



Town of Amherst
Special Council Meeting
Agenda

Date: **Tuesday, October 3, 2023**
Time: **4:00 pm**
Location: **Council Chambers, Town Hall**

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1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

“I would like to acknowledge that our gathering today is taking place in (MEEG-MA-GEE), the traditional, unceded and ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaw people. I would also like to acknowledge that Nova Scotia has another unique people. These are the Indigenous Blacks of Nova Scotia whose legacy and contributions date back over 400 years predating confederation of this land. We are all treaty people.”

2. REQUEST FOR DECISION

2.1 October 2023 Meeting Dates - LeBlanc

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3. ADJOURNMENT

SYNOPSIS

October 2023 Meeting Dates

The Town's Proceedings of Council Policy sets the third and fourth Mondays of the month for the Committee of the Whole and Council meetings, respectively. The Policy also permits the rescheduling of such meetings by resolution of Council.

Due to a large number of meetings and two holidays in October, and the fact that there are five Mondays in the month, moving the dates of the October COW and Council meetings ahead by one week each will allow more time for agenda preparation.

MOTION:

That Council approve of changing the October 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting date from Monday, October 16, 2023 to Monday, October 23, 2023, and further change the October 2023 regular meeting of Council date from Monday, October 23, 2023 to Monday, October 30, 2023.



AMHERST TOWN COUNCIL

RFD# 2023123

Date: October 3, 2023

TO: Mayor Kogon and Members of Council

SUBMITTED BY: Natalie LeBlanc, Municipal Clerk

DATE: October 3, 2023

SUBJECT: October 2023 Meeting Dates

ORIGIN: COW and Council October 2023 meeting dates

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY: Proceedings of Council Policy 10350-24 Section 5 states “Regular meetings of Council or Committee of the Whole may be rescheduled, relocated or cancelled: (b) by Resolution of Committee of the Whole at a meeting three or more days in advance of the additional or special meeting”

RECOMMENDATION: That Council approve of changing the October 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting date from Monday, October 16, 2023 to Monday, October 23, 2023, and further change the October 2023 regular meeting of Council date from Monday, October 23, 2023 to Monday, October 30, 2023.

BACKGROUND: The Town’s Proceedings of Council Policy sets the third and fourth Mondays of the month for the Committee of the Whole and Council meetings, respectively. The Policy also permits the rescheduling of such meetings by resolution of Council. There are five Mondays in October this year.

DISCUSSION: During a recent Director’s meeting, it was realized that there are a number of meetings scheduled for the first couple of weeks of October, as well as a Business Appreciation event, a Public Apology from the RCMP event, a Cumberland Chamber of Commerce Awards Gala event, the Nova Scotia Fibre Arts and Meet and Greet, and a NSUARB hearing. There are also two holidays, October 2nd and October 9th. Further, the CAO is scheduled to be away from October 5th to October 12th. There are five Mondays in October, staff feel moving the dates of the October COW and Council meetings ahead by one week each will allow more time for agenda preparation.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: There are no financial implications to changing the meeting dates.





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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: The public and media will be notified of any changes by media release.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS: No environmental implications.

SOCIAL JUSTICE IMPLICATIONS: No social justice implications.

ALTERNATIVES: Council may choose any other dates, or choose to allow the existing schedules meetings to remain.

Report prepared by: Natalie LeBlanc, Municipal Clerk

Report and Financial approved by:

