

Public Meeting of Witless Bay Council
Town Hall - 7:30 p.m.
January 13, 2015

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

Absent: René Estrada

Reporting: Geraldine Caul, Barb Harrigan

1. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Sébastien Després at 7:31 p.m.
2. **2015-001** Dena Wiseman/Ralph Carey
Be it resolved Council adopt the January 13, 2015 Agenda.
Motion carried unanimously.
3. **2015-002** Ralph Carey/Dena Wiseman
Be it resolved Council adopt the December 9, 2014 Minutes of Meeting as presented.
Motion carried unanimously.
4. Business Arising from Minutes:
 - a. Fence off Mullowney's Lane - Councillor Ralph Carey read the "Schedule 'A'" survey description that the applicant submitted with his application, and noted that at no point is Mullowney's Lane or Mullowney's Lane Extension mentioned in the document. Councillor Carey asked that the town records reflect the reality that there is no "Mullowney's Lane Extension" or "Mullowney's Lane Extension lot #3." Therefore, the civic address of the proposed development is to be changed to "off Gallows Cove Road", and the proposed means of access to the site is to state "off Gallows Cove Road."
2015-003 Ralph Carey/Dena Wiseman
Be it resolved Council approve application for fence off Gallows Cove Road with the following conditions:
 1. The permit is not a recognition of ownership of land;
 2. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that no part of the fence is within 15 metres of the high water mark.
 3. This property shall not be accessed from Mullowney's Lane since the survey and description submitted (Schedule "A" and "B") make no mention of Mullowney's Lane.**Motion carried unanimously.**
5. New Business:
 - a. Gas Tax - Mayor Sébastien Després explained that this is a reminder to Council that the deadline for Gas Tax is fast approaching, and that Council will be meeting within the next weeks to select projects for this funding.

- b. Department of Environment - Correspondence relating to the use of pesticide Tordon 101 within Town boundaries by third parties and the Province. Council will be setting up a meeting with the Department of Environment's Manager of Pesticides Control.
- c. Atlantic Coastal Zone - Mayor Després reported that the Atlantic Coastal Zone Steering Committee, in collaboration with Memorial University's Dr. Norm Catto, will be conducting a study titled, "Reducing vulnerability of coastal habitats to petroleum contamination on the Island of Newfoundland. Witless Bay has been selected as one of the communities with whom they will be working. Mayor Després said the project is to identify vulnerable coastal habitats and petroleum contamination risks, and to investigate ways to reduce vulnerability.
- d. Snow clearing motion - Mayor Després explained that Council had empowered Public Works to accept the lowest tender for snow clearing, and that this had been done, However, Council had not yet done a formal motion to accept the tender.

2015-004 Ralph Carey/Dena Wiseman

Be it resolved Council accept the lowest tender for snow clearing as submitted by Harbour Construction Ltd.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Committees:

Finance:

- a. Income Statement - Submitted for Council information.
- b. Snow clearing invoices and logs -

2015-005 Ralph Carey/Kevin Smart

Be it resolved Council pay snow clearing invoices. [Period covering Nov. 30-Dec 31/14].

Motion carried unanimously.

Community Enhancement Committee:

Mayor Després vacated the Chair at 7:43 p.m. for discussions pertaining to this committee, and was replaced by Deputy-Mayor Wiseman.

- a. Mayor Després explained that in 2014 Witless Bay won the Tidy Towns competition in a specific category, and that Witless Bay has now been selected as one of two new towns to participate in the national competition entitled "Communities in Bloom." Mayor Després said the registration fee for towns the size of Witless Bay is \$609.00.

2015-006 Sébastien Després/Kevin Smart

Be it resolved Council enter Witless Bay into the national competition, "Communities in Bloom," and pay the registration fee of \$609.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Després reported that at this year's first meeting of the Community Enhancement Committee, the group discussed an "Adopt-a-Spot" project for the Town, where

individuals and groups would formally be able to adopt an area to beautify. Mayor Després explained that the committee will be following up on this, and that it will be brought back to Council in the near future.

Mayor Després returned to the Chair at 7:47 p.m.

Public Works:

- a. **2015-007** Ralph Carey/Dena Wiseman
Be it resolved Council approve application for residential dwelling on Lot 17 Tamarack Drive subject to approval from Services NL, and contingent on a ditch easement at 2.5 (2.5 horizontal feet for every vertical foot). Once the site work is completed, the Town's Public Works or engineer is to carry out inspection to ensure it is properly installed before any further development takes place.
Motion carried unanimously.
- b. **2015-008** Ralph Carey/Dena Wiseman
Be it resolved Council approve application for residential dwelling on Carey's Road subject to approval from Services NL.
Motion carried unanimously.
- c. **2015-009** Ralph Carey/Dena Wiseman
Be it resolved Council approve application for garage on Carey's Road.
Motion carried unanimously.
7. **2015-010** Dena Wiseman/Kevin Smart
Be it resolved Council adjourn at 7:54 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.