

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

Date: April 23, 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
Dwayne Pike, Police Chief
Tom McCoag, Corporate Communications Officer
Andrew Fisher, Manager of Planning & Strategic Initiatives
Shelley Rector, Chief Financial Officer
Rebecca Taylor, Business Development Officer
Kim Jones, Municipal Clerk
Natalie LeBlanc, Deputy Clerk

1. Call to Order - 4:00 p.m.

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

1.1 Approval of Agenda

Moved By Councillor Byrne

Seconded By Councillor Rhindress

That the agenda be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

1.2 Approval of Minutes

1.2.1 March 18, 2019

Moved By Councillor Jones

Seconded By Councillor Byrne

**That the minutes of the March 18, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting
be approved as circulated.**

MOTION CARRIED

2. Council Direction Requests

2.1 Fluoridation of Water Supply

Moved By Councillor Blanch

Seconded By Councillor MacKenzie

That staff take a second look at the public education process with regard to adding fluoridation in the water in Amherst ensuring public consultation opportunities for both those for and against water fluoridation, and come back to the Committee with a recommendation at the May Committee of the Whole meeting.

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2.2 Rubberized Walking Surface

Moved By Councillor Jones

Seconded By Councillor Rhindress

That Council refer this request to the Recreation Department to prepare a report on need and cost estimates for a rubberized outdoor walking surface for the June Committee of the Whole meeting.

Against (1): Councillor Byrne

MOTION CARRIED

2.3 Substance Use Policy

Moved By Councillor Blanch

Seconded By Councillor Jones

That Council refer the Substance Use Policy to the April 29, 2019 regular meeting of Council for adoption.

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2.4 Solar Energy

Moved By Councillor Blanch

Seconded By Councillor Byrne

That Amherst Town Council direct staff to apply for the Solar for Community Buildings Program for the 2019 application cycle.

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2.5 PACE Program Implementation

Moved By Councillor Blanch

Seconded By Councillor MacKenzie

That Council refer to the April 29th Regular Council meeting, direction to staff to apply for Municipal PACE Program Funding Support, engage the Clean Foundation to administer the program in partnership with the Cumberland Energy Authority, and establish the following program parameters:

- **Maximum funding amount per home - \$25,000**
- **Maximum number of homes - 10 / year**
- **Interest rate – Municipal Finance Rate + 2 %**
- **Default interest rate – 12% per annum compounded monthly**
- **Payback period – 10 years**

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3. Information Items

Let the minutes show that Mayor Kogon arrived at 5:04 p.m. and took over the meeting at this time.

3.1 Cenotaph Request

Staff to contact the Municipality of the County of Cumberland, Ray Coulson of the Nova Scotia Highlanders Museum as well as a representative of the local Legion to further investigate if placing the dates for the Korean War and Afghanistan Conflict and names of fallen individuals to the existing Amherst Cenotaph is appropriate, if erecting a new plaque or monument is more appropriate, and to see if they are interested in partnering with the Town on this project, and further make an application for funding under the Commemorative Partnership Program before the November 1, 2019 deadline.

3.2 Robert Angus Drive Speed Limit

Information item; no further direction given or action required.

3.3 Northern Pulp

Moved By Councillor Byrne

Seconded By Deputy Mayor Christie

That staff arrange for a presentation to Council on Northern Pulp.

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Moved By Councillor Blanch

Seconded By Councillor Rhindress

That further to the original motion, staff also invite either Mr. Gunning, a vocal opponent of the continuation of Northern Pulp, or his designate and/or the Chief of Boat Harbour, or their designate, to also make a presentation to Council if they are so interested.

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3.4 Contract Awards Quarterly Report

Information item; no direction given or action required.

4. Monthly Reports

4.1 Corporate Services

Information item; no direction given or action required.

4.2 Operations

Information item; no direction given or action required.

4.3 Police Services

Information item; no direction given or action required.

4.4 Recreation

Information item; no direction given or action required.

4.5 Fire Services

Information item; no direction given or action required.

4.6 Planning and Strategic Initiatives

Information item; no direction given or action required.

4.7 Economic Development

Information item; no direction given or action required.

5. Adjournment

Moved By Councillor Jones

Seconded By Councillor Byrne

To adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Kimberlee Jones
Municipal Clerk

David Kogon, MD
Mayor