

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

Date: June 21, 2021
Time: 4:00 pm
Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

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

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
Aaron Bourgeois, Operations Manager
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 a virtual meeting held via Zoom.

1. Call to Order

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

1.1 Approval of Agenda

Moved By Councillor Landry

Seconded By Councillor Christie

That the agenda be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

1.2 Approval of the Consent Agenda

Moved By Councillor Fawthrop

Seconded By Councillor Baker

To approve the consent agenda.

MOTION CARRIED

1.3 Approval of Minutes

The following motion was approved as part of the consent agenda:

Moved By Councillor Fawthrop

Seconded By Councillor Baker

That the minutes of the May 17, 2021 and June 7, 2021 Committee of the Whole meetings be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

2. Council Direction Requests

2.1 Noise Bylaw

Moved By Councillor Baker

Seconded By Councillor Emery

That the Noise and Disturbances Bylaw be forwarded to the June 28, 2021 regular meeting of Council for first reading.

MOTION CARRIED

2.2 Lord Amherst Drive

Moved By Councillor Landry

Seconded By Councillor Baker

That Council agree, in principle, to remove the name Lord Amherst from Lord Amherst Drive and that Council request a recommendation for a new street name from the Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee.

Moved By Councillor Baker

Seconded By Councillor Christie

To amend the motion to remove 'Lord' from the name Lord Amherst Drive.

Against (5): Mayor Kogon, Deputy Mayor Davidson, Councillor Emery, Councillor Fawthrop, and Councillor Landry

MOTION DEFEATED

ORIGINAL MOTION CARRIED

Against (1): Councillor Baker

2.3 Dangerous and Unsightly Premises Policy Amendment

Moved By Deputy Mayor Davidson

Seconded By Councillor Fawthrop

That the recommended revisions to the Dangerous or Unsightly Premises Policy be forwarded to the June 28, 2021 meeting of Council for approval.

MOTION CARRIED

2.4 Lions Club MOU

Moved By Councillor Christie

Seconded By Councillor Landry

That Council forward the Memorandum of Understanding between the Lions Club and the Town of Amherst to the June 28, 2021 regular meeting of Council for approval and authorize the CAO to sign on the Town's behalf.

MOTION CARRIED

2.5 Skate Park Request

Moved By Councillor Landry

Seconded By Councillor Emery

That an outdoor drinking fountain and shelter area be installed at the Amherst Stadium Skate Park this summer, with funding to come from the unrestricted Operational reserve which has a current balance of \$349,360.

MOTION TABLED

Motion Tabled and that staff be directed to research the exact cost and provide a timeline to install an outdoor drinking fountain and shelter at the Amherst Skate Park this summer, with funding to come from the unrestricted Operational reserve which has a current balance of \$349,360.

AMENDED MOTION CARRIED

2.6 The Dr. & Mrs. H.E. Christie Community Foundation

Moved By Councillor Christie

Seconded By Councillor Landry

That Committee of the Whole forward to the June 28, 2021 regular meeting of Council approval of the acceptance of the donation from The Dr. & Mrs. H.E. Christie Community Foundation and disbursement to Amherst Little League Baseball Club, in accordance with the request of the donor.

MOTION CARRIED

2.7 Mi'kmaq Flag

Moved By Deputy Mayor Davidson

Seconded By Councillor Emery

That Council direct staff to forward this matter to the new Diversity, Inclusion and Equity Committee for further review and consultation and bring back a recommendation to Council in the future.

MOTION CARRIED

2.8 Solar for Community Buildings

Moved By Councillor Baker

Seconded By Councillor Fawthrop

That the following be forwarded to the June 28, 2021 Council meeting:

1. That the solar project to be located on the roof of the Police Station be relocated to a ground-mounted system at the town water reservoir property at 389 Willow Street, and the Capital Budget for this project be amended from \$184,537 to \$190,730, plus applicable tax.

2. That the system to be located on the roof of the Fire Station be relocated to a ground-mounted system at the Waster Water Treatment Facility, and the Capital Budget for this project be amended from \$183,414 to \$190,730 plus applicable tax.

3.

4. That Council authorizes the CAO to enter into the system supply, install and commission agreement with Thermo Dynamics Ltd. for both projects.

MOTION CARRIED

2.9 Capital Paving

Moved By Councillor Baker

Seconded By Deputy Mayor Davidson

That the award of the Capital Paving Tender (RFT-21-06) to the lowest compliant bidder, Classic Construction (2012), at their unit prices based on our estimated quantities in the total amount of \$627,700 plus HST, be forwarded to the June 28, 2021 meeting of Amherst Town Council.

MOTION CARRIED

2.10 Spring Street Paving

Moved By Councillor Fawthrop

Seconded By Councillor Landry

That the award of the tender RFD-21-18 Spring Street Infrastructure Renewal be awarded to the lowest compliant bidder, Bowers' Construction, at their unit prices based on our estimated quantities, in the total amount of \$373,891 (including provisional items and all non-recoverable taxes), be forwarded to the June 28, 2021 meeting of Amherst Town Council.

MOTION CARRIED

3. Information Items

3.1 Spring Street Traffic

Moved By Deputy Mayor Davidson

Seconded By Councillor Fawthrop

That staff be directed to do a traffic study in all school areas as part of the 2022/2023 budget and priority process.

3.2 Armories Update

Information item approved as part of the consent agenda. No direction given or action required.

3.3 Community Credit Union Business Innovation Center Lease

Information item approved as part of the consent agenda. No direction given or action required.

4. Monthly Reports

The following monthly reports were approved as part of the consent agenda:

4.1 Corporate Services

4.2 Operations

4.3 Police Services

4.4 Fire Services

4.5 Planning & Strategic Initiatives

4.6 Community Well-Being

4.7 Business Development - No Report

5. In Camera

Moved By Councillor Landry

Seconded By Councillor Emery

That the Committee move to an In Camera session.

MOTION CARRIED

6. Adjournment

Moved By Councillor Emery

Seconded By Councillor Christie

To adjourn the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

Kimberlee Jones
Municipal Clerk

David Kogon, MD
Mayor