

**Amherst Town Council
Special Meeting
Minutes**

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, February 9, 2016
Location: Council Chambers, Town Hall

Members Present: Mayor Robert Small
Deputy Mayor Terry Rhindress
Councillor George Baker
Councillor Frank Balcom
Councillor Robert Bird
Councillor Lisa Emery
Councillor David March

Staff Present: Greg Herrett, CAO
Roger MacIsaac, Director CED
Jason MacDonald, Deputy CAO Operations
Vince Arbing, Treasurer
Bill Schurman, Director Recreation
Natalie LeBlanc, Executive Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Small called the meeting to order at 12:02 PM

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved By: Councillor David March
Seconded By: Councillor George Baker
To approve the agenda

MOTION CARRIED

3. REQUEST FOR DECISION

3.1. BMO Building - Proposal Submitted by Nova Scotia Heritage Trust (1764)

Moved By: Councillor David March
Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Terry Rhindress
That Council approve the following Resolution:

WHEREAS the Nova Scotia Heritage Trust has submitted a proposal for the repurposing of the BMO Building; and

WHEREAS Council is of the opinion the proposal does not provide a sustainable plan for the sale and repurposing of the building.

THEREFORE be it resolved that Council does not approve the proposal submitted by the Nova Scotia Heritage Trust, and that staff be directed to advise the proponents of their decision, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council approves the demolition of the BMO Building

Moved By: Councillor Lisa Emery
Seconded By: Councillor Robert Bird
That Council amend the Resolution to add:

and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff be directed to approach the Amherst Heritage Trust and work with them to plan and recommend to Council what the property will look like as far as heritage and beautification of the property after the BMO building has been demolished

MOTION CARRIED WITH AMENDMENT

3.2. BMO Building - RFP on Demolition

**Moved By: Councillor David March
Seconded By: Councillor Robert Bird
That Council award the contract for the demolition of the BMO Building to
Verhagen Demolition Ltd in the amount of \$123,500 + HST, with a substantial
completion date to be May 31, 2016. Funding to come from the Capital Reserve**

Motion Carried 4 – 3

Opposed: Deputy Mayor Terry Rhindress, Councillor George Baker and Councillor Lisa Emery

4. ADJOURNMENT

**Moved By: Councillor David March
Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Terry Rhindress
To adjourn the meeting at 12:40 PM**

Gregory D. Herrett, CPA, CA
Town Clerk and CAO

Robert Small
Mayor