



**TOWN OF AMHERSTBURG  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Monday, February 24, 2020  
6:00 PM**

Council Chambers, 271 Sandwich Street South, Amherstburg, ON, N9V 2A5

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT**

Mayor Aldo DiCarlo  
Deputy Mayor Leo Meloche  
Councillor Peter Courtney  
Councillor Donald McArthur  
Councillor Michael Prue  
Councillor Marc Renaud  
Councillor Patricia Simone

Giovanni (John) Miceli, CAO  
Paula Parker, Clerk  
Nicole Rubli, Deputy Clerk

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

**NATIONAL ANTHEM**

## **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST & GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest noted.

## **REPORT OUT FROM IN CAMERA SESSION - February 10, 2020**

Council met on February 10, 2020, for a Special In-Camera Meeting at 6:57 p.m. and discussed the following (1) item as provided for under Section 239 of the Municipal Act:

**Item A** was heard under Section 239(2)(d). There is nothing further to report.

## **DELEGATIONS**

### **5.1 AMA Sportmen Association - Request to Waive Park Rental Fee for Bob Meloche Kids Fishing Derby - Chris Drew**

Resolution # 20200224-069

**Moved By** Councillor McArthur  
**Seconded By** Councillor Renaud

**That:**

- 1. The delegation BE RECEIVED; and,**
- 2. The park rental fee BE WAIVED for the Bob Meloche's Kids Fishing Derby in the Kings Navy Yard Park on June 21, 2020.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

### **5.2 Amherstburg Freedom Museum - Request to Waive Fee for Ribs & Ragtime - Mary-Katherine Whelan**

Resolution # 20200224-070

**Moved By** Councillor Prue  
**Seconded By** Deputy Mayor Meloche

**That:**

- 1. The delegation BE RECEIVED; and,**

**2. The road closure fee BE WAIVED for the Ribs and Ragtime event.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

**REPORTS – CORPORATE SERVICES**

There were no reports.

**REPORTS – PARKS, FACILITIES, RECREATION AND CULTURE**

There were no reports.

**REPORTS – ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS**

There were no reports.

**REPORTS – PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND LEGISLATIVE SERVICES**

**9.1 2020 Special Events Approval – Part I**

Resolution # 20200224-071

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor Meloche

**Seconded By** Councillor Simone

**That:**

**1. The following events BE APPROVED:**

- **Ducks on the Detroit River – February 29, 2020**
- **Good Friday Procession – April 10, 2020**
- **Amherstburg Baseball Parade – May 2, 2020**
- **Ribs and Ragtime – June 6, 2020**
- **Bob Meloche Kids Fishing Derby – June 21, 2020**
- **The Gathering Amherstburg Worship in the Park – July 5, 2020**
- **The Gathering Amherstburg Worship in the Park – August 16, 2020**

**2. An exemption from table number 3-1-2 of Noise By-law #2001-43 with respect to the operation of any electronic device or group of**

connected electronic devices incorporating one or more loudspeakers to allow for music BE GRANTED for the following events:

- Ribs and Ragtime – June 6, 2020
3. The following events BE EXEMPT and PERMITTED for road closures to begin prior to 5pm:
- Good Friday Procession – April 10, 2020 (Rolling Road Closure)
  - Amherstburg Baseball Parade – May 2, 2020 (Rolling Road Closure)
  - Ribs and Ragtime – June 6, 2020
4. An exemption BE GRANTED to Section 3 of the Kings Navy Yard Park By-law #2004-89 to allow for the following public events in the Kings Navy Yard Park:
- Ducks on the Detroit River – February 29, 2020
  - Bob Meloche Kids Fishing Derby – June 21, 2020
5. An exemption BE GRANTED to Section 3 and 4b of the Kings Navy Yard Park By-law #2004-89 to allow for a public function and fishing outside of the designated fishing area for the event listed:
- Bob Meloche Kids Fishing Derby - June 21, 2020
6. An exemption BE GRANTED to Section 5 of the Parks By-law #2002-72 to allow for a religious ceremony and picnic at Toddy Jones Park and Kings Navy Yard Park for the following events:
- The Gathering Amherstburg Worship in the Park – July 5, 2020
  - The Gathering Amherstburg Worship in the Park – August 16, 2020
7. The Public Events Committee BE DIRECTED to confirm that the requirements identified by the Committee are met prior to the event.

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

## 9.2 Ontario Consultation – Cannabis Consumption Venues and Special Occasion Permits

Resolution # 20200224-072

**Moved By** Councillor Prue  
**Seconded By** Councillor McArthur

**That:**

1. **The Town's position on Cannabis Consumption Venues and Special Occasion Permits BE DEFERRED to the March 9, 2020, Regular Council Meeting; and,**
2. **A completed survey to BE BROUGHT back to the March 9, 2020, Regular Council Meeting for consideration.**

The Mayor put the Mayor.

**Motion Carried**

## REPORTS - CAO's OFFICE

### 10.1 Feasibility of Amherstburg Environmental Advisory Committee

Councillor Prue moved the motion with the addition of the composition, appointment, and meeting schedule of the committee.

Resolution # 20200224-073

**Moved By** Councillor Prue  
**Seconded By** Councillor McArthur

**That:**

1. **Based on the report from the Municipal Clerk regarding Feasibility of Amherstburg Environmental Advisory Committee dated February 7, 2020, the following Committee mandates BE AMENDED to include an environmental component in line with their current mandate:**
  - **Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee**
  - **Amherstburg Economic Advisory Committee**
  - **Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee**
  - **Senior's Advisory Committee**
  - **Heritage Committee**
  - **Amherstburg Accessibility Advisory Committee**

2. **The composition of the Amherstburg Environmental Advisory Committee consist of the following:**
  - **2 members of Council, 5 citizens – all voting members**
  - **Manager of Planning – non-voting member**
  - **Manager of Public Works – non-voting member**
3. **An advertisement BE PLACED in the River Town Times and citizen members BE CHOSEN by Council with an emphasis on environmental and ecological interest one of whom is under 25 years of age; and,**
4. **The committee meeting BE HELD bi-monthly with a report brought back to Council.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

### **INFORMATION REPORTS**

Resolution # 20200224-074

**Moved By** Councillor Simone

**Seconded By** Deputy Mayor Meloche

**That the following information reports BE RECEIVED:**

- 11.1 **Monthly Fire Department Activity Report – January 2020**
- 11.2 **Amherstburg Water Treatment Plant Submission of the 2019 Annual Summary Report**
- 11.3 **Annual Committee Report 2019 – Economic Development Advisory Committee**
- 11.4 **Cheque Listing for the Month of January 2020**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

### **CONSENT CORRESPONDENCE**

Resolution # 20200224-075

**Moved By** Councillor Simone  
**Seconded By** Councillor Renaud

**That the following consent correspondence BE RECEIVED:**

- 12.1 Request for Support from Essex County Federation of Agriculture - Bill 156, Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act, 2019**
- 12.2 Village of Merrickville-Wolford - Provincially Significant Wetlands Designation**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

Resolution # 20200224-076

**Moved By** Councillor McArthur  
**Seconded By** Councillor Renaud

*(Item # 12.1)* – **That Administration BE DIRECTED to send correspondence to the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, in support of the new proposed legislation, *Bill 156: Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act.***

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

## **OTHER MINUTES**

Resolution # 20200224-077

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor Meloche  
**Seconded By** Councillor Courtney

**That the following other minutes BE RECEIVED:**

- 13.1 Committee of Adjustment Meeting Minutes - November 26, 2019**
- 13.2 Committee of Adjustment Meeting Minutes - December 17, 2019**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

### 13.3 Economic Development Advisory Committee Minutes – February 6, 2020

Resolution # 20200224-078

**Moved By** Councillor Simone

**Seconded By** Deputy Mayor Meloche

**That:**

1. **The Town of Amherstburg APPROACH the property owner to investigate the opportunities to create a Master Plan for the former Honeywell site to determine its highest and best use;**
2. **The Town of Amherstburg BRING a report to explore the possibilities of obtaining waterfront properties as they become available in accordance with the Town's Official Plan; and,**
3. **The Transportation Study BE REFERRED to the Economic Development Advisory Committee before being presented to Council.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no Unfinished Business brought forward.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Resolution # 20200224-079

**Moved By** Councillor Courtney

**Seconded By** Councillor Renaud

**That Administration BE DIRECTED to contact AMICO in respect to the timelines required to remedy the inability to offer ferry transportation for our Fire Department apparatus to and from the island with an update bought back to Council in a timely manner.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**



2. Councillor Courtney asked if the Town has use of Centennial Park for baseball for the whole season.

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that the Town has use of Centennial Park for the 2020 summer season.

3. Councillor Courtney asked for an update with respect the Great Spaces Great Places grant which is encompassing of the pool and diamonds and further if there was a contingency plan in place to move ahead with the pool and diamonds, depending on the outcome of the grant.

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that Administration is currently looking at the options for indoor and outdoor pools and that the Great Spaces Great Places project does include relocation of the pool to the Libro Centre. With respect to the contingency plan, the CAO advised that the plan that was implemented last year will be implemented this year. He further advised that the Town should hear back sometime in late spring; however, there are currently arrangements in progress to get an update from the Ministry that is handling the Town's grant application.

4. Councillor McArthur asked how long access will be permitted at the skate park.

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that Windsor Essex County District School Board has yet to go through their process for approvals from the Provincial government. He advised that once the school board has their approvals in place, the Town will have an answer with respect to the timeline for the skate park.

5. Resolution # 20200224-080

**Moved By** Councillor Prue  
**Seconded By** Deputy Mayor Meloche

**That Administration BE DIRECTED to meet with businesses in the downtown core to assist them with locations for staff parking and to look into the feasibility of staff permit parking, including overnight parking, and to educate businesses and the community on downtown parking.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

6. Councillor Simone asked for the portable speed radar unit to be placed at Concession 3 in the 50km zone to monitor speeding in that area.

The Director of Engineering and Public Works advised that she will arrange for placement of the speed radar unit and will also speak with the Police regarding additional Police presence in that particular area.

7. Councillor McArthur asked for an update with respect to the Amherstburg Chamber of Commerce sign at the North gateway which is blocking the view of the new Amherstburg sign.

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that an Advertising policy is coming to Council which will include the two digital signs at the North and South gateways as well as the digital sign at the Libro. He further advised that he had preliminary discussions with the Amherstburg Chamber of Commerce and the hope is that they would be willing to remove their sign if the Town is able to ensure that the Chamber remains revenue neutral.

8. Councillor Prue advised that the November 26, 2019, Committee of Adjustment meeting minutes were just now before Council two months after the meeting and that this could be an issue if Council is required to submit appeal within 30 days of the committee meeting.

The Clerks advised that those minutes specifically were delayed due to the committee's decision to seek legal advice on a matter that arose from that meeting. She further advised that she will clarify appeal deadlines with the Manager of Planning.

9. Councillor McArthur advised that the street lights that were just erected on the eastern section of Whelan Avenue appear to be difference from the rest of the street lights on Whelan Avenue.

The Director of Engineering and Public Works advised that Town and the developer noticed the difference style of street lights after they were installed as a result of a glitch in the order and further that Administration is currently working with the developer to get this rectified.

## **NOTICE OF MOTION**

There were no Notices of Motion.

## **BY-LAWS**

### **17.1 By-law 2020-017 - Confirmatory By-law**

Resolution # 20200224-081

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor Meloche  
**Seconded By** Councillor McArthur

**That By-law 2020-017 being a by-law to confirm all the resolutions of the Municipal Council Meetings held February 24, 2020 be taken as having been read three times and finally passed and the Mayor and Clerk BE AUTHORIZED to sign same.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved By** Councillor Courtney  
**Seconded By** Councillor Simone

**That Council rise and adjourn at 7:48 p.m.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**



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MAYOR – ALDO DICARLO



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CLERK – PAULA PARKER