

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

Date: October 15, 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
Natalie LeBlanc, Deputy Clerk
Tom McCoag, Corporate Communications Officer
Kim Jones, Municipal Clerk
Shelley Rector, Chief Financial Officer
Rebecca Taylor, Business Development Officer
Andrew Fisher, Manager of Planning & Strategic Initiatives
Dwayne Pike, Acting Police Chief

1. Call to Order

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

1.1 Approval of Agenda

Moved By Councillor MacKenzie

Seconded By Councillor Byrne

That the agenda be approved with addition 3.8 Ice Helmet Policy.

MOTION CARRIED

1.2 Approval of Minutes

Moved By Councillor Jones

Seconded By Councillor Rhindress

That the minutes of the September 17, 2018 Committee of the Whole meeting be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

2. **In Camera**
Moved By Councillor Jones
Seconded By Deputy Mayor Christie
That the Committee move to an In Camera session.

MOTION CARRIED

3. **Council Direction Requests**

3.1 **Bill Barrow Request to Present to Council**

Moved By Councillor Blanch

Seconded By Councillor Rhindress

That staff be directed to contact Bill Barrow and invite him to do a presentation at a future meeting of Council.

MOTION CARRIED

3.2 **Recognition of First Responders**

Moved By Councillor Jones

Seconded By Councillor Rhindress

That an Ad Hoc Committee be formed consisting of Fire Chief Jones, Acting Police Chief Pike, a representative from EHS, Mayor Kogon, Deputy Mayor Christie, Councillor MacKenzie and Councillor Rhindress to plan an event in recognition of first responders.

MOTION CARRIED

3.3 **Nuisance Bylaw**

Discussion ensued. All members except Councillor Blanch agreed they would like cultivation kept inside of a dwelling or accessory building. Councillor Byrne would like edibles and cannabis oil included. Committee agreed to direct staff to continue to work on a draft bylaw and bring it to November Committee of the Whole.

3.4 **Austin Request to Discharge DA for Dickey Street**

Moved By Councillor Blanch

Seconded By Councillor Jones

That Council refer the decision to discharge the Development Agreement Case NO. DA-2007-02 for PID 25041666 to the October 22, 2018 regular meeting of Council.

MOTION CARRIED

3.5 **Gender-Based Analysis Plus**

Moved By Deputy Mayor Christie

Seconded By Councillor Blanch

That staff be directed to prepare a discussion paper on the possible use of this tool and including it on all recommendations to Council.

MOTION CARRIED

3.6 Gritty to Pretty Beautification Program

Moved By Councillor Blanch

Seconded By Deputy Mayor Christie

That the Gritty to Pretty Beautification Program be referred to the October 22, 2018 regular meeting of Amherst Town Council for approval.

MOTION CARRIED

3.7 PAC Review

Moved By Councillor Jones

Seconded By Councillor Rhindress

That Council continue to have a six-member Planning Advisory Committee, with an even mix of Council and members of the public being appointed to it.

Against (2): Mayor Kogon, and Deputy Mayor Christie

MOTION CARRIED

Moved By Councillor Blanch

Seconded By Deputy Mayor Christie

That the Chair of the Planning Advisory Committee be directly appointed.

Against (5): Mayor Kogon, Councillor Byrne, Councillor Jones, Councillor MacKenzie, and Councillor Rhindress

MOTION DEFEATED

3.8 Ice Helmet Policy

Moved By Councillor Rhindress

Seconded By Councillor MacKenzie

That the Ice Helmet Policy be amended to allow persons over the age of 18 and senior citizens to sign a waiver excluding them from wearing a helmet while on the ice at the Amherst Stadium.

Against (5): Mayor Kogon, Deputy Mayor Christie, Councillor Blanch, Councillor Byrne, and Councillor Jones

MOTION DEFEATED

Adjournment

Moved By Councillor Jones

Seconded By Councillor Byrne

To adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

As per the Proceedings of Council Policy 10350-24 Section 4(c)i. the meeting was adjourned to reconvene Monday, October 22, 2018 at 5:00 pm when the balance of the business on the agenda shall be addressed.

Date: October 22, 2018
Time: 5:00 pm
Location: Council Chambers, Town Hall

Members Present
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Call to Order

Mayor Kogon called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

4. Information Items

4.1 Park / West Pleasant Street Intersection

Information item, no direction given or action required.

4.2 Crosswalk Review

Information item, no direction given or action required.

4.3 Blair Lake Report

Council agreed they would like staff to reach out to the Municipality of the County of Cumberland to see if they are interested in partnering to further study the safety of Blair Lake for recreational purposes.

4.4 Fresh Start Update

Information item. Presentations will be Thursday, October 25, 2018 at 6:30 at the Community Credit Union Business Innovation Center with a Special Council meeting immediately following at 8:15 p.m. for the awards.

4.5 Contract Awards Quarterly Report

Information item; no direction given or action required.

- 4.6 **Dangerous and Unsightly Semi-Annual Report**
Information item; no direction given or action required.

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 Jones
Seconded By Councillor Rhindress
To adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Kimberlee Jones
Municipal Clerk

David Kogon, MD
Mayor