

**Town of Amherst  
Public Hearing  
Minutes**

**Date:** February 8, 2023  
**Time:** 12:00 pm  
**Location:** Council Chambers, Town Hall

**Members Present** Mayor David Kogon  
 Deputy Mayor Leon Landry  
 Councillor Hal Davidson  
 Councillor Lisa Emery

**Members Absent** Councillor George Baker  
 Councillor Dale Fawthrop

**Staff Present** Jason MacDonald, Chief Administrative Officer  
 Sharon Bristol, Director, Community Living  
 Kim Jones, Director, Corporate Communications/Clerk  
 Tom McCoag, Corporate Communications Officer  
 Natalie LeBlanc, Deputy Clerk

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Kogon called the Public Hearing to order, and explained the purpose and the process for the meeting.

**2. 8/10 Prince Arthur Street - Transfer of Ownership**

**2.1 Staff Presentation**

The CAO gave the presentation included as part of the agenda package, explaining that Amherst Town Council is considering the transfer of ownership of the property located at 8/10 Prince Arthur Street (PID 25027889) to the Cumberland Homelessness and Housing Support Association, a non-profit organization, with the purpose to provide a location for an affordable and supportive housing facility to be operated by the Association.

**2.2 Council Questions/Comments**

Mayor Kogon asked how many apartments will be constructed within the building. Councillor Emery replied that she believes there will be five apartments constructed on the second floor, as well as a ground floor barrier-free apartment that would accommodate six overnight emergency beds.

**2.3 Public Comments**

Brian Porter, on behalf of Alweather Windows and Doors Ltd at 20 Maple Avenue, expressed concern with damage in the neighborhood in the past, and his concern with it continuing. He would like to know if there will be 24-hour security, and if fencing will be a requirement. He noted damage to his building in the past, and garbage left on his property on a regular basis, particularly items that are stolen from the Bridge Workshop then left strewn on his property. He stated that his business has been at this location for 16 to 18 years and that if this Council approves the transfer of this property for this type of use they may relocate.

The CAO responded that staff will try to mitigate Mr. Porter's concerns. He also advised Mr. Porter that when issues arise that he should call the Amherst Police Department, which Mr. Porter replied he has done. The CAO suggested that perhaps APD could erect cameras, and that when drafting the purchase and sale agreement staff could consider fencing, and other mitigating factors.

Mr. Porter asked if he would receive a response to his concerns. Mayor Kogon replied that the purpose of this meeting is not to provide comments regarding concerns, but rather to hear concerns at this time. The CAO added that he would be happy to speak with Mr. Porter regarding his concerns at any time.

Councillor Davidson commented that when the WETS shelter was established on Church Street consultation was done with the residents in the area, and asked that staff could ask Cornerstone to do similar community engagement with the neighbors of this property.

Councillor Emery asked what the process will be going forward, particularly will Mr. Porter's concerns be addressed before Council is asked to make a decision? The CAO replied that he will contact the Town's solicitor for advice while drafting the purchase and sale agreement for Committee of the Whole on February 21. He further added that the Town is funding Cornerstone's Executive Director position, and will have a member on their Board, this could assist with alleviating some of the concerns expressed. Councillor Emery would like public concerns recognized.

There being nothing further at this time, Mayor Kogon closed the Public Hearing.

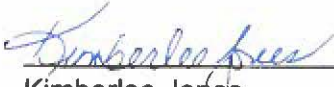
**3. Adjournment**


**Moved By: Councillor Emery**

**Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Landry**

**To adjourn the Public Hearing.**

**Motion Carried**

  
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Kimberlee Jones  
Municipal Clerk

  
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David Kogon, MD  
Mayor