



Town of Amherst  
Special Council Meeting  
Agenda

Date: **Friday, May 8, 2026**  
Time: **12:00 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 Mi'kma'ki (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, the people of African descent 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 Capital Paving**

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**3. ADJOURNMENT**

# SYNOPSIS

## Capital Paving Tender (RFT-26-04)

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A public tender for the capital paving program was issued with a closing date of April 28, 2026.

Two bids were received:

- Cumberland Paving (Miller Group)      \$1,211,111 +HST
- Dexter Construction                      \$1,078,525 +HST

Since the tender closed, the capital budget was amended to include the cold milling and paving of Victoria Street from Station Street to Acadia Street. This work will be added to the contract using the tendered unit prices.

The capital paving program for the 2026/27 fiscal year was approved by Council in the Capital Budget and awarding of the tender at this time will allow for timely completion of the work.

It is important to note that some parts of certain projects were not included in the tender however are still needed to fully complete the work. These items, such as the fencing and line painting for the Church Street Court expansion, will be handled separately.

Based on the tendered unit prices and estimated quantities, staff are confident that all the planned work can be delivered within the total budget approved by Council, although final costs may vary slightly as this is a unit price contract with the final project cost determined by the actual quantities of material used.

### **MOTION:**

**That Council award the Capital Paving Tender (RFT-26-04) to the lowest compliant bidder, Dexter Construction, at their unit prices based on our estimated quantities in the total amount of \$1,078,525 plus HST.**



**AMHERST TOWN COUNCIL**

**RFD# 2026057**

**Date: May 8, 2026**

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**TO:** Mayor Small and Members of Council

**SUBMITTED BY:** Aaron Bourgeois, Director of Operations

**DATE:** May 8, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Capital Paving Tender RFT-26-04

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**ORIGIN:** 2026/27 Capital Budget.

**LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY:** 31700-01 Procurement Policy

**RECOMMENDATION:** That Council award the Capital Paving Tender (RFT-26-04) to the lowest compliant bidder, Dexter Construction, at their unit prices based on our estimated quantities in the total amount of \$1,078,525.00 plus HST.

**BACKGROUND:** A tender for the capital paving program was issued with a closing date of April 28, 2026. The following two bids were received:

- Cumberland Paving & Contracting (Miller Paving) \$1,211,111 +HST
- Dexter Construction \$1,078,525 +HST

**DISCUSSION:** The general and water utility capital budgets for the 2026/27 fiscal year capital paving program were approved by Council on March 9, 2026 and amended by Council on April 2, 2026 to include the cold milling and paving of Victoria Street from Station Street to Acadia Street.

As the Victoria Street milling and paving was not included in the original tender it will be added to the contract as a change order, approved by the CAO, based on the unit prices in the tender at an estimated cost of \$270,000.

It is important to note the tender included several projects where additional work will be needed to finish the projects that was outside the scope of the work in the tender. This additional work can be completed within the budgets approved by Council. For example, the Church Street Court expansion included excavation, gravels, and paving in the tender but did not include the fencing and the paint for the court lines, that will be handled separately. Marshview Drive phase 2 also includes work that was outside the scope of the capital paving tender.



**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** The capital budget approved on March 9, 2026 included \$1,465,000 for the following projects;

- \$105,000 Marshview Drive -Phase 2 - Water
- \$210,000 Marshview Drive -Phase 2 - General
- \$250,000 Brown Street ~ widen, curb and overlay
- \$170,000 Mosher Street ~ widen, curb and overlay
- \$25,000 Milford Street ~ Coates to Franklyn (Overlay)
- \$25,000 Milford Street ~ Willow to Allison (Overlay)
- \$35,000 Foundry Street ~ Copp to End (Overlay)
- \$65,000 Willow Court ~ All (Cold Mill & Overlay)
- \$70,000 Clinton Street ~ All (Overlay)
- \$110,000 Hill ~ Mission to West Pleasant (Overlay)
- \$65,000 Chamberlain ~ Newton to South Albion (Overlay)
- \$75,000 Park Street ~ Mission to Hickman (Overlay)
- \$130,000 Townshend ~ Donald to Willow (Cold Mill & Overlay)
- \$90,000 Robb Complex ~ Paved walkways at Robb Complex (55+)
- \$40,000 Church Street Tennis Courts expansion.

The capital budget was amended on April 28, 2026 to include;

- \$270,000 Victoria Street~ Station Street to Acadia Street (Cold Mill & Overlay)

For a total of \$1,735,000 non-recoverable taxes included. Based on the estimated quantities, the unit prices in the tender, and the additional work outside the scope of the tender staff are confident the projects can be completed within the approved budget.

However, as this is a unit price contract the final project costs will be determined by the actual quantities of material used.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:** The Town issued a public tender as per our Procurement Policy. A media release will be issued pending Council approval. Hand delivered notices will be delivered to all affected residents and businesses prior to the start of construction.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:** There are no direct environmental implications to the award of this contract. The repaving of streets with asphalt will generate greenhouse gas emissions, however there is little alternative if our street infrastructure is to be maintained.

The asphalt that will be removed through the cold milling process will be stock piled at the public works garage and can be used in our asphalt recycler for patching potholes or used in future projects such as trail construction.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE IMPLICATIONS:** There are no social justice implications to the award of this contract.

**ALTERNATIVES:** As all bidders were compliant with the tendering process, Council has no alternative to awarding the contract to the low bidder, unless the project were to be cancelled altogether.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

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