

TOWN OF AMHERST
Regular Council Meeting
Minutes

0789

Date: January 22, 2018
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Council Chambers, Town Hall

Members Present Mayor David Kogon
Deputy Mayor Sheila Christie
Councillor Jason Blanch
Councillor Vince Byrne
Councillor Darrell Jones
Councillor Wayne MacKenzie
Councillor Terry Rhindress

Staff Present Greg Herrett, CAO
Jason MacDonald, Deputy CAO Operations
Ian Naylor, Police Chief
Bill Schurman, Director Recreation
Greg Jones, Fire Chief
Rebecca Purdy, Executive Assistant
Natalie LeBlanc, Executive Assistant
Tom McCoag, Corporate Communications Officer
Kim Jones, HR
Sarah Wilson, Accountant

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kogon called the meeting to order at 7:00PM and introduced special guests, Youth Councillor Olivia Pulsifer and National Anthem singer Michelle LeBlanc.

2. O'CANADA

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

3.1 Approval of the Agenda

Moved By Deputy Mayor Christie

Seconded By Councillor Byrne

To approve the agenda.

Motion Carried

3.2 Approval of Minutes

Moved By Councillor Rhindress

Seconded By Councillor MacKenzie

To approve the minutes of the December 18, 2017 regular meeting of Council.

Motion Carried

4. REQUESTS FOR DECISION

4.1 Council Appointment to Tourism Committee (7213)

Moved By Councillor MacKenzie

Seconded By Councillor Blanch

That Council appoint Councillor Jones to the adhoc inter-municipal tourism committee, with Deputy Mayor Christie as the alternate member.

Motion Carried

4.2 Tender - Design East Pleasant Street (7197)

Moved By Deputy Mayor Christie

Seconded By Councillor Rhindress

That Council accept the proposal for the engineering design of the East Pleasant Street reconstruction project from EXP Consulting Engineering Services of Halifax in the amount of \$25,440 plus HST.

Motion Carried

4.3 Temporary Borrowing Resolution (7190)

Moved By Councillor Byrne

Seconded By Deputy Mayor Christie

That Council approve a Temporary Borrowing Resolution in the amount not exceeding \$1,712,500 for the following items, and it's submittal to the Department of Municipal Affairs for Ministerial approval:

East Victoria Street – water main replacement (water utility)	\$183,000
Production Well Blow Off for 2 Wells (water utility)	\$50,000
Alma Street – water main replacement (water utility)	\$50,000
Highfield Street – water main replacement (water utility)	\$50,000
Freeman Street – water main replacement (water utility)	\$30,000
Trench Box (water utility)	\$20,000
E. Victoria St. – sanitary sewer, street reconstruction, curb	\$367,000
Station Street – storm water separation	\$412,500
Fire Truck	<u>\$550,000</u>
	<u>\$ 1,712,500</u>

Motion Carried

4.4 Council Committee Appointments (6628)

Moved By Councillor Jones

Seconded By Councillor Blanch

That the following committee appointments be further extended to February 28, 2018:

Mayor Kogon

- " Audit Committee
- " Committee of the Whole
- " A. Animal Shelter
- " Regional Emergency Management Committee

Deputy Mayor Christie

- " Audit Committee
- " Committee of the Whole
- " Amherst Board of Police Commissioners (October 31, 2018)
- " Planning Advisory Committee
- " Susan Taylor Theatre Advisory Committee
- " VON Board of Directors
- " YMCA Board of Directors

Councillor Blanch

- " Audit Committee
- " Committee of the Whole
- " Amherst Board of Police Commissioners (October 31, 2019)
- " Municipal Alcohol Project
- " Tree Advisory Committee
- " Tyndall Wellfield Advisory Committee

Councillor Byrne

- " Committee of the Whole
- " Cumberland Joint Services Management Authority (CJSMA)
- " Regional Emergency Management Committee

Councillor Jones

- " Audit Committee
- " Committee of the Whole
- " Amherst Board of Police Commissioners (October 31, 2019)
- " Senior Safety Advisory Group
- " Tyndall Wellfield Advisory Committee

Councillor MacKenzie

- " Audit Committee
- " Committee of the Whole
- " Cumberland Public Libraries Board
- " Planning Advisory Committee
- " West Highlands Redevelopment Committee

Councillor Rhindress

- " Audit Committee
- " Committee of the Whole
- " Cumberland Joint Services Management Authority
- " Northern Region Solid Waste Committee
- " Planning Advisory Committee
- " West Highlands Redevelopment Committee

Motion Carried

4.5 Cumberland Business Connector - Inter-Municipal Agreement (7211)

Moved By Councillor Blanch

Seconded By Councillor MacKenzie

That Council approve the Cumberland Business Connector Intermunicipal Agreement amendment to Section 7 Paragraph 1 to read "There shall be a Liaison and Oversight Committee, with the functions and responsibilities set out in this section and section 8 below, comprised as follows:

- the three CAOs of the Municipalities, or their designate, as voting members;
- one person appointed by the Nova Scotia Department of Municipal Affairs, as a voting member; and
- one person appointed by the Nova Scotia Department of Labour and Advanced Education, as a non-voting member.

Motion Carried

4.6 Banning of Single Use Plastic Bags

Moved By Councillor Rhindress

Seconded By Councillor Blanch

That the Town of Amherst supports a province-wide ban on single-use plastic bags, provided that the ban is part of a province-wide strategy and promotional campaign to reduce the use of all single-use plastic products.

Motion Carried

5. INTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1 Planning Advisory Committee (7259)

Deputy Mayor Christie presented the report from the Planning Advisory Committee. This being an information item, no direction was given or action required.

5.2 Amherst Board of Police Commissioners (7258)

Councillor Blanch presented the report for the Amherst Board of Police Commissioners, noting particularly the presentation given by members of the Cumberland Integrated Street Crime Unit on their teams efforts to combat the spread of criminal activities that affect both Amherst and the entire region. In speaking further to the presentation, Chief Naylor suggested that members would be willing to give the presentation to Council.

5.3 Amherst Youth Town Council (7260)

Olivia Pulsifer presented the report from the Amherst Youth Town Council. This being an information item, no direction was given or action required.

6. EXTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 Cumberland Senior Safety Society (7265)

Councillor Jones presented the report for the Cumberland Senior Safety Society. As this was an information item, no direction was given or action required.

6.2 Cumberland YMCA (7266)

Deputy Mayor Christie presented the report for the Cumberland YMCA. She indicated that YMCA Community Support Co-ordinator Alison Laird contacted her about the possibility of doing a presentation on her work with homelessness in the area. Council agreed they would like to have a presentation.

6.3 Cumberland Joint Services Management Authority (7267)

Councillor Byrne presented the report for the Cumberland Joint Services Management Authority. As this was an information item, no direction was given or action required.

6.4 Northern Region Solid Waste Committee (7272)

No report given.

6.5 L. A. Animal Shelter (7257)

Mayor Kogon presented the report for the L.A. Animal Shelter. As this was an information item, no direction was given or action required.

7. ADJOURNMENT

**Moved By Councillor Rhindress
Seconded By Councillor Jones
To adjourn the meeting at 7:30PM.**

Motion Carried

Following the meeting, long-time employee Rebecca Purdy, Executive Assistant to Mayor, Council and the CAO was recognized for her 24 years of dedicated service to the Town of Amherst, and congratulated on her upcoming retirement. Mayor Kogon presented her with a plaque, while the CAO presented her with flowers.

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

David Kogon
Mayor