

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

**Date:** June 21, 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 Leon Landry

**Members Absent** Councillor Dale Fawthrop

**Staff Present** Jason MacDonald, Chief Administrative Officer  
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

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**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Council Direction Requests**

**2.1 Community Support Grants**

Councillor Emery declared a conflict of interest with Cumberland County Museum, Seniors Safety Program, Fibre Arts Festival, Tantramar Seniors College and Eat Local Cumberland due to her involvement with these organizations.

Councillor Baker declared a conflict of interest with Cumberland County Transportation Services due to his personal shuttle service business.

Concern was expressed with not having all of the applicants' financial statements. The Committee agreed they felt they could not make a recommendation without them. Discussion ensued. The CAO suggested that the Community Support Grants Policy be amended at another time to include this requirement on the application itself and not just have it in the Policy.

**3. In Camera**

**Moved by Councillor Davidson  
Seconded by Councillor Emery  
To move into an in camera session.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Back to Open Session**

**Moved By Councillor Landry  
Seconded By Councillor Baker  
To return to the open session.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Deputy Mayor Christie would like to know the total cost of the vehicle that Cumberland County Transportation Services would like to purchase. She also expressed some concern with the application from EB Chandler Junior High School with regards to funding they may receive from other levels of government.

Councillor Landry did not agree with using money set aside for poverty to fund community support grants. He suggested any monies granted above the allotted budget be taken from reserves, and further that any monies spent addressing poverty should be brought through the Advisory Committee to Reduce Poverty for recommendation to Council.

Councillor Davidson would like the budget for Amherst Little Leagues proposed new field.

The CAO advised that staff would attempt to obtain applicants financial statements as soon as possible and explore alternative funding sources for amounts over budget. A follow up meeting will be scheduled within the next two weeks.

4. **Adjournment**  
**Moved by Councillor Landry**  
**Seconded by Deputy Mayor Christie**  
**To adjourn the meeting.**

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Kimberlee Jones  
Municipal Clerk

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David Kogon, MD  
Mayor