

**Minutes of a Special Meeting of Amherst Town Council
Held in Council Chambers Amherst town Hall
Friday, October 17, 2008 at 11:30 AM**

PRESENT: Mayor Jerry Hallee
Deputy Mayor Terry Rhindress
Councillor Robert Angel
Councillor George Baker
Councillor Ed Chitty
Councillor Dale Fawthrop
Councillor David March
Greg Herrett, CAO
Rebecca Purdy, Executive Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hallee called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councillor Chitty requested an addition to the agenda: **5. Petition for a Skate Board Park.**

Moved by Councillor Baker, seconded by Deputy Mayor Rhindress to approve the agenda with the addition of the petition.

MOTION CARRIED

3. 14 Gould Street – Purchase and Lease

Moved by Councillor Chitty, seconded by Councillor March that Council approve entering into a Purchase and Sale agreement with Catharina Rice to purchase property located at 14 Gould Street, and a Lease Agreement with the current owner to continue living in the residence on that property for a fixed term ending September 30, 2009, and authorize the CAO to sign the agreements on behalf of the Town.

MOTION CARRIED

4. Petition for Skate Board Park

Moved by Councillor Chitty, seconded by Councillor Angel that Council accept a petition from Kylie LeBlanc requesting a skate / activity park for Town youth, and that a letter be sent to Mr. Leblanc advising him that this petition will be considered by the new council after the 2008 municipal election.

MOTION CARRIED

The petition is attached as appendix "A"

8. ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councillor Chitty , the meeting adjourned at 11:35 AM

APPROVED:

Gregory D. Herrett, CA
Chief Administrative Officer

Rob Small
Mayor

This PETITION is to bring to the TOWN of AMHERST's attention the NEED for a Skate/Activity Park for the tweens/teens of Amherst.

Kindly read the points listed below and if you agree with this Petition, PLEASE place your signature on one of the lines provided.

This Petition will be taken to City Council once signatures are obtained.

The following is a list of reasons as to why the Skate/Activity Park is a GREAT idea for the TOWN of AMHERST...

- Jesse Perry got hit by a vehicle on September 10, 2008 while skateboarding;
- Not many residents of Amherst like it when the tweens/teens skate board around town on the sidewalks and streets;
- Skate boarding is a popular sport for the tweens/teens of Amherst;
- There is no where for the tweens/teens to skate board or even bike around Amherst;
- There are not a lot of outdoor activities for kids in their tweens/teens to do around Amherst;
- The sidewalks and/or streets of Amherst are barely safe to walk let-alone skate board and/or bike on;
- Obesity is a problem in every town in Canada - well without somewhere other than the YMCA to go to, what are the children of Amherst supposed to do?
- We want our kids out of the house, away from their computers and/or video games? We want them to be active? We want them to be safe? Where can they go to get all of this? No where in Amherst!

At one point Amherst did provide an area for the tweens/teens to go to skate, but they have since taken this park away. Now our children are left to skate and bike on the streets of Amherst.

Maybe if the youth of Amherst had more activities to keep them busy, then maybe they wouldn't vandalize and/or do other damage around town as much.

Not only will this Skate/Activity Park be a benefit to the children of Amherst, but it would also benefit their parents as well. - Wouldn't you rather know that your child(ren) is at the Skate Park as opposed to just skating around town somewhere?

If you agree with the point made above, kindly take a moment to sign your name below and the Tweens/Teens and their parents THANK YOU immensely for your support.

1. Adam Bowser
2. Biley White
3. Damien Mahoney
4. Shawni Smith
5. Troy White
6. MEGAN PROCTOR!
7. Alexis White
8. Victoria Everill
9. Brayson White
10. Cody Everill
11. Allie White
12. Leana Bowser
13. Shirley White
14. Glorace Welch
15. Bin O'Leary
16. Tom W.F.
17. Jeresa Ueno
18. Lu Miller
19. Collette
20. Wales
21. Samantha Vano
22. Mike Wales
23. Josh Carter
24. Chris Neamey
25. Stephen Moore
26. Michelle Moore
27. Chris Butler
28. Lizy McEgane
29. Nathan Hicks
30. Laura Bowser

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| 31. Agatha | 32. Crystal Munnich |
| 33. Sam | 34. Yvonne Logan |
| 35. Shirley | 36. Sharon Pennington |
| 37. Barbara Thomas | 38. Robin Quinn |
| 39. Katie Estabrooks | 40. Rikki-Lynn |
| 41. Tori George | 42. Matt Smith |
| 43. Trevian Snow | 44. Richard Rungley |
| 45. Brandon Young | 46. Caleb Hayes |
| 47. Ryan Ackles | 48. tyler Landry (cat) |
| 49. Jenica Berry | 50. Chelsea Dawson |
| 51. Cody Dickerson | 52. Ryan Mackintosh |
| 53. Maitland Terry | 54. Rachel S. |
| 55. Brodie dunn ^{Harvey} | 56. mate H. |
| 57. Peter Kane | 58. Mike MacDonnell |
| 59. Laikyn Stone | 60. Bill Johnson |
| 61. Jake Spence | 62. Leah Lark |
| 63. Made Taylor | 64. Shannon Goodwin |
| 65. Michael Purnell | 66. Kayla Perry |
| 67. Megan Morrison | 68. Lucas McGraw |

69. Thylie InBanc

70. _____

71. Meranda Allen

72. _____

73. Erika Ferguson

74. _____

75. Ashley Hatcher

76. _____

77. Crista Lowe

78. _____

79. Mme. Weissman

80. _____

81. Carney Brown

82. _____

83. Fred Spence

84. _____

85. S. Maud

86. _____

87. Chara Ross

88. _____

89. J. Wood

90. _____

91. D. Champagne

92. _____

93. Hebbie O'Keefe

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