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RE: Town of Amherst, CUPE Local 1233 sign agreement extension

AMHERST, Nova Scotia – The Town of Amherst and CUPE Local 1233 have agreed to extend their contract by one year.

The contract extension to March 31, 2019, was formally ratified during a signing ceremony that took place at Amherst town hall on May 24.

Both parties felt extending the contract, which expired on March 31, 2018, was a better option than a full round of negotiations as the two sides have experienced personnel changes. In the case of the town, several management staff have taken up new positions. On the union side, CUPE's national representative is retiring.

"It was felt that it was best to delay negotiations until after people settled into their new roles," the parties said.

The two sides agreed earlier in May that the extended contract would

see union members receive a 2.75 per cent wage increase, effective on April 1, 2018. They also agreed there would be no language changes.



Amherst CAO Greg Herrett and Amherst Mayor David Kogon watch as CUPE Local 1233 president Matt Gould, shop steward Vaughn Martin and treasurer Paul Hawkes sign a one-year extension of their contract. (Town of Amherst photo)



The union represents personnel, such as carpenters, mechanics, welders, stadium operators and parks attendants that work in the town's operational services department and recreation facilities.

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