

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

**Date:** June 15, 2020  
**Time:** 3:30 pm  
**Location:** Zoom Virtual 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

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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 3:30 p.m.

**1.1 Approval of Agenda**

**Moved By Councillor Byrne**

**Seconded By Councillor MacKenzie**

**That the agenda be approved as circulated.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**1.2 Approval of Minutes**

**1.2.1 May 19, 2020**

**Moved By Councillor Rhindress**

**Seconded By Deputy Mayor Christie**

**To approve the minutes of the May 19, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting as attached.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**1.2.2 May 22, 2020**

**Moved By Deputy Mayor Christie**

**Seconded By Councillor Jones**

**To approve the minutes of the May 22, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting as attached.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**1.2.3 June 8, 2020**

**Moved By Councillor Byrne**

**Seconded By Councillor Rhindress**

**To approve the minutes of the June 8, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting as attached.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**2. Presentations**

**2.1 Elizabeth Smith-McCrossin**

Elizabeth Smith-McCrossin, MLA for Cumberland North, spoke to Council about her concerns with the COVID-19 related provincial border closures and the hardships it is causing particularly to residents in our area. She asked for Council's support in re-opening them.

**3. Council Direction Requests**

**3.1 Alternative Voting**

**Moved By Councillor Jones**

**Seconded By Councillor Byrne**

**That Council forward the proposed alternative voting solution of a full electronic voting process to the June 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting of Council for approval.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**3.2 Community Support Grants**

**Moved By Councillor Jones**

**Seconded By Councillor Byrne**

**That Council forward the award of \$10,000 to Maggie's Place with the condition that some of the funding combined with the \$7,345 from last year be used to create a designated youth space in the Town of Amherst with the remainder of the grants to organizations to the next Council meeting.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**3.3 Burning Bylaw**

**Moved By Councillor Byrne**

**Seconded By Deputy Mayor Christie**

**It is recommended that amendments to bylaw C-7 “Fires and Burning of Materials Bylaw” be considered and direction be provided to staff to proceed with the process of amending this bylaw.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**4. Monthly Reports**

**4.1 Corporate Services**

Information item; no direction given or action required.

**4.2 Operations**

Information item; no direction given or action required.

**4.3 Police Services**

Information item; no direction given or action required.

**4.4 Community Well Being**

Information item; no direction given or action required.

**4.5 Fire Services**

Information item; no direction given or action required.

**4.6 Planning & Strategic Initiatives**

Information item; no direction given or action required.

**4.7 Economic Development**

Information item; no direction given or action required.

**5. In Camera**

**Moved By Councillor Rhindress**

**Seconded By Deputy Mayor Christie**

**That the Committee move to an in camera session.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**6. Adjournment**

**Moved By Councillor Byrne**

**Seconded By Councillor MacKenzie**

**To adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

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Kimberlee Jones  
Municipal Clerk

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David Kogon, MD  
Mayor