

TOWN OF AMHERST
Regular Council Meeting
Minutes

Date: February 26, 2018
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Council Chambers, Town Hall

Members Present Mayor David Kogon
Deputy Mayor Sheila Christie
Councillor Jason Blanch
Councillor Vince Byrne
Councillor Darrell Jones
Councillor Wayne MacKenzie
Councillor Terry Rhindress

Staff Present Greg Herrett, CAO
Jason MacDonald, Deputy CAO Operations
Ian Naylor, Police Chief
Vince Arbing, Treasurer
Bill Schurman, Director Recreation
Greg Jones, Fire Chief
Natalie LeBlanc, Deputy Clerk
Tom McCoag, Corporate Communications Officer
Kim Jones, Municipal Clerk
Sarah Wilson, Manager of Financial Services
Andrew Fisher, Manager of Planning & Strategic Initiatives

Others Present Rajan McKenney, Amherst Youth Town Council

1. **PUBLIC HEARING**
No public hearings.
2. **CALL TO ORDER**
Mayor Kogon called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.
3. **O'CANADA**
Three students sang O Canada; Curtis Smith, Alyssa Kierstead and Halle Humphrey.
4. **HEARINGS/PRESENTATIONS/PETITIONS**
 - 4.1 **Provincial Volunteer of the Year Nominations**
Mayor Kogon recognized the Provincial Volunteer of the Year nominees. Receiving the 2018 Youth Volunteer of the Year was Rohin Minocha-McKenney, receiving the 2018 Family Volunteer of the Year was the MacLeod family, and receiving the 2018 Volunteer of the Year was Daren White.
5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES**
 - 5.1 **Approval of the Agenda**
Moved By Councillor Byrne
Seconded By Councillor Blanch
To approve the agenda.

Motion Carried

5.2 Approval of Minutes

5.2.1 20180122 Council Minutes

Moved By Councillor MacKenzie

Seconded By Councillor Jones

To approve the minutes of the January 22, 2018 regular meeting of Amherst Town Council.

Motion Carried

6. REQUEST FOR DECISIONS

6.1 Amend Solid Waste Bylaw - 2nd Reading

Moved By Councillor Byrne

Seconded By Councillor Blanch

That Council approve second reading of the Bylaw to Amend the Solid Waste Bylaw to facilitate the implementation of a two-stream recycling system.

Motion Carried

6.2 Solid Waste Collection RFP Award

Moved By Councillor Rhindress

Seconded By Councillor Blanch

That Council award the new five-year residential solid waste collection contract for three stream collection, yard waste, bi-weekly bulky item pick up and six extra summer organic collections to Miller Waste Systems Incorporated in the amount of \$1,351,287.17.

Motion Carried

6.3 Alternative Voting Bylaw - 1st Reading

Moved By Deputy Mayor Christie

Seconded By Councillor Byrne

That Council approve first reading of the attached Alternative Voting By-Law.

Motion Carried

6.4 Land Use Bylaw Amendment - PAC Recommendation

Moved By Councillor MacKenzie

Seconded By Councillor Rhindress

That Council approve first reading of a Bylaw to amend the Land Use Bylaw section 6.14 to allow electronic signs in the Downtown Core Area District with conditions; and in particular, that electronic signage be permitted for ground, fascia wall and canopy signs as recommended by the Planning Advisory Committee, and further that a public hearing on the matter be scheduled for Monday, March 26, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Against (2): Deputy Mayor Christie, and Councillor Blanch

Motion Carried

6.5 Budget Amendment - Reservoir Generator**Moved By Councillor Blanch****Seconded By Deputy Mayor Christie****That Council approve the purchase of a new mobile generator, to be added to the contract with Maritech Construction Limited for the replacement of the Willow Street Reservoir CWWF project.****Motion Carried****6.6 Mandatory Provincial Contribution Area Rate****Moved By Deputy Mayor Christie****Seconded By Councillor Rhindress****2018-2019 Area Rate****Mandatory Provincial Contributions****WHEREAS the Mandatory provincial contributions for the 2018-19 fiscal period of \$2,044,623 must be rated;****THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT for the Town of Amherst for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2019, the Mandatory Provincial Contribution Area Rate on all property assessments within the boundary of the Town of Amherst are as follows:**

Residential / Resource	\$0.39 per \$100 of assessment
Commercial	\$0.39 per \$100 of assessment

AND THAT these area rates are due and payable on September 28, 2018 with interest to be charged on all final tax accounts outstanding on or after October 1, 2018 at the rate of 1% per month, 12% per annum.**Motion Carried****6.7 Salary Administration Policy****Moved By Councillor Byrne****Seconded By Councillor Jones****That Council approve an amendment to Town of Amherst Salary Administration Policy Appendix A-1 to change the salary for the Chief of Police and Deputy Chief of Police, effective April 1, 2017 to \$120,549 and \$111,138 respectively and further that effective April 1, 2018 the Chief of Police and Deputy Chief of Police salaries will be calculated on April 1st of each year as being 141% and 129% respectively of the first class constable rates.****Motion Carried****6.8 Rainbow Bridge- Nappan****Moved By Councillor Rhindress****Seconded By Councillor Blanch****That the Town of Amherst write to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal expressing our concerns and requesting an update on the plan for repair or replacement of the Rainbow Bridge in Nappan.****Motion Carried**

6.9 Appointment of Members of Councils to External Boards, Committees & Commissions Policy

Moved By Councillor Jones

Seconded By Councillor Byrne

That Council approve the proposed new policy - Appointment of Members of Council to External Boards, Committees & Commissions.

Motion Carried

6.10 Council Committee Appointments

Moved By Councillor Jones

Seconded By Deputy Mayor Christie

That Council approve the following committee appointments expiring October 31, 2018:

Mayor Kogon

- L.A. Animal Shelter
- Regional Emergency Management Committee

Deputy Mayor Christie

- Amherst Board of Police Commissioners
- Planning Advisory Committee
- YMCA Board of Directors

Councillor Blanch

- Amherst Board of Police Commissioners
- Municipal Alcohol Project
- Tree Advisory Committee
- Tyndall Wellfield Advisory Committee

Councillor Byrne

- Cumberland Joint Services Management Authority (CJSMA)
- Regional Emergency Management Committee

Councillor Jones

- Amherst Board of Police Commissioners
- Senior Safety Advisory Group
- Tyndall Wellfield Advisory Committee

Councillor MacKenzie

- Cumberland Public Libraries Board
- Planning Advisory Committee

Councillor Rhindress

- Cumberland Joint Services Management Authority
- Northern Region Solid Waste Committee
- Planning Advisory Committee

Motion Carried

6.11 General Accounts Receivable Write-offs

Moved By Councillor Blanch

Seconded By Councillor Byrne

That Council authorize staff to write-off uncollectable accounts in the amount of \$4,217.36.

Motion Carried

6.12 Victorian Arms Ltd

Moved By Councillor MacKenzie

Seconded By Councillor Jones

That Council authorize staff to write off \$96,490.82 in outstanding taxes and interest for this account.

Against (1): Councillor Rhindress

Motion Carried

6.13 Tourism Strategic Planning Committee Terms of Reference

Moved By Councillor Jones

Seconded By Deputy Mayor Christie

That Council approve the Terms of Reference and that Council approval be communicated to the Council of the Town of Oxford and the Municipality of Cumberland County.

Motion Carried

8. INTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**8.1 Planning Advisory Committee**

Deputy Mayor Christie presented the Planning Advisory Committee report. This being an information item, no action was required or direction given.

8.2 Amherst Board of Police Commissioners

Councillor Blanch presented the Amherst Board of Police Commissioners report. This being an information item, no action was required or direction given.

8.3 Amherst Youth Town Council

AYTC Member Rajan McKenney presented the Amherst Youth Town Council report. This being an information item, no action was required or direction given.

9. EXTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**9.1 Cumberland Public Libraries**

Councillor MacKenzie presented the Cumberland Public Libraries report. This being an information item, no action was required or direction given.

9.2 Cumberland YMCA

Deputy Mayor Christie presented the Cumberland YMCA report. This being an information item, no action was required or direction given.

9.3 Cumberland Joint Services Management Authority

Councillor Byrne gave a verbal Cumberland Joint Services Management Authority report. This being an information item, no action was required or direction given.

9.4 Northern Region Solid Waste Committee

No report.

9.5 L. A. Animal Shelter

Mayor Kogon presented the L.A. Animal Shelter report. This being an information item, no action was required or direction given.

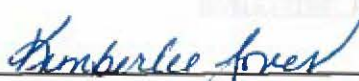
10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Councillor Jones

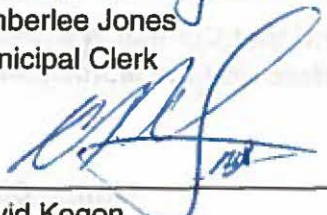
Seconded By Deputy Mayor Christie

That the meeting adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

Motion Carried



Kimberlee Jones
Municipal Clerk



David Kogon
Mayor