

**Amherst Town Council  
Committee of the Whole  
Minutes**

**Date:** March 10, 2025  
**Time:** 4:00 pm  
**Location:** Council Chambers, Town Hall

**Members Present** Mayor Rob Small  
Deputy Mayor Hal Davidson  
Councillor Charlie Chambers  
Councillor Nic Furlong  
Councillor Terry McManaman  
Councillor Dwayne Ripley  
Councillor Kathy Wells

**Staff Present** Jason MacDonald, Chief Administrative Officer  
Aaron Bourgeois, Director, Operations  
Dwayne Pike, Chief, Police Services  
Greg Jones, Director, Fire Services  
Kim Jones, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer  
Krista Crossman, Director, Human Resources  
Sarah Wilson, Director, Finance  
Sharon Bristol, Director, Community Living  
Sean Payne, Corporate Communications Officer  
Torben Laux, Planner/GIS  
Marc Buske, Building Official  
Jeff Bacon, Business Development Officer  
Natalie LeBlanc, Municipal Clerk

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**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Small called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**1.1 Territorial Acknowledgement**

Mayor Small gave the Territorial Acknowledgement.

**1.2 Moment of Silence - Amherst Fire Department Volunteer Firefighter Chris Hicks**

There was a moment of silence in recognition of Amherst Fire Department Volunteer Firefighter Chris Hicks who passed away suddenly on March 3, 2025.

**2. Presentations**

**2.1 Cumberland County Transportation Services - Helen Simms**

Helen Simms, Operations Manager/Dispatcher for CCTS gave a presentation of the services they provide. Information item only.

**2.2 Net Zero Energy - Joe Collier**

Joe Collier, Project Manager with Net Zero Energy Atlantic gave a presentation on geothermal energy opportunities in the Cumberland County area. Information item only.

**2.3 Cumberland Forestry Advisory Committee - Ron Furlong**

Ron Furlong with the Cumberland Forestry Advisory Committee presented to Council on who they are, what they do, and the challenges they are facing. Information item only.

**2.4 In The Works - Sean Lockhart**

Sean Lockhart, Executive Director with In the Works a Social Enterprise Network presented to Council on the programs they provide and work done to date. Information item only.

**2.5 Cumberland Chamber of Commerce - Beth Peterkin**

Beth Peterkin, General Manager of the Cumberland Chamber of Commerce presented to Council on their new organizational structure since becoming a regional chamber of commerce, board representation, upcoming and past programs and events, and the need for new members. Information item only.

**3. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the Mayor Small adjourned the meeting.

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Natalie LeBlanc  
Municipal Clerk

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Rob Small  
Mayor