



Town of Amherst
Special Council Meeting
Agenda

Date: **Thursday, February 4, 2021**
Time: **4:00 pm**
Location: **Zoom Virtual Meeting**

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SYNOPSIS

Province of Nova Scotia

Municipal Innovation Program

WHEREAS the Province of Nova Scotia has called for applications to their Municipal Innovation Program (MIP); and

WHEREAS the goals of the program are, "... to support regional economic development and regional planning by encouraging municipalities to work together"; and

WHEREAS staff and Mayors from the Municipality of the County of Cumberland, Town of Amherst, and Town of Oxford have met to discuss potential projects to collaborate on and submit to the MIP; and

WHEREAS it is proposed that the three municipalities apply for assistance through the MIP to enhance education and enforcement services with respect to solid waste, harmonizing solid waste by-laws, and exploring the potential for administering joint solid waste collection contracts.

MOTION:

That Council of the Town of Amherst agree to participate in the project to enhance education and enforcement with respect to solid waste, harmonizing solid waste by-laws, and exploring the potential for administering joint solid waste collection contracts that is being submitted for consideration under the Municipal Innovation Fund.

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Kogon and Members of Council

From: Gregory D. Herrett, CPA, CA – Chief Administrative Officer

Date: February 4, 2021

Subject: **Municipal Innovation Program**

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In order to submit an application a council resolution indicating agreement to participate in the project is required from each participating municipality. Applications for the MIP close Friday, February 5, 2021.

If Council is in favour of proceeding with this project application the following motion should be considered:

"That Council of the Town of Amherst agree to participate in the project to enhance education and enforcement with respect to solid waste, harmonizing solid waste by-laws, and exploring the potential for administering joint solid waste collection contracts that is being submitted for consideration under the Municipal Innovation Fund."