

**TOWN OF AMHERST
Regular Council Meeting
Minutes**

Date: December 21, 2020
Time: 6:00 pm
Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

Members Present Mayor David Kogon
 Deputy Mayor Hal Davidson
 Councillor George Baker
 Councillor Sheila Christie
 Councillor Lisa Emery
 Councillor Dale Fawthrop
 Councillor Leon Landry

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

Others Present Rajan Minocha-McKenney, Junior Mayor, AYTC Representative

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 order at 6:00 p.m.
2. **TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT**
 Mayor Kogon gave the Territorial Acknowledgement.
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES**
 - 3.1 **Approval of the Agenda**
 Moved By Councillor Christie
 Seconded By Councillor Emery
 To approve the agenda as circulated.

Motion Carried
 - 3.2 **Approval of Minutes**
 Moved By Councillor Baker
 Seconded By Councillor Fawthrop
 That the minutes of the November 23, 2020 regular meeting of Council be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried
4. **REQUESTS FOR DECISION**
 - 4.1 **Temporary Borrowing Resolution**
 Moved By Councillor Baker
 Seconded By Deputy Mayor Davidson
 That Council approve a Temporary Borrowing Resolution in the amount not exceeding \$1,378,000 for the following items, and submit it to the Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing for Ministerial approval:

Albion – water main replacement (water utility)	\$ 433,000
Wellfield generator (water utility)	240,000
Monitoring wells (water utility)	40,000
Fire truck – pumper truck	600,000
Land purchase	65,000
	\$ 1,378,000

Motion Carried

4.2 Challenge Fund Agreement

Councillor Emery declared a conflict of interest.

Moved By Councillor Christie

Seconded By Councillor Fawthrop

That Council approve and authorize the Mayor and CAO to sign the attached Advancing Target 1 in Nova Scotia - A Collaborative Conservation Approach agreement between the Town of Amherst and the Nova Scotia Department of Environment.

Motion Carried

4.3 Dr. & Mrs. H.E. Christie Community Foundation Donation

Moved By Deputy Mayor Davidson

Seconded By Councillor Christie

That Council approve the acceptance of the donation from The Dr. & Mrs. H.E. Christie Community Foundation and the disbursement to Cumberland County Minor Hockey Association in the amount of \$10,000, in accordance with the request of the donor.

Motion Carried

4.4 Benevity Community Impact Fund Donation

Moved By Councillor Emery

Seconded By Councillor Landry

That Council approve the acceptance of the donation from Stephen Maltby via the Benevity Community Impact Fund and the disbursements noted below, in accordance with the request of the donor:

Cumberland Spartans Swim Club	\$ 2,500
Amherst Bantam Baseball	2,000
Amherst Little League	2,000
Cumberland County Minor Hockey Association	2,500
Fundy Soccer	1,000
	\$ 10,000

Motion Carried

4.5 Community Credit Union Business Innovation Center Agreement

Councillor Baker declared a conflict of interest.

Moved By Councillor Landry

Seconded By Deputy Mayor Davidson

That Council approve the attached Memorandum of Agreement (MOU) between the Town of Amherst and the Community Credit Union of Cumberland Colchester Limited which extends the period for payments under the Naming Rights agreement and waives arrears interest in the amount of \$1,119.27 and usage charges in the amount of \$275.00, and authorize the CAO to sign the MOU on behalf of the Town.

Motion Carried

This Memorandum of Understanding is made this ____ day of _____, 2020_

BETWEEN: THE TOWN OF AMHERST, a municipal body corporate
(hereinafter called "Amherst")

OF THE FIRST PART

-and-

THE COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION OF CUMBERLAND COLCHESTER LIMITED, a body
corporate

(hereinafter called "CCU")

OF THE OTHER PART

WHEREAS the parties have previously agreed on February 10, 2016 to the CREDIT UNION BUSINESS
INNOVATION CENTRE NAMING AGREEMENT, a copy of which forms Appendix 1 to this MOU; and

WHEREAS CCU has experienced significant financial challenges during its 2019 fiscal year that have resulted in
significant losses; and

WHEREAS CCU has failed to make the \$28,571.42 that was due on January 1, 2020, resulting in a total outstanding
balance of \$85,714.26 remaining to be paid in accordance with Paragraph 4 (a) of the original agreement (Schedule
1) and accrued interest charges of \$xxx to date; and

WHEREAS CCU has paid \$xxx in rental charges for use of the subject facility during the months of October,
November and December of 2020; and

WHEREAS CCU has requested that the payment schedule set out in Paragraph 4(a) of Appendix 1 be amended to
allow it more flexibility in meeting its obligations; and

WHEREAS Amherst has indicated its willingness to agree to certain changes to the original agreement and the
waiver of some charges for interest and usage;

NOW THEREFORE the Parties agree as follows:

1. That the payment schedule set out in Paragraph 4(a) of the original agreement (Appendix 1) be amended to reflect the following schedule:
 - a. On signing this MOU - \$14,285.71
 - b. January 1, 2021 - \$14,285.71
 - c. January 1, 2022 - \$14,285.71
 - d. January 1, 2023 - \$14,285.71
 - e. January 1, 2024 - \$14,285.71
 - f. January 1, 2025 - \$14,285.70
2. That CCU shall agree to pay outstanding accrued interest charged relating to February, June and July of \$882.51. Interest of \$1199.27 for August to November of 2020 shall be waived by Amherst.
3. That Amherst shall credit CCU's account facility usage charges of \$275.00, which have been fully paid, for the months of October and November of 2020.
4. That the net amount resulting from paragraphs 3 and 4 above shall be paid by CCU to Amherst on signing this MOU.
5. That no other changes to the original agreement shall result from this MOU;

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

The Town of Amherst

Per _____

Community Credit Union of Cumberland Colchester
Limited

Per _____

5. INTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 5.1 Planning Advisory Committee - No Report**
- 5.2 Amherst Board of Police Commissioners - No Report**
- 5.3 Audit Committee - No Report**
- 5.4 Amherst Youth Town Council - AYTC Representative**
Information item; no direction given or action required.


6. EXTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 6.1 Cumberland Public Libraries - Fawthrop**
Information item; no direction given or action required.
- 6.2 Cumberland YMCA - Fawthrop**
Information item; no direction given or action required.
- 6.3 Cumberland Joint Services Management Authority - No Report**
- 6.4 Northern Region Solid Waste Committee - No Report**
- 6.5 L. A. Animal Shelter - Fawthrop**
Information item; no direction given or action required.
- 6.6 Senior Safety - Emery**
Information item; no direction given or action required.
- 6.7 Inter Municipal Tourism - No Report**
- 6.8 Poverty Reduction - Landry**
Information item; no direction given or action required.
- 6.9 Municipal Alcohol Project - Emery**
Information item; no direction given or action required.

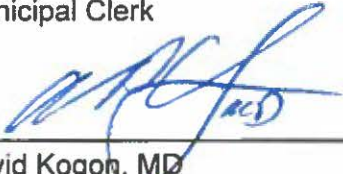
7. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Deputy Mayor Davidson
Seconded By Councillor Landry
To adjourn the meeting.

Motion Carried



Kimberlee Jones
Municipal Clerk



David Kogon, MD
Mayor