

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF WASAGA BEACH**

**MINUTES OF THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL**

**Held Tuesday, December 2, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.  
In the Council Chambers**

**PRESENT:**

B. Smith	Mayor/Chair
N. Bifulchi	Deputy Mayor
R. Anderson	Councillor
S. Bray	Councillor
R. Ego	Councillor
B. Smith	Councillor
B. Stockwell	Councillor
G. Vadeboncoeur	Chief Administrative Officer
T. Nicholson	Clerk
P. Archdekin	Deputy Clerk
M. Quinlan	Treasurer
M. McWilliam	Fire Chief
G. Reinders	Manager of Parks, Facilities & Recreation
K. Lalonde	Public Works Director
R. Kelso	Manager of Planning & Development
B. Vickers	Chief Building Official
J. Leggett	EDCCO
N. Wukasch	Planner
D. Herron	Planner
P. Lehre	Special Events
D. Vincent	Sr. MLEO
D. Henry	HR Coordinator

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. George Vadeboncoeur, CAO, Chaired this portion and called the meeting to order.

The CAO welcomed the audience to the 15<sup>th</sup> Inaugural Meeting of Council. He asked the audience to stand and announced the entry into the Council Chambers by Council-elect who were piped into the Chambers by Mr. Art Stewart, where they took their seats in front of the audience.

While the audience remained standing, Mr. Kurt Lehman led the singing of O Canada.

The CAO then welcomed family, friends and guests to the 15th Inaugural Meeting of the Council of the Town of Wasaga Beach. The Town's first Mayor, Clair Robertson's presence, was acknowledged. The CAO noted that in accordance with Section 230 of The Municipal Act and the Town's Procedural By-Law #2006-20, this meeting was properly constituted. The CAO called upon the Town Clerk, Twyla Nicholson, to confirm the election results. After the Clerk confirmed the election results, in order of seating at the Council table, Justice Dennis Wilson administered to each member of the Council-elect, their Declaration of Elected Office and Oath of Allegiance, after which they affixed their signature to the document. Mr. Vadeboncoeur introduced each member of Council with their appropriate title and they were escorted to their seat on the Dias by the Clerk, Ms. Nicholson.

The Clerk then had the pleasure of investing the Mayor with the Chain of Office.

The role of the Mayor and role of Council was read by the Justice Wilson.

Reverend Barry Doner of the Wasaga Beach Presbyterian Church gave the Invocation and blessing of Council.

In recognition of Mrs. Joanne Smith, the First Lady of Wasaga Beach, the Clerk presented her with a lovely bouquet of flowers.

Mr. Vadeboncouer invited everyone to join with Council in a reception in the lobby following the meeting and then turned over the Chairmanship of the meeting to the Mayor.

2. **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST - None**

3. **INAUGURAL ADDRESS**

**a) Inaugural Address and Comments by Councillors**

Mayor Smith called upon each member of Council to give their Inaugural Address.

Deputy Mayor Bifulchi thanked her husband Anthony and son's Jake, Tyler and Robert as well as her parents, sister and friends for all their support. Thanks to Council for the past years, noting that it had been a team effort and she has learned from each one. The Town has a fantastic staff and looks forward to this new Council. Thanks to the constituents who showed their support and have confidence in her leadership. Thank you.

Councillor Smith thanked her husband Jim, and Campaign Manager Marilyn Schneider and Bonnie Cooper for their constant support. Thanks was expressed to all the campaign workers she could not have done without. To her Church family she thanked for the thoughts and prayers. To the business community Councillor Smith thanked them for the encouragement as well as friends and neighbours. Councillor Smith stated she looked forward to working with the staff, the Mayor and Deputy Mayor as well as the other Councillors who are all passionate about Wasaga Beach. She was overwhelmed and grateful by the support and has listened to the messages and looked forward to the next four years as Councillor.

Councillor Ego noted how fortunate he was to have had exciting times in life and great careers and this is exciting. He is truly honoured and humbled by the support from the people of Wasaga Beach. This would not have happened without the support of his wife Faye and their children who have stood beside him the whole time. Councillor Ego expressed thanks to Humphrey Carter, John Dockerty and Sandy Gerard. He enjoyed the campaign experience and hopes the other candidates will stay involved and bring their great attributes to the table. To the past Council he thanked for their service, dedication and love of the Town. He stated that they left Council in a good position financially and structurally. He looks forward to good relationships with the Councillors and Town staff as they move forward with election promises. Councillor Ego noted the Inaugural is quite an event and thanked the staff for their hard work.

Councillor Anderson thanked his election team of Kerri Anderson and Jim Sealy. He noted it will take a while for this Council to gel as a team, but he is confident they will. Thanks to the residents who showed their support for and confidence in him.

Councillor Bray noted it felt wonderful to be seated at the Council table and expressed her thanks. She thanked to her Campaign Manager and husband, Mark Winegarden and children as well as the other who helped with the campaign. Councillor Bray expressed a thank you to Councillor Bill Stockwell who had kind words of support at an All Candidates meeting she was not able to

attend. Councillor Bray said she would not let the people down and will make Wasaga Beach a better place to live, work and play.

Councillor Stockwell thanked his election team and acknowledged Major Neil, Pastor of the Collingwood Salvation Army Church and as this is Kettle Campaign season, asked people to please make a contribution as they can.

Councillor Stockwell expressed his thanks to his wife Loretta, five children, fifteen grandchildren, three great grandchildren and a pair of twins on the way. His background goes back fifty years in the business, but has never been so excited as what he is tonight with this new Council. The Mayor is privileged to serve over this group and wished all the Councillors the best over the coming four years.

