

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

Date: May 16, 2022
Time: 4:00 pm
Location: Council Chambers, Town Hall

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
Dwayne Pike, Police Chief
Greg Jones, Director of Fire Services
Aaron Bourgeois, Director of Operations
Andrew Fisher, Director of Planning & Strategic Initiatives
Kim Jones, Director of Corporate Communications and
Community Well Being / Municipal Clerk
Brenda Rioux, Solid Waste Education and Enforcement Officer
Tom McCoag, Corporate Communications Officer
Natalie LeBlanc, Deputy Clerk

1. Call to Order

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

1.1 Approval of Agenda

**Moved By Councillor Emery
Seconded By Councillor Baker
That the agenda be approved as circulated.**

MOTION CARRIED

1.2 Approval of the Consent Agenda

**Moved By Councillor Davidson
Seconded By Deputy Mayor Christie
That the Consent Agenda be approved as circulated.**

MOTION CARRIED

1.3 Approval of Minutes

1.3.1 April 19, 2022

**Moved By Councillor Davidson
Seconded By Deputy Mayor Christie
That the minutes of the April 19, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting be
approved as circulated.**

MOTION CARRIED

2. Presentations

2.1 Ed Childs - Drover Street

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

3. Council Direction Requests

3.1 Number of Councillors Review

Moved By Councillor Fawthrop

Seconded By Councillor Landry

That the intention to maintain status quo with six Councillors elected at large be included on the agenda of the May 24th, 2022 meeting of Council.

MOTION CARRIED

3.2 Bylaw to Amend the Bylaw Respecting the Amherst Board of Police Commissioners

Moved By Councillor Davidson

Seconded By Councillor Fawthrop

That Council forward first reading of the proposed amendment to include a new clause on diversity and inclusiveness to the membership section of the Bylaw Respecting the Board of Police Commissioners for the Town of Amherst to the May 24, 2022 regular meeting of Council.

MOTION CARRIED

Moved By Councillor Baker

To have a Policy instead of amending the Bylaw.

MOTION WITHDRAWN

Moved By Councillor Emery

Seconded By Councillor Baker

To amend the bylaw to include the new statement as part of the preamble and the membership.

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

MOTION DEFEATED

3.3 Lord Amherst Drive Renaming

Moved By Councillor Emery

Seconded By Councillor Baker

That Council forward consideration of the name Ancestral Drive as a replacement for Lord Amherst Drive to the May 24, 2022 Council meeting.

Against (1): Councillor Baker

MOTION CARRIED

3.4 Northern Region Agreement Amendment

Moved By Councillor Emery

Seconded By Councillor Landry

That Committee of the Whole place the attached Northern Region Intermunicipal Solid Waste Agreement on the May 24, 2022 meeting of Amherst Town Council for consideration and approval.

MOTION CARRIED

3.5 Community Centre Steering Committee

Moved By Deputy Mayor Christie

Seconded By Councillor Davidson

That Council forward the terms of reference for the establishment of a Community Centre Steering Committee and appointment of a councillor representative and councillor alternate to the May 24, 2022 Council meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

Moved By Deputy Mayor Christie

Seconded By Councillor Landry

To appoint Councillor Davidson as councillor representation on the Community Centre Steering Committee.

MOTION CARRIED

Moved By Councillor Davidson

Seconded By Councillor Emery

To appoint Councillor Landry as councillor representation alternate on the Community Centre Steering Committee.

MOTION CARRIED

3.6 Crosswalk Markings

Moved By Councillor Baker

Seconded By Councillor Landry

That staff be directed to bring back a report at the next Committee of the Whole meeting including regulations and costs of installing yellow crosswalk signs.

MOTION CARRIED

3.7 Hotel Marketing Levy

Moved By Councillor Baker

Seconded By Councillor Emery

That Council consider the establishment of a Hotel Marketing Levy.

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

MOTION DEFEATED

- 3.8 EB Chandler Parking Lot**
Moved By Councillor Baker
Seconded By Councillor Fawthrop
That Council write a letter to the Chignecto Central Regional School Board and the Department of Education to request an update on when they intend to repair the lot.

MOTION CARRIED

4. Information Items

- 4.1 Yield Sign Review**
Information item; no direction given or action required.
- 4.2 Strategic Priorities Update**
Information item. Councillor Davidson requested that Council be given a timeline for the review of the Committees of Council and all Town policies and bylaws.

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 Development
- 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 Davidson
To adjourn the meeting.

Kimberlee Jones
Municipal Clerk

David Kogon, MD
Mayor

