

**Town of Amherst
Amherst Board of Police Commissioners
Minutes**

Date: May 26, 2026
Time: 3:00 pm
Location: Council Chambers, Town Hall

Members Present Commissioner Sandy Fairbanks, Chair
Commissioner Nic Furlong, Vice Chair
Commissioner Charlie Chambers
Commissioner Hal Davidson
Commissioner Alex Harrison
Commissioner Chris Johanneson

Members Absent Commissioner Caprice Barbour

Staff Present Dwayne Pike, Chief of Police
Tom Wood, Inspector
Kim Jones, Deputy CAO
Krista Crossman, Director, Human Resources
Sean Payne, Marketing and Communications Officer
Natalie LeBlanc, Municipal Clerk / Board Secretary

1. Call To Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

1.1 Territorial Acknowledgement

The Chair gave the Territorial Acknowledgement.

1.2 Approval of Agenda

Moved By Commissioner Furlong

Seconded By Commissioner Chambers

That the agenda be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried

1.3 Acceptance of Minutes - February 24, 2026

The Chair called for any errors or omissions in the minutes. There being none, the minutes of the February 24, 2026, meeting of the Amherst Board of Police Commissioners were accepted as included in the agenda package.

2. New Board Member Introductions

2.1 Oath - Alex Harrison

The Chair swore in new member Alex Harrison as a Commissioner.

2.2 Oath - Chris Johanneson

The Chair swore in new member Chris Johanneson as a Commissioner.

3. Code of Conduct for Municipal Volunteers Policy

The Chair spoke to the new Code of Conduct for Municipal Volunteers Policy; citizen members signed it as required indicating they have read and understand the policy and will adhere to it.

4. Board Member Orientation

The Chief reviewed the orientation presentation included as part of the agenda package. The Chair spoke to relevant legislation members should be familiar with including but not limited to the Nova Scotia Police Act Regulations and the By-law Respecting the Amherst Board of Police Commissioners. The Board secretary will provide this information to members.

5. Strategic Plan Verbal Update

Chief Pike provided a verbal update on the Amherst Police Department Strategic Plan.

6. Chief's Report

Chief Pike reviewed the Chief's report, included as part of the agenda package.

7. Next Meeting Date

The next regular meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.

8. Closed Session

**Moved By Commissioner Davidson
Seconded By Commissioner Furlong
To go into Closed Session.**

Motion Carried

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting.

Natalie LeBlanc
Municipal Clerk / Board Secretary

Sandy Fairbanks
Chair