



## AMHERST TOWN COUNCIL

RFD# 2024085

Date: September 23, 2024

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

**SUBMITTED BY:** Sarah Wilson, Director of Finance

**DATE:** September 23, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Appointment of Auditor

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**ORIGIN:** Audit Committee and Annual Municipal Auditor Appointment.

**LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY:** MGA Section 42(1) "The council shall appoint a municipal auditor who is registered pursuant to this Act to be the auditor for the Municipality."

**RECOMMENDATION:** That Council appoint McIsaac Darragh Inc. as the municipal auditor for auditing services for the 2024/25 fiscal year, as recommended by the Town of Amherst Audit Committee.

**BACKGROUND:** In December 2022, on the recommendation of the Audit Committee, Council appointed the chartered professional accountant firm McIsaac Darragh Inc. to be the Town's municipal auditor for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023, with the possibility of four (4) single year extensions to be reviewed and determined before March 31<sup>st</sup> of each fiscal year end.

**DISCUSSION:** A memo to the Audit Committee was reviewed at a meeting on September 9<sup>th</sup> regarding the appointment of the municipal auditor for 2024/25.

Further to this, a motion was passed that the Audit Committee recommended that Council appoint McIsaac Darragh Inc. as the municipal auditor for auditing services for the 2024/25 fiscal year.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** The cost of auditing services for the 2024/25 fiscal year will be \$51,000 + HST divided between the General Operating and the Water Utility. This will be accommodated in the 2025/26 operating budgets.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:** No community engagement is anticipated.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:** No environmental implications are anticipated with this.

**ALTERNATIVES:** Refer the matter back to the Audit Committee for an alternate recommendation.

**ATTACHMENTS:**  
None.

Report prepared by: Sarah Wilson, Director of Finance      Report and Financial approved by:

