

**Minutes of a Special Meeting of Amherst Town Council  
Held in Council Chambers, Amherst Town Hall  
Wednesday, August 10, 2005 at 12:00 Noon**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Jerry Hallee  
Deputy Mayor David March  
Councillor George Baker  
Councillor Ed Chitty  
Councillor Dale Fawthrop  
Councillor Terry Rhindress  
Greg Herrett, CAO

**REGRETS** Councillor Robert Angel

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Hallee called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon.

**2. PURPOSE OF MEETING**

This special meeting was duly publicized and called to enable Council to consider issues related to the Amherst Stadium, and other miscellaneous items requiring decisions, due to the fact that there were no regularly scheduled meetings of Council during July and August, 2005.

**Moved by Councillor Fawthrop, seconded by Council Baker that the Agenda be adopted as circulated.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**3. RECOMMENDATIONS ON STADIUM ISSUES**

**1. Stadium Ice Rental Rates**

**Moved by Councillor Chitty, seconded by Deputy Mayor March that Council approve the recommendation of staff to set the following ice rental rates at the Amherst Stadium for the 2005-2006 season as follows:**

**Fair time** – Monday to Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM                   **\$81.00 per hour**

**Prime time** – Monday to Friday, 5:00 PM to closing, all day Saturday and Sunday                   **\$134.00 per hour**

**Youth rate** – Minor Hockey and Skating Club                   **\$102.00 per hour**

**MOTION CARRIED**

*At this point in the meeting, Councillor George Baker left Council Chambers, declaring a possible conflict of interest with respect to his position as President of the Amherst Junior "A" Ramblers and the issues with the Amherst Stadium about to be considered by Council.*

**2. Stadium Early Opening**

**Moved by Councillor Fawthrop, seconded by Councillor Chitty that Council approve a plan for early ice making at the Amherst Stadium on a one-year trial basis.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

3. **Stadium Glass and Netting**

Moved by Councillor Rhindress, seconded by Councillor Fawthrop that the Town install netting along both sides of the Stadium and six feet high Plexiglass around the visitors' bench and the penalty box for the upcoming season at a cost of \$24,296.86, with financing on the same basis as the major project.

MOTION CARRIED

4. **Amherst Junior "A" Ramblers – Contract**

Moved by Deputy Mayor March, seconded by Councillor Rhindress that Council accept the terms of the contract as recommended by Administration, and authorize the Mayor and Town Manager to execute the agreement.

MOTION CARRIED

*Councillor Baker returned to Council Chambers.*

4. **OTHER ITEMS**

1. **Appointment of Treasurer**

Moved by Councillor Baker, seconded by Councillor Chitty that Mr. Vince Arbing, CA be appointed *Treasurer and Deputy Clerk* effective immediately.

MOTION CARRIED

2. **Cheque Signing Authority**

Moved by Deputy Mayor March seconded by Councillor Rhindress that

WHEREAS the Town's Signing Authority Policy, Number 210-12, requires that all documents or cheques be signed by the Town Manager/Town Clerk or Treasurer/Deputy Clerk; and

WHEREAS a change in administration has occurred due to the retirement of the Town Manager;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council designate Gregory D. Herrett, CA, Town Manager and Vince G. Arbing, Treasurer, as the Signing Authority officers, in accordance with the Town's Signing Authority Policy. The Directors duly appointed as signing authorities remain the same – the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillor Dale Fawthrop.

MOTION CARRIED

3. **Surplus Elementary Schools**

Moved by Councillor Chitty, seconded by Deputy Mayor March that Council declare R. B. Dickey and St. Charles Elementary School properties as "surplus to the needs of the Town" and authorize staff to dispose of them by a Request for Proposals.

MOTION CARRIED

4. **Bantam "A" Provincial Tournament**

Moved by Councillor Fawthrop, seconded by Councillor Chitty that Council support the Amherst Bantam Baseball Association by providing financial support in the amount of \$500.

MOTION CARRIED

**5. Sale of 1990 Chevy Suburban**

**Moved by Councillor Baker, seconded by Councillor Rhindress that Council accept the offer from Wade Murphy of \$500 to purchase our 1990 Chevy Suburban.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**6. Garden Court Right of Way**

**Moved by Councillor Rhindress, seconded by Councillor Fawthrop that Council authorize the Mayor and Town Manager to sign Right of Way Releases for #6 and #8 Garden Court.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**7. Purchase of Playground Equipment**

**Moved by Councillor Chitty, seconded by Councillor Rhindress that Council accept the quotation from Henderson Recreation in the amount of \$18,925.00 for the supply of:**

- **A play structure and a two-bay swing structure for Harding Park**
- **A play structure for Copp Avenue Park**
- **Three swing sets to replace existing equipment at Elmwood Drive Park**

**With funding to come from this year’s capital budget.**

**5. Adjournment**

**On motion by Councillor Chitty, the meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.**

APPROVED:

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Gregory D. Herrett, Town Manager

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Jerry Hallee, Mayor