

**TOWN OF AMHERST**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**Minutes**

**Date:** October 22, 2018  
**Time:** 7:00 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 of Recreation  
Greg Jones, Fire Chief  
Natalie LeBlanc, Deputy Clerk  
Tom McCoag, Corporate Communications Officer  
Kim Jones, Municipal Clerk  
Dwayne Pike, Acting Police Chief  
Shelley Rector, Chief Financial Officer  
Rebecca Taylor, Business Development Officer  
Andrew Fisher, Manager of Planning & Strategic Initiatives

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**1. PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Kogon called the Public Hearing to order at 6:45 p.m.

**1.1 LUB / MPS Amendments - 283-295 Church Street - 2nd Reading**

Mr. Fisher reviewed his staff report. No members of the public in attendance to speak for or against this matter.

**1.2 Development Agreement Application - 99 West Victoria Street - 2nd Reading**

Mr. Fisher reviewed his staff report. No members of the public in attendance to speak for or against this matter.

Mayor Kogon closed the Public Hearing at 6:55 p.m.

**2. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Kogon called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**3. O CANADA**

Roy Pettigrew did the singing of O Canada.

**4. PRESENTATION**

**4.1 SOAR**

Veronica Richards and Dr. Ryan Sommers, Medical Officer of Health, did a presentation on Poverty, Oral Health & Water Fluoridation. SOAR requested that Town leaders and staff participate in an education session on the value of community water fluoridation as a practice to address poverty and oral health in the Town of Amherst.

**5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES**

**5.1 Approval of the Agenda**

Moved By Councillor Byrne

Seconded By Councillor Blanch

To approve the agenda with addition 6.9 Residency Requirement.

**Motion Carried**

**5.2 Approval of Minutes**

**Moved By Councillor Blanch**

**Seconded By Deputy Mayor Christie**

**To approve the minutes of the September 24, 2018 Council meeting.**

**Motion Carried**

**6. REQUESTS FOR DECISION**

**6.1 PACE Bylaw - 2nd Reading**

**Moved By Councillor Blanch**

**Seconded By Councillor MacKenzie**

**That Council give second reading of the Town of Amherst Bylaw B-8 Respecting Charges for the Property Assessed Clean Energy Program.**

**Motion Carried**

**6.2 Election of Deputy Mayor and Council Committees**

Mayor Kogon called for nominations to the Office of Deputy Mayor. Councillor Rhindress was nominated by Councillor Jones; Deputy Mayor Christie was nominated by Councillor Byrne. Mayor Kogon called three times for further nominations. There being none, nominations ceased and voting was done by secret ballot. The CAO counted the ballots and determined the vote was in favour of Deputy Mayor Christie.

**Moved By Councillor Byrne**

**Seconded By Councillor MacKenzie**

**That Deputy Mayor Christie be re-appointed to the Office of Deputy Mayor for the period November 1, 2018 to October 31, 2019.**

**Motion Carried**

**Moved By Councillor Byrne**

**Seconded By Councillor Blanch**

**That Council approve the following committee appointments for one-year terms ending October 31, 2019:**

**Mayor Kogon**

- **Audit Committee**
- **Regional Emergency Management Committee**

**Deputy Mayor Christie**

- **Audit Committee**
- **Planning Advisory Committee**
- **Susan Taylor Theatre Advisory Committee**
- **YMCA Board of Directors**

**Councillor Blanch**

- **Audit Committee**
- **Amherst Board of Police Commissioners (October 31, 2019)**
- **Municipal Alcohol Project**
- **Tree Advisory Committee**
- **North Tyndal Wellfield Advisory Committee**
- **Planning Advisory Committee**

**Councillor Byrne**

- **Audit Committee**
- **Amherst Board of Police Commissioners (October 31, 2019)**
- **Cumberland Joint Services Management Authority (CJSMA)**
- **Regional Emergency Management Committee**

**Councillor Jones**

- **Audit Committee**

- Amherst Board of Police Commissioners (October 31, 2019)
- Senior Safety Advisory Group
- North Tyndal Wellfield Advisory Committee

**Councillor MacKenzie**

- Audit Committee
- Cumberland Public Libraries Board
- L.A. Animal Shelter

**Councillor Rhindress**

- Audit Committee
- Cumberland Joint Services Management Authority
- Northern Region Solid Waste Committee
- Planning Advisory Committee

AND FURTHER, that Councillor Byrne be appointed to the Amherst Board of Police Commissioners, ending October 31, 2019.

AND FURTHER, that all members of Council be appointed to the Committee of the Whole of Amherst Town Council.

**Motion Carried**

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

Moved By Councillor Jones

Seconded By Councillor MacKenzie

That Council discharge the Development Agreement Case NO. DA-2007-02 for PID 25041666.

**Motion Carried**

**6.4 Gritty to Pretty Beautification Program**

Moved By Councillor Byrne

Seconded By Deputy Mayor Christie

That Council approve the Gritty to Pretty Beautification Program, and authorize entering into the attached MOU with the Amherst & Area Chamber of Commerce.

**Motion Carried**

**6.5 Amherst Youth Town Council Appointments**

Moved By Councillor Blanch

Seconded By Councillor Byrne

That Council approve the following additional appointments to the Amherst Youth Town Council:

- Reappoint returning member to serve a two-year term 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 - Jenna Clark; and
- Appoint new member to serve a two-year term - Samantha Dimichele.

**Motion Carried**

**6.6 PAC Recommendation - 283-295 Church Street Rezone - 2nd Reading**

Moved By Deputy Mayor Christie

Seconded By Councillor Jones

That Council approve second reading of a Bylaw P-1-8 to amend the Municipal Planning Strategy to change the designation of 283 & 295 Church Street (PID 25014648 & PID 25014655) from Industrial to Commercial on the Future Land Use Designations Map.

**Motion Carried**

Moved By Deputy Mayor Christie

Seconded By Councillor Blanch

That Council approve second reading of a Bylaw P-2-23 to amend the Land Use Bylaw to change the zoning of 283 & 295 Church Street (PID 25014648 & PID 25014655) from Industrial to Highway Commercial.

Motion Carried

**6.7     PAC Recommendation - 99 West Victoria Street Development Agreement - 2nd Reading**

Moved By Councillor MacKenzie

Seconded By Councillor Rhindress

That Council give second reading to the proposed Development Agreement for 99 West Victoria Street.

Motion Carried

**6.8     PAC Recommendation -LUB Amendment - Keeping of Chickens**

Moved By Councillor Rhindress

Seconded By Councillor Jones

That Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee and not amend the Land Use Bylaw to allow chickens within Town limits.

Against (1): Councillor Blanch

Motion Carried

**6.9     Residency Requirement**

Moved By Councillor Blanch

Seconded By Councillor Byrne

That Council direct the CAO to provide a report and seek a legal opinion on whether Councillor Jason Blanch continues to be ordinarily resident within the Town of Amherst and what options exist for Councillor Blanch and for Council should it be determined that he is not.

Motion Carried

**7.     INTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**7.1     Planning Advisory Committee**

Information item; no direction given or action required.

**7.2     Amherst Board of Police Commissioners**

No Report

**7.3     Amherst Youth Town Council**

Information item; no direction given or action required.

**8.     EXTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**8.1     Cumberland Public Libraries**

Information item; no direction given or action required.

**8.2     Cumberland YMCA**

Information item; no direction given or action required.

**8.3     Cumberland Joint Services Management Authority**

No Report

**8.4     Northern Region Solid Waste Committee**

No Report

**8.5     L. A. Animal Shelter**

Information item; no direction given or action required.

**8.6     NSFM Report**

Information item; no direction given or action required.

9.     **ADJOURNMENT**  
          **Moved By Councillor Blanch**  
          **Seconded By Councillor Byrne**  
          **That the meeting adjourn at 8:08 p.m.**

**Motion Carried**

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Kimberlee Jones  
Municipal Clerk

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David Kogon, MD  
Mayor