

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

Date: March 18, 2019
Time: 4:00 pm
Location: Council Chambers, Town Hall

Members Present	Mayor David Kogon Deputy Mayor Sheila Christie Councillor Vince Byrne Councillor Darrell Jones Councillor Wayne MacKenzie Councillor Terry Rhindress
Members Absent	Councillor Jason Blanch
Staff Present	Greg Herrett, CAO Jason MacDonald, Deputy CAO Operations Bill Schurman, Director Recreation Greg Jones, Fire Chief Dwayne Pike, Acting Policy Chief Tom McCoag, Corporate Communications Officer Andrew Fisher, Manager of Strategic Initiatives Shelley Rector, Chief Financial Officer Kimberlee Jones, Municipal Clerk Natalie LeBlanc, Deputy Clerk
Staff Absent	Rebecca Taylor, Business Development Officer

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

The CAO would like to add CJSMA Inter- Municipal Agreement to Information Items.

Moved By Deputy Mayor Christie

Seconded By Councillor MacKenzie

That the agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION CARRIED

1.2 Approval of Minutes

Moved By Councillor Byrne

Seconded By Councillor Jones

That the minutes of the February 19, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

2. Presentations

2.1 Cumberland County Museum

Gordon Goodwin did a presentation on "Enemy Aliens" and the Amherst Internment Camp as included in the agenda package.

3. In Camera

Moved By Councillor Byrne

Seconded By Councillor MacKenzie

That the Committee move to an In Camera session.

MOTION CARRIED

4. Council Direction Requests

4.1 Capital Short List Approval

Moved By Deputy Mayor Christie

Seconded By Councillor MacKenzie

That the short list of capital projects be referred to the March 25, 2019 Regular Council Meeting for approval.

MOTION CARRIED

4.2 CJSMA Budget

Moved By Deputy Mayor Christie

Seconded By Councillor MacKenzie

That the CJSMA Budget be forwarded to the March 25, 2019 meeting of Council along with a motion of direction to Amherst's Board members to vote in favour of the adoption of the budget.

MOTION CARRIED

4.3 Setting the Solid Waste Rate

Moved By Councillor Byrne

Seconded By Deputy Mayor Christie

That the setting of the solid waste management uniform charge at \$185.00 for the 2019/20 fiscal year be referred to the March 25, 2019 Regular Council meeting for approval.

Against (1): Councillor Rhindress

MOTION CARRIED

Moved By Councillor Byrne

Seconded By Councillor MacKenzie

That staff be directed to compile a report as to what it would involve and the extra cost to have the Town's solid waste collection contractor begin collecting residential solid waste from 4-unit residential properties.

MOTION CARRIED

4.4 Review of Council Structure and Council Compensation

Moved By Deputy Mayor Christie

Seconded By Councillor Byrne

That staff be directed to look at what other municipalities of our size, and comparable services, to see what the related to population and Council size are, and report back to Council at the May 21 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Against (3): Councillor Jones, Councillor MacKenzie, and Councillor Rhindress

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Moved By Deputy Mayor Christie

Seconded By Councillor Byrne

That staff be directed to develop draft amendments, for Council's consideration, to existing policy such that Council compensation be reviewed by an independent committee in year 4 of each new Council term. This will be an external committee which will not have members of Council involved, but community members. This group will make recommendations to Council at that time.

Against (2): Councillor Jones, and Councillor Rhindress

MOTION CARRIED

4.5 Expense Reimbursement Policy

Moved By Councillor Rhindress

Seconded By Councillor MacKenzie

That the proposed Expense Reimbursement Policy be forwarded to the March 25, 2019 Regular Council meeting for amendment.

MOTION CARRIED

4.6 Fluoridation

Moved By Councillor Rhindress

Seconded By Councillor Jones

That staff be directed to provide a report to Council outlining a public education and engagement program.

MOTION CARRIED

5. Information Items

5.1 CJSMA Inter-Municipal Agreement Verbal Update

Moved by Deputy Mayor Christie

Seconded by Councillor Byrne

That Council direct the CAO to participate in a Steering Committee with the CAOs, Mayors and Deputy Mayors of the Town of Amherst, Town of Oxford and the Municipality of Cumberland County as well as the CJSMA Solid Waste Manager to discuss operations, processes and recyclables.

MOTION CARRIED

5.2 NSFM Regional Meeting

CAO asked that any members of Council wishing to have items on the agenda for the NSFM Regional meeting are asked to send them to his office for disbursement.

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

Moved By Councillor Jones

Seconded By Councillor Byrne

To adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Kimberlee Jones
Municipal Clerk

David Kogon, MD
Mayor