

# Regular Council Meeting

## Minutes

**Date of Meeting:** Monday, November 25, 2013  
**Location:** Board Room, Town Hall

**Members Present:** Mayor Robert Small  
 Councillor George Baker  
 Councillor Frank Balcom  
 Councillor Robert Bird  
 Deputy Mayor Lisa Emery  
 Councillor David March  
 Councillor 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, Acting Police Chief  
 Rebecca Purdy, Executive Assistant  
 Kim Jones, Policy and HR

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Small called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM

**2. O'CANADA**

**3. HEARINGS/PRESENTATIONS/PETITIONS**

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES**

**4.1. Approval of the Agenda**

**Moved By:** Councillor George Baker  
**Seconded By:** Councillor David March  
 That the agenda be approved as circulated.

**Motion Carried**

**4.2. Approval of Minutes**

**Moved By:** Councillor Terry Rhindress  
**Seconded By:** Councillor George Baker  
 That the minutes of the following meetings be approved as circulated: October 28, 2013 Regular Meeting, October 31, 2013 Special Meeting and November 8, 2013 Special Meeting.

**Motion Carried**

**5. REQUESTS FOR DECISION**

**5.1. Taxi Bylaw**

*Councillor Baker declared a conflict and excused himself from the Council table for the discussion and decision on this agenda item.*

**Moved By:** Deputy Mayor Lisa Emery  
**Seconded By:** Councillor David March  
 That the Taxi Bylaw that received first reading on June 24, 2013 be amended as follows:

**(1) Paragraph 10(2) by removing the words “and within 30 days of the application being filed with the Registrar, by a licensed mechanic selected by the Taxi Authority, the costs of which shall be paid by the applicant” after the words “Taxi Authority”**

(2) Paragraph 10(3) by adding the words “issued within 30 days of the application being filed with the Registrar” after the words “vehicle safety sticker”

(3) Paragraph 10(4)(e) by adding the words “shall conform to the layout and design specified from time to time by the Traffic Authority” after the words “and such sign”;

By removing paragraph 10(4)(e) (1) “Shall not exceed two feet six inches (76 cm) in any dimension;” and renumbering the subsequent subparagraphs in Paragraph 10(4)(e).

By amending (now) paragraph 10(4)(e)(1) by adding the words “on the front and back, and the owner’s license number on each side, and such lettering shall not be less than 5 cm in height” after the words “under which the taxi is being operated”

(4) Paragraph 10(4)(f) by replacing the first word, “Is” with the words “In addition to the roof sign requirements the Taxi may also be” before the words “identified with a sign...”

(5) Paragraph 10(4)(g) is removed.

Motion Carried

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Lisa Emery

Seconded By: Councillor Frank Balcom

That Council approve second reading of the Bylaw Respecting the Transportation of Passengers for Hire, C-9 (Taxi Bylaw) as amended, and repeal the current Taxi Bylaw approved by Council on October 14, 1987 with amendments on 28 February 1989, 18 February 1991, and 1 December 1998.

Motion Carried

**BYLAW RESPECTING THE REGULATION OF THE TRANSPORTING OF PASSENGERS FOR HIRE**

Be it enacted by the Council of the Town of Amherst, under the authority of Section 305 of Chapter 293 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1967, as amended, the Motor Vehicle Act, as follows:

**SHORT TITLE**

- 1. This bylaw shall be known as the Town of Amherst Taxi Bylaw

**DEFINITIONS**

- 2. In this bylaw, unless the context of it requires:

- 1. **CAO** means the Chief Administrative Officer of the Town of Amherst
- 2. **Council** means the council of the Town of Amherst
- 3. **Disqualifying Convictions** means:
  - a. an order prohibiting the possession of any firearm, ammunition or explosive substance pursuant to the Criminal Code of Canada;
  - b. a conviction for an offence in which the commission of violence against a person was used, threatened or attempted;
  - c. a conviction for any indictable offence; (For the purposes of this bylaw includes a dual offence which proceeds by indictment.)

- d. a conviction for an offence of a sexual nature;
- e. a conviction for an offence against vulnerable persons;
- f. a conviction for an offence involving the illegal sale of any goods or the illegal possession of any goods for the purpose of sale or trafficking;
- g. a conviction for any offence involving the possession, control or use of an automobile and the unlawful possession or use of liquor or narcotics;
- h. convictions for three or more driving offences within the previous 60 months, or two or more convictions for such offences within any 12 month period unless, in the reasonable opinion of the Taxi Authority, the convictions were for offences unrelated to the possible safety of passengers or other persons using streets or highways irrespective of whether persons were actually endangered at the time of the infractions; or
- i. convictions in another country or jurisdiction similar in nature to those described in the preceding paragraphs of this subsection.

4. **Limousine** means:

- a. A full sized luxury class four or more door sedan motor vehicle having a standard seating capacity for at least five passengers excluding the driver which is used for hire for the conveyance of passengers;
- b. Which has carpeted floors;
- c. Which is not equipped with taxi roof signage;
- d. Which is furnished with a minimum of four of the following features:
  - 1. Glass partition separating the front of the rear seats;
  - 2. Top quality interior appointments, being either leather or plush upholstery
  - 3. Power windows
  - 4. One-way tinted glass
  - 5. Television
  - 6. Stereo system
  - 7. Cellular telephone
  - 8. Air conditioning; and
- e. Which is one of the following makes:
  - 1. Cadillac
  - 2. Lincoln
  - 3. Rolls Royce
  - 4. Jaguar
  - 5. Mercedes-Benz
  - 6. Bentley
  - 7. Royal Princess
  - 8. Any other vehicle approved by the Taxi Authority upon application by a prospective license as being of comparable limousine quality to the makes referred above.
- f. But excludes vehicles operated by a public utility as defined in the Public Utilities Act or by a motor carrier required to be licensed under the Motor Carrier Act.

5. **Limousine Driver** means the driver of a limousine as defined by the bylaw.

6. **Owner** means a person who holds the legal title of a vehicle or in the event a vehicle is the subject of an agreement for the conditional sale or lease thereof with the right of purchase upon performance of the condition stated in the agreement and with an

immediate right of possession vested in the conditional vendee or lessee, or in the event a mortgagor of a vehicle is entitled to possession, then the conditional vendee or lessee, or mortgagor shall be deemed the owner for the purpose of this bylaw.

