

**TOWN OF AMHERST
Regular Council Meeting
Minutes**

Date: September 23, 2019
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
Greg Jones, Fire Chief
Natalie LeBlanc, Deputy Clerk
Tom McCoag, Corporate Communications Officer
Kim Jones, Municipal Clerk
Shelley Rector, Chief Financial Officer
Dwayne Pike, Police Chief
Andrew Fisher, Manager of Planning & Strategic Initiatives

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kogon called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Mayor Kogon did the reading of the Territorial Acknowledgement.

3. O CANADA

Parker Ross did the singing of O Canada.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

4.1 Approval of the Agenda

Moved By Councillor Byrne

Seconded By Deputy Mayor Christie

That the agenda be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried

4.2 Approval of Minutes

4.2.1 June 24, 2019 Regular Council meeting

Moved By Councillor Rhindress

Seconded By Councillor MacKenzie

To approve the minutes of the June 24, 2019 regular Council meeting.

Motion Carried

4.2.2 July 9, 2019 Special Council meeting

Moved By Councillor Jones

Seconded By Councillor Byrne

To approve the minutes of the July 9, 2019 special meeting of Council.

Motion Carried

5. REQUESTS FOR DECISION

5.1 Audited Financial Statements

Moved By Councillor Jones

Seconded By Deputy Mayor Christie

That Council accept the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements for the Town of Amherst, and the Non Consolidated Financial Statements for the Amherst Water Utility for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2019 which have been audited by the firm Jorgensen Bickerton, as recommended by the Audit Committee.

Motion Carried

5.2 Industrial Park Land Purchase

Moved By Councillor Blanch

Seconded By Councillor MacKenzie

That Council approve the offer by NSBI to convey to the Town Lots: 8A, 9A, 10, and 11 on Tupper Boulevard in the Amherst Industrial Park for price of \$16.34, plus legal and registration fees.

Motion Carried

5.3 Amherst Youth Town Council Appointments

Let the minutes show that Councillor Blanch declared a conflict of interest for this item and took a seat in the gallery.

Moved By Deputy Mayor Christie

Seconded By Councillor MacKenzie

That the following appointments to the Amherst Youth Town Council be approved by Council:

- Reappoint returning members to serve a one-year term (2019-20):
- Olivia Pulsifer Grade 10 - Amherst Resident
- Grace Doncaster Grade 11 - Amherst Resident
- Dan Osborne Grade 11 - Amherst Resident
- Rajan McKenney Grade 11 - Amherst Resident
- Braedon Lines Grade 11 - Amherst Resident
- Salem DiMichele Grade 8 - Amherst Resident
- Samantha DiMichele Grade 10 - Amherst Resident
- Jenna Clarke Grade 11 - County Resident
- Appoint new members to serve a one-year term (2019-20):
- Blake Carter Grade 12 - Amherst Resident
- Rowan Blanch Grade 8 - County Resident
- Jenna Stewart Grade 11 - Amherst Resident
- Jaya Pardy Grade 11 - Amherst Resident

Motion Carried

Let the minutes show that Councillor Blanch rejoined the meeting at this time.

5.4 Debenture Approval

Moved By Councillor Byrne

Seconded By Councillor Blanch

That Council approve the Resolution for Pre-Approval of Debenture Issuance in the amount of \$141,825 for the long-term financing of the water main replacement of East Pleasant Street from Church Street to Central Avenue and authorize the Mayor and CAO to sign the Resolution on behalf of the Town.

Motion Carried

5.5 **Christie Foundation Funding**

Moved By Councillor MacKenzie

Seconded By Councillor Rhindress

That the request to receive a donation of \$12,500 from the Christie Community Foundation to fund a corresponding contribution of \$12,500 to the Cumberland County Minor Hockey Association for the training of referees be approved by Council.

Motion Carried

5.6 **Strategic Priorities**

Moved By Councillor Rhindress

Seconded By Deputy Mayor Christie

That Council approve the Town's Vision Mission and Guiding Principles, and the Strategic Priority Outcome Areas.

Motion Carried

7. **INTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

7.1 **Planning Advisory Committee**

Information item; no direction given or action required.

7.2 **Amherst Board of Police Commissioners**

Information item; no direction given or action required.

7.4 **Audit Committee**

Information item; no direction given or action required.

8. **EXTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

8.1 **Cumberland Public Libraries** – No Report

8.2 **Cumberland YMCA** – No Report

8.3 **Cumberland Joint Services Management Authority**

Information item; no direction given or action required.

8.4 **Northern Region Solid Waste Committee**

Information item; no direction given or action required.

8.5 **L.A. Animal Shelter** – No Report

8.4 **Senior Safety** – No Report

8.4 **Inter Municipal Tourism** – No Report

8.4 **Poverty Reduction** – No Report

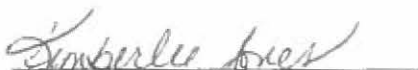
9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved By Councillor Byrne

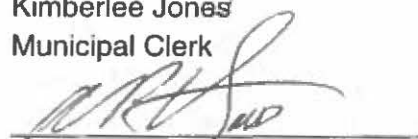
Seconded By Councillor Blanch

To adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Motion Carried



Kimberlee Jones
Municipal Clerk



David Kogon, MD
Mayor