

**Amherst Town Council
Special Meeting
Minutes**

Date: November 29, 2023
Time: 12:00 pm
Location: Council Chambers, Town Hall

Members Present Mayor David Kogon
Deputy Mayor Dale Fawthrop
Councillor Charlie Chambers
Councillor Hal Davidson
Councillor Leon Landry
Councillor Lisa Emery

Members Absent Councillor George Baker

Staff Present Jason MacDonald, Chief Administrative Officer
Dwayne Pike, Chief, Police Services
Natalie LeBlanc, Municipal Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kogon called the Special Council Meeting to order.

1.1 TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Mayor Kogon gave the Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. APPEAL HEARING - CHAISSON TAXI APPEAL

2.1 Staff Presentation

Chief Pike reviewed his memo included as part of the agenda package. He also reviewed the section of the Taxi Bylaw that pertains to the denial of a taxi license, and an appeal hearing.

2.2 Committee Questions

Councillor Chambers advised he agrees with the Taxi Authority's denial of Mr. Chaisson's taxi license application.

Councillor Emery asked for clarification regarding the current charges against Mr. Chaisson. Chief Pike replied that drug related charges were withdrawn; however, there are still three counts of weapons charges and two counts of unlawful confinement charges pending.

Councillor Landry asked which taxi business Mr. Chaisson was previously driving for. Chief Pike replied that it was Amherst Taxi at the time, which is now Ross McClelland.

Councillor Chambers asked if Mr. Chaisson can reapply again for a taxi license. Chief Pike responded that he can next year.

2.3 Appellant Presentation

The appellant was not present at the meeting; however, his written statement was included in the agenda package.

2.4 Committee Decision

**Moved By Councillor Landry
Seconded By Councillor Davidson**

That Council, upon considering the information in the agenda package, including the written statement from the appellant, uphold the decision of the Taxi Authority and deny the appeal.

Motion Carried

3. ADJOURNMENT

There being nothing further Mayor Kogon adjourned the meeting.



Natalie LeBlanc
Municipal Clerk



David Kogon, MD
Mayor