

**TOWN OF AMHERST  
Regular Council Meeting  
Minutes**

**Date:** December 19, 2022  
**Time:** 6:00 pm  
**Location:** Council Chambers, Town Hall

**Members Present** Mayor David Kogon  
 Councillor George Baker  
 Councillor Hal Davidson  
 Councillor Lisa Emery  
 Councillor Dale Fawthrop  
 Deputy Mayor Leon Landry

**Staff Present** Jason MacDonald, Chief Administrative Officer  
 Greg Jones, Director of Fire Services  
 Aaron Bourgeois, Director, Operations  
 Andrew Fisher, Director, Planning & Strategic Initiatives  
 Sarah Wilson, Director, Finance  
 Krista Crossman, Director, HR & Customer Service  
 Kim Jones, Director, Corporate Communications/Clerk  
 Tom McCoag, Corporate Communications Officer  
 Natalie LeBlanc, Deputy Clerk

**Staff Absent** Dwayne Pike, Chief, Police Services

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Kogon called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

Mayor Kogon gave the Territorial Acknowledgement.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES**

**3.1 Approval of the Agenda**

Moved By Councillor Baker

Seconded By Councillor Fawthrop

To approve the agenda as amended to include item 4.5 - Snow Clearing Request.

Motion Carried

**3.2 Approval of Minutes - November 28, 2022**

Moved By Councillor Emery

Seconded By Councillor Davidson

To approve the minutes of November 28, 2022 regular meeting of Council as included in the agenda package.

Motion Carried

**4. REQUESTS FOR DECISION**

**4.1 2023 Meeting Dates**

Moved By Councillor Emery

Seconded By Councillor Baker

That Council approve of changing the February 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting date from Monday, February 20, 2023 to Tuesday, February 21, 2023 due to the Heritage Day holiday, change the May 2023 regular meeting of Council date from Monday, May 22, 2023 to Tuesday, May 23, 2023 due to the Victoria Day holiday, and further change the December 2023 regular meeting of Council date from Monday, December 25, 2023 to Monday, December 18, 2023, and reschedule the December 18, 2023 Committee of the Whole to start at 3:00 p.m. instead of 4:00 p.m.

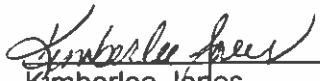
Motion Carried


**4.2 Appointment of Auditor****Moved By Councillor Fawthrop****Seconded By Deputy Mayor Landry****That Council accept the proposal from McIsaac Darragh Inc. and appoint them as the municipal auditor for auditing services for the 2022/23 fiscal year, with the possibility of four (4) single year extensions to be reviewed and determined before March 31 of each fiscal year, as recommended by the Town of Amherst Audit Committee.****Motion Carried****4.3 Appointment of Director, Community Living****Moved By Deputy Mayor Landry****Seconded By Councillor Davidson****That Council appoint Sharon Bristol as Director, Community Living.****Motion Carried****4.4 Intermunicipal Cooperation****Moved By Councillor Davidson****Seconded By Councillor Emery****I move that the Municipality of the County of Cumberland be invited to be involved in planning and participating in a joint meeting or workshop to develop an ongoing framework of working principles between the Town of Amherst and the Municipality of the County of Cumberland for ongoing and future collaboration.****Motion Carried****4.5 Snow Clearing Request****Moved By Councillor Davidson****Seconded By Councillor Fawthrop****That staff be directed to not approve the citizen request for enhanced snow removal efforts near the E.B. Chandler School, and further communicate to the citizen the efforts that staff are taking to mitigate flooding in this area.****Motion Carried****5. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS****5.1 NSFM Fall Conference 2022 Report****Moved By Councillor Fawthrop****Seconded By Councillor Emery****That the Town communicate with the NSFM executive that social issues facing municipalities today need to be discussed with the province.****Motion Carried****6. INTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORTS****6.1 Planning Advisory Committee****Information item; no direction given or action required.****6.2 Amherst Board of Police Commissioners - No Report****6.3 Audit Committee - No Report****6.4 Amherst Youth Town Council - Rowan Blanch****Information item; no direction given or action required.****6.5 Accessibility Advisory Committee - No Report****6.6 Inclusion Diversity and Equity Committee - No Report****7. EXTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORTS****7.1 Cumberland Public Libraries****Information item; no direction given or action required.**

- 7.2 **Cumberland YMCA**  
Information item; no direction given or action required. Councillor Fawthrop indicated that over 400 seniors participated in the Santa for Seniors gift program, and not 200 as indicated in the report.
- 7.3 **Northern Region**  
Information item. Councillor Baker to get stats on municipalities meeting the 300kg per household per year, and how close we are to getting to this target.
- 7.4 **L. A. Animal Shelter**  
Information item; no direction given or action required.
- 7.5 **Senior Safety - Emery**  
Information item; no direction given or action required.
- 7.6 **Inter Municipal Tourism - No Report**
- 7.7 **Poverty Reduction - Landry**  
Information item; no direction given or action required.
- 7.8 **Municipal Alcohol Project - Emery**  
Information item; no direction given or action required.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**  
**Moved By Councillor Davidson**  
**Seconded By Councillor Emery**  
**To adjourn the meeting.**

**Motion Carried**

  
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Kimberlee Jones  
Municipal Clerk

  
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David Kogon, MD  
Mayor