on heavy equipment

2014-042 – Ralph Carey/Tommy Crocker

Be it resolved the Town Clerk contact residents that would be interested in giving the Town pricing on all their equipment. This pricing will be used for emergencies on a call in basis. Pricing should be given for a calendar year.

Motion carried unanimously.

7. Finance:

- a) Snow clearing logs

2014-043 – Ralph Carey/Tommy Crocker

Be it resolved Council pay the snow clearing contractor for invoices submitted.

Motion carried unanimously.

- b) Community Enhancement Committee Meeting –

Sébastien vacated his chair at 9:01 to speak and make a motion on the meeting of March 4, 2014.

Sébastien reported that at the meeting of March 4, 2014, three elements were prioritized.

- 1) Town signs – The main focus on signage was on the entrance and exit signs to the community. Three local artists were asked to draw proofs for Town signs.
- 2) Tourist Chalet- Door of chalet must be moved from the back of the building to the front to make it obvious to visitors that an employee is on site. Signage should also be installed to clearly indicate its location. A motion on these two changes will be made at an upcoming meeting of Council, when the Committee's final recommendation will be presented.
- 3) Kinsmen clean-up – Clean up to be held in early May. Town staff were asked to contact local contractors for quotes on picking up the bags of garbage from the clean-up in case appropriate arrangements cannot be made with MMSB. Pierce Brennan, of Brennan Property Services, offered to support the cleanup, charging a price of \$1.00 per bag, with a minimum cost of \$200. This price includes tipping fees, and a maximum of five pick up points.

2014-044 - Sébastien Després/Tommy Crocker

Be it resolved that if appropriate arrangements cannot be made with MMSB, Council accept offer from Pierce Brennan.

Motion carried unanimously

Sébastien returned to his chair at 9:05.

III) Public Works & Compliance:

a) Right of Way- Williams Lane

2014-045 – Ralph Carey/Tommy Crocker

Be it resolved that the property owner located on 432 Southern Shore Highway be written a letter advising him that it is illegal to construct a projection on a right of way and that this projection must be removed within 30 days of written notice.

Motion carried unanimously.

b) Application to develop residential dwelling – 149-151 Harbour Road

2014-046 – Ralph Carey/Tommy Crocker

Be it resolved Council defer until application is fully completed.

Motion carried unanimously.

c) Application to develop residential dwelling – 115-121A Gallows Cove Road

2014-047- Ralph Carey/Tommy Brinston

Be it resolved Council refuse application to build as the area is zoned Rural and the current town plan does not allow residential dwellings in rural areas. Also, the access road to property is not a publicly maintained road so therefore the road would have to be brought up to the current Town road standards.

Motion carried unanimously.

d) Operate home based business – 37-41A Gull Pond Road

2014-048 – Ralph Carey/Kevin Smart

Be it resolved Council defer application to operate a home based business until application is fully completed.

Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Culture, Heritage & Environment

a) Correspondence – Let's Talk Garbage – Information Only

8. Adjournment

2014-049 – Dena Wiseman/Tommy Crocker

Be it resolved Council adjourn the public meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor

Clerk/Manager

