

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

Date: March 10, 2025
Time: 4:00 pm
Location: Council Chambers, Town Hall

Members Present Mayor Rob Small
Deputy Mayor Hal Davidson
Councillor Charlie Chambers
Councillor Nic Furlong
Councillor Terry McManaman
Councillor Dwayne Ripley
Councillor Kathy Wells

Staff Present Jason MacDonald, Chief Administrative Officer
Aaron Bourgeois, Director, Operations
Dwayne Pike, Chief, Police Services
Greg Jones, Director, Fire Services
Kim Jones, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Krista Crossman, Director, Human Resources
Sarah Wilson, Director, Finance
Sharon Bristol, Director, Community Living
Sean Payne, Corporate Communications Officer
Torben Laux, Planner/GIS
Marc Buske, Building Official
Jeff Bacon, Business Development Officer
Natalie LeBlanc, Municipal Clerk

1. Call to Order

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

1.1 Territorial Acknowledgement

Mayor Small gave the Territorial Acknowledgement.

1.2 Moment of Silence - Amherst Fire Department Volunteer Firefighter Chris Hicks

There was a moment of silence in recognition of Amherst Fire Department Volunteer Firefighter Chris Hicks who passed away suddenly on March 3, 2025.

2. Presentations

2.1 Cumberland County Transportation Services - Helen Simms

Helen Simms, Operations Manager/Dispatcher for CCTS gave a presentation of the services they provide. Information item only.

2.2 Net Zero Energy - Joe Collier

Joe Collier, Project Manager with Net Zero Energy Atlantic gave a presentation on geothermal energy opportunities in the Cumberland County area. Information item only.

2.3 Cumberland Forestry Advisory Committee - Ron Furlong

Ron Furlong with the Cumberland Forestry Advisory Committee presented to Council on who they are, what they do, and the challenges they are facing. Information item only.

2.4 In The Works - Sean Lockhart

Sean Lockhart, Executive Director with In the Works a Social Enterprise Network presented to Council on the programs they provide and work done to date. Information item only.

2.5 Cumberland Chamber of Commerce - Beth Peterkin

Beth Peterkin, General Manager of the Cumberland Chamber of Commerce presented to Council on their new organizational structure since becoming a regional chamber of commerce, board representation, upcoming and past programs and events, and the need for new members. Information item only.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Mayor Small adjourned the meeting.

Natalie LeBlanc
Municipal Clerk

Rob Small
Mayor