

AMHERST TOWN COUNCIL RFD# 2024041 Date: April 22, 2024

TO: Mayor Kogon and Members of Council

SUBMITTED BY: Natalie LeBlanc, Municipal Clerk

DATE: April 22, 2024

SUBJECT: Amendment to the Council Committees Policy #10350-32

ORIGIN: By-Law and Policy Review.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY: MGA 23(1) The council may make policies (b) regulating its own proceedings and preserving order at meetings of Council

RECOMMENDATION: That Council approve the amendments to the Council Committees Policy #10350-32.

<u>BACKGROUND</u>: The Proceedings of Council Policy was recently amended to change the reference to *in-camera* meetings to *closed session* meetings.

DISCUSSION: During a recent review of the Council Committees Policy, it was noted that through out the policy it still made reference to *in camera* meetings. Staff are recommending these references be changed to *closed session*.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: There are no financial implications to amending this policy.

<u>COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT</u>: There has been no community engagement. If Council approves the amendments the policy will be available on the Town of Amherst website.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS: There are no environmental implications.

SOCIAL JUSTICE IMPLICATIONS: There are no social justice implications.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1- Approve the policy with amendments
- 2- Do not approve the policy, and suggest other amendments

ATTACHMENTS: Council Committees Policy #10350-32 with amendments

Report prepared by: Natalie LeBlanc, Municipal Clerk Report and Financial approved by:

