

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

Date: September 22, 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 (via Zoom)

Staff Present Jason MacDonald, Chief Administrative Officer
Aaron Bourgeois, Director, Operations
Andrew Fisher, Director, Planning & Economic Development
Dwayne Pike, Chief, Police Services
Kim Jones, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Krista Crossman, Director, Human Resources
Sarah Wilson, Director, Finance
Sharon Bristol, Director, Community Living
Sean Payne, Marketing & Communications Officer
Jeff Bacon, Economic Development Officer
Corey Crocker, Recreation Facility Manager
Natalie LeBlanc, Municipal Clerk
Cindy Brown, Administrative Assistant

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 Acceptance of Minutes - June 16, 2025

Mayor Small called for any errors or omissions in the minutes. There being none, the minutes of the June 16, 2025, special Committee of the Whole meeting were accepted as included in the agenda package.

2. Information Items

2.1 Nova Scotia Strong Mayor Powers

Moved By Deputy Mayor Davidson

Seconded By Councillor Furlong

That Council, in conjunction with other municipalities in the northern region, send a letter to the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities, with copies to all municipal units, expressing the lack of support for strong mayor powers and encourage NSFM to take a position on our behalf.

MOTION CARRIED

2.2 NSFM Bylaw

The CAO reviewed his memo included in the agenda package. Council was encouraged to become more informed on the proposed NSFM by-law changes, and that as an elected official who believes that the presence of an experienced municipal administrator on the NSFM Board supports a municipal unit's interest, make or support a motion that votes down Motion #5 amendments or vote against the motion if/when put on the floor at the NSFM AGM.

- 3. Closed Session
Moved By Councillor Furlong
Seconded By Councillor McManaman
To go into a closed session.**

MOTION CARRIED

- 4. Adjournment**
There being no further business, Mayor Small adjourned the meeting.

Natalie LeBlanc
Municipal Clerk

Rob Small
Mayor