



Town of Amherst
Special Council Meeting
Agenda

Date: **Monday, May 3, 2021**
Time: **6:00 pm**
Location: **Zoom Virtual Meeting**

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **REQUEST FOR DECISION**

2.1. **Youth Center Funding**

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3. **ADJOURNMENT**

SYNOPSIS

Youth Centre Funding

There currently isn't a youth center in the Town of Amherst. Maggie's Place, along with other community organizations, identified a need for a youth centre to better address the social, emotional, mental and physical needs of the youth in Amherst. Furthermore, the youth centre will have a significant positive impact on breaking the poverty cycle for those youth who participate, which is a priority of the Town of Amherst.

Maggie's Place has requested that the Town provide financial support so they can secure a physical location for the youth centre. As such, a Memorandum of Understanding is required. The agreement will be for a four-year term effective from approximately May 1, 2021 until March 31st 2025, with the possibility of ending earlier should other opportunities arise. The agreement stipulates that the space will be used to provide services to youth. The Youth Development Centre will be operated by Maggie's Place, who will assume full responsibility for running the Centre.

The Town will provide one-time seed funding to Maggie's Place in the total amount of \$135,000, to be payable in four annual installments, towards the sole purpose of the establishment of a physical facility for a Youth Development Centre.

MOTION:

That Council approve the attached Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Amherst and Maggie's Place, and further authorize the Mayor and Interim CAO to sign it on the Town's behalf.



AMHERST TOWN COUNCIL

RFD# 2021029

Date: May 3, 2021

TO: Mayor Kogon and Members of Council

SUBMITTED BY: Jason MacDonald, Deputy CAO

DATE: May 3, 2021

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Understanding with Maggie's Place – Youth Development Centre

ORIGIN: Maggie's Place has identified a gap in the community with the lack of a Youth Centre and is seeking financial support.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY: Municipal Government Act Section 31 (2) The chief administrative officer may (i) make or authorize expenditures, and **enter into contracts on behalf of the municipality**, for anything required for the municipality where the amount of the expenditure is budgeted or within the amount determined by the council by policy, and may delegate this authority to employees of the municipality.

RECOMMENDATION: That Council approve the attached Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Amherst and Maggie's Place, and further authorize the Mayor and Interim CAO to sign it on the Town's behalf.

BACKGROUND: There currently isn't a space specifically for youth in the Town of Amherst. Maggie's Place, along with other community organizations, identified a need for a youth centre, to better address the social, emotional, mental and physical needs of the youth in Amherst. Furthermore, the youth centre will have a significant positive impact on breaking the poverty cycle for those youth who participate, which is a priority of the Town of Amherst.

DISCUSSION: Maggie's Place has found a suitable building. They are requesting the Town's financial support. As such, a Memorandum of Understanding is required. The agreement will be for a four-year term effective from May 1, 2021 until March 31st 2025, with the possibility of ending earlier should other opportunities arise. The agreement stipulates that the space will be used to provide services to youth. The Youth Development Centre will be operated by Maggie's Place, who will assume full responsibility of running it.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: The Town will provide one-time, non-renewable seed funding to Maggie's Place in the amount of \$135,000 towards the sole purpose of the establishment of a physical facility for a Youth Development Centre to be payable in four yearly installments.



SOCIAL JUSTICE IMPLICATIONS: The Youth Development Centre will provide community-based programs and services that contribute to the well-being and healthy development of youth.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS: There are no environmental implications to entering into the agreement.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: Many community partners have written a letter of support for Maggie's Place in their efforts to develop a youth centre.

ALTERNATIVES: 1. Do not enter into the agreement and inform Maggie's Place that the Town is not interested in providing funding for the Youth Development Centre.

ATTACHMENTS: Memorandum of Understanding

Report prepared by:

Report and Financial approved by:



Memorandum of Understanding

THE TOWN OF AMHERST

(Hereinafter referred to as “the Town”)

AND

MAGGIE’S PLACE – A RESOURCE CENTRE FOR FAMILIES ASSOCIATION (CUMBERLAND)

(Hereinafter referred to as “Maggie’s Place”)

Collectively referred to as “Parties”

WHEREAS it is the mutual objective of the Town of Amherst and Maggie’s Place to enhance opportunities to well-being and healthy development to youth in Amherst NS; and

WHEREAS Maggie’s Place has agreed to develop a Youth Development Centre within the Town of Amherst; and

WHEREAS the Town has agreed to provide one-time, non-renewable seed funding to Maggie’s Place for the development of the aforementioned Youth Development Centre; and

WHEREAS Maggie’s Place agrees to operate the Youth Development Centre for a minimum of four consecutive years.

THEREFORE it is agreed that:

1. The Town will provide one-time, non-renewable seed funding to Maggie’s Place in the amount of \$135,000 towards the sole purpose of the establishment of a physical facility for a Youth Development Centre to be payable in four yearly installments; and
2. Maggie’s Place will utilize the seed funding to secure an appropriate physical space for the Youth Centre;
3. Maggie’s Place will provide services to youth, including but not limited to: counselling, space, activities and programming; and
4. Maggie’s Place will be responsible to maintain the physical state of the property in a manner that satisfies any applicable code or standards; and
5. Maggie’s Place will assume full responsibility for all financial and liability aspects of the Youth Development Centre; and
6. The Town is not responsible for any capital costs above and beyond the initial seed funding contribution; and
7. The Town is not responsible for programming at the Youth Development Centre; and

8. Maggie's Place implements and governs the Youth Development Centre using their own policies, procedures and employees; and
9. Maggie's Place will give recognition to the Town on signage and any other communication / advertising method as may be used from time to time, to the satisfaction of the Town's Chief Administrative Officer (CAO); and
10. Maggie's Place shall maintain adequate and appropriate liability insurance on the property and Youth Centre and shall indemnify and hold the Town, and its entities, harmless from and against any and all claims, costs, damages, losses, liabilities and expense.
11. Maggie's Place shall return to the Town any monies on a pro-rated basis should they not fulfill the 4-year term.
12. It shall be the responsibility of Maggie's Place to secure long-term funding sources to ensure sustainability of the Youth Development Centre after the 4-year term has expired.
13. Annual financial information must be provided to the Town and any unused funds shall be returned to the Town.
14. Maggie's Place shall provide reports on services provided and number of youth served to the Town on a quarterly basis.

TERM

The Parties agree this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) shall take effect on the ___ day of _____ 2021 and remain in effect until the ___ day of _____ 2025. Both Parties agree to the possibility of the MOU terminating earlier, upon agreement of both parties.

This Memorandum of Understanding reflects an agreement between the Town of Amherst and Maggie's Place.

