

**Amherst Town Council
Committee of the Whole
Minutes**

Date: May 6, 2020
Time: 4:00 pm
Location: Virtual Zoom Meeting

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

Staff Present Greg Herrett, CAO
Jason MacDonald, Deputy CAO Operations
Shelley Rector, Chief Financial Officer
Dwayne Pike, Police Chief
Greg Jones, Fire Chief
Andrew Fisher, Manager of Planning & Strategic Initiatives
Tom McCoag, Corporate Communications Officer
Kim Jones, Municipal Clerk
Natalie LeBlanc, Deputy Clerk

Others Present Sarah Wilson, Manager of Financial Services

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the requirement for physical distancing, this was a virtual meeting held via Zoom.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Kogon called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

2. Budget Binders and Discussion on Budget Process

The CFO provided an overview of the binder, pointing out the overall general rate will remain the same as last year. She noted that the Community Support Area Rate, as well as COVID-19 implications to the budget will be discussed at a meeting next week. She further advised that staff continue to make adjustments to the 2019/2020 year-end actuals and that they are still not finalized.

3. Proposed Property Tax Financing Policy

The CAO reviewed the presentation and draft policy included in the agenda package.

Moved By Deputy Mayor Christie

Seconded By Councillor Rhindress

That staff be directed to finalize the Property Tax Financing Policy in consultation with other municipalities and have a final copy ready for Council review on or before the May 19th Committee of the Whole meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

4. Adjournment

Moved By Councillor Byrne

Seconded By Councillor Rhindress

To adjourn the meeting at 5:12 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Kimberlee Jones
Municipal Clerk

David Kogon, MD
Mayor