

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

**Date:** May 15, 2019  
**Time:** 4:30 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  
Sarah Wilson, Manager of Financial Services  
Tom McCoag, Corporate Communications Officer  
Shelley Rector, Chief Financial Officer  
Kim Jones, Municipal Clerk  
Natalie LeBlanc, Municipal Clerk

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**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Kogon called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

- 1.1 Approval of Agenda**  
**Moved By Councillor Rhindress**  
**Seconded By Councillor Jones**  
**That the agenda be approved as circulated.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**2. Policy Discussion**

The CFO reviewed the proposed amendments to the policies.

- 2.1 Tax Reduction Policy**  
**2.2 Community Support Grants Policy**

### 3. Community Support Grants Allocation of Funding

There was a consensus from Council to allocate the following Community Support Grants:

Amherst Artisan Gallery	Jam Sessions	\$ 400
Cumberland Health Care Auxiliary	Highland Fling	500
Bordertown Biker Bash	Biker Bash	2,500
Canadian Cancer Society Relay for Life	Stadium Rental	1,800
Cumberland County Museum	Enemy Aliens	4,500
Fibre Arts Festival	Fibre Arts Festival	2,500
L.A. Animal Shelter	Spring Tea	360
Amherst Fire Fighters Association	Fire Fit Event	5,000
Amherst Spartans U-18 Girls Team	Basketball Tournament	250
Amherst Sport & Social League	Logo Design, T-shirts	500
Cumberland Y Service Club	Cross Border Challenge	2,000
Eat Plants, Run Wild	Cheers to the New Year Run Event	
Eat Plants, Run Wild	One Day in Amherst Run Event	
Knights of Columbus	Provincial Bowling Tournament	300
Phoenix Cheer & Tumbling Club	Equipment Purchases	500
Showcase Productions	Summer Theater Music Camp	1,000
NS Health Authority Community Rehab	Senior Transportation	1,500
Amherst Legion Branch 10	Flags and Poles replacement	2,000
Physician Recruitment		
NSCC (2 <sup>nd</sup> year of 5 year agreement)	Bursaries	20,000
Amherst Community Christmas Dinner	Annual Christmas Dinner	3,000
Cumberland Homelessness Housing Ass.	Collection and Redistribution of Food	
Maggies Place	Homework Support Program	
Pay It Forward Pantry	Stock for Pantry	1,000

### 4. Next Steps

#### 4.1 Approval of Policy Changes

**Moved By Councillor Blanch**

**Seconded By Deputy Mayor Christie**

**To forward the amended Tax Reduction Policy to the May 21, 2019 special meeting of Council for approval.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Moved By Councillor Jones**

**Seconded By Deputy Mayor Christie**

**To refer the Community Support Grants Policy to the June 17, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Let the minutes show that Councillor Blanch and Councillor Jones left the meeting at this time.

**4.2    Setting of Community Support Area Rate**

**Moved By Councillor Rhindress**

**Seconded By Deputy Mayor Christie**

**To forward the setting of the Community Support Area Rate to the May 21,  
2019 special meeting of Council.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**5.    Adjournment**

**Moved By Councillor Byrne**

**Seconded By Councillor Rhindress**

**To adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

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Kimberlee Jones  
Municipal Clerk

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David Kogon, MD  
Mayor