

**TOWN OF AMHERST**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**Minutes**

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

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

**Members Absent** Councillor Vince Byrne

**Staff Present** Greg Herrett, CAO  
Jason MacDonald, Deputy CAO Operations  
Ian Naylor, Police Chief  
Bill Schurman, Director Recreation  
Greg Jones, Fire Chief  
Andrew Fisher, Manager of Planning & Strategic Initiatives  
Tom McCoag, Corporate Communications Officer  
Rebecca Taylor, Business Development Officer  
Natalie LeBlanc, Deputy Clerk  
Kim Jones, Municipal Clerk

**Others Present** Tegan Tran, AYTC

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**1. PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Kogon called the Public Hearing to order at 6:30 P.M., and gave the floor to Mr. Fisher to brief those in attendance on the matter.

**1.1 Land Use By-Law Amendment - Electronic Signage - 6:30 pm**

Mayor Kogon called the Public Hearing to order at 6:30 pm.

Mr. Fisher reviewed the matter, stating that an application has been received by the Holy Family Parish Church located at 63 Church Street 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. He added that all relevant policies and procedures have been followed with respect Land Use Bylaw amendments, and that the Planning Advisory held two public participations sessions with three people in attendance at each session. Councillor Jones asked if the Home Hardware sign on Albion Street is in the Downtown Core Area District, to which Mr. Fisher replied no.

Councillor Rhindress asked Mr. Fisher to clarify the size of signs permitted, to which Mr. Fisher replied that no electronic sign in the Downtown Zone shall exceed 32 sq. ft.

Councillor Blanch asked if the type of sign Home Hardware has on Albion Street would currently be permitted in the Downtown Core Area District to which Mr. Fisher replied no.

Councillor Blanch then asked if it would be more appropriate to change the boundaries of the Downtown Core Area District rather than the Bylaw. Mr. Fisher replied that changing the boundary could be done, however this may lead to further requests to change the boundaries. The CAO added that it would not be as straight forward as just changing the boundary, it would have to follow a process for an amendment.

There being nothing further from Council, the public was invited to speak.

Gordon Goodwin spoke on behalf of the Church, thanking Council for their consideration of the application.

Ray Hickie, property owner of 50 Church Street also addressed the Committee. Although he does support this amendment, he is concerned with off-site signage regulations, and would like Council to consider permitting them.

There being nothing further, Mayor Kogon ending the Public Hearing at 6:50 P.M.

**2. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Kogon called the meeting to order at 7:00P.M., introducing AYTC member Tegan Tran and O Canada singer Evangeline Thibedeau.

**3. O CANADA**

**4. HEARINGS/PRESENTATIONS/PETITIONS**

**4.1 Alison Lair - Cumberland YMCA**

Alison Lair, Community Support Coordinator with the Cumberland YMCA, gave her presentation regarding the Homelessness Prevention and Outreach Program, included in the meeting file.

**5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES**

**5.1 Approval of the Agenda**

Moved By Councillor Jones  
Seconded By Councillor MacKenzie  
To approve the agenda as circulated.

**Motion Carried**

**5.2 Approval of Minutes**

**5.2.1 20180226 Council Minutes**

Moved By Deputy Mayor Christie  
Seconded By Councillor Blanch  
To approve the minutes of the February 26, 2018 regular meeting of Amherst Town Council with the amendment of one typo.

**Motion Carried**

**5.2.2 20180314 Special Council Minutes**

Moved By Councillor Rhindress  
Seconded By Councillor MacKenzie  
To approve the minutes of the March 14, 2018 special meeting of Amherst Town Council.

**Motion Carried**

**6. REQUESTS FOR DECISION**

**6.1 Alternative Voting Bylaw - 2nd Reading**

Moved By Councillor Blanch  
Seconded By Councillor MacKenzie  
That Council give second reading to the Alternative Voting Bylaw.

**Motion Carried**

**6.2 Flag Protocol**

Moved By Councillor Jones  
Seconded By Councillor Rhindress  
That Policy 02300-04 Flag Protocol be approved by Amherst Town Council.

**Motion Carried**

**6.3 Inter-Municipal Emergency Services Agreement Amendment**

Moved By Deputy Mayor Christie

Seconded By Councillor Blanch

That the amendment to the Inter-Municipal Emergency Services Agreement be approved Amherst Town Council.

Motion Carried

**6.4 Tax Sale by Tender**

Moved By Councillor Rhindress

Seconded By Councillor Jones

That Council accept the bids for the three properties, and further that staff be authorized to write off the difference between the selling price and the outstanding taxes. Let the minutes show that the CAO pointed out the three properties as being 3 Fullerton Street, 26 Park Street, and 23 1/2 West Pleasant Street.

Motion Carried

**6.5 ABPC Citizen Appointments**

Moved By Deputy Mayor Christie

Seconded By Councillor Blanch

That Council re-appoint Robin Latta and Holly MacDonald to the Amherst Board of Police Commissioners for another one-year term expiring March 31, 2019.

Motion Carried

**6.6 Land Use By-Law Amendment - Electronic Signage**

Moved By Councillor MacKenzie

Seconded By Councillor Rhindress

That Council approve Second 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, facia wall and canopy.

Moved By Deputy Mayor Christie

Seconded By Councillor Blanch

To amend the motion by omitting the words ",facia wall and canopy" from the amendment.

Motion Carried

Original Motion Carried as Amended

**6.7 April COW/Council Meeting Dates**

Moved By Deputy Mayor Christie

Seconded By Councillor MacKenzie

That the regular Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for Monday, April 16, 2018 be changed to Monday, April 23, 2018, the regular Council meeting scheduled for Monday, April 23, 2018 be changed to Monday, April 30, 2018, and the regular Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for Monday, May 21, 2018 be changed to Tuesday, May 22, 2018.

Motion Carried

**7. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS**

No information or discussion items.

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

No report.

**8.2 Amherst Board of Police Commissioners**

Information item; no direction given or action required.

**8.3 Amherst Youth Town Council**

Information item; no direction given or action required.

9. EXTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 Cumberland Public Libraries

No report.

9.2 Cumberland YMCA

Deputy Mayor Christie gave a verbal report. Information item only, no direction given or action required.

9.3 Cumberland Joint Services Management Authority

No report.

9.4 Northern Region Solid Waste Committee

No report.

9.5 L. A. Animal Shelter

No report.

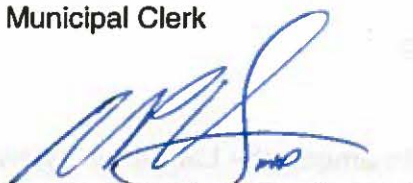
9.6 Cumberland Senior Safety Society

Information item; no direction given or action required.

10. ADJOURNMENT



Kimberlee Jones  
Municipal Clerk



David Kogon, MD  
Mayor