

**Amherst Town Council
Special Meeting
Minutes**

Date: August 12, 2024
Time: 12:00 pm
Location: Council Chambers, Town Hall

Members Present Mayor David Kogon
Deputy Mayor Dale Fawthrop
Councillor Charlie Chambers
Councillor George Baker
Councillor Hal Davidson
Councillor Leon Landry
Councillor Lisa Emery

Staff Present Jason MacDonald, Chief Administrative Officer
Aaron Bourgeois, Director, Operations
Andrew Fisher, Director, Planning & Strategic Initiatives
Dwayne Pike, Chief, Police Services
Greg Jones, Director, Fire Services
Krista Crossman, Director, HR & Customer Services
Sarah Wilson, Director, Finance
Torben Laux, Planner/GIS
Natalie LeBlanc, Municipal Clerk
Cindy Brown, Administrative Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kogon called the Special Council meeting to order.

1.1 TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Mayor Kogon gave the Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. REQUEST FOR DECISION

2.1 Dr. & Mrs. H.E. Christie Community Foundation Donation

Councillor Emery declared a conflict of interest.

Moved By Councillor Chambers

Seconded By Councillor Baker

That Council approve the request to receive a donation of \$500 from the Dr. & Mrs. H.E. Christie Community Foundation to fund a corresponding grant of \$500 to the Fibre Arts Society of Nova Scotia.

Motion Carried

2.2 Community Support Grants

Councillor Emery declared a conflict of interest with the Community Support Grant application from the Multi-Cultural Association of Cumberland.

Moved By Deputy Mayor Fawthrop

Seconded By Councillor Chambers

That Council approve funding in the amount of \$2,500 under the Community Support Grants Policy and Social Equity fund as follows:

Multi-Cultural Association of Cumberland- \$2,500 (Social Equity) Welcoming week celebrations.

Motion Carried

Moved By Deputy Mayor Fawthrop

Seconded By Councillor Emery

That Council approve funding in the amount of \$15,000 under the Community Support Grants Policy and Social Equity fund as follows:

Fundy Winds- \$3,500 to finish the existing Acadian Trail (Community Support Grant)

Bridge Adult Service Centre- \$1,500 to construct accessible picnic tables for the clients of the Centre (Social Equity)

Amherst Little League- \$10,000 per year for three years to launch their capital campaign for field improvements (Community Support Grant).

Motion Carried

Moved By Councillor Davidson

Seconded By Councillor Landry

That Council direct the CAO to contact the Bridge Adult Service Centre to obtain further information regarding their application for a Community Support Grant to install a new concrete walking track, new concrete wheelchair ramps and an asphalt paint walking track onto existing asphalt, and bring a recommendation back to Council.

Motion Carried

2.3 9 LaPlanche Street Development Agreement First Reading

Moved By Councillor Landry

Seconded By Councillor Davidson

That Council give First Reading of the development agreement for 9 LaPlanche Street and schedule a public hearing for Thursday, September 5, 2024 at 12:00 noon in Council Chambers.

Motion Carried

2.4 96 Church Street Heritage Deregistration

Moved By Councillor Davidson

Seconded By Councillor Landry

That Council make no decision at this time.

Motion Carried 6-1

Councillor Baker NAY vote

2.5 Capital Budget Amendment Asphalt Recycler

Moved By Councillor Emery

Seconded By Deputy Mayor Fawthrop

That Council amend the 2024/25 general capital budget in the amount of \$125,250 and the 2024/25 water utility capital budget in the amount of \$41,750 for the purchase of an asphalt recycler.

Motion Carried

2.6 Capital Budget Amendment Utility Trailer

Moved By Councillor Baker

Seconded By Councillor Emery

That Council amend the 2024/25 general capital budget in the amount of \$8,250 for the purchase of a replacement utility trailer to be funded from the Capital Reserve.

Motion Carried

3. **Closed Session**
Moved By Councillor Davidson
Seconded By Councillor Emery
To go into closed session.

Motion Carried

4. **Adjournment**
There being no further business Mayor Kogon adjourned the meeting.

Natalie LeBlanc
Municipal Clerk

David Kogon, MD
Mayor