



Town of Amherstburg Council Brief

Highlights from the June 24th, 2025 meeting of Council:

REPORTS

Sign By-law 2025-001

Administration provided a report to Council outlining alternatives to the portable sign provisions in the Sign By-law, with a focus on addressing AODA compliance and enforcement challenges. Council subsequently directed that the Sign By-law be amended to require AODA compliance, restrict sign placement to the owner's property unless a fee is paid, and remove time limits on sign display.

2025 Tar and Chip Program – Tender Award

Council approved awarding the 2025 Tar and Chip Road Maintenance Program to Shepley Road Maintenance Limited for \$532,860 plus taxes. The over-expenditure will be covered by reallocating funds from the 2025 Annual Bridge Maintenance Program. Council also authorized the Mayor and Clerk to execute the agreement to proceed with the project.

Off-Road Vehicle and Golf Cart Prohibition Signage

Council received the off-road vehicle and golf cart prohibition report in response to their request for more information on sign spacing and related costs. Council also approved the Golf Cart Parade organized by