7. **Person** means a natural person or a body corporate and includes a partnership.
8. **Registrar** means the Taxi Bylaw Registration Officer as appointed by the CAO.
9. **Taxi Authority** means the Chief of Police of the Town of Amherst and includes any person designated by the Chief of Police as deputy or assistant or temporary Taxi Authority.
10. **Taxi** means a vehicle used or intended to be used to carry passengers for hire other than a limousine, but excludes vehicles operated by a public utility as defined in the Public Utilities Act or by a motor carrier required to be licensed under the Motor Carrier Act.
11. **Vehicle** has the meaning given to it under the Motor Vehicle Act and includes a Taxi or Limousine as defined under this bylaw.

**CONTROL**

3. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 305(1) of the Motor Vehicle Act, the Council shall have a general control, supervision and direction over all aspects of licensing and regulation pursuant to this bylaw and over any inspector or any other officer acting or carrying out the overall duties of this bylaw.

**DUTIES OF TAXI AUTHORITY**

4.
  1. Subject to the provisions of the Motor Vehicle Act and to the provisions of Section 3 hereof and to any specific direction from time to time given or issued by the Council, the Taxi Authority shall have supervision over persons licensed under this bylaw and over vehicles to which the same applies and the following shall constitute his/her duties under this bylaw:

The Taxi Authority shall:

- a. Report to Council respecting the performance of his/her duties under this bylaw whenever required to by Council;
- b. Make all necessary inquiries concerning applications for the licenses or transfers thereof, as may be required to secure a due observation of the law and of this bylaw;
- c. Examine or cause to be examined every vehicle for which a license is requested under this bylaw;
- d. Carry out periodic inspections, without notice, of vehicles licenses under this bylaw;
- e. Issue, refuse to issue, or suspend, revoke, cancel licenses in accordance with the requirements of this bylaw;
- f. Advise the Registrar of the approval of applications for all licenses issued pursuant to this bylaw;

- g. Advise the Registrar when an application has been denied, and when a license has been revoked, suspended or cancelled;
  - h. Ascertain by inspection, inquiry and investigation from time to time, and as often as may be required, whether persons holding licenses under this bylaw continue to comply with the provisions of this bylaw;
  - i. Upon completion of an investigation to decide whether or not to proceed with prosecution;
  - j. Take any other lawful steps in regards to the licensing and regulations of taxis as may be consistent with this bylaw.
2. Any act, authorized or directed by this bylaw to be done by the Taxi Authority may, in their absence or as circumstances require be performed by such other officer or any official as may be designated by the Council or the CAO. The power and authority of the officer or official so designated shall be the same as that of the Taxi Authority in the particular case except where prohibited by statutory conditions to the contrary.

### **DUTIES OF REGISTRAR**

5. Subject to the provisions of the Motor Vehicle Act and to the provisions of Section 3 hereof and to any specific direction from time to time given or issued by the Council, the following shall constitute the duties of the Registrar under this bylaw.

The Registrar shall:

- 1. Maintain a register of all licenses issued, suspended, revoked, cancelled and of all applications refused under the authority of this bylaw. Such registrar shall contain the name or names of the applicants, the date of the license, and shall keep such other books and records as the Council may from time to time order.
- 2. Provide and receive all applications for licenses issued pursuant to this bylaw on behalf of the Taxi Authority.
- 3. Review insurance policies and confirm they meet all requirements.
- 4. Advise the Taxi Authority of any information that may require a suspension or cancellation of a license.
- 5. Shall cause to be made out, and to issue the license to the applicant, the fee as required under this bylaw first having been paid.
- 6. Keep a register of all payments made in relation to applications for all licenses pursuant to this bylaw.
- 7. Make available to every person receiving a license under this bylaw a copy of the bylaw and advising every such person of the availability of the bylaw.

### **TYPES OF LICENSES**

6. Upon receiving notification from the Taxi Authority of an approved application the Registrar may issue the following licenses:
- 1. Owner's License
  - 2. Driver's License

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## PERIOD OF LICENSE

7.

1. Every license issued under this bylaw shall relate to the period from the 1<sup>st</sup> of April of each year to the 31<sup>st</sup> of March of the succeeding year.
2. No license fee is refundable.

## OWNER'S LICENSE

8.

1. No vehicle shall be used for the transport of passengers for hire within the town unless and until the owner of such vehicle has first obtained a license. The license to be granted an owner of a vehicle to be used to transport passengers for hire shall be in the form as set out in Schedule "A" to this bylaw and shall be posted in the vehicle for which it has been issued.
  2. The owner's license fee shall be paid for any part of the registration period as defined in Section 7 "Period of License." This section does not apply to common carriers licensed by the Province of Nova Scotia.
  3. Every application for a license to use a vehicle for the transport of passengers for hire shall make application to the Registrar in the form prescribed from time to time by the Taxi Authority. A copy of the prescribed form is attached as Schedule "A".
  4. An owner's license that has been destroyed, lost or stolen will be replaced upon receipt of sufficient proof of the destruction, loss or theft, and upon payment of the required fee.
  5. A license granted to an owner of a vehicle to be used to transport passengers for hire shall also be a license to transport parcels, packages, or other articles of whatsoever nature.
9. No taxi or limousine owner's license shall be granted for any vehicle unless and until:
1. The completed form of application shall be submitted to the Registrar. It shall be signed by the applicant and include information as follows:
    - a. The full name and address of the applicant;
    - b. Where the vehicle is owned by a corporation particulars of the registration of the corporation, names of the corporate officers of the corporation, and the head office of the said corporation;
    - c. Where the vehicle is owned by a partnership or is operating under a business name the full particulars under the Partnership and Business Name Registration Act, the names of the partners and their addresses, a copy of the Certificate of Registration under the Partnership and business Name Registration Act;
    - d. Names and addresses of all employees and their positions held in the business;
    - e. The business name under which the taxi or limousine will be operated on the street and postal and civic address of the place of business from which the taxi or limousine will be operated;
    - f. The motor vehicle registration number, motor vehicle license plate number, make, model, colour, year and serial number of the vehicle;
    - g. A criminal record/vulnerable sector check of each person whose name and address is required to be provided pursuant to paragraphs a, b and c of this subsection, and duly executed consents sufficient to obtain verification of same from law enforcement agencies.

