
TITLE:	SALARY ADMINISTRATION POLICY
SECTION:	HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
POLICY NO:	04530-01

APPROVAL DATE: April 22, 2024

CAO Signature: 

PURPOSE

To set out the Policy of the Town of Amherst for salary administration for all non-union employees.

POLICY STATEMENT

The Town of Amherst will ensure the fair and equitable compensation of all non-union employees in relation to the duties of the position within the Town.

OBJECTIVES

1. To promote salary equity in the Town's non-union sector.
2. To establish a framework and procedure to determine categories of compensation for new positions.

DEFINITION OF TERMS

Salary Grid - shows all the salary scales applicable to positions within the Town. The salary grids are contained in Appendices A, A-1, B, & C. The salary grid in Appendix C has seven steps.

Step Adjustment – a move from one step, within a given salary range, to another (usually the next step) for individual employees is based on a satisfactory performance evaluation.

Salary Range - is defined as a range of pay for a category of duties, with a minimum and maximum. The range will be established by Council after considering the recommendation of the CAO.

Overall Market Review – A review of the appropriateness of the salary ranges for positions as listed in Appendix C. The review shall include a survey of the market value of similar positions.

Performance Evaluation – A formal evaluation of the employee's job performance. All employees will receive at least one Performance Evaluation in each year of service.

SALARY GRID:

An appropriate salary grid for all non-union positions shall be determined by the council:

New Positions: Recommendations for placement on the salary grid in Appendix C shall be prepared by the Chief Administrative Officer and forwarded to Council for approval.

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STEP ADJUSTMENTS

Step adjustments shall be made only when:

1. The adjustment can be accommodated within the Salary budget of the appropriate department; and
2. A current Performance Evaluation form is on file.

Upon completion of a satisfactory annual evaluation, the employee may be moved to the next step of their salary range in Appendix C. All step movements must be approved by the CAO.

The CAO may, on the recommendation of the Director, authorize a movement of up to 3 steps in one year to recognize exceptional performance. In normal circumstances employees would move one step each year upon a satisfactory performance evaluation.

TRAVEL VEHICLE ALLOWANCES:

Mayor, Council and Directors of departments shall receive a monthly vehicle allowance of \$150.00. The monthly vehicle allowance is for reimbursement for all local travel using one's personal motor vehicle for travel within the boundary of the Town of Amherst. Travel outside the boundary is covered under Policy #03000-01. The monthly vehicle allowance shall be reviewed each year after considering any changes in the cost of operating a motor vehicle.

LUNCH BREAKS:

The lunch break period shall be for a one-hour period.

PERFORMANCE EVALUATION:

Performance appraisals shall be conducted by the Chief Administrative Officer/Director at the completion of the probation period, and at least annually thereafter recorded on Performance Evaluation forms.

The Chief Administrative Officer/Director shall discuss the employee's performance evaluation in detail with the employee, in accordance with the employee evaluation system and standardized forms.

SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITY:

The Town Council shall:

1. Authorize changes to the policies comprising the program of employee compensation.
2. Review and approve salary categories for all established positions within the Town.
3. Review and consider for approval the recommendations of the CAO in regard to the appropriateness of the salary classifications and ranges from time to time if necessary.

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The Chief Administrative Officer shall:

1. Review and recommend changes to policy and procedures as they relate to the employee compensation program.
2. Ensure the maintenance of the salary rating and performance appraisal procedures.
3. Conduct salary rating and performance evaluation procedures relative to Director positions.
4. Monitor salary surveys and make recommendations to Council concerning market conditions as appropriate with an overall market review to be completed every three (3) years, or as directed by Council.
5. Grant step and/or merit adjustments to individual employees in accordance with approved policies and procedures and subject to budgeting limitations.
6. Maintain all personnel files and records.
7. Determine salary ratings for temporary and casual positions.

The Director Shall:

1. Conduct performance evaluation procedures relative to the positions and employees within their respective departments and make appropriate recommendations to the Chief Administrative Officer.
2. Make recommendations to the Chief Administrative Officer regarding step adjustments for employees within their departments.

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APPENDIX A

January 1, 2019

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Salary Grid

Job Level	Salary Amount	
Mayor	Stipend	\$41,178.00
Deputy Mayor	Stipend	\$27,723.00
Councilor	Stipend	\$25,050.00

APPENDIX A-1

April 1, 2022

Salary Grid

Other Non-Union Positions

Job Level
Chief of Police
Deputy Chief of Police

**Effective April 1, 2018 the Chief of Police and Deputy Chief of Police salaries will be calculated on April 1st of each year as being 141% and 129% of the first-class constable rates.

APPENDIX B

Town of Amherst

Hourly Rates – Casual Positions

April 1, 2024

Position	Rate
Casual Firefighter	Provincial Minimum Wage + \$4.00/hr.
Jail Guard	Provincial Minimum Wage + \$4.00/hr.
School Crossing Guard	Provincial Minimum Wage + \$2.00/hr.
New Student	Provincial Minimum Wage
First Year Returning Student	Provincial Minimum Wage + \$2.00/hr.
Second+ Year Returning Student	Provincial Minimum Wage + \$3.00/hr.
Professional Student *	Provincial Minimum Wage + \$4.00/hr.

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* Applies to student employees enrolled in a professional post-secondary program for which the Town requires specialized education requirements as a condition of employment. i.e. Engineering, Planning, Accounting, etc.

APPENDIX C

APRIL 1, 2024

Town of Amherst - 2024/25 Salary Grid Non-Union

DEPARTMENT	JOB TITLE	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5	STEP 6	STEP 7
CLERK	Municipal Clerk	72,585	74,763	77,005	79,316	81,695	84,146	86,670
	Administrative Assistant - Clerk's Office	49,740	51,232	52,769	54,352	55,983	57,662	59,392
COMMUNICATIONS	Director, Communications and IT	95,680	98,550	101,507	104,552	107,689	110,919	114,247
	IT Manager	62,295	64,164	66,089	68,071	70,114	72,217	74,383
	IT Coordinator	54,414	56,046	57,728	59,460	61,243	63,081	64,973
	Procurement Coordinator	54,414	56,046	57,728	59,460	61,243	63,081	64,973
	Communications Officer	54,414	56,046	57,728	59,460	61,243	63,081	64,973
COMMUNITY LIVING	Director of Community Living	95,680	98,550	101,507	104,552	107,689	110,919	114,247
	Community Well-Being Manager	62,295	64,164	66,089	68,071	70,114	72,217	74,383
	Culture, Events & Marketing Coordinator	49,740	51,232	52,769	54,352	55,983	57,662	59,392
	Active Living Coordinator	49,740	51,232	52,769	54,352	55,983	57,662	59,392
FINANCE	Director, Finance	95,680	98,550	101,507	104,552	107,689	110,919	114,247
	Manager of Financial Services	80,200	82,606	85,084	87,637	90,266	92,974	95,763
	Revenue Officer	54,414	56,046	57,728	59,460	61,243	63,081	64,973
	Accounting Clerk/Accounts Payable	54,414	56,046	57,728	59,460	61,243	63,081	64,973
	Water/Sewer Billing Clerk	49,740	51,232	52,769	54,352	55,983	57,662	59,392
	Cashier/Customer Service	49,740	51,232	52,769	54,352	55,983	57,662	59,392
FIRE	Director, Fire Services	95,680	98,550	101,507	104,552	107,689	110,919	114,247
	Fire Inspector	62,295	64,164	66,089	68,071	70,114	72,217	74,383
	Firefighter	54,414	56,046	57,728	59,460	61,243	63,081	64,973
HUMAN RESOURCES	Director, Human Resources	95,680	98,550	101,507	104,552	107,689	110,919	114,247
	HR Generalist	54,414	56,046	57,728	59,460	61,243	63,081	64,973
OPERATIONS	Director, Operations	95,680	98,550	101,507	104,552	107,689	110,919	114,247
	Public Works Foreman	72,585	74,763	77,005	79,316	81,695	84,146	86,670
	Facilities Manager	62,295	64,164	66,089	68,071	70,114	72,217	74,383
	Parks & Recreation Foreman	62,295	64,164	66,089	68,071	70,114	72,217	74,383
	Solid Waste Education and Coordination Officer	62,295	64,164	66,089	68,071	70,114	72,217	74,383
	Engineering Technician	62,295	64,164	66,089	68,071	70,114	72,217	74,383
PLANNING	Director, Planning & Strategic Initiatives	95,680	98,550	101,507	104,552	107,689	110,919	114,247
	Building Official	72,585	74,763	77,005	79,316	81,695	84,146	86,670
	Land Use Planner	62,295	64,164	66,089	68,071	70,114	72,217	74,383
	Business Development Officer	62,295	64,164	66,089	68,071	70,114	72,217	74,383
	Dangerous and Unsanitary Premises Coordinator	54,414	56,046	57,728	59,460	61,243	63,081	64,973
POLICE	Executive Assistant/Dispatch Coordinator	54,414	56,046	57,728	59,460	61,243	63,081	64,973
	Bylaw Enforcement Officer	49,740	51,232	52,769	54,352	55,983	57,662	59,392
	Crime Prevention Coordinator	49,740	51,232	52,769	54,352	55,983	57,662	59,392
	Dispatcher	49,740	51,232	52,769	54,352	55,983	57,662	59,392
	Criminal Records Check	41,454	42,698	43,979	45,298	46,657	48,057	49,498

