

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

Date: January 21, 2019
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
Andrew Fisher, Manager of Planning & Strategic Initiatives
Tom McCoag, Corporate Communications Officer
Dwayne Pike, Acting Police Chief
Shelley Rector, Chief Financial Officer
Rebecca Taylor, Business Development Officer
Kim Jones, Municipal Clerk
Natalie LeBlanc, Deputy Clerk

1. Call to Order

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

1.1 Approval of Agenda

Moved By Councillor Rhindress

Seconded By Councillor MacKenzie

That the agenda be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

1.2 Approval of Minutes

Mayor Kogon noted one error where Deputy Mayor Christie is referred to as Councillor Christie.

Moved By Councillor Rhindress

Seconded By Deputy Mayor Christie

That the minutes of the December 17, 2018 Committee of the Whole meeting be approved with correction.

MOTION CARRIED

2. Presentations

2.1 Sarah MacMaster - Youth in the Community Needing a Place to Belong

Sarah MacMaster presented on youth in the community needing a place to belong in the community.

3. In Camera

Moved By Councillor MacKenzie

Seconded By Councillor Byrne

That the Committee move to an In Camera session.

MOTION CARRIED

4. Council Direction Requests

4.1 Territorial Acknowledgement

Committee agreed the Statement will read:

"We[] would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Mi'kmaw Peoples."

Moved By Councillor MacKenzie

Seconded By Councillor Blanch

That the amendment to the Proceedings of Council Policy be forwarded to Council for consideration and approval at the January 28, 2019 regular meeting.

Against (1): Councillor Byrne

MOTION CARRIED

4.2 Request for Batting Cage at Robbs

Moved By Councillor Blanch

Seconded By Councillor Byrne

With information on costs now provided, it is recommended that the request from the users of the Robb Complex as well as Little League Baseball to construct a batting cage at Robb Complex using Baseball Canada standards be referred to the Capital Budget process.

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4.3 Poverty Reduction

Moved By Councillor Blanch

Seconded By Councillor Jones

That Council forward a decision to endorse and support the creation of a poverty reduction advisory circle to the January 28, 2019 regular meeting of Council. This circle would be comprised of volunteer community representatives who have demonstrated a commitment towards the reduction of poverty in Amherst.

Attached memo lists the rationale, the suggested poverty reduction circle members, initial terms of reference and a target date of March 31 to present to Council detailed terms of reference with timelines.

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4.4 Council Remuneration

Moved By Councillor Rhindress

Seconded By Councillor Jones

That Council refer the request to have staff adjust the Salary Administration Policy, Policy number 04530-01, to reflect an increase in Council Remuneration with salaries reflecting the increases outlined below to the January 28, 2019 regular Council meeting.

<u>Salary Increase</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Future</u>
Councillor	\$21,542	\$25,050
Deputy Mayor	\$24,375	\$27,723
Mayor	\$36,447	\$41,178

Against (3): Deputy Mayor Christie, Councillor Blanch, and Councillor MacKenzie

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4.5 Snow and Ice Management Policy Amendments

Moved By Councillor Rhindress

Seconded By Councillor MacKenzie

That Council refer approval of the attached Snow and Ice Management Policy to the regular meeting of Council on January 28, 2019.

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4.6 Bicycle Lanes

Moved By Councillor Blanch

Seconded By Councillor MacKenzie

That staff prepare a brief report outlining the feasibility of introducing dotted bike lanes on some Amherst streets in the summer of 2019, with the possibility of adding more in future, to add security to the biking public.

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5. Information Items

5.1 Physician Recruitment Memo

Information item; no direction given or action required.

5.2 Quarterly Procurement Report

Information item; no direction given or action required.

5.3 MacMaster Correspondence - Sidewalk to Hospital

Information item; no direction given or action required.

5.4 Strategic Priorities Update

Information item; no direction given or action required.

6. Monthly Reports

6.1 Corporate Services

Information item; no direction given or action required.

6.2 Operations

Information item; no direction given or action required.

6.3 Police Services

Information item; no direction given or action required.

6.4 Recreation

Information item; no direction given or action required.

6.5 Fire Services

Information item; no direction given or action required.

6.6 Planning & Strategic Initiatives

Information item; no direction given or action required.

6.7 Economic Development

Information item; no direction given or action required.

7. Adjournment

To adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Kimberlee Jones
Municipal Clerk

David Kogon, MD
Mayor