



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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**RE: Solid Waste Bylaw amendments get second reading**

**AMHERST, Nova Scotia** – Amendments to the town's Solid Waste Bylaw were given second reading by the Amherst town council during a special meeting held on Tuesday, Aug. 24, 2021.

The amendments delete a section of the bylaw that currently prevents solid waste, such as residual waste, industrial/commercial/institutional waste and construction and demolition waste, generated within the Town of Amherst from being shipped outside the boundaries of Cumberland County.

The elimination of the section was a condition of the sale of the Cumberland Central Landfill in Little Forks to GFL Environmental Inc. The sale was negotiated between the company, the towns of Amherst and Oxford and the Municipality of Cumberland earlier this year.

The Municipality of Cumberland is making similar amendments to its Solid Waste Bylaw.

The change to the bylaws will enable the company to potentially export solid waste generated within the county to other jurisdictions.

### **Amendment to Vacation-Holiday Policy**

The federal government's recent approval of a new statutory holiday – the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, which will fall annually on Sept. 30 – resulted in the town council approving an amendment, as required by the federal legislation, to its Vacation-Holiday Policy. The amendment adds the new holiday to the list of statutory holidays observed by the Town of Amherst.

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