

**TOWN OF AMHERST
Regular Council Meeting
Minutes**

Date: December 16, 2024
Time: 6:00 pm
Location: Council Chambers, Town Hall

Members Present
Mayor Rob Small
Deputy Mayor Hal Davidson
Councillor Charlie Chambers
Councillor Nic Furlong
Councillor Terry McManaman
Councillor Dwayne Ripley
Councillor Kathy Wells

Staff Present
Jason MacDonald, Chief Administrative Officer
Dwayne Pike, Chief, Police Services
Andrew Fisher, Director, Planning & Strategic Initiatives
Sean Payne, Corporate Communications Officer
Natalie LeBlanc, Municipal Clerk
Cindy Brown, Administrative Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Mayor Small gave the Territorial Acknowledgement.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

3.1 Approval of the Agenda

Moved By Deputy Mayor Davidson
Seconded By Councillor Chambers
To approve the agenda as circulated.

Motion Carried

3.2 Acceptance of Minutes

3.2.1 December 10, 2024 Special Meeting

The Mayor called for any errors or omissions in the minutes. There being none, the minutes of the December 10, 2024 special meeting were accepted as included in the agenda package.

3.2.2 November 25, 2024 Regular Meeting

The Mayor called for any errors or omissions in the minutes. There being none, the minutes of the November 25, 2024 regular meeting were accepted as included in the agenda package.

4. REQUESTS FOR DECISION

4.1 Community Support Grants

Councillor Ripley declared a conflict of interest due to his involvement with the Amherst Community Christmas Dinner, and took a seat in the galley for the discussion and vote on this item.

Moved By Councillor McManaman
Seconded By Councillor Wells
That Council approve funding in the amount of \$8,100.00 under the Community Support Grants Policy, Social Equity fund as follows:

Amherst Community Christmas Dinner - \$5,000.00 Social Equity
Dolly Parton Imagination Library - \$3,100.00 Social Equity

Motion Carried

- 4.2 Audit Committee Citizen Appointment**
Moved By Councillor Furlong
Seconded By Deputy Mayor Davidson
That Council appoint Rae Burke as a citizen member to the Town of Amherst Audit Committee for a term ending October 31, 2025.

Motion Carried

- 4.3 Amherst Youth Town Council Appointments**
Moved By Councillor Wells
Seconded By Councillor Ripley
That Council appoint Isla Crocker and Hanna Brunt to the Amherst Youth Town Council.

Motion Carried

- 4.4 Police Body Worn Cameras**
Moved By Deputy Mayor Davidson
Seconded By Councillor McManaman
That Council remove the purchase of 10 body worn police cameras from the 2024/25 Capital Budget and authorize the lease of 12 body worn cameras at a cost of approximately \$20,000 annually, to be funded from the Police Department Operating Budget.

Motion Carried

5. INTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 5.1 Amherst Board of Police Commissioners - Davidson**
 Information item only.

- 5.2 Planning Advisory Committee - Chambers**
 Information item only.

6. EXTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 6.1 Cumberland Public Libraries - McManaman**
 Information item only.

- 6.2 Cumberland YMCA - Chambers**
 Information item only.

- 6.3 Northern Region Solid Waste Management - Furlong**
 Information item only.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Small adjourned the meeting.



Natalie LeBlanc
 Municipal Clerk



Robert Small
 Mayor