

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

Date: April 24, 2023
Time: 4:00 pm
Location: Council Chambers, Town Hall

Members Present Mayor David Kogon
Deputy Mayor Leon Landry
Councillor Charlie Chambers
Councillor Hal Davidson
Councillor Lisa Emery
Councillor Dale Fawthrop

Members Absent Councillor George Baker (arrived at 5:16pm)

Staff Present Jason MacDonald, Chief Administrative Officer
Sharon Bristol, Director, Community Living
Tom McCoag, Corporate Communications Officer
Natalie LeBlanc, Municipal Clerk
Cindy Brown, Administrative Assistant

1. Call to Order

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

1.1 Territorial Acknowledgement

Mayor Kogon gave the Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Community Support Grants

Councillor Emery declared a conflict of interest during the Grants to Organizations classified as *Included in Policy* discussion due to her involvement with the Cumberland County Museum.

Moved By Councillor Davidson

Seconded By Councillor Fawthrop

That the following Grants to Organizations as *Included in Policy* be forwarded to Council for approval:

Amherst Little League Baseball Association	
and Amherst Little League T-Ball Baseball (combined)	\$ 2,500
Cumberland County Transition House	\$10,000
Food Assistance Network	\$ 5,000
Seniors Safety Program	\$ 8,700
Sexual Health Centre for Cumberland	\$ 4,000

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Emery declared a conflict of interest during the Grants to Organizations classified as *Events* discussion due to her involvement with the Fibre Arts Festival and the Multicultural Association.

Deputy Mayor Landry declared a conflict of interest during the Grants to Organizations classified as *Events* discussion due to his involvement with the Acadian Society.

Moved By Councillor Chambers
Seconded By Councillor Fawthrop

That the following Grants to Organizations classified as *Events* be forwarded to Council for approval:

Amherst Terry Fox Run	\$ 100
LA Animal Shelter	\$ 500
Fibre Arts Festival 2023	\$ 2,000
Amherst Curling Club Volunteer Appreciation Event	\$ 800
Multicultural Association of Cumberland	\$ 600
The Great Amherst Scarefest	\$ 1,000
Cumberland African Nova Scotian Association	\$ 1,000
Border Town Biker Bash	\$10,000
Cumberland Acadian Society	\$ 2,000

MOTION CARRIED

Moved By Councillor Emery
Seconded By Councillor Chambers

That the following Grants to Organizations classified as *Athletic or Sport Related Events/Activities* be forwarded to Council for approval:

Amherst Little League Baseball Association	\$750
Amherst Striders Running Club	\$500
Amherst & Area Heritage Trust	\$835

MOTION CARRIED

Moved By Deputy Mayor Landry
Seconded By Councillor Davidson

That the CAO engage public interest in the possible establishment of a regional Baseball Association.

MOTION CARRIED

Moved By Deputy Mayor Landry
Seconded By Councillor Davidson

That \$10,000 to the Amherst Little League Baseball Association to support one batting cage be forwarded to Council for approval.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Emery declared a conflict of interest during the Grants to Organizations classified as *Other* discussion due to her involvement with Eat Local Cumberland.

Moved By Councillor Davidson
Seconded By Councillor Chambers

That the following Grants to Organizations classified as *Other* be forwarded to Council for approval:

NSCC - New Grant	\$15,000
Eat Local Cumberland	\$ 1,500
Showcase Productions	\$ 1,000
After the School Bell Food Program	\$ 5,000

AND FURTHER that approval of the request from Eat Local Cumberland for the accessibility improvements be contingent on the results of the Dickey Brook Study.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Emery returned to the discussion at this time.

Moved By Councillor Davidson

Seconded By Councillor Chambers

That Council forward the request from the Fundy Winds Society to Council for approval in the amount of \$4,000.

MOTION CARRIED

Moved By Councillor Fawthrop

Seconded By Councillor Emery

That the request from the 154 Amherst Anson Air Cadets RCACS be contingent on receipt of their financial statements.

MOTION CARRIED

Moved By Deputy Mayor Landry

Seconded By Councillor Fawthrop

That the request from Claire Christie be contingent on the funding, and monies from sales of the book, go to the Amherst Area Heritage Trust, or another non-profit organization.

MOTION CARRIED

Moved By Deputy Mayor Landry

Seconded By Councillor Davidson

That the CAO meet with the CAO of the Municipality of the County of Cumberland to collaborate on a plan for the request from the LA Animal Shelter in the amount of \$150,000 for the construction of a new facility.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Baker arrived at this time.

3. Adjournment

Moved By Councillor Baker

Seconded By Councillor Emery

To adjourn the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

Natalie LeBlanc
Municipal Clerk

David Kogon, MD
Mayor