



Town of Amherstburg Council Brief

Highlights from the May 11th, 2026 meeting of Council:

REPORT OUT FROM IN-CAMERA SESSION

Item A – Potential Partnership Opportunity Regarding Disposition of Land for Community Development in the Core Area of the Town of Amherstburg

Council received the matter for information.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Council adopted the following minutes:

- 2026 02 23 - Special Council Meeting - Planning
- 2026 04 13 - Special In-Camera Council Meeting Minutes - Public
- 2026 04 13 - Special In-Camera Council Meeting Minutes - Confidential
- 2026 04 13 - Special In-Camera Council Meeting - Public

REPORTS

Borrowing By-law and Delegation of Authority By-law

Council considered a report to secure long-term financing for the South Fire Station and the Amherstburg Water Treatment Plant Reservoir projects, which were previously approved and are nearing completion. Council authorized applying for debenture financing through OILC and approved the required by-laws to support the process and ensure timelines are met. Council also confirmed the Town remains within its debt limits and updated the funding approach for the reservoir project due to legislative changes.

Artificial Turf Fields, Premier Baseball Diamond

Council considered a report to replace and upgrade the Libro Premier Baseball Diamond turf to address aging infrastructure and meet updated Baseball Canada standards. The project includes installation of a new artificial turf system to improve safety, increase usability, and support continued competitive play. Council approved the project budget, awarded the contract for turf installation to FieldTurf, reallocated funding to address the shortfall, and delegated authority to proceed with implementation within the approved budget.

2026 Special Events Approval Part 3

Council approved Part 3 Special Events brought forward which included the Active Aging Expo, Biannual Garden Tour, Pedals and Passports, and the Legion Week Parade. The Biannual Garden Tour was granted an exemption to allow ticket sales, and both the road closure and a perpetual fee waiver for the Legion Week Parade were approved. The Special Events Resource Team was also directed to ensure all event requirements are met in advance.

INFORMATION REPORTS

Kingsbridge Traffic Calming Review

Council considered the results of the 2025 Kingsbridge Traffic Calming Review, initiated following resident concerns and a recent collision in the area. The review found that none of the evaluated roads met the threshold required to implement traffic calming measures, though enforcement and education efforts have been increased in the area. Council received the report for information and also requested that a letter be sent to Windsor Police Service to increase surveillance in the area to support public education on safe driving practices and address safety concerns.

Quarterly Fire Activity Report – Q1 2026

Council received an update on Amherstburg Fire Department activities for the first quarter of 2026, highlighting ongoing operational improvements, including the transition to a two-station model, upgrades to communications systems, and implementation of a new records management system. Council received the report for information.

CONSENT CORRESPONDENCE

2025 Annual Progress Reports on the implementation of the Essex Region Source Protection Plan

Council received the 2025 Annual Progress Report on the implementation of the Essex Region Source Protection Plan, which outlines ongoing efforts to protect municipal drinking water sources, including policy implementation, risk management activities, and regional planning updates. The report highlights continued progress across the region, with most policies fully implemented and ongoing review work underway.

CORRESPONDENCE

Childhood Cancer Awareness Month - Proclamation, Illumination, and Flag Raising

Council proclaimed Childhood Cancer Awareness Month for September 2026, with the Town raising a flag at Town Hall from September 1–8 and illuminating Town Hall in gold/yellow for the duration of the month to show support and raise awareness.

Proclamation & Illumination: Moose Hide Campaign Day - May 14, 2026

Council proclaimed May 14, 2026 as Moose Hide Campaign Day in the Town of Amherstburg and approved the illumination of Town Hall in yellow in recognition of the day.

CONSENT OTHER MINUTES

Council received the following minutes:

- Economic Development Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes - April 16, 2026
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – April 22, 2026
- Committee of Adjustment Meeting Minutes - April 1, 2026

NEW BUSINESS

Commemorative Plaque for Historic Whelan Residence

Council has directed Administration to report back at the next public meeting on the status of the May 2016 motion to fund and install a commemorative plaque at the former Whelan residence on Front Road North, recognizing its significance as the site of the historic “walk that changed the world.”

2026 Capital Budget Placeholder: Malden Park Washroom and Canteen Facilities

Council has directed Administration to include a placeholder during the development of the 2027 Capital Budget for the potential development of washroom and canteen facilities at Malden Park.

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