

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Kogon and Members of Amherst Town Council

From: Andrew Fisher, Manager, Planning & Strategic Initiatives

Date: November 9, 2018

Subject: **Information Item - Amherst Supreme Court accessibility improvements**

The Nova Scotia Department of Justice is proposing to improve barrier free accessibility to the Amherst Supreme Court (54 Victoria Street). The project has two components. The first component will be the design and construction of an exterior ramp on the north side of the building adjacent to Victoria Square so that access can be gained from street level into the first floor of the building. The second component will be the construction of an elevator from the first floor to the second floor where the courtroom is located. A request for proposal will soon be advertised by the Nova Scotia government for the engagement of design consultants. Regular project updates will be shared with the municipal government via their staff representatives.

Given that the building is a municipally registered property, the design for the exterior alterations will be reviewed by the Heritage Advisory Committee once the preliminary design is developed.