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**MR# 2020033**

**DATE: 25 May 2020**

**RE: Amherst to use federal list of electors in upcoming municipal election**

**AMHERST, Nova Scotia** – At its May 25, 2020, session, Amherst town council approved the use of the federal permanent list of electors during the upcoming municipal election.

They also authorized the chief administrative officer to enter into an agreement with Elections Canada to use the list.

The town has procured the list for its municipal elections since 1997 because its format is easy to use and adapt to the town's voting districts.

### **Capital project carryovers**

Council approved the addition of several capital projects, which were not completed during the past fiscal year, to the town's 2020-21 general capital and water utility capital budgets.

In doing so, it finalized the 2020-21 general capital budget at slightly more than \$3.5 million, including slightly more than \$1.3 million in carryover projects, and the Amherst Water Utility capital budget for the same period at \$753,000, including \$40,000 in carryover projects.

### **User Fee Policy amended**

Council approved amendments to its User Fee Policy that removed yearly and monthly parking space rental fees from the document.



In addition, it added clarity to who qualifies for the Youth Time Rate, adopted a calendar format for ice rentals that includes an early time rate and added daily and half-day rental fees for a space in the Community Credit Union Business Innovation Centre known as the Hub.

### **Tax Exemption Policy Amendment**

Council approved an amendment to its Tax Exemption Policy that adds 44 Park St., owned by the Cumberland County Transition House, to the list of properties owned by charitable organizations that are exempt from paying property taxes.

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