

**Town of Amherst
Planning Advisory Committee
Minutes**

Date: November 7, 2022
Time: 4:30 pm
Location: Council Chambers, Town Hall

Members Present Councillor Hal Davidson
Deputy Mayor Leon Landry
Citizen Representative Ronald Wilson, Chair
Citizen Representative Larry Pardy
Citizen Representative Creighton McCarthy

Staff Present Andrew Fisher, Director of Planning & Strategic Initiatives
Marc Buske, Building Official
Natalie LeBlanc, Deputy Clerk
Emily Wainwright, Dangerous/Unsightly Premises Administrator
Abiola Falaye, Planner/GIS Coordinator
Cindy Brown, Administrative Assistant

1. Call to Order

The Chair calls the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

1.1 Approval of Agenda

Moved By: Citizen Representative Pardy
That the Agenda be approved as amended.

Motion Carried

1.2 Approval of Minutes - September 6, 2022

Moved By: Creighton McCarthy
Seconded By: Councillor Davidson
That the minutes of the September 6, 2022, meeting to be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried

2. Introduction of new Land Use Planner / GIS Coordinator

Andrew Fisher introduced the Town of Amherst's new Planner and GIS Coordinator, Abiola Falaye.

3. Dangerous and Unsightly Premises Update

Emily Wainwright reviewed the staff report included as part of the agenda package. Information item only at this time.

4. Planning Update

Andrew Fisher presented an update to the Development Agreement Applications for Fleming/Paradise and Brown/Mosher. Both applications will be given to Council soon for a second reading.

5. MPS Review

Upland Planning + Designed presented their Workshop, policy direction topics covered were:

Boarding Houses: Consultant to update the definition. Andrew Fisher would like to have this As a Right and not interfere with the development.

Converted Dwellings: Councillor Landry agrees that a three-tier approach is best, case by case basis.

Metal Roofs: The Committee agreed this is to be removed from bylaw.

Shipping Containers: Consultant will draft an amendment to address if shipping containers can be brought up to building codes standards for habitation or for storage.

Solar Collectors: Chair recommends that the amount allowed for this depends on lot size. Citizen Representative Larry Pardy suggested for residential solar collectors to be placed behind the residential dwelling.

Heritage: Andrew Fisher does not feel that this needs a special Development agreement. Consultant suggested to expand the As of Right.

Neighbourhood Commercial: The Committee agrees if the commercial business is no longer in existence. then the zoning should be removed and not grandfathered in.

6. Adjournment

Moved By: Councillor Davidson
To adjourn the meeting.

Motion Carried

Andrew Fisher
Director of Planning and Strategic Initiatives

Ron Wilson
Chair