

**Town of Amherst
Capital Budget
Minutes**

Date: March 7, 2024
Time: 12:00 pm
Location: Council Chambers, Town Hall

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

Staff Present Jason MacDonald, Chief Administrative Officer
Aaron Bourgeois, Director, Operations
Dwayne Pike, Chief, Police Services
Greg Jones, Director, Fire Services
Kim Jones, Director, Corporate Communications
Sarah Wilson, Director, Finance
Sharon Bristol, Director, Community Living
Sean Payne, Corporate Communications Officer
Natalie LeBlanc, Municipal Clerk
Cindy Brown, Administrative Assistant

1. Call to Order

Mayor Kogon called the meeting to order.

1.1 Territorial Acknowledgement

Mayor Kogon gave the Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. 2024-25 Capital Budget

3. Water

Moved By Councillor Davidson

Seconded By Councillor Landry

To go into a Closed Session as per MGA 22(2)(e) – contract negotiations.

MOTION CARRIED

4. Equipment

5. Buildings/Land

Moved By Councillor Davidson

Seconded By Councillor Emery

That the traffic authority review the allocated handicapped parking spaces in front of Town Hall and report back to Council.

MOTION CARRIED

**Moved By Councillor Emery
Seconded By Deputy Mayor Fawthrop
That staff consider creating a small office for Council as part of the accessibility plans for Town Hall.**

Against (4): Mayor Kogon, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Baker, and
Councillor Davidson

MOTION DEFEATED

6. Operations

7. Fire

8. Police

When the capital budget goes to Council for approval, Councillor Davidson would like it to be recognized that the Amherst Board of Police Commissioners unanimously passed a motion for all five capital budget items being requested by the Amherst Police Department be approved.

9. Recreation

Moved By Councillor Landry

Seconded By Councillor Davidson

To go into a Closed Session as per MGA 22(2)(e) – contract negotiations.

MOTION CARRIED

Moved By Deputy Mayor Fawthrop

Seconded By Councillor Landry

To refer the capital budget as presented to the March Council meeting with the following amendments:

- omit the \$200,000 for new fuel tanks at the Public Works Garage;
- add \$250,000 for milling and paving of Rupert Street from Spring Street to Victoria Street to the Capital Paving Program;
- add \$10,000 for the completion of the West Victoria Street sidewalk from Hickman Street to the CN line;
- add \$10,000 for gate enhancements on the marsh trail and rename it trail security enhancements;
- add \$65,000 for a new drone; and
- remove \$100,000 for a new outdoor skating rink surface.

MOTION CARRIED

Natalie LeBlanc
Municipal Clerk

David Kogon, MD
Mayor