

**Amherst Town Council  
Committee of the Whole  
Minutes**

**Date:** January 18, 2021  
**Time:** 4:00 pm  
**Location:** Zoom Virtual Meeting

**Members Present** Mayor David Kogon  
Deputy Mayor Hal Davidson  
Councillor George Baker  
Councillor Sheila Christie  
Councillor Lisa Emery  
Councillor Dale Fawthrop  
Councillor Leon Landry  
Mike Hunter, Chief Financial Officer

**Staff Present** Greg Herrett, CAO  
Jason MacDonald, Deputy CAO Operations  
Dwayne Pike, Police Chief  
Greg Jones, Fire Chief  
Andrew Fisher, Manager of Planning & Strategic Initiatives  
Tamara Porter, Business Development Officer  
Tom McCoag, Corporate Communications Officer  
Kim Jones, Municipal Clerk  
Natalie LeBlanc, Deputy Clerk

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Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the requirement for physical distancing, this was a virtual meeting held via Zoom.

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Kogon called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**1.1 Approval of Agenda**

Moved By Councillor Fawthrop

Seconded By Councillor Christie

To approve the agenda as circulated.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**1.2 Approval of the Consent Agenda**

Moved By Councillor Christie

Seconded By Councillor Baker

That Council approve the following items:

1.3. Approval of Minutes

2.2 Recognition of Individuals and the Renaming of Lord Amherst Drive

2.4. Fort Cumberland Manor Crosswalk Concerns

- 4.1. Corporate Services Monthly Report
- 4.2. Operations Monthly Report
- 4.3. Police Services Monthly Report
- 4.4. Fire Services Monthly Report
- 4.5. Planning & Strategic Initiatives Monthly Report
- 4.6. Business Development Monthly Report

**MOTION CARRIED**

**1.3 Approval of Minutes**

The following motion was approved as part of the Consent Agenda:

**Moved By Councillor Christie**

**Seconded By Councillor Baker**

**That the minutes of the December 14, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting be approved as circulated.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**2. Council Direction Requests**

**2.1 Water Rate Study**

**Moved By Deputy Mayor Davidson**

**Seconded By Councillor Baker**

**That staff be directed to commence the process of applying to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board to set new water rates for the Amherst Water Utility effective June 1, 2021 and expiring April 1, 2024.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**2.2 Recognition of Individuals and the Renaming of Lord Amherst Drive**

The following motion was approved as part of the consent agenda:

**Moved By Councillor Christie**

**Seconded By Councillor Baker**

**To direct staff to provide an update at the February Committee of the Whole meeting on the recognition of individuals and the re-naming of Lord Amherst Drive.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**2.3 Amherst Stadium Walking Track Hours**

**Moved By Deputy Mayor Davidson**

**Seconded By Councillor Baker**

**That staff be directed to provide a report on the possibility of expanding the operating hours of the walking track at the Amherst Stadium.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**2.4 Fort Cumberland Manor Crosswalk Concerns**

The following motion was approved as part of the consent agenda:

**Moved By Councillor Christie**

**Seconded By Councillor Baker**

**That staff be directed to provide a report on whether or not it would be appropriate to install a set of flashing indicator lights at the crosswalk in front of Fort Cumberland Manor.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**2.5 Spring Street Concerns**

**Moved By Councillor Landry**

**Seconded by Councillor Christie**

**That staff be directed to provide a report regarding the concerns along Spring Street, specifically a request for a sidewalk on the north side of Spring Street, and crosswalks that transverse Spring Street from both Allison and Westminster Avenue.**

**Moved By Deputy Mayor Davidson**

**Seconded By Councillor Emery**

**To amend the motion to include a review of vehicular and pedestrian traffic flow during school hours in the areas of not only Spring Street but also Rupert, Academy, Charles and Havelock Street.**

**AMENDED MOTION CARRIED**

**2.6 Space for Proposed Youth Center**

**Moved By Councillor Landry**

**Seconded By Councillor Fawthrop**

**That the CAO be directed to correspond with Cumberland Kids and advise that Council agrees in principle to support the establishment of a youth center and request that Cumberland Kids provide a specific proposal to Council with regard to the acquisition or lease of space suitable for this purpose by February 26, 2021.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**3. Information Items**

**3.1 Dangerous and Unsightly Premises Semi Annual Report**

Information item; no direction given or action required.

**3.2 Nova Scotia Starts Here - Cumberland**

Information item; no direction given or action required.

**4. Monthly Reports**

The following monthly reports were approved as part of the Consent Agenda. Information items only; no direction given or action required.

4.1 Corporate Services

4.2 Operations

4.3 Police Services

4.4 Fire Services

4.5 Planning & Strategic Initiatives

4.6 Business Development

**5. In Camera**

**Moved By Deputy Mayor Davidson**

**Seconded By Councillor Christie**

**That the Committee move to an in-camera session.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**6. Adjournment**

**Moved By Councillor Landry**

**Seconded By Deputy Mayor Davidson**

**To adjourn the meeting at 5:03 p.m.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

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Kimberlee Jones  
Municipal Clerk

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David Kogon, MD  
Mayor