
TO: Mayor Kogon and Members of Council

SUBMITTED BY: Jason MacDonald, MCIP, LPP, Deputy CAO

DATE: May 21, 2019

SUBJECT: Appointment of Marc Buske as Building Official

ORIGIN: Marc Buske acceptance of the Building Inspector position in June of 2017.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY: Nova Scotia Building Code Act Section 5 (2) A building official or building officials shall be appointed by each council to administer and enforce this Act in the municipality.

RECOMMENDATION: That the appointment of Marc Buske as Building Official for the Town of Amherst be referred to the May 27 meeting of Amherst Town Council.

BACKGROUND: Since Marc Buske accepted the Building Inspector position in June of 2017, he has been taking courses to become a Qualified Building Official. During that time Mr. Buske has been processing building permit applications for the Town and participating with building inspections with the Building Officials from the Municipality of the County of Cumberland who have been providing this service on the Town's behalf during this time. Mr. Buske has also maintained his Fire Inspector certification during this time, and will continue to do so.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Buske is now qualified to conduct inspections on all 1 and 2 unit residential buildings. He continues to take courses to work towards being a fully Qualified Level 1 and 2 Building Official at which time he will be able to process all building permits for the Town. During this time the Building Officials from the Municipality of the County of Cumberland will continue to conduct inspections on large residential and all commercial buildings on our behalf.

It is expected that Mr. Buske will also be appointed as a Building Official for the Municipality of the County of Cumberland so that he can undertake appropriate inspections for that municipality when required by their staffing levels.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: There are some small positive financial implications to Mr. Buske taking over these types of inspections.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: No community engagement is anticipated at this time.



ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS: There are no environmental implications to the recommendation.

SOCIAL JUSTICE IMPLICATIONS: There are no social justice implications to the recommendation.

ALTERNATIVES: The only alternative to appointing Marc Buske as a Building Official for the Town would be to request that the Municipality of the County of Cumberland continue providing this service to the Town for a further period of time.

ATTACHMENTS:

Report prepared by: Jason MacDonald, Deputy CAO
Report and Financial approved by: