

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

Date: December 17, 2018
Time: 4:00 pm
Location: Council Chambers, Town Hall

Members Present Mayor David Kogon
Deputy Mayor Sheila Christie
Councillor Jason Blanch
Councillor Vince Byrne
Councillor Darrell Jones
Councillor Wayne MacKenzie
Councillor Terry Rhindress

Staff Present Greg Herrett, CAO
Jason MacDonald, Deputy CAO Operations
Bill Schurman, Director Recreation
Greg Jones, Fire Chief
Dwayne Pike, Acting Police Chief
Tom McCoag, Corporate Communications Officer
Andrew Fisher, Manager of Planning & Strategic Initiatives
Shelley Rector, Chief Financial Officer
Kim Jones, Municipal Clerk
Natalie LeBlanc, Deputy Clerk

1. Call to Order - 4:00 P.M.

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

1.1 Approval of Agenda

Moved By Councillor Rhindress

Seconded By Councillor Byrne

That the agenda be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

1.2 Approval of Minutes - November 19, 2018

Moved By Deputy Mayor Christie

Seconded By Councillor MacKenzie

That the minutes of the November 19, 2018 Committee of the Whole meeting be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

2. In Camera

Moved By Councillor Jones

Seconded By Councillor Rhindress

That the Committee move to an In Camera session.

MOTION CARRIED

3. Council Direction Requests

3.1 Public Participation and Notification Policy

Moved By Councillor Byrne

Seconded By Councillor MacKenzie

That the amendments to the Public Participation and Notification Policy be forwarded to Council for consideration and approval at the January 28, 2019 regular meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

3.2 Request for Batting Cage at Robb's Complex

Moved By Councillor MacKenzie

Seconded By Councillor Jones

That Council refer this item to the Recreation Department for further investigation and analysis and bring forward a report and recommendation to Council at the January meeting of Committee of the Whole.

MOTION CARRIED

3.3 Fundy Winds Project Request for Assistance

Moved By Councillor Jones

Seconded By Councillor Rhindress

That Council forward approval of the purchase of two park benches to be located in a rest area of Fundy Winds at a cost no greater than \$1200 to the December 17, 2018 regular meeting of Council. The benches are to include a nameplate indicating the contribution is from the Town of Amherst. Further, that before any further funding is considered that staff attempts to, along with Mr. Barrow, arrange for a stakeholders meeting to discuss in more detail the project. Stakeholders to include the County of Cumberland and the Province of Nova Scotia (Communities Sport & Recreation).

MOTION CARRIED

4. Information Items

4.1 Erncliff Street Rail Crossing Update Memo

Moved By Councillor Rhindress

Seconded By Councillor MacKenzie

That Council forward approval of \$52,877 to be allocated in the current (2018/19) Capital Budget for the Town's contribution to the installation of new warning gates at the Erncliff Street railway crossing and that the Mayor and CAO be authorized to sign the attached Crossing Warning System Modification Agreement, to the December 17, 2018 regular meeting of Amherst Town Council.

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4.2 North Tyndal Wellfield Forest Management Plan

Mr. MacDonald reviewed his report included as part of the agenda package. Information item; no direction given or action required.

4.3 Interest in Pilot Program to Remove CAP

Moved by Councillor MacKenzie

Seconded by Councillor Byrne

That Council direct the CAO to advise NSFM that the Town of Amherst is interested in the CAP pilot project, subject to final details.

MOTION CARRIED

5. Monthly Reports

5.1 Corporate Services

Information item; no direction given or action required.

5.2 Operations

Information item; no direction given or action required.

5.3 Police Services

Information item; no direction given or action required.

5.4 Recreation

Information item; no direction given or action required.

5.5 Fire Services

Information item; no direction given or action required.

5.6 Planning & Strategic Initiatives

Information item; no direction given or action required.

5.7 Economic Development

Information item; no direction given or action required.

6. Adjournment

Moved By Councillor Blanch

Seconded By Councillor Rhindress

To adjourn at 5:50 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Kimberlee Jones
Municipal Clerk

David Kogon, MD
Mayor