

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

Date: June 20, 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

Members Absent 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
Sarah Wilson, Senior Accountant / Acting Treasurer
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 Fawthrop
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
To approve the consent agenda as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

- 1.3 Approval of Minutes - May 16, 2022**
The following motion was made as part of the consent agenda:
Moved By Councillor Davidson
Seconded By Deputy Mayor Christie
That the minutes of the May 16, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

2. Council Direction Requests

2.1 Saxby Gale

Moved By Councillor Fawthrop

Seconded By Councillor Emery

That October 4th be proclaimed as Saxby Gale Day and a meeting/educational seminar be arranged on the necessity to address our marsh challenges.

MOTION CARRIED

2.2 Request for Social Needs Workshop

Councillor Baker arrived at the meeting at this time.

Moved By Councillor Fawthrop

Seconded By Councillor Davidson

That social needs issues be discussed as part of Council's next strategic priority session.

MOTION CARRIED

2.3 Street Naming Policy Amendments

Moved By Councillor Davidson

Seconded By Councillor Emery

That Council forward the proposed amendments to the Street Naming Policy to the June 2022 Council meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

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

That the following motion be approved as part of the consent agenda:

Moved By Councillor Davidson

Seconded By Deputy Mayor Christie

To amend the motion previously passed motion to read that Council approve first reading of the proposed amendment to the Bylaw Respecting the Board of Police Commissioners for the Town of Amherst, and schedule second reading.

MOTION CARRIED

2.5 Mill Street Green Space

Moved By Councillor Baker

Seconded By Deputy Mayor Christie

That Council forward approval of the Town owned vacant lot on Mill Street as the site to construct and plant a community flowerbed as a pilot project to the June 27, 2022 regular meeting of Council.

MOTION CARRIED

2.6 Dr. and Mrs. H.E. Christie Foundation Donation

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

Moved By Councillor Davidson

Seconded By Deputy Mayor Christie

That the request to receive a donation of \$13,120 from the Dr. & Mrs. H.E. Christie Community Foundation to fund a corresponding grant of \$8,000 to Amherst Little League Baseball and \$5,120 to the Cumberland County Military Museum, be referred to the June 27, 2022 regular meeting for Council's consideration.

MOTION CARRIED

3. Information Items

3.1 **Provincial Notice of Legislation Effects on Municipal Revenue**

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

3.2 **Marsh Trail - ATV Issues**

Moved By Councillor Davidson

Seconded By Councillor Emery

That staff be directed to complete a plan to install appropriate signage and add barricades to deter access to the Marsh pedestrian trail from motorized vehicles, other than accessibility transportation, and present such to Council by the end of this calendar year. Further, if some or all of the required work can be completed with existing resources and within the approved operational budget of the Town then some or all of that work may be carried out as time and resources permit. And further, that staff engage in discussions with the local ATV association to develop a strategy to allow appropriate access for ATVs to come in and out of Amherst.

MOTION CARRIED

3.3 **Yield Sign Review**

Information item; no direction given or action required.

3.4 **Crosswalk Signage**

Information item; no direction given or action required.

3.5 **February 2022 Flooding Update**

Information item; no direction given or action required.

3.6 **Municipal Water Supplies – Requirements for Lead and Copper Management**

Information item; no further direction given.

3.7 **Strategic Priority Review**

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

3.8 **Dangerous and Unsightly Premises Semi Annual Report**

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

5. In Camera

Moved By Councillor Fawthrop

Seconded By Councillor Baker

That the Committee move to an in camera session.

MOTION CARRIED

6. Adjournment

Moved By Councillor Fawthrop

Seconded By Councillor Emery

To adjourn the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED