

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

Date: November 21, 2022
Time: 4:00 pm
Location: Council Chambers, Town Hall

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

Staff Present Jason MacDonald, Chief Administrative Officer
Dwayne Pike, Police Chief
Greg Jones, Director, Fire Services
Aaron Bourgeois, Director, Operations
Andrew Fisher, Director, Planning & Strategic Initiatives
Sarah Wilson, Director, Corporate Services
Krista Crossman, Director, HR & Customer Services
Kim Jones, Director, Corporate Communications/Clerk
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 Deputy Mayor Landry

Seconded By Councillor Davidson

To approve the consent agenda as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

1.3 Approval of Minutes - October 17, 2022

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

Moved By Deputy Mayor Landry

Seconded By Councillor Davidson

That the minutes of the October 17, 2022 Committee of the Whole be approved as included in the agenda package.

MOTION CARRIED

2. Presentations

2.1 Cumberland Business Connector Presentation

Jonathan McClelland presented on behalf of the Cumberland Business Connector.

3. Council Direction Requests

3.1 Requests for Proclamations and Flag Raising Ceremonies Policy Amendments

Moved By Deputy Mayor Landry

Seconded By Councillor Davidson

That Council forward the proposed amendments to the Requests for Proclamations and Flag Raising Ceremonies Policy #10350-14 to the Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Committee for review.

MOTION CARRIED

3.2 Street Banner Policy

Moved By Councillor Davidson

Seconded By Councillor Fawthrop

That Council forward the new Street Banner Policy #XXXXX back to staff to consult with the Legion regarding the future of the veteran banner program.

MOTION CARRIED

3.3 December Meeting Date

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

Moved By Deputy Mayor Landry

Seconded By Councillor Davidson

That Council forward to the November 28, 2022 Council meeting approval to reschedule the December Committee of the Whole to begin at 3:00p.m., and further reschedule the regular December Council meeting from December 26th to December 19th at 6:00 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

3.4 Territorial Acknowledgement

Staff to discuss this policy with the Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Committee to confirm the use of the word Mi'kmaw and if it is still appropriate.

Moved By Councillor Davidson

Seconded By Councillor Emery

That the Committee of the Whole forward the change in the Council territorial acknowledgement to the November 28, 2022 regular meeting of Amherst Town Council.

MOTION CARRIED

3.5 Hotel Levy

Moved By Councillor Davidson

Seconded By Councillor Fawthrop

That staff be directed to reach out to the Municipality of Cumberland County, the Town of Oxford and hotels in the Cumberland region to discuss this issue further.

MOTION CARRIED

3.6 Appointment of Development Officer

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

Moved By Deputy Mayor Landry

Seconded By Councillor Davidson

That the appointment of Abiola Falaye as a Development Officer for the Town of Amherst be added to the agenda of the November 28, 2022 meeting of Council.

MOTION CARRIED

3.7 Gritty to Pretty Program

Moved By Councillor Baker

Seconded By Councillor Emery

That the Memorandum of Understanding between the Town and the Amherst & Area Chamber of Commerce to facilitate the Gritty to Pretty Program for 2022-2023 be forwarded to the November 28, 2022 regular council meeting; and further, that staff be directed to determine street furniture purchasing opportunities and request any needed changes to the capital budget in due course.

MOTION CARRIED

4. Information Items

4.1 2nd Reading - Development Agreement Application - Brown/Mosher

Staff were directed to reach out to the developer to discuss the development of building B first, and how this would affect their development plans.

4.2 2nd reading - Land Use Bylaw Amendment Application - Rezoning Flemming/Paradise

Approved as part of the consent agenda. Information item only; no direction given or action required at this time.

4.3 Strategic Priorities Update

Approved as part of the consent agenda. Information item only at this time; no direction given or action required.

4.4 Dangerous/Unsightly Premises Semi-Annual Report

Approved as part of the consent agenda. Information item only at this time; no direction given or action required.

4.5 Tree Canada Edible Tree Grant

Approved as part of the consent agenda. Information item only; no further direction at this time.

4.6 Beacon Street Park Sponge Repair

Information item only at this time.

4.7 CAO Task Report

Approved as part of the consent agenda. Information item only; no direction given at this time.

5. Monthly Reports

The following monthly reports were approved as part of the consent agenda; information items only:

5.1 Corporate Services

5.2 HR and Customer Services

5.3 Operations

5.4 Police Services

- 5.5 Fire Services
- 5.6 Planning and Strategic Initiatives
- 5.7 Community Well Being
- 5.8 Solid Waste Education and Enforcement

- 6. In Camera**
Moved By Councillor Emery
Seconded By Deputy Mayor Landry
That the Committee move to an In Camera session.

MOTION CARRIED

- 7. Adjournment**
Moved By Councillor Fawthrop
Seconded By Deputy Mayor Landry
To adjourn the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

Kimberlee Jones
Municipal Clerk

David Kogon, MD
Mayor