

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

Date: May 21, 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
Natalie LeBlanc, Deputy Clerk
Tom McCoag, Corporate Communications Officer
Kim Jones, Municipal Clerk
Shelley Rector, Chief Financial Officer
Andrew Fisher, Manager of Planning & Strategic Initiatives

1. Call to Order

Mayor Kogon called the meeting to order at 4:21 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**
Moved By Deputy Mayor Christie
Seconded By Councillor Jones
That the minutes of the April 23, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

3. Council Direction Requests

3.1 Fluoridation of Water Supply

Moved By Councillor Rhindress

Seconded By Councillor Byrne

That Committee of the Whole direct staff to draft a question for the ballot and bring forward the necessary resolution of Council to hold a plebiscite during the October 17, 2020 municipal election and that a promotional plan be developed to encourage interested citizens to educate themselves on the subject.

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3.2 Appointment of Building Official

Moved By Councillor Blanch

Seconded By Councillor Byrne

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.

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3.3 Amendment Smoke Free Recreational Places Bylaw

Moved By Councillor MacKenzie

Seconded By Councillor Rhindress

That Council begin the process of amending the "Smoke-Free Recreational Places Bylaw" to include the use of cannabis and vaping forwarding consideration of the amendments to the May 27, 2019 Regular Meeting for first reading.

MOTION CARRIED

3.4 'A' Fresh Start Recommendations

Moved By Councillor Jones

Seconded By Councillor Blanch

That Council forward the top 5 applications to the May 27, 2019 regular Council meeting for approval as presenters at the next presentation event.

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3.5 PACE Bylaw Amendments 1st Reading

Moved By Deputy Mayor Christie

Seconded By Councillor Jones

That Council refer to the May 27, 2019 regular meeting of Council, first reading of an amendment to the Town of Amherst By-law B-8 Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program, adoption of the corresponding PACE Program Policy, and authorize the CAO to enter into a service contract with Clean Nova Scotia Foundation.

**Against (1): Councillor Blanch
MOTION CARRIED**

3.6 Cumberland Region Tourism Strategy

Moved By Councillor Jones

Seconded By Deputy Mayor Christie

That the Cumberland Region Tourism Development Strategy as presented be forwarded the May 27, 2019 regular meeting of Council for approval.

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4. Information Items

4.1 Strategic Priorities

Mr. Fisher reviewed the Strategic Priorities. A meeting with Council is being scheduled for June 5, 2019 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. to further discuss.

4.2 NSCC Cumberland Campus

Moved By Councillor Jones

Seconded By Deputy Mayor Christie

That a meeting be arranged with the Mayor and CAO and Mr. Scott MacPherson, Dean of NSCC School of Business, in support of having the Human Resource Management Course being reinstated.

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5. Monthly Reports

5.1 Corporate Services

Information item; no direction given or action required.

5.2 Operations

Information item; no direction given or action required.

5.3 Police Services

Information item; no direction given or action required.

5.4 Recreation

Information item; no direction given or action required.

5.5 Fire Services

Information item; no direction given or action required.

5.6 Planning and Strategic Initiatives

Information item; no direction given or action required.

5.7 Economic Development

Information item; no direction given or action required.

6. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Byrne

Seconded by Councillor Blanch

To adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

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Kimberlee Jones
Municipal Clerk

David Kogon, MD
Mayor