

## AMHERST TOWN COUNCIL RFD# 2018125

Date: September 24, 2018

**TO:** Mayor Kogon and Members of Council

**SUBMITTED BY:** Gregory D. Herrett, CPA, CA – Chief Administrative Officer

**DATE:** September 24, 2018

**SUBJECT:** Cumberland YMCA Contribution Agreement

**ORIGIN**: The 2018/19 operating and capital budgets, passed by Council on May 23/18 changing the nature of financial support to the Cumberland YMCA.

**LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY**: MGA Section 65 (au) authorizing grants to organizations

**RECOMMENDATION**: That Council approve the contribution agreement with the Cumberland YMCA.

**BACKGROUND**: The 2018/19 operating and capital budgets, passed by Council on May 23/18 included a change in the nature of support to the Cumberland YMCA. Previously, the Town provided a range of in kind services including solid waste collection, water rate absorption and accounting services as well as a reimbursement of operating costs related to the swimming pool. With the new budget this support has been changed to an annual cash contribution of \$100,000. During consultations with the Cumberland YMCA leading up to this change, the Town committed to negotiating a long term funding agreement with the Cumberland YMCA.

A copy of the RFD from the Council budget discussions is attached as background.

<u>DISCUSSION</u>: The CAO met with YMCA CEO Trina Clarke on several occasions over the summer and has negotiated the attached agreement. Ms. Clarke has also agreed to recommend the agreement for approval to the YMCA Board at its next meeting.

The essential elements of the agreement are:

- a. A five year term with a provision to negotiating an extension or new agreement at the end of the term
- b. A number of reporting requirements detailed in the agreement
- c. A seat on the Board for a member of Council
- d. Annual contribution of \$100,000, adjusted annually for inflation

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**: Financial implications are outlined in the April 18, 2018 RFD attached.



**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**: Cumberland YMCA was consulted and participated in the negotiation of this agreement

## **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**: None identified at this time

## **ALTERNATIVES:**

- 1) Approve the draft agreement as recommended;
- 2) Decline to approve the agreement and make the cash contributions without an agreement;
- 3) Provide direction on changes to the agreement.

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1) Draft contribution agreement
- 2) April 18, 2018 RFD detailing the financial implications of the change.

Report prepared by: G.D. Herrett, CPA, CA – Chief Administrative Officer Report and Financial approved by: