

**Minutes of a Special Meeting of Amherst Town Council
Held in Council Chambers
Friday, April 21, 2006 at 12:30 PM**

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

REGRETS: Councillor Robert Angel

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PURPOSE OF MEETING

This Special Meeting was duly publicized and called to enable Council to consider a request for funding from the Cumberland Health Care Foundation.

3. REQUEST FOR FUNDING FROM CUMBERLAND HEALTH CARE FOUNDATION

Greg Herrett read his report.

The following resolution was moved by Deputy Mayor March and seconded by Councillor Fawthrop:

Whereas the Town of Amherst has received a request for financial assistance from the Cumberland Health Care Foundation to assist with the capital requirements of the Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre; and

Whereas the Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre is operated under the auspices of the Cumberland Health Authority and the Nova Scotia Department of Health; and

Whereas the delivery of health care services is clearly the responsibility of the Province of Nova Scotia; and

Whereas the Town of Amherst has existing policy which clearly prohibits grants to organizations which are within the provincial mandate; and

Where as the Town of Amherst has significant operating and capital requirements in service areas that are clearly within the Town's legislative responsibility to deliver; and

Whereas the Town of Amherst has recently endorsed the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities Fair & Equitable Funding Initiative; and

Whereas the Town of Amherst wishes to be supportive of the efforts of the Cumberland Health Care Foundation in promoting health care in Cumberland County without providing financial support to the Foundation for capital purposes,

Therefore be it resolved that the Town of Amherst deny the request for funding from the Cumberland Health Care Foundation; and

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Be it further resolved that the Town of Amherst support the Cumberland Health Care Foundation's fund raising campaign by providing promotional and in-kind assistance by way of advertising, tax bill inserts and other means; and

Be it further resolved that the Town of Amherst express its concern regarding access by the provincial government and its agencies to revenues generated by property tax assessment by corresponding with the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities, other municipal units in Cumberland County, the Minister of Health and the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. ADJOURNMENT

On motion the meeting adjourned at 12:45

APPROVED:

Gregory D. Herrett, CAO

Jerry Hallee, Mayor