

## Privileged meeting of Council – March 24, 2016

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

Absent: Councillor Ken Brinston

Recording: Geraldine Caul & Barb Harrigan

The privileged meeting was opened at 7:22 pm by Mayor Despres.

1. Disclosure – Council reviewed the councillor’s disclosure statements as required by the Municipalities Act.
2. BRG Holdings – BRG representative requested Council review their recent final draft plan and to allow them to defer paying their 2015 Engineering fees until they begin generating revenue. It was noted that the two previous subdivision developers paid all of their Engineering fees upon receipt of their invoices without question or issue. There was a brief discussion on advantages and disadvantages of granting this request, but Council agreed this was not in the best interest of the Town.
3. Dredging – When the Town acquired the Federal property, it didn’t include their dredging the property. In the coming months Council would get the town’s maintenance worker to clean up the bramble. Council will then call for quotes for dredging at the next public meeting.
4. New Tourism Information Chalet (Upper Pond or main beach) – The Community Enhancement Committee created a miniature version of houses as a possible structure. The Kin Club was asked if they would be interested in creating a mini Tourism Information Centre. This structure will be movable by forklift, and will be bigger than the current Information Centre.
5. Signage design for Tourism Chalet, Lower Pond, & Puffin Centre – Signage is needed for each of these places. Mayor Despres spoke to a local artist who will meet with the Communication Committee in the near future. If the cost for this project is under \$10,000, Council will look to get three quotes. This will be addressed at the next public meeting.
6. Town of Witless Bay Brand Standards Manual – Deputy Mayor Dena Wiseman said the Communication Committee will bring this document to the April’s public meeting.
7. Town Website Redesign – This is in the works and Council has been sent the information. If anyone has something to add, they can contact the Mayor or Deputy Mayor.
8. The 2016 Community profile – The Town’s profile needs to be updated annually for marketing purposes.
9. Adopt-A-Spot Signs – First proof is now available.

10. The March 2016 Newsletter –

**2016-055** Deputy Mayor Dena Wiseman/Councillor Ralph Carey

Due to the Irish Loop Post's refusal to publish the request for a retraction and correction of the errors printed in the March 2, 2016 and March 16, 2016 editions of the paper, be it resolved Council publish the letter submitted to the Editor by the Town as an open letter in the March 2016 Town Newsletter.

For: Sebastien, Dena, Ralph, Kevin

Against: Albert

**Motion carried.**

11. Upgrading and repurposing of the Fire Hall and Town Hall – Geraldine will contact Fabian St. Croix and Cyril Dalton to see what their available times are to meet with Council regarding the repurposing of the Fire Hall.

12. Preliminary discussion RE: paving, patching and ditching for 2016 – Southside Track and Harbour Road are very bad. Council will get Aiden to do the smaller potholes, using one bucket of the epoxy asphalt at a time (2 maximum). If it requires more than that, we leave it for now for when we do paving.

Council to obtain a cost for one load, ½ load of Class A, Class B and 4 inch minus rock, delivered within the Town boundaries.

For paving, the priority roads are Southside Track & Dunn's Lane, then Council will look at Gallows Cove Road.

Public Works will start a list for actual paving, actual repairs and ditching. It was noted that Harbour Road has a very bad area that is in immediate need of repairs.

Gas Tax can be used for signage for Tourism and dredging Upper Pond.

**2016-056** Councillor Albert Murphy/Councillor Ralph Carey

Be it resolved Council adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

**Motion carried unanimously.**