



AMHERST TOWN COUNCIL

RFD# 2023030

Date: March 27, 2023

TO: Mayor Kogon and Members of Amherst Town Council

SUBMITTED BY: Natalie LeBlanc, Municipal Clerk

DATE: March 27, 2023

SUBJECT: Citizen Appointments to the Amherst Board of Police Commissioners

ORIGIN: Current membership terms expiring March 31, 2023

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY: Bylaw Respecting the Amherst Board of Police Commissioners

RECOMMENDATION: That Council appointment Sandy Fairbanks to the Amherst Board of Police Commissioners for a one-year term effective April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024.

BACKGROUND: The Police Commission Bylaw sets out the membership requirements, which includes two community volunteers for one-year terms and one community volunteer for a two-year term. Holly MacDonald was appointed last March for a two-year term not expiring until March 31, 2024, with our other two current citizen appointee terms expiring on March 31, 2023.

DISCUSSION: We advertised for expressions of interest to serve on the Board. We received one submission from one of our current member, Sandy Fairbanks. Staff also received an expression of interest from another community member; however, due to their employment with the Federal government, they, at the time of writing this report, have not yet received confirmation from their employer as to whether or not there is a conflict in appointing them to this Board. We hope to have confirmation either way as soon as possible. If they are not able to be appointed staff will re-advertise to fill this vacancy.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: As these are volunteer positions there are no financial implications.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: The ad seeking expressions of interest appeared in the Amherst Newspaper on February 15, 2023 with a March 6, 2023 deadline for applications. The ad was also promoted through our social media channels.

SOCIAL JUSTICE IMPLICATIONS: There are no social justice implications.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS: There are no environmental implications.

ALTERNATIVES: An appointment is necessary as two of our citizen appointments expire March 31.

ATTACHMENTS: Bylaw Respecting the Amherst Board of Police Commissioners, C-1

Report prepared by: Natalie LeBlanc, Municipal Clerk

Report and Financial approved by:

