

Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: Monday, April 25, 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

Staff Present: Greg Herrett, CAO
Roger MacIsaac, Director CED
Ian Naylor, Police Chief
Jason MacDonald, Deputy CAO Operations
Vince Arbing, Treasurer
Rebecca Purdy, Executive Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Small called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. O'CANADA

3. YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBER

AYTC member Rohin Mckenney attended the Council meeting; Rohin is a grade nine student at Amherst Regional High School serving his first year on the Youth Council.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

4.1. Approval of the Agenda (3031)

Moved By: Councillor George Baker
Seconded By: Councillor Frank Balcom
To approve the agenda

Motion Carried

4.2. Approval of Minutes - March 29, 2016 Regular Meeting (3035)

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Terry Rhindress
Seconded By: Councillor George Baker
To approve the minutes of the March 29, 2016 Regular meeting of Council

Motion Carried

5. REQUESTS FOR DECISION

5.1. NSCC Request to Support Bursary Program (2878)

Moved By: Councillor George Baker
Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Terry Rhindress
That Council approve an amendment to the Scholarship and Bursary Policy, 10350-19, to include an annual bursary in the amount of \$500 to be awarded to an Amherst student graduating from the Nova Scotia Community College

Motion Carried

SCHOLARSHIP AND BURSARY POLICY
NUMBER 10350-19**PURPOSE:**

To establish a policy to support funding towards the post secondary educational objectives of qualified Amherst students through the award of a scholarships or bursaries.

POLICY STATEMENT:

The Town of Amherst will fund the following annual scholarships and bursaries to Amherst Regional High School with a good academic standing. The students must be Amherst residents and be involved in extra-curricular activities. The Mayor or designate will participate in the selection committee at Amherst Regional High School:

1. Robert Angus Memorial Scholarship
An annual scholarship in the amount of \$1,500 will be awarded to an Amherst student graduating from Amherst Regional High School attending a recognized post-secondary degree granting institution to be paid directly to the institution in two equal instalments for the fall and spring semesters.
2. Norman Mansour Memorial Bursary
An annual bursary in the amount of \$1,000 will be awarded to an Amherst student graduating from Amherst Regional High School attending the Nova Scotia Community College, Cumberland Campus, to be paid directly to the institution.
3. Nova Scotia Community College Bursary
An annual bursary in the amount of \$500 to be awarded to an Amherst student graduating from the Nova Scotia Community College - Cumberland Campus to be paid directly to the student.
4. Francis Smith Memorial Bursary
An annual bursary in the amount of \$500 will be awarded to an Amherst student graduating from Amherst Regional High School who was either members of the SADD program or another drug awareness or prevention program within the community. The amounts will be paid directly to the institution. It is understood that the Amherst Police Association may, on an annual basis, provide an additional bursary with the same conditions.
5. Amherst Youth Town Council Bursary
An annual bursary in the amount of \$250 will be awarded to an Amherst student graduating from Amherst Regional High School who is a member of the Amherst Youth Town Council to be paid directly to the student.
6. W. A. Reid Memorial School Trust Fund
An annual amount of \$250 will be provided to Amherst Regional High School for the purchase of teaching aids and/or prizes for creative writing to grade 11 and 12 students, in accordance with the conditions of the will of W. Allister Reid, funded partially from the W. A. Reid Trust Fund.

5.2. Town Crest Policy (2947)**Moved By: Councillor Lisa Emery****Seconded By: Councillor Frank Balcom**

That Council grant one time permission to John and Vivienne Hudson to have the Town Coat of Arms emblazoned across the left breast panels on one "sleeveless vest/chest warmer" each, as requested, for personal use and that such permission relates to these specific garments only and does not constitute open ended and ongoing permission to do so

Motion Carried**5.3. List of Electors (3012)****Moved By: Councillor Robert Bird****Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Terry Rhindress**

That Council approves the use of the Permanent List of Electors for the upcoming municipal election and authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer to enter into an agreement with Elections Canada to obtain said list

Motion Carried

6. **INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS**

6.1. **UNSM Structural Reform Workshop Report (3046)**

Information item from Councillor Emery; no direction given.

7. **INTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

7.1. **Amherst Board of Police Commissioners (3036)**

Councillor Emery presented the Police Commission report included in the agenda. Information item - no direction given.

7.2. **Amherst Youth Town Council (3037)**

Youth Councillor Rohin McKinney presented the Amherst Youth Town Council report included in the agenda. Information item - no direction given.

8. **EXTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

8.1. **Cumberland Public Libraries (3038)**

Councillor Balcom presented the Cumberland Public Libraries Board report included in the agenda. Information item - no direction given.

8.2. **Cumberland YMCA (3039)**

Councillor Bird presented the Cumberland YMCA Board report included in the agenda. Information item - no direction given.

8.3. **Cumberland Joint Services Management Authority (3040)**

Deputy Mayor Rhindress presented the Cumberland Joint Services Management Authority Board report included in the agenda. Information item - no direction given.

8.4. **Northern Region Solid Waste Committee (3041)**

Councillor Baker presented the Northern Region Waste Resource Committee report included in the agenda. Information item - no direction given.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Terry Rhindress

Seconded By: Councillor George Baker

To adjourn at 7:35 PM

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

Robert Small
Mayor