

**Town of Amherst  
Public Hearing  
Minutes**

**Date:** September 5, 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

**Members Absent** Councillor Lisa Emery

**Staff Present** Jason MacDonald, Chief Administrative Officer  
Andrew Fisher, Director, Planning & Strategic Initiatives  
Sean Payne, Corporate Communications Officer  
Marc Buske, Building Official  
Torben Laux, Planner/GIS  
Natalie LeBlanc, Municipal Clerk  
Cindy Brown, Administrative Assistant

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Kogon called the meeting to order.

**2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

Mayor Kogon gave the Territorial Acknowledgement.

**3. 9 LaPlanche Street Development Agreement Application**

**3.1 Staff Report**

Torben Laux presented the application for a Development Agreement to create 6 units on the upper floors within the building located at 9 LaPlanche Street (PIDs 25022872, 25022922 and 25005828).

**3.2 Council Questions / Comments**

Councillor Baker asked if there would be enough room for the proposed six units. Torben Laux explained that upper two floors will have three units each. Councillor Fawthrop asked if the applicant owned the parking lot next to the building, and if there will be an emergency exit at the back. Torben Laux answered that they do own the lot next door, and that they do plan to create a rear entrance/exit.

**3.3 Public Questions / Comments**

Ondrej Saar described the previous fire exit system that used to be in the building and how there are a few options for an exit in the back of the building.

**4. Adjournment**

There being nothing further, Mayor Kogon adjourned the Public Hearing and advised that this application will be brought forward for second reading of Council on September 23, 2024.

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Natalie LeBlanc  
Municipal Clerk

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David Kogon, MD  
Mayor