



AMHERST TOWN COUNCIL

RFD# 2023046

Date: March 27, 2023

TO: Mayor Kogon and Members of Council

SUBMITTED BY: Andrew Fisher, Director of Planning & Strategic Priorities

DATE: March 27, 2023

SUBJECT: Development Agreement – 3, 4, 5, 7, Robie Street

ORIGIN: An application for a development agreement to allow a commercial office use at 3, 4, 5, 7 Robie Street.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY: *Municipal Government Act* Part VIII Planning and Development.

RECOMMENDATION: That Council give second reading of the Development Agreement for 3,4,5,7 Robie Street.

BACKGROUND: Attached is the draft development agreement. A Public Participation Opportunity was held on January 18, 2023, the only concern raised regarding the development was parking and it was addressed by the applicant. In February the PAC recommended that Council enter into the Development Agreement. Council gave first reading on February 27, 2023, and an advertised Public Hearing was held on March 22, 2023.

Council is referred to the February 6, 2023 staff report to the PAC that contains details about the proposed development, input received through the January 18, 2023 Public Participation Opportunity, information provided by the applicant, and a review of the relevant MPS policies.

DISCUSSION: The proposal meets the general intent of relevant MPS policies. The development agreement process provided the public an opportunity to give input that is detailed in the report. Should Council decide to give Second Reading of the agreement, the public will have a period of 14-days to appeal this decision at the Nova Scotia Utility Review Board.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: No significant costs specific to this issue. Ongoing tax revenue upon completion of the development.

SOCIAL JUSTICE IMPLICATIONS: None specific to this issue.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS: None specific to this issue.





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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: January 18, 2023 Public Participation Opportunity, and March 22, 2023 Public Hearing. If approved, notice of the right to appeal council's decision is placed in the local newspaper.

ALTERNATIVES: 1) Give Second Reading of the development with specific amendments;
2) Reject the application citing specific policies that are not met by the proposal.

ATTACHMENTS: 1) Development Agreement; 2) Staff report to PAC.

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Report and Financial approved by:

