

**Amherst Town Council
Committee of the Whole
Minutes**

Date: April 19, 2021

Time: 4:00 pm

Members Present Mayor David Kogon
Deputy Mayor Hal Davidson
Councillor George Baker
Councillor Lisa Emery
Councillor Dale Fawthrop
Councillor Leon Landry

Members Absent Councillor Sheila Christie

Staff Present Jason MacDonald, Interim CAO
Michael Hunter, Chief Financial Officer
Dwayne Pike, Police Chief
Greg Jones, Fire Chief
Andrew Fisher, Manager of Planning & Strategic Initiatives
Tamara Porter, Business Development Officer
Cheryl Laliberte, Community Well-Being Manager
Tom McCoag, Corporate Communications Officer
Kim Jones, Municipal Clerk
Natalie LeBlanc, Deputy Clerk

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this was a hybrid meeting held in person at the Community Credit Union Business Innovation Center and online via Zoom.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Kogon called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

1.1 Moment of Silence in Memory of the Portapique Tragedy

A moment of silence was held in memory of the one year anniversary of the Portapique tragedy.

1.2 Approval of Agenda

Moved By Councillor Landry

Seconded By Councillor Emery

That the agenda be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

1.3 Approval of Consent Agenda

Moved By Councillor Emery

Seconded By Deputy Mayor Davidson

To approve the consent agenda with the removal of items 4.2 Operations Monthly Report and 4.3 Police Services Monthly Report.

MOTION CARRIED

1.4 Approval of Minutes

The following motion was approved as part of the Consent Agenda:

Moved By Councillor Emery

Seconded By Deputy Mayor Davidson

That the minutes of the March 15, 2021 and March 22, 2021 Committee of the Whole meetings be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

2. Council Direction Requests

2.1 Expense Reimbursement Policy

Moved By Councillor Baker

Seconded By Deputy Mayor Davidson

That no revisions be made to the Expense Reimbursement Policy at this time.

MOTION CARRIED

2.2 AYTC Policy Amendment

Moved By Councillor Baker

Seconded By Councillor Emery

That Council refer approval of the amendments to the Amherst Youth Town Council Policy to the regular meeting of Council on April 26, 2021.

Moved By Deputy Mayor Davidson

Seconded By Councillor Landry

That Council forward approval of the Amherst Youth Town Council Policy to the April 26, 2021 as amended, and also include a further clause stating that all attempts to reflect diversity will be made when considering appointment of AYTC members.

AMENDED MOTION CARRIED

- 2.3 Joint CED Strategy**
Moved By Councillor Baker
Seconded By Councillor Emery
Council direct staff to forward the Cumberland Region Community Economic Development Strategy to the regular Council meeting on April 26, 2021 for acceptance.

MOTION CARRIED

3. Information Items

- 3.1 Capital Budget Process Update**
Information item; no direction given or action required.
- 3.2 Noise Bylaw Update**
Information item; no direction given or action required.
- 3.3 2021-2022 CJSMA Draft Budget**
Information item; no direction given or action required.

4. Monthly Reports

The following monthly reports were approved as part of the Consent Agenda. Information items only; no direction given or action required.

- 4.1 Corporate Services
4.4 Fire Services
4.5 Planning & Strategic Initiatives
4.6 Business Development

- 4.2 Operations**
Councillor Fawthrop asked what the cost would be to extend ice rental time to other user groups. Mr. MacDonald will provide an update at the next meeting.
- 4.3 Police Services**
Councillor Emery inquired about the upward trend in statistics. Chief Pike explained the graph and chart included as part of the agenda package.

5. In Camera - 5:00 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Fawthrop
Seconded By Councillor Emery
That the Committee move to an In Camera session.

MOTION CARRIED

6. Adjournment

Moved By Councillor Fawthrop
Seconded By Councillor Landry
To adjourn the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Kimberlee Jones
Municipal Clerk

David Kogon, MD
Mayor