

Amherst Town Council

Special Meeting

Minutes

Date of Meeting: Monday, November 05, 2012 at 7:00 PM
 Location: Amherst Fire Hall

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

Staff Present: Greg Herrett, CAO
 Vince Arbing, Treasurer
 Roger MacIsaac, Director CED
 Jason MacDonald, Director of Planning
 Ben Pitman, Director TPW
 Bill Crossman, Fire Chief
 Ian Naylor, Deputy Police Chief
 Rebecca Purdy, Executive Assistant
 Kim Jones, Policy and HR

1. Call to Order

The CAO called the meeting to order and welcomed members of Council and the public.

2. National Anthem - Aleena Dwyer

The CAO called on ARHS student Aleena Dwyer to lead in the singing of O'Canada.

3. Opening Prayer - Father David Myles

Father Myles, Chaplain for the Amherst Police Department, offered an opening prayer.

4. Report of Returning Officer - CAO

The CAO read the report of the Returning Officer for the 2012 municipal election and declared the following winners to be elected:

For the Office of Mayor: Rob Small.

For the Council (6 positions): George Baker, Frank Balcom, Robert Bird, Lisa Emery, Dave March and Terry Rhindress.

5. Administration of Oaths - CAO

As Justice of the Peace for the Province of Nova Scotia, the CAO administered the Oaths of Office to the newly elected Mayor and Council. Once sworn, Mayor Small assumed the role of Chair of the meeting.

6. Appointment of Deputy Mayor

Mayor Small opened the floor for nominations to the Office of Deputy Mayor. Councillor Baker was nominated by Councillor Emery; Councillor Rhindress was nominated by Councillor March. Secret ballots were distributed to Council members and tabulated by the CAO. The CAO declared Councillor Baker to have the most votes to be appointed to the Office of Deputy Mayor.

7. Council Committee Appointments

Moved By: Councillor Rhindress

Seconded By: Councillor March

That Council approves the following committee appointments for one-year terms ending November 30, 2013:

Councillor Baker

Downtown Business Advisory Committee
Unsightly Premises Committee
Northern Region Solid Waste Committee
VON Board of Directors (Reappointment)

Councillor Balcom

Cumberland Joint Services Management Authority
Unsightly Premises Committee
Cumberland Public Libraries Board
LA Animal Shelter Board

Councillor Bird

Community Arts Council Committee
Unsightly Premises Committee
Amherst Youth Town Council
Cumberland YMCA Board

Councillor Emery

Planning Advisory Committee
Tree Advisory Committee
Unsightly Premises Committee
Heritage Advisory Committee

Councillor March

Downtown Business Advisory Committee
Community Arts Council Committee
Planning Advisory Committee
Heritage Advisory Committee

Councillor Rhindress

Cumberland Joint Services Management Authority
Heritage Advisory Committee
Victorian Christmas Committee

AND FURTHER, that all members of Council be appointed to the Committee of the Whole of Amherst Town Council, and to the Town of Amherst Audit Committee for terms ending November 30, 2013.

Motion Carried

Moved By: Councillor George Baker

Seconded By: Councillor David March

That Council approves the following appointments to the Amherst Board of Police Commissioners:

Lisa Emery, for a three year term ending November 30, 2015;

Frank Balcom, for a three year term ending November 30, 2015;

Robert Bird, for a two year term ending November 30, 2014.

Motion Carried

8. Comments by Members of Council

Mayor Small invited each member of Council to make comments.

9. Comments by Mayor Small

10. Adjournment

On motion by Councillor March, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM

Gregory D. Herrett, CA
Town Clerk and CAO

Robert Small
Mayor