

## AMHERST TOWN COUNCIL RFD# 2019014

Date: February 25, 2019

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

SUBMITTED BY: Shelley Rector CPA, CMA - CFO

**DATE:** February 25, 2019

SUBJECT: Appointment of Auditors

**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 Chartered Professional Accounting Firm Jorgensen & Bickerton to be the municipal auditor for the Town of Amherst for the fiscal year April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019 as recommended by the Town of Amherst Audit Committee.

**BACKGROUND**: Ms. Rector presented a memo to the Audit Committee indicating the Committee had two options for making this recommendation to Council for the 2018-19 fiscal year.: 1) Appoint Jorgensen & Bickerton; or 2) Direct staff to issue a Request for Proposals for a Municipal Auditor.

**DISCUSSION:** There was no discussion.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**: Approximate cost is \$23,500 + HST divided between the General Operating and the Water Utility.

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

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:** There are no environmental implications.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE IMPLICATIONS:** There are no social justice implications.

<u>ALTERNATIVES:</u> Do not appoint the auditor. This could result in delays in the timing of the presentation of Financial Statements for fiscal year ended March 31, 2019.

**ATTACHMENTS:** None

Report prepared by Shelley Rector Report and Financial approved by:

