

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

**Date:** October 17, 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 (via Zoom)

**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  
Sarah Wilson, Director of Finance  
Krista Crossman, Director of HR & Customer Services  
Kim Jones, Director, Corporate Communications/Clerk  
Tom McCoag, Corporate Communications Officer  
Natalie LeBlanc, Deputy Clerk

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**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Kogon called the meeting to order.

**1.1 Approval of Agenda**

**Moved By Councillor Emery**

**Seconded By Deputy Mayor Christie**

**That the agenda be approved as circulated.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**1.2 Approval of the Consent Agenda**

**Moved By Councillor Emery**

**Seconded By Councillor Landry**

**To approve of the consent agenda with the removal of 4.3 Task Report and 5.2 Operations Report.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**1.3 Approval of Minutes**

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

**Moved By Councillor Emery**

**Seconded By Councillor Landry**

**That the minutes of the September 26, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting be approved as circulated.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**2. Presentations**

**2.1 Cumberland County Museum - Darryl MacKenzie**

Darryl MacKenzie presented on behalf of the Cumberland County Museum. Information item only; no direction given or action required.

**3. Council Direction Requests**

**3.1 Dr. & Mrs. H.E. Christie Foundation Donation**

**Moved By Councillor Emery**

**Seconded By Deputy Mayor Christie**

**That the request to receive a donation of \$12,000 from the Dr. & Mrs. H.E. Christie Community Foundation to fund a corresponding grant of \$12,000 to the Cumberland County Minor Hockey Association, be referred to the October 24, 2022 regular meeting for Council's consideration.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Councillor Fawthrop arrived at this time.

**3.2 Flag Protocol Policy Amendment**

**Moved By Councillor Davidson**

**Seconded By Councillor Emery**

**It is recommended that amendments to "Policy 02300-04 – Flag Protocol" be forwarded to the October Council meeting for acceptance.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**3.3 NSCC Request to Present**

**Moved By Councillor Baker**

**Seconded By Deputy Mayor Christie**

**That staff be directed to arrange a presentation to Council from NSCC in November.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**3.4 Town of Amherst Website**

**Moved By Councillor Landry**

**Seconded By Councillor Fawthrop**

**That staff investigate web development options and report back to Council.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**3.5 Amherst Downtown Business Association Request to Present**

**Moved By Councillor Davidson**

**Seconded By Councillor Emery**

**That staff be directed to arrange for a presentation from the Amherst Downtown Business Association at the November Committee of the Whole.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

- 3.6 Chignecto Isthmus**  
**Moved By Councillor Fawthrop**  
**Seconded By Deputy Mayor Christie**  
The Town of Amherst will continue to lobby senior government, specifically the Province of Nova Scotia, the Province of New Brunswick and the government of Canada to begin the necessary measures recommended in the Chignecto Isthmus Climate Change Adaptation Comprehensive Engineering and Feasibility Study to preserve and protect the Isthmus of Chignecto by the end of 2023.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**4. Information Items**

- 4.1 Policy and Bylaw Review**  
Information item only; no further direction given at this time.

- 4.2 Strategic Priorities Update**  
Information item only; no further direction given at this time.

- 4.3 Task Report**  
Information item only. Staff were encouraged to continue to promote homelessness initiatives, as well as energy conservation efforts on our media channels.

- 4.4 Cumberland Business Connector Report**  
Information item only; no direction given or action required.

- 4.5 Cumberland County Youth Development Center Report**  
Information item only; no direction given or action required.

**5. Monthly Reports**

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

- 5.1 Corporate Services
- 5.3 Police Services
- 5.4 Fire Services
- 5.5 Planning & Strategic Initiatives
- 5.6 Community Well Being
- 5.7 Solid Waste Services

- 5.2 Operations**  
Councillor Emery asked if further Hurricane Fiona related clean up would be done at the dog park. Mr. Bourgeois replied yes. She also asked about the status of the odor coming from the WWTP. Mr. Bourgeois and the CAO both spoke to this and that they believe they have found the issue and a solution.

**6. In Camera**

- Moved By Councillor Fawthrop**  
**Seconded By Councillor Emery**  
That the Committee move to an In Camera session.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**7. Adjournment**

- Moved By Councillor Fawthrop**  
**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