Mayor Smith noted how pleased he is to be working with this esteemed group. "Hang on to your seats it is going to be wild". Mayor Smith considers himself to be a quick study and has learned very quickly it is a "good and bad thing" all wrapped in one; good to be elected Mayor - bad to be elected Mayor. To his campaign team, family and friends and citizens of Wasaga Beach, good evening and thank you all for being here this evening. It is a very special moment in the future of Wasaga Beach. Thanks to Mayor Patterson for his efforts and hard work over the years. Mayor Patterson has indicated that he will be available for questions, concerns going forward. Mayor Smith thanked former Mayor Walter Borthwick and First Mayor Clair Robertson for their support throughout the campaign. He knew he could call on these esteemed gentlemen anytime. Thank you both, noting he is truly grateful. He extended his best wishes to the Council members who are not returning for their hard work, perseverance and time given. He hoped they will take the time to enjoy family friends and life in general. Mayor Smith recognized Andy Bowden who led his campaign. He is an amazing friend and father figure he never had and has the utmost respect and hopes to share their friendship for many years to come. To his campaign team they were all amazing people and played a special and detailed part in the campaign. Thanks for all your hard work. It was a great team effort and you should be as proud. Mayor Smith acknowledged his 83 year old Mother who is sharing this special moment. She is the one person for 49 years that has been there for him each and every single day and she is the reason he is who he is today. She taught him never to give up and fight for what he believed in and never forget where he came from. Mayor Smith expressed thanks to his Mother. To his daughters Tara and Tamara thanks for the love and support and keeping Dad "young at heart" and allowing him to never grow up. To his best friend and love of his life Joanne, thanks for the unwavering support. It has been said that behind every great man there is a greater woman and that is true in his life.

Thank you to the great people of Wasaga Beach who through votes believed in the vision and plan set out in his platform.

He will give one hundred percent to ensure that he and Council work to the best of their ability to do what they set out to do.

Mayor Smith advised that that he has met with the new Council and some staff. He is looking forward to working with all to accomplish the things they have set out to do and with the shareholders of Wasaga Beach - the tax payers.

To Town staff he has not yet met, he plans to meet each and every one. He has an open door policy for all staff in all departments as the best ideas come from the people on the front line.

This Council will now get down to work on the responsibility bestowed upon them. There is a lot to do in a short period of time. We knew what we were getting into when we asked for support. There is no "I" in the word team. We need the support of the citizens and business community to make this happen. There are seven members sitting on Council with the eighth member being the taxpayers. He believes in democracy and will ask for public opinion.

Mayor Smith noted he is the fourth Mayor and it is an honour and extreme privilege. It is humbling to be elected with a very clear mandate to move the Town forward. We are your team and committed to work hard to make Wasaga Beach a better place to live work and play each and every day. Mayor Smith added he does not have all the answers or know everything and has learned it is better to listen than to speak. He has listened and hears the people loud and clear. He didn't run for the Office of Mayor to be the caretaker of status quo. Thank you for this great privilege that he takes seriously and will do absolute best to not let you down.

#### **4. NOTICES OF MOTION**

- a) A Direct Motion to appoint Standing Committees

MOVED BY N. BIFOLCHI

SECONDED BY B. STOCKWELL

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-19-01

RESOLVED THAT Council does hereby appoint the four Standing Committees of Council as follows:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE:

Councillor Ron Anderson	Chair
Councillor Sylvia Bray	Co-Chair
Councillor Bonnie Smith	
Deputy Mayor Nina Bifulchi	

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

Councillor Bill Stockwell	Chair
Deputy Mayor Nina Bifulchi	Co-Chair
Councillor Sylvia Bray	
Councillor Ron Ego	

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

Deputy Mayor Nina Bifulchi	Chair
Councillor Ron Anderson	Co-Chair
Councillor Bonnie Smith	
Councillor Ron Ego	

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE:

Councillor Ron Ego	Chair
Councillor Bonnie Smith	Co-Chair
Councillor Sylvia Bray	
Councillor Bill Stockwell	

CARRIED

**5. BY-LAWS AND CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW**

a) **A By-Law to Make Appointments to Various Boards and Committees**

MOVED BY B. SMITH

SECONDED BY R. EGO

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-19-02

RESOLVED THAT a By-Law to Make Appoints to Various Boards and Committees, be received and be deemed to have been read a first, second and third time, passed and numbered No. 2014-112.

CARRIED

b) **Confirmatory By-Law**

MOVED BY S. BRAY

SECONDED BY R. ANDERSON

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-19-02

RESOLVED THAT a By-Law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Wasaga Beach at its Inaugural Meeting held Tuesday, December 2, 2014, be received and be deemed to have been read a first, second and third time, passed and numbered No. 2014-113.

CARRIED

Mayor Smith expressed his thanks to Mr. Vadeboncoeur; Ms. Nicholson, Clerk, Ms. Archdekin, Deputy Clerk for this evenings ceremony and to Art Stewart, the Piper. Special thanks to Justice Dennis Wilson and asked if he would come forward to accept a small token. The Mayor asked vocalist Mr. Kurt Lehmann and Reverend Barry Doner to also come forward to accept a small token of appreciation for their participation.

Mayor Smith asked everyone to join members of Council for a reception in the lobby.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

The Minutes of this Meeting were approved this 16th day of December 2014.

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Brian Smith, Mayor

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Twyla Nicholson, Clerk