2. Payment is made to the Town of the annual fee for such license as stipulated in Schedule "E" to this bylaw.
3. Proof of insurance that the vehicle carries on it an automobile insurance policy providing public liability insurance, passenger hazard insurance, and property coverage, in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000.00 without any limit or any particular claim up to the herein mentioned amount, regardless of the number of persons involved or the nature of the damage. For the purposes of this section, proof of insurance is a copy of the current policy for the vehicle.
4. The applicant has provided permission for the insurance company to provide details on the insurance policy to the Taxi Authority or Registrar when requested.
5. The applicant must also have directed the insurance company issuing the insurance policy required by this section to immediately advise the Registrar of any changes to the coverage and terms of the insurance policy during the term of the license and to notify the Registrar when the insurance policy is no longer in effect. Initial notification may be provided verbally, however a written notification confirming any changes must be provided to the Registrar. A notification by email will be accepted as a written notification.
6. The Taxi Authority is satisfied that each person whose names and addresses are required to be provided pursuant to paragraphs a, b and c of subsection 1 of this section does not have, within the preceding five years:
  - a. Disqualifying convictions pursuant to subsection (3) of section 2 of this bylaw; and
  - b. any fines levied with respect to any summary offence tickets or other convictions that are unpaid.

## **VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS**

10. In addition to the requirements of Section 9 of this bylaw, each applicant, in order to receive an owner's license, must establish that the vehicle meets the following requirements:
  1. Has been properly registered under the provisions of the Motor Vehicle Act as a vehicle for operation within the Province of Nova Scotia;
  2. Shall have been inspected by the Taxi Authority;
  3. Bears a valid Province of Nova Scotia motor vehicle safety sticker issued within 30 days of the application being filed with the Registrar;
  4. In the case of a taxi, meets the following requirements:
    - a. Is a four door sedan, hard top or station wagon, SUV or mini van with four or more doors (such doors to be on the sides of the vehicle) with a design capacity of seven (7) passengers or less, excluding the driver;
    - b. Has a height from the top of the floor to the underneath side of the roof of at least 114 cm;
    - c. Has a width from the inside of one door post to the inside of the door post on the opposite side of at least 137 cm;
    - d. Has a length from the dashboard, excluding extremities, to the front of the back seat of at least 160 cm;

- e. Is equipped with a sign affixed upon the roof of such taxi capable of being illuminated electrically, and such sign shall conform to the layout and design specified from time to time by the Traffic Authority:
  - 1. Shall bear the business name of the taxi company under which the taxi is being operated on the front and back, and the owner's license number on each side, and such lettering shall not be less than 5 cm in height;
  - 2. Shall be removed from the roof or covered by opaque material when the vehicle is not in service as a taxi.
- f. In addition to the roof sign requirements the Taxi may also be identified with a sign affixed to the driver's door and the passenger's door, and such sign:
  - 1. Shall be painted or attached to the door of driver and opposite passenger door;
  - 2. Shall be in legible print with each letter or number not less than 5 cm in height;
  - 3. Shall bear the business name of the taxi company under which the taxi is being operated;
- 5. In the case of a limousine, meets the requirements in the definition for a limousine contained in section 2 of this bylaw.
- 6. In the case of a taxi and a limousine, shall meet the following requirements:
  - a. The body of the vehicle shall not be damaged and shall be clean and in good repair. Paint shall be maintained in good condition and shall match.
  - b. The interior shall be clean and sanitary and shall not contain any refuse.
  - c. The upholstery shall be clean, free of holes, cuts and tears and shall not show excessive wear.
  - d. The side windows in a vehicle which are intended to open and close shall be in good repair and working order.
  - e. No portion of the exterior shall be bent or broken and no such portion shall protrude in such a way as to be a hazard to persons or vehicles.
  - f. No fender, grill hubcaps or bumpers on a taxi shall be removed or missing.
  - g. Every door and trunk lid shall close securely.
  - h. All door handles and catches on a taxi shall be in good working order.
  - i. Every seat shall be equipped with a seat belt, shall be securely mounted and shall maintain its position and its adjustments.
  - j. Shall have an interior dome light which shall be in good working order and shall operate when any of the doors are opened.

**ADDITIONAL OWNER'S OBLIGATIONS**

11. All owners shall comply with the following:

- 1. Shall not permit any person to operate the vehicle to which the license relates as a vehicle for hire unless the person is in possession of both a valid provincially issued Nova Scotia minimum Class 4 license, to operate a passenger vehicle and a valid driver's license in accordance with this bylaw.



2. Not permit smoking in the vehicle at any time, whether or not the vehicle is being operated at the time as a vehicle for hire.
3. Neither the owner nor the driver of a licensed vehicle may represent that it is a non-smoking vehicle or a smoke free vehicle if it has been smoked in while owned by the current owner.
4. Notify the Registrar in writing not less than one week in advance of any change in the business name under which the vehicle is operated.
5. Notify the Registrar forthwith of any change in the Provincial Registration of the vehicle.
6. File with the Registrar, in writing, the names and addresses and telephone numbers of every driver who operates the owner's licensed vehicle or vehicles and shall notify the Registrar in writing within 72 hours of any new appointments and any dismissals, or other changes in employment of such drivers.
7. Not operate or permit the operation of a vehicle when the conditions described in subsections 1, 3, 4 and 6 of Section 10 are no longer met or the insurance policy of the vehicle no longer complies with the requirements of subsection 3 of Section 9.
8. Immediately advise the Registrar of any change in the insurance policy and shall provide the Registrar with a copy of the updated policy forthwith.
9. At least three days before making the change, the owner must notify the Registrar of any change in:
  - a. The business name under which the licensed vehicle is operated;
  - b. The business address from which the licensed vehicle is operated; or
  - c. The owner's residential address.

Saturday, Sunday and holidays are not to be included in calculating the three-day period.
10. Upon request, submit such vehicle for inspection by the Taxi Authority at the time and place directed.
11. Immediately notify the Registrar when they have become the subject to a court order, undertaking, charge or conviction.

## **VEHICLE INSPECTIONS**

12.
  1. A vehicle licensed under this bylaw may, at any time, be inspected by the Taxi Authority, and/or a licensed mechanic selected by the Taxi Authority to determine that such vehicle complies with the requirements under this bylaw. There is no requirement for the Taxi Authority to provide advanced notice of the inspection. The costs of the licensed mechanic shall be paid by the owner.
  2. If the inspection determines the vehicle does not meet the requirements of this bylaw, it may result in the immediate suspension of the license until such requirements are met.

## **DRIVER'S LICENSE**

13. No person shall transport passengers for hire within the town or be on any highway, street, road, lane, alley or other public place in the town in control of a motor vehicle for the purpose of transporting for hire or soliciting within the Town the transportation of passengers for hire unless they are in possession of a valid driver's license issued pursuant to this bylaw. Such license shall be conspicuously displayed in the vehicle and be readily visible to any passengers who may be in the vehicle.

14. No driver's license shall be granted unless and until:

1. An application in the form prescribed by the Taxi Authority completed and signed by the applicant;
2. The applicant is in possession of and submits to the Registrar for examination and for the purposes of photocopying, a valid, minimum Class 4 motor vehicle operator's license issued under the provisions of the Motor Vehicle Act of the Province of Nova Scotia;
3. A written consent in form satisfactory for the Taxi Authority to obtain an abstract of the applicant's driving record from the Registrar of Motor vehicles is provided;
4. A criminal record/vulnerable sector check and a duly executed consent sufficient to obtain verification of same from law enforcement agencies is provided;
5. The Taxi Authority is satisfied the applicant does not have, within the preceding five (5) years:
  - a. Disqualifying convictions pursuant to subsection 3 of Section 2 of this bylaw; and
  - b. Any fines levied with respect to any summary offence ticket or other convictions that are unpaid.
6. Two professionally taken passport style photographs of the applicant are provided to the Registrar, dated within 30 days of the date of application, which are neither heat sensitive nor subject to fading;
7. The applicant pays to the Town the fee for a driver's license as set at the time of the application.

15. A driver's license that has been destroyed, lost or stolen will be replaced upon receipt of sufficient proof of the destruction, loss or theft, and upon payment of a \$5.00 fee.

16. A taxi driver's license shall not be transferrable

## **ADDITIONAL DRIVER OBLIGATIONS**

17. All drivers shall comply with the following:

1. Maintain a high standard of personal hygiene which will be reflected in a neat, clean and professional appearance and personal cleanliness at all times;
2. Shall transport any personal luggage accompanying any passenger, not exceeding 25 kilograms per item, and shall place the luggage in or out of the vehicle for the passenger if requested to do so;
3. Must not smoke or permit smoking in the vehicle at any time, whether or not the vehicle is being operated at the time as a vehicle for hire;
4. Not use abusive or insulting language;
5. At all times while in the control of a vehicle, in any public place, conduct themselves in an orderly manner;
6. Not permit any additional passengers in the vehicle without the consent of the passenger who first engaged them;
7. Proceed to the destination indicated by his or her passenger by the quickest route; however, they may take another route if directed to do so by the passenger;

8. A driver may determine whether persons may eat or drink while passengers are in the vehicle, and may also determine where the passengers sit, except that passengers may decline to sit in the front seat;
9. Immediately notify the Registrar when they have become the subject to a court order, undertaking, charge or conviction.

## **SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION OF LICENSES**

18.

1. The Taxi Authority may suspend or revoke the owner's or driver's license or both, of any license holder or refuse any applicant who:
  - a. Contravenes this bylaw;
  - b. Is either charged or convicted pursuant to any municipal bylaw or provincial or federal legislation;
  - c. Fails to meet the requirements of this bylaw or, being an owner, their vehicle fails to meet the requirements of this bylaw;
  - d. Has committed any act or acts that, in the opinion of the Taxi Authority, it is in the public interest that the person not hold either an owner's license or driver's license;
  - e. Refuses to respond or cooperate with an investigation conducted by the Taxi Authority;
  - f. Where, in the opinion of the Taxi Authority, the license holder may be a danger to passengers or others if they possess a license.
2. In making a determination under subsection 1. f. of this Section, the Taxi Authority shall consider any credible and relevant information as to whether the applicant:
  - a. Suffers from a mental illness or instability;
  - b. Abuses drugs or alcohol;
  - c. Has a propensity for violence or other objectionable behaviour

that could cause the applicant to be a danger to passengers or others.
3. At any time, a person holding a driver's license under this bylaw ceases to hold a valid minimum class 4 motor vehicle operator's license issued under the provisions of the Motor Vehicle Act of the Province of Nova Scotia, the driver's license shall be deemed suspended and shall be surrendered forthwith to the Registrar:
  - a. Any person whose driver's license or owner's license is suspended pursuant to this section may apply for reinstatement when:
    1. The period of suspension has expired; and
    2. The minimum class 4 license is renewed or reinstated as the case may be.
4. The Taxi Authority shall suspend an owner's license forthwith upon having reasonable and probable grounds to believe that such vehicle is not covered by insurance as required by this bylaw, and the suspension shall remain in force until:

- a. The period of suspension has expired; and
  - b. Proof of insurance is provided to the Registrar that the vehicle meets the requirements of this bylaw.
5. The Taxi Authority shall suspend or revoke a license when they become aware that the license holder has been convicted of an offence or offences which meet the definition of a disqualifying condition.

**FALSE STATEMENTS**

19. If an applicant or holder of a license makes a false statement in a statutory declaration made pursuant to this bylaw, the Taxi Authority may:

1. Refuse to issue the license that is the subject of the application;
2. Revoke any other owner's licenses and or any driver's licenses held by the applicant; and
3. Direct that the applicant is ineligible to apply for or to be granted a license under this bylaw for a period of up to five (5) years.

20. No license fee is refundable upon suspension, revocation or termination for any reason for any license granted under this bylaw.

**NOTICE OF SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION**

21.

1. With exception to suspension covered by subsection 4 of Section 18 of this bylaw, no license shall be revoked or suspended without giving notice of the suspension to the license holder, and the reasons for the suspension.
2. A verbal notice of a suspension or revocation and the reasons for the suspension or revocation shall be deemed proper notification. A written notice with the reasons for the suspension or revocation shall be made available for the license holder at the Amherst Police Department within seven (7) days of the verbal notice.
3. Notice of suspension may be given as per subsection 2. Above or upon delivery by registered mail to the address of the application on the license application form, a written notice. In the case of a driver, the notice may also be delivered to the owner, by registered mail to the address of the applicant on the owner's license application form.

