

**TOWN OF AMHERST
Regular Council Meeting
Minutes**

Date: June 28, 2021
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 Jason MacDonald, Interim CAO
 Michael Hunter, Chief Financial Officer
 Greg Jones, Fire Chief
 Andrew Fisher, Manager of Planning & Strategic Initiatives
 Aaron Bourgeois, Operations Manager
 Cheryl Laliberte, Community Well-Being Manager
 Tom McCoag, Corporate Communications Officer
 Kim Jones, Municipal Clerk
 Natalie LeBlanc, Deputy Clerk

Staff Absent: Dwayne Pike, Police Chief

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic this was a virtual meeting held via Zoom.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kogon called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Mayor Kogon gave the Territorial Acknowledgment.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

3.1 Approval of the Agenda

Moved By Councillor Baker

Seconded By Councillor Landry

To approve the agenda as circulated.

Motion Carried

3.2 Approval of Minutes

3.2.1 May 3, 2021 Special Council

Moved By Councillor Fawthrop

Seconded By Councillor Christie

To approve the minutes of the May 3, 2021 special meeting of Council as circulated.

Motion Carried

3.2.2 May 19, 2021 Public Hearing

Moved By Deputy Mayor Davidson

Seconded By Councillor Landry

To approve the minutes of the May 19, 2021 Public Hearing as circulated.

Motion Carried

- 3.2.3 **May 25, 2021 Regular Council**
Moved By Councillor Baker
Seconded By Councillor Emery
To approve the minutes of the May 25, 2021 regular meeting of Council as circulated.

Motion Carried

- 3.2.4 **June 7, 2021 Special Council**
Moved By Councillor Fawthrop
Seconded By Deputy Mayor Davidson
To approve the minutes of the June 7, 2021 special meeting of Council as circulated.

Motion Carried

4. REQUESTS FOR DECISION

- 4.1 **Appointment of Chief Administrative Officer**
Moved By Deputy Mayor Davidson
Seconded By Councillor Christie
That Council appoint Jason MacDonald as Chief Administrative Officer of the Town of Amherst effective immediately.

Motion Carried

- 4.2 **July 1st**
Moved By Councillor Landry
Seconded By Deputy Mayor Davidson
In support of our Indigenous communities, and out of respect for the grief they are feeling in the wake of the Residential School tragedy, we will pause our traditional July 1st events and instead support a day of quiet reflection.

Motion Carried

Moved By Councillor Christie
Seconded By Councillor Emery
And further that staff be directed to begin a discussion with the local indigenous community regarding a commemorative plaque or other type of appropriate recognition for the children lost.

Motion Carried

- 4.3 **'A' Fresh Start**
Due to her involvement with the Cumberland Museum Society, Councillor Emery declared a conflict of interest.

Moved By Councillor Christie
Seconded By Councillor Landry
That Council grant awards to the five finalists of the 'A' Fresh Start Program as follows:

Amherst Little League - 100% of request	\$ 5,000
Bridge Adult Service Center - 100% of request -	\$ 825
Cumberland Museum Society - 90% of request -	\$ 3,600
Lillian Albon Animal Shelter - 75% of request -	\$ 3,000
Fundy Winds Marsh - 60% of request -	<u>\$ 5,106</u>
for a total of	\$17,531

Motion Carried

4.4 Amherst Youth Town Council Appointments

Moved By Deputy Mayor Davidson

Seconded By Councillor Fawthrop

That Council reappoint the following Amherst Youth Town Council member to serve the second year of the two-year term:

Rowan Blanch Grade 10 County Resident

That Council appoint the following Amherst Youth Town Council new members:

Alexis Landry Grade 7 Town Resident

Kendaylynn Brown Grade 7 Town Resident

Leah Brunt Grade 8 Town Resident

Madeleine Davage Grade 8 Town Resident

Hallee Humphrey Grade 9 Town Resident

Oskar Sigtryggsson Grade 10 Town Resident

Motion Carried

4.5 Excessive Noise and Disturbances Bylaw First Reading

Moved By Councillor Emery

Seconded By Councillor Christie

That Council give first reading of the Respecting Excessive Noise and Disturbances By-Law.

Motion Carried

4.6 Solar for Community Buildings

Moved By Councillor Fawthrop

Seconded By Councillor Baker

That Council authorize the Mayor and CAO to sign agreements with Thermo Dynamics Ltd. to supply, install and commission two, 48 KW solar PV systems; and further,

That the system to be located on the Fire Station be relocated to a ground-mounted system at the Wastewater Treatment Facility, and the Capital Budget for this project be amended from \$183,414 to \$190,730 plus applicable tax; and further,

That the system to be located on the Police Station be relocated to a ground-mounted system at the town water reservoir property, and the Capital Budget for this project be amended from \$184,537 to \$190,730, plus applicable tax.

Motion Carried

4.7 The Dr. & Mrs. H.E. Christie Community Foundation

Moved By Councillor Landry

Seconded By Councillor Fawthrop

That Council approve the acceptance of the donation from The Dr. & Mrs. H.E. Christie Community Foundation and disbursement to Amherst Little League Baseball Club, in accordance with the request of the donor.

Motion Carried

4.8 Capital Paving

Moved By Councillor Baker

Seconded By Councillor Landry

That the award of the Capital Paving Tender (RFT-21-06) to the lowest compliant bidder, Classic Construction (2012), at their unit prices based on our estimated quantities in the total amount of \$627,700 plus \$24,000 for provisional items and non-refundable taxes, be approved by Council.

Motion Carried

4.9 Dangerous and Unsightly Premises Policy Amendment**Moved By Deputy Mayor Davidson****Seconded By Councillor Christie****That Council approve the attached amendments to the Dangerous or Unsightly Premises Policy.****Motion Carried****4.10 Spring Street Infrastructure Renewal****Moved By Councillor Landry****Seconded By Councillor Christie****That Council approve the award of tender RFT-21-18 Spring Street Infrastructure Renewal to the lowest compliant bidder, Bowers' Construction, at their unit prices based on our estimated quantities, in the total amount of \$ 373,891 (including provisional items and all non-recoverable taxes).****Motion Carried****4.11 Lions Club MOU****Moved By Councillor Christie****Seconded By Councillor Emery****That Council approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Lions Club and the Town of Amherst and authorize the Mayor and CAO to sign on the Town's behalf.****Motion Carried****5. INTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORTS****5.1 Planning Advisory Committee - No Report****5.2 Amherst Board of Police Commissioners**

Information item; no direction given or action required.

5.3 Audit Committee - No Report**5.4 Amherst Youth Town Council**

Information item; no direction given or action required.

6. EXTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**6.1 Cumberland Public Libraries**

Information item; no direction given or action required.

6.2 Cumberland YMCA

Information item. Councillor Baker requested that a tour of the YMCA be arranged for Council.

6.3 Cumberland Joint Services Management Authority

Information item; no direction given or action required.

6.4 Northern Region Solid Waste Committee

Information item; no direction given or action required.

6.5 L. A. Animal Shelter

Information item; no direction given or action required.

6.6 Senior Safety - No Report**6.7 Inter Municipal Tourism - No Report****6.8 Poverty Reduction - No Report****6.9 Municipal Alcohol Project - Emery**

Information item; no direction given or action required.


7. ADJOURNMENT

**Moved By Councillor Landry
Seconded By Councillor Christie
To adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m.**

Motion Carried



Kimberlee Jones
Municipal Clerk



David Kogon, MD
Mayor