



Town of Amherstburg Council Brief

Highlights from the April 14th, 2025 meeting of Council:

REPORT OUT FROM IN-CAMERA SESSION

Negotiations Regarding the Disposition of Public Lands in the Town of Amherstburg
Council received the matter for information.

Legal Advice and information regarding a contract for policing operational services provided to the Town of Amherstburg
Council received the matter for information.

Provision of Operational Services to the Municipality of Pelee
Council authorized administration to enter into an agreement with the Township of Pelee for the provision of drainage services from May 1, 2025, to October 31, 2025.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Council adopted the following minutes:

- Special In-Camera Council Meeting (Public) – January 27, 2025
- Special In-Camera Council Meeting (Confidential) – January 27, 2025
- Special Council Meeting – Planning – February 10, 2025
- Special Council Meeting – Planning – February 24, 2025

REPORTS

Jack Purdie Multi-Use Trail Tender 2025-003 Results

Council authorized the signing of a contract with Murray Mills Excavating & Trucking for the installation of a multi-use trail. The identified funding shortfall will be covered through the Jack Purdie Park Upgrades Project and an Enbridge “Giving Back to Communities” grant. If the grant is not awarded, the balance will be funded through the Multi-Use Trail and Sidewalks budget.

2025 Arena and Ice Infrastructure Award of Boiler Replacement Tender

Council approved a total project cost of \$191,305 for the replacement of both boilers at the Libro Centre. This replacement will ensure continued boiler functionality at the Libro Centre, supporting hot water supply, ice making, and serving as a backup heating source to the geothermal system.

Playground Design, Supply and Installation for Malden Centre Park RFP #2025-004

Council approved the new accessible playground design for Malden Centre Park, submitted by New World Park Solutions. Two public consultation sessions were held to help define the scope of the RFP based on community feedback. The selected design was the most popular of the eight (8) options presented through the mandatory public voting component of the RFP process.

Traffic Concerns – South Riverview/Concession 3N/County Road 8

Council received the report on the feasibility of implementing a community safety zone, along with an action plan and commitments from the County of Essex and the Town of Amherstburg to address safety concerns raised by St. Joseph Parish regarding County Road 8 and South Riverview. In addition to adopting the recommendations, Council requested that the entire 50 km/h section of 3rd Concession North be designated as a community safety zone with a reduced speed limit of 40 km/h. Council also directed Administration to send a letter to the County requesting a traffic study at the intersection to assess the effectiveness of the implemented measures and identify further options to enhance pedestrian safety.

Amendments to Annual Vacation and Paid Holidays Policy

To reduce duplication, clarify roles, ensure legislative compliance, and align with best practices, the Non-Union Annual Vacation and Paid Holiday policies were reviewed and consolidated into a single policy: the Annual Vacation and Paid Holiday Policy. Council approved the amended policy and rescinded the original Paid Holiday Policy.

2009 Aerial Apparatus Replacement RFP

Council authorized the signing of a contract with Fort Erie Fire Truck for the purchase of an Aerial Apparatus, in accordance with the previously awarded tender. Council also approved additional funding from the General Reserve to support the purchase.

Community Grant Process

Council considered upgrades and amendments to the Community Grant Program and Policy for the next application intake period. Council also approved a grant of \$2000.00 to the 2nd Amherstburg Scouting.

Future Policing Model in Amherstburg

Council received a report outlining the status of investigations into potential policing models for the Town. Council directed Administration to formally request a Policing Resources Plan from the Ontario Provincial Police through the Ministry of the Solicitor General. Administration will continue to explore available policing options and will present a comprehensive report and recommendation to Council in due course.

CONSENT CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Hon. Rob Flack – Expansion of Strong Mayors Powers

Council requested that a letter be sent to the Premier of Ontario, asking the Province to remove Amherstburg from the list of municipalities designated under the “Strong Mayor” system. Council's opposition to this designation is rooted in its commitment to

collaborative and transparent decision-making, accountability and a strong local democracy.

To support this request and raise awareness, copies of the letter will also be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, all regional MPPs, all Ontario municipalities, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

CORRESPONDENCE

Proclamation Request – BeADonor Month

Council proclaimed April 2025 as “BeADonor Month”.

Extension of Nomination Deadline: Order of Ontario

Council received a letter from the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism announcing an extension to the nomination period for the prestigious Order of Ontario, the province’s highest honour recognizing individuals with outstanding achievements and lasting impact. Council invited the community to submit nomination recommendations.

CONSENT OTHER MINUTES

Committee Meeting Minutes

The following Committee Meeting Minutes were received by Council:

- Heritage Committee Meeting Minutes – February 20, 2025
- Amherstburg Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – April 2, 2025

OTHER MINUTES

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – March 19, 2025

Council received the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes and directed the Economic Development Advisory Committee to investigate the possibility of third-party donations and/or sponsorships to support Town projects.

NEW BUSINESS

Joint Municipal Mill and Pave Initiative

Council directed Administration to bring back a report investigating the feasibility and cost benefits of tendering the Town’s Mill and Pave program with the County of Essex as a cost saving measure for implementation in the 2026 Capital Budget.

Carnegie Library Window Maintenance

Council directed Administration to prepare a detailed report on the condition of the Carnegie Building Library windows, including a repair and maintenance action plan.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Amherstburg Branch of the Essex County Library – Councillor Allaire

Council directed Administration to explore and report back on potential future opportunities to relocate the Amherstburg Branch of the Essex County Library from the Carnegie Building. Council also requested that a letter be sent to County Council and the Essex County Library

Board, asking that funding be considered and set aside for future fit-up costs related to a new library branch.

BY-LAW

By-law 2025-004 – Pike Road Drain East (2025) – Third & Final Reading

Council passed By-law 2025-003 to allow for drainage work improvements for the Pike Road Drain East (2025).

By-law 2025-005 – Rebidoux Drain – Third & Final Reading

Council passed By-law 2025-003 to allow for drainage work improvements for the Rebidoux Drain.

Housekeeping By-law 2025-030

Council passed By-law 2025-030 to reenact By-law 2009-044, a by-law to regulate Licensing in the Town of Amherstburg.

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