

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

**Date:** January 17, 2022  
**Time:** 4:00 pm  
**Location:** Zoom Virtual Meeting

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

**Staff Present** Jason MacDonald, Chief Administrative Officer  
Michael Hunter, Chief Financial Officer  
Dwayne Pike, Police Chief  
Greg Jones, Director of Fire Services  
Andrew Fisher, Director of Planning & Strategic Initiatives  
Kim Jones, Director of Corporate Communications and  
Community Well Being / Municipal Clerk  
Tom McCoag, Corporate Communications Officer  
Natalie LeBlanc, Deputy Clerk

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Due to the COVID-19 pandemic this was 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 Deputy Mayor Christie

Seconded By Councillor Davidson

That the agenda be approved as circulated.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**1.2 Approval of the Consent Agenda**

Moved By Councillor Davidson

Seconded By Councillor Fawthrop

To approve of the consent agenda as circulated.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**1.3 Approval of Minutes**

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

**1.3.1 December 20, 2021**

**Moved By Councillor Davidson**

**Seconded By Councillor Fawthrop**

**To approve the minutes of the December 20, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting as circulated.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**2. Presentations**

**2.1 Amherst Area Heritage Trust**

Leslie Childs gave the presentation, included as part of the agenda package.

**2.2 Amherst Little League**

Mike LeBlanc gave the presentation, included as part of the agenda package.

**3. Council Direction Requests**

**3.1 February, April and May Meeting Dates**

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

**Moved By Councillor Davidson**

**Seconded By Councillor Fawthrop**

**That Council forward to the January 24, 2022 regular meeting of Council approval to change the following meeting dates: February 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting date from Monday, February 21, 2022 to Tuesday, February 22, 2022 due to the Heritage Day holiday, and change the regular April 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting date from Monday, April 18, 2022 to Tuesday, April 19, 2022 due to the Easter Monday holiday, and change the May 23, 2022 Council meeting to Tuesday, May 24, 2022 due to the Victoria Day holiday.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**3.2 External Committee Policy Review**

**Moved By Councillor Davidson**

**Seconded By Councillor Fawthrop**

**That staff review the Appointment of Members of Council to External Boards, Committees and Commissions Policy 10350-28 with Council input, staff input and legal opinion as well as in comparison with policies of other municipalities and review it again at the March Committee of the Whole.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**3.3 Municipal Boundary Review**

**Moved By Deputy Mayor Christie**

**Seconded By Councillor Baker**

**That it is Council's intention to maintain the status quo where six Councillors are elected at large, and further to this that staff be directed to hold a public consultation session to gain public input where the results will be presented at a future meeting of Council where a final decision on the application will be made.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**4. Information Items**

**4.1 Strategic Priorities**

Information item only.

**5. Monthly Reports**

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

5.1 Corporate Services

5.2 Operations

5.3 Police Services

5.4 Fire Services

5.5 Planning & Strategic Initiatives

5.6 Community Well-Being

**6. In Camera**

**Moved By Councillor Emery**

**Seconded By Councillor Landry**

**That the Committee move to an In Camera session.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**7. Adjournment**

**Moved By Councillor Landry**

**Seconded By Councillor Emery**

**To adjourn the meeting.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

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Kimberlee Jones

Municipal Clerk

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David Kogon, MD

Mayor