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ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Titles/Positions	Responsibilities
Chief Administrative Officer	As indicated under "Scope of Responsibility"
Directors and Managers	As indicated under "Scope of Responsibility"

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VERSION LOG

Amendment Description	Policy Owner	Approved By	Approval Date
1. NS minimum wage updates; 2. Position name changes: Municipal Clerk, Dir. Corp. Communications + Info Technology, removal of GIS Coordinator, addition of Engineering Technician	Crossman: Director, HR and Customer Services	Council	March 27, 2023
Appendix B – amendment to the pay structure for student hourly rate of pay.	Director of HR & Customer Services	Council	April 24, 2023
NS minimum wage updates	Director of HR & Customer Services	Council	September 25, 2023
Addition of new position: Manager of Financial Services	Director of HR & Customer Services	Council	February 26, 2024
1. Revision of hourly rates for casual positions Appendix B, removal of Appendix C "Job Categories", revision to salary scales presented by department (new Appendix C), removal of Appendix C-1; 2. Salary steps moved to 7 levels from 8, equal differential between each step, elimination of level 1, addition of new upper level; 3. Language updates to reflect revisions to Appendices, Director, HR and Customer Services changed to Director, Human Resources. HR Administrator changed to HR Generalist.	Director of HR & Customer Services	Council	April 22, 2024

MINUTES REFERENCE DATE

December 12, 2000
 December 18, 2006
 September 29, 2008

November 2, 2004 (See April 26, 2004 Minutes)
 February 26, 2007
 March 30, 2009

November 27, 2006
 July 16, 2008
 March 29, 2010

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April 26, 2010
May 23, 2012
September 23, 2013
May 21, 2015
May 23, 2017
February 26, 2018
June 7, 2021
March 27, 2023
April 22, 2024

March 28, 2011
November 26, 2012
October 28, 2013
March 29, 2016
June 26, 2017
March 14, 2018
October 5, 2021
April 24, 2023

August 2, 2011
December 17, 2012
December 16, 2013
May 25, 2016
September 25, 2017
February 28, 2019
November 29, 2021
September 25, 2023

January 30, 2012
May 1, 2013
April 30, 2014
September 2, 2016
December 18, 2017
September 28, 2020
September 28, 2022
February 26, 2024