**APPEALS**

22.

1. A refusal to issue or renew or a revocation or suspension of the license by the Taxi Authority may be appealed to Council.
2. Despite subsection 1 of this Section, where the Taxi Authority's refusal to issue or renew or to suspend or revoke a license is based on the applicant having a disqualifying conviction, except as to the existence of a disqualifying conviction, the Taxi Authority's decision is final and is not subject to appeal.
3. No appeal shall be taken from any decision of the Taxi Authority except upon written notice of appeal being delivered to the CAO within 15 days from the date of the notice of the suspension.
4. Council shall hear the appellant in accordance with the rules of natural justice and may:

- a. Confirm or vary the decision of the Taxi Authority;
- b. Order that the license be revoked and surrendered; or
- c. Order that a license be granted or reinstated.

23. In exercising its discretion in an appeal, Council shall consider:

- 1. The nature and severity of the violation of this bylaw or nature and severity of the disqualification of the appellant that led to the Taxi Authority’s decision;
- 2. The protection of the public;
- 3. The circumstances of the appellant, including whether the appellant suffers from mental illness or mental instability, abuses drugs or alcohol, or has a propensity for violence or other objectionable behaviour that could cause the applicant to be a danger to passengers or others;
- 4. The likelihood of a recurrence of a violation of this bylaw;
- 5. All other circumstances that Council determines are relevant.

**OFFENCES AND PENALTIES**

24. Any person who violates or fails to comply with any provisions of this bylaw shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine pursuant to Section 299 of the Motor Vehicle Act but of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and in default of payment, to imprisonment for a term of not more than 60 days.

**REPEAL**

25. All previous Town of Amherst Taxi Bylaws and amendments thereto now in force are hereby repealed.

TOWN OF  
AMHERST  
TAXI BYLAW

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| <p><b>TOWN OF AMHERST</b></p> <p>TAXI LICENSE # AM:</p> <p>NAME:</p> <p>ADDRESS:</p> <p>The owner of motor vehicle</p> <p>N.S. License #</p> <p>is licensed to operate the said vehicle as a taxi within the Town of Amherst for the period ending March 31, 20_____.</p> |
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DUPLICATE "A"

**TOWN OF AMHERST  
TAXI DRIVER LICENSE**

(Photo)

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NAME

is licensed to carry on the trade or profession as a  
taxi driver within the Town of Amherst for the period

**TOWN OF AMHERST  
APPLICATION - TAXI OWNER'S LICENSE**

To the Taxi Authority, Amherst, Nova Scotia

I hereby make application for an Owner's License in the Town of Amherst pursuant to the regulations and requirements as set out in the Town of Amherst Taxi By-Law.

My full name is\* .....

My address is .....

My telephone number is .....

Name Operating Under .....

Address of Operations .....

**INSURANCE PARTICULARS \*\***

Insurance Company .....

Policy No. .... Agent ..... Date of Policy .....

..... Amount of Coverage .....

**AUTOMOBILE PARTICULARS**

Make ..... Model .....

Year ..... N.S. Plate Number .....

N.S. License No. .... Serial No. ....

Color ..... M.V.I. Date \*\*\* .....

I further undertake to provide said vehicle(s) for purposes of inspection and enclose the appropriate application and license fee.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date

Received by Registrar \_\_\_\_\_ Date

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- If incorporated or under business name, please supply particulars of officers or partners
- \*\* Attach copy of insurance policy
- \*\*\* Attach copy of Vehicle Inspection

TOWN OF AMHERST  
TAXI BYLAW

SCHEDULE "D"

**TOWN OF AMHERST**  
APPLICATION - TAXI DRIVER'S LICENSE

To the Taxi Authority, Amherst, Nova Scotia

I hereby make application for a Driver's License in the Town of Amherst pursuant to the regulations and requirements as set out in the Town of Amherst Taxi By-Law.

My full name is .....

My address is .....

My telephone number is .....

My employer is .....

Address of Employer .....

I hold a valid, unexpired minimum Class 4 Drivers License issued by the Province of

Nova Scotia bearing License Master Number\* .....

I enclose \$20 for application and license fee together with two personal photographs\*\*

.....  
Date

.....  
Signature of Applicant

.....  
Date

.....  
Signature of Owner

Received by Registrar \_\_\_\_\_(Date)

\* Attach copy of Minimum Class 4 License

\*\* Photographs should measure 2 inches by 2 inches and have been taken within one month of the application

TOWN OF AMHERST  
TAXI BYLAW

SCHEDULE "E"

**FEES FOR LICENSES**

**1. OWNER'S LICENSE ..... \$25.00**

**2. OWNER'S LICENSE TRANSFER ..... \$10.00**

**3. DRIVER'S LICENSE ..... \$20.00**

**4. REPLACEMENT LICENSE ..... \$10.00**

5.2. Consulting Engineer Services - Maccan Water Extension

Moved By: Councillor Frank Balcom

Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Lisa Emery

That Council accept the proposal for Maccan Water Extension Consulting Engineer Services submitted from CBCL Ltd in the amount of \$99,500 + HST, plus \$5,125.00 per week for inspection and administration.

Motion Carried

5.3. MOU with County of Cumberland for CED

Moved By: Councillor Robert Bird

Seconded By: Councillor David March

That Council approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the County of Cumberland related to Community Economic Development and authorize the Mayor and CAO to sign the MOU on behalf of the Town.

Motion Carried

This Memorandum of Understanding is made this \_\_\_\_\_ day of October, 2013

BETWEEN:

THE TOWN OF AMHERST, a municipal body corporate (hereinafter called the "Town") OF THE FIRST PART

-and-

THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, a municipal body corporate (hereinafter called the "Municipality") OF THE OTHER PART

WHEREAS the Cumberland Regional Development Authority (CRDA) which in the past provided Community and Economic Development (CED) services to the Parties is no longer a functioning entity;

WHEREAS the Parties are each intending to increase their own involvement in CED;

WHEREAS the CRDA commissioned the development of a Regional Marketing Strategy (RMS) which was virtually complete in November, 2012 when work on the project was halted;

WHEREAS the Parties wish to cooperate and work together to coordinate and advance their CED efforts for the benefit of the whole of Cumberland County, and to do this in accordance with the "Guiding Principles for Shared Service Partnerships" document previously adopted by the Parties, a copy of which is attached hereto as Schedule "A";

AND WHEREAS each Party acknowledges the benefits of approaching CED regionally and commits to working together to that end;

NOW THEREFORE the Parties agree as follows:

1. For the purposes of this MOU, the term "Community and Economic Development" is to be interpreted broadly, and includes business retention and expansion, business attraction, support for small business, business and organizational training, support for local development and community organizations, development of a realistic regional tourism marketing strategy, and community capacity building, as well as efforts aimed at growing our population and improving our demographics.
2. The Parties will each identify at least one member of their staff to work together to develop a joint CED Strategy. Drafts of the Strategy will be provided to the CAO of each Party on a regular basis. When the CAOs are satisfied the Strategy is reasonably complete, they will recommend it to their respective Councils for adoption. The Parties together will consult with the Towns of Springhill, Oxford and Parrsboro prior to adopting the Strategy.
3. When the CED Strategy has been adopted by the Parties, at least one member of the staff of each Party will be identified to work together to develop an implementation plan. The plan will include a budget, the staff and other resource allocations required, a timetable, a reporting and communication plan, and an evaluation mechanism.



4. The Parties will share the draft implementation plan with the aforesaid Towns before it is adopted and will consider identified opportunities for cooperation and coordination with those Towns at that time.
5. Commencing with the signing of this MOU, and while the CED Strategy and implementation plan are being developed, the Parties agree to share their staff CED resources.

In witness whereof the Parties have executed this MOU by their authorized signing officers the day and year first above written:

#### SCHEDULE 'A'

##### Guiding Principles for Shared Service Partnerships

January 2013

##### Preamble

In the environment in which municipal governments operate today, it is expected that opportunities for service provision partnerships should be fully explored. These partnerships should be pursued to improve organizational efficiency and effectiveness. Successful municipal partnerships must, over the long term, add value to our customers and build organizational capacity to improve municipal services.

##### Guiding Principles

With this in mind we offer the following principles to guide shared service partnership discussions between the Town of Amherst and the Municipality of the County of Cumberland:

1. Organizational, political and staff threats should be removed from the process in order to ensure "buy in" at all levels. In that spirit, these discussions will not result in:
  - a. Annexation by either municipal unit b.
  - Amalgamation of the two units
  - c. Termination of current employees. Any staff related savings identified in a proposed shared service partnership business plan will be achieved through attrition and/or reassignment and reallocation of staff responsibilities. No current staff member will have their employment terminated as a result of a shared service partnership initiative. The human resource component of any shared service partnership proposal business plan shall include a requirement that the staffing complement be reviewed any time a current employee leaves the employ of the business unit involved to ensure that any potential efficiency identified may be captured.
2. All proposed shared service partnerships will be fully explored at the senior staff level and must be approved by both CAO's before being presented to the respective Councils for final approval. CAO's will not bring forward shared service partnership proposals which do not represent, in their opinion, workable service provision alternatives which are sustainable in the long term.
3. The role of the respective Councils shall be to receive and consider for approval any shared service partnership proposal brought forward by the CAO's.
4. The role of the GAO's shall be to coordinate the work of their respective senior staff members in preparing shared service partnership proposals. Both CAO's must formally approve a shared service partnership proposal prior to it being presented to the respective Councils.
5. CAO's will provide periodic updates to their respective Councils on potential shared service partnership proposals that will be coming forward for Council consideration.

5.4. Amherst Youth Town Council Policy and Appointments

**Moved By: Councillor Frank Balcom**

**Seconded By: Councillor Terry Rhindress**

**That Council amend the Amherst Youth Town Council Policy #10350-21 to allow a maximum of two County youth residents from grades 7-12 who attend Amherst schools to be a part of Amherst Youth Town Council.**

**Motion Carried**

**AMHERT YOUTH TOWN COUNCIL POLICY**

**NUMBER 10350-21**

**PURPOSE:**

To establish a policy for the governance of the Amherst Youth Town Council.

**BASIS:**

The Amherst Youth Town Council will act as an advisory body to Town Council on those matters within the influence of the Town of Amherst which have an impact on the youth of the Town, regardless of their cultural and religious identity, socio-economic background, intellectual and physical abilities, sexuality or gender. The Amherst Youth Town Council will improve the image of the Town of Amherst by raising the profile of the Town's youth. The Council will create community awareness of youth facilities, youth services, youth organizations and the opportunities and programs they provide.

**ROLE OF COMMITTEE:**

1. The Amherst Youth Town Council will identify and bring forward issues which have impact on the youth of Amherst and, while not directly under the control of the Town of Amherst, may be of sufficient significance to warrant the Town's consideration or support.
2. The Amherst Youth Town Council shall encourage its members to become more familiar with the workings of local government through education, involvement and participation.
3. The Amherst Youth Town Council will, through researching issues and presenting constructive solutions, act as a realistic advocate for the youth of our community.
4. The Amherst Youth Town Council will endeavor to participate actively in community events and activities in Amherst and through this involvement, foster a positive image for all young people.
5. The Amherst Youth Town Council may address, foster discussion or make recommendations to Town Council on issues pertaining to all levels of government.

**MEMBERSHIP:**

1. The Council shall appoint members of the Amherst Youth Town Council by resolution.
2. The maximum number of appointees on the Amherst Youth Town Council is 12
3. Members shall be students attending Amherst schools from grade 7 to 12 with a maximum of two members being County residents
4. The term for citizen youth appointees shall be one year, and members may be re-appointed to the Committee without limitations. Citizen appointee terms shall commence November 1<sup>st</sup> annually
5. In September of each year, advertisements for expressions of interested will be posted using appropriate media to reach youth. Council will appoint members for the new term prior to the end of October each year.

**MEETINGS:**

1. Meetings will be scheduled by the chairperson in consultation with staff. Generally meetings will commence at 4:00 PM.
2. The committee will meet bi-monthly or as required. The Amherst Youth Town Council will meet on at least one occasion annually with Amherst Town Council. All meetings are open to the public.

**Moved By: Councillor Frank Balcom**

**Seconded By: Councillor George Baker**

**That Council re-appoint the following eight members to the Amherst Youth Town Council: Brandon Sutherland-Metz; Chelsey Borne; Noah Sangster; Connor Scott ; Forrest Dawe; Madelynn Carter; Brandon Stelle; and Jordan McManaman; and further, that Council appoint the following four new**

members: grade 8 student Ethan McAloney; grade 11 student Alisha Christie; grade 7 student Alexandra Degenstein; and grade 12 student Jon Cheverie (County resident).

Motion Carried

5.5. **Tourism Marketing Levy**

Moved By: Councillor David March  
 Seconded By: Councillor Terry Rhindress

Whereas Central Nova tourist Association (CNTA) is the recognized Destination Marketing Organization (DMO) for the Town of Amherst; and

Whereas CNTA presented a request to the Committee of the Whole of Amherst town Council on October 21, 2013 seeking Council Support for Provincial legislation to establish a Marketing Levy Act authorizing the Town of Amherst to establish a Marketing Levy Bylaw; and

Whereas CNTA is consulting industry stakeholders seeking support for a Marketing Levy;

Be it resolved that the Town of Amherst by approved motion endorses the establishment of a marketing Levy Act for the region of Central Nova Scotia.

Motion Carried

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| <b>Recorded</b> |          |          |
| Robert Small    | Yes      |          |
| George Baker    | Yes      |          |
| Frank Balcom    | Yes      |          |
| Robert Bird     |          | No       |
| Lisa Emery      | Yes      |          |
| David March     | Yes      |          |
| Terry Rhindress | Yes      |          |
| <b>Results</b>  | <b>6</b> | <b>1</b> |

5.6. **Municipal Climate Change Action Plan (MCCAP)**

Moved By: Councillor George Baker  
 Seconded By: Councillor Frank Balcom

That Council approve the Municipal Climate Change Action Plan for the Town of Amherst and direct staff to forward it to the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations

Motion Carried

5.7. **December Meeting Dates**

Moved By: Councillor Terry Rhindress  
 Seconded By: Councillor George Baker

That Council change the December meeting dates to December 9 at 4:00 PM for Committee of the Whole and December 16 at 7:00 PM for Regular Council. hat Council change the December meeting dates to December 9 at 4:00 PM for Committee of the Whole and December 16 at 7:00 PM for Regular Council.

Motion Carried

5.8. **Amherst 125 Committee**

Moved By: Councillor David March  
 Seconded By: Councillor Terry Rhindress

That Council approve the amended Terms of Reference for the Amherst 125 Committee to increase total membership to 14, and appoint the following community members to that Committee, effective immediately: Jim Henwood and Trina Clark.

Motion Carried

5.9. Funding Request - Community Christmas Dinner

Moved By: Councillor George Baker

Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Lisa Emery

That Council approve funding in the amount of \$250 under the Town's Community Support Grants Policy in support of the Community Christmas Dinner being held December 25th, in Amherst.

Motion Carried

5.10. Funding Request - NSCC Skate for Prostate Hockey Game

Moved By: Councillor Terry Rhindress

Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Lisa Emery

That Council approve funding in the amount of \$225 under the Town's Community Support Grants Policy in support of NSCC's Skate for Prostate Hockey Game taking place November 30 during the Rambler Game.

Motion Carried

5.11. Funding Request - CA-R-MA (Cat Rescue Maritimes)

Moved By: Councillor Frank Balcom

Seconded By: Councillor George Baker

That Council approve a one-time contribution of \$1,000 under the Town's Community Support Grants Policy in support of Cat Rescue Maritimes clinics being held to spay/neuter homeless or abandoned cats.

Motion Carried

5.12. Emergency in the Philippines

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Lisa Emery

Seconded By: Councillor Terry Rhindress

That Council approves a contribution of \$1,000 toward the Typhoon Haiyan Relief Fund for the Philippines through the Canadian Red Cross.

Motion Carried

5.13. Seniors Strategy

Moved By: Councillor David March

Seconded By: Councillor Frank Balcom

That Council approve the Town of Amherst Seniors Strategy and direct staff to present an implementation plan at the December regular meeting for Council's consideration.

Motion Carried

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1. BMO Building

Deputy Mayor Emery reported that two Open House sessions will take place on Wednesday, December 4, as stated in the media release distributed last week. She commented on the estimate from Maritech which was also included in the agenda, and encouraged interested members of the public to come to one of the open house sessions.

7. INTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1. Amherst Board of Police Commissioners

Deputy Mayor Emery presented the following report on behalf of the Amherst Board of Police Commissioners:

Chair Emery attended a session regarding policing costs and community safety at the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities. Some of the notes she took were reviewed.

***“Reform could include new community safety initiatives through the Commission in conjunction with the Chief and Department of Justice. We need the right tools for the right job. There is a public safety website with an index of policing initiatives. When on the public safety website you can search for Economics of Policing. We need changes to the status quo. We could bring in private security companies, be more collaborative with neighbouring towns, or integrate the commissioners.”***

***“The agreement of the UNSM and Boards would split the former Police Service Advisory Committee. There would be a Local Contract Management Committee for the Provincial Police Service Agreement matters and service delivery as it relates to the RCMP, and a Joint Police Services and Community Safety Advisory Committee to consider more broadly, efficiency and effectiveness issues relating to community safety.”***

The Nova Scotia Association of Police Boards (NSAPB) has changed its name and bylaws to reflect the new name, Nova Scotia Association of Police Governance (NSAPG). The committee was briefed on the new name and bylaw change. Also, Chair Emery is the secretary of the NSAPG for the next year. A letter was sent from President David Walker (Bridgewater) to the new Minister of Justice to set up a meeting for discussion of many topics regarding policing. Chair Emery will report back after this has occurred.

The statement of revenues and expenses from the September conference was reviewed. There was a profit of close to \$10,000. The balance will be split between the two associations (NSAPG and the Nova Scotia Chiefs of Police Association NSCPA). The Board deliberated on donations of \$1,000 each to the Adult Bridge Service Centre in Amherst and the Golden Opportunities Vocational Centre in Springhill. The donations will come back from the two Associations. We are pleased to be able to bring some of the money back to the community as donations from the conference.

Board members received their training binders and Chair Emery will present training information at each meeting over the next year.

## **7.2. Amherst Youth Town Council**

Councillor Balcom recognized AYTC Chair Brandon Sullivan-Metz in the audience, and presented the following report on behalf of the Amherst Youth Town Council:

During the past three months the AYTC have been involved in various events around the community such as the CAST Event (September 11), Spider Jones Book Signing (September 18), Amherst Food Drive (October 5), Wreath Laying for Remembrance Day (November 11) and most recently, the Amherst Christmas Parade (November 23).

On November 30 the AYTC will partner with the “Skate 4 Prostate” hockey game where our youth will volunteer as well as host a booth at the game to promote themselves. Our youth council has been involved directly in the planning of events that will take place during this game.

Our biggest task to date has been the providing information to and working with Dr. Lena Walker as she builds a youth strategy for the Town of Amherst. Our youth council met with Dr. Walker in a meeting setting and was asked to answer a series of question to help enhance her knowledge of youth in our community. Since this meeting back in September, our youth members have been engaged by Dr. Walker to have a one on one meeting to answer further questions. The youth are truly enjoying this process as they feel their thoughts are helping this strategy take shape.

## **7.3. Downtown Business Advisory Committee**

Councillor March presented the following report on behalf of the Downtown Business Advisory Committee:

DBAC members met last on November 13<sup>th</sup> in Council Chambers. The Business Recruitment Sub-Committee reported on CKDH facebook polls that were conducted with such questions as “When do you start your Christmas shopping” and “Where do you spend your Christmas dollars”.

The Communications Sub-Committee reported that four businesses in the downtown were presented with their new business certificates: *Downtown Wash & Lube*, *Hairstyles by Ryan*, *Electric Street Knitting Room* and *Train Station Artisan's Market*. One additional business: *The Zen Touch Inc.* was added to the list to receive a certificate.

The Marketing Committee reported on two separate training programs: one that the Town has partnered with NSCC, and the other through Nova Scotia Department of Labour and Advanced Education.

Coupon books are continuing to be distributed; mainly to groups coming to town such as sports tournaments or festivals. 700 were handed out to Downtown Businesses to their customers to create awareness. Any groups looking for coupons should contact Jenn Borne.

The Downtown Passport will run again this Christmas to encourage consecutive purchases in the downtown. Other downtown marketing initiatives are:

- Black Friday on November 29
- Artisan's Market on December 7
- Community Spirit on December 14, of which business owners will be asked to make a donation of choice to the Amherst Food Assistance Network, based on their sales.

The Festivals & Events Committee presented a proposed and budget actuals from the Downtown Street Party as well as discussing security issues and liquor inspection from the event. Restructuring of DBAC was also discussed by this committee chair.

Updates on the status of the 125 Committee, as well as the two new positions were provided.

DBAC members wish to be invited to a COW meeting in the new year of which MLA Terry Farrell is also present. The next DBAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 10, 2013 at 5:00 PM in Council Chambers.

## **8. EXTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **8.1. Cumberland Public Libraries**

Councillor Balcom presented the following report on behalf of Cumberland Public Libraries:

#### **Coming Soon**

In its ninth year, Food For Fines is a program where all Cumberland Public Libraries will forgive fines in exchange for non-perishable food items. Food items donated go to the food bank in the community where they were donated. Last year we received over 900 food items and forgave over \$1,800 in fines. Now is a great time to check your account for unpaid fines! Food For Fines starts December 2 and will continue until the end of December.

Look for the return of C.A.R.T (Children and Adults Reading Together), a popular pre-school program that teaches children the fundamentals of reading and their parents or guardians ways to incorporate literacy into everyday activities, in January. For more information about C.A.R.T contact your local branch.

#### **Did you know?**

We have LEGO and LEGO Robotics! LEGO programs for kids grades P-6 started this fall in Amherst, Oxford, Springhill and Advocate. In December, Parrsboro will be offering their first LEGO program. Thanks to everyone who donated their old LEGO collections to the library. Contact your local library to find out when LEGO Robotics will be available at your area.

#### **Statistics**

In the month of October, Cumberland Public Libraries signed out over 11,000 items! This includes books, movies, TV shows, magazines and more. Also in October, the seven libraries held 75 programs County-wide for children and adults, with 941 people in attendance.

#### **Find out what's going on**

Check out the library's webpage ([www.cumberlandpubliclibraries.ca](http://www.cumberlandpubliclibraries.ca)) to see our Calendar of Events and get information on upcoming programs. Like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter (@CumberlandPL) to get information on coming events, find out about new books and movies, and see pictures of our programs.

**8.2. Cumberland YMCA**

Councillor Bird presented the following report on behalf of the Cumberland YMCA:

- The Weston “Wonder + Cares” Campaign wrapped up on November 5, having realized \$46,051; that amount will be matched by their corporate office.
- As of October 31, the YMCA has 1,212 members! 118 of these are sponsored memberships.
- Phase 3 Renovations Update – the Y continues to work on getting the pool up to the right temperature but this is still a struggle until the heat exchanger is installed; there are issues with the pump on the hot tub that are being rectified.
- YMCA Peace Week was held November 17 – 23. People were nominated to receive the YMCA Peace Medallion.
- The second annual Staff Appreciation Week was held November 4 – 9
- The Y Service Club and Y's Menettes appreciation Night was held on November 20 to show appreciation to these two clubs that have provided vital service and support to the YMCA over the years.
- The Roaring 20's Dance and Speak Easy has been rescheduled for February 14.
- The next Board meeting is scheduled for December 3.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Prior to the adjournment, Mayor Small said that YMCA had recognized Bill Casey and Judy Giroux with presentations. He thanked Councillors Rhindress and Baker, the Y Service Club and staff for all the efforts that went into the light up and Christmas parade, and commented on how the community came out to see these events that kicked off the Christmas season in Amherst. He congratulated the PeeWee AA team on their success in the Bluenose Hockey Tournament. Tickets are available for Chamber of Commerce's New Year's Eve Gala.

On motion by Councillor Rhindress the meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

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Gregory D. Herrett, CA  
Town Clerk and CAO

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Robert Small  
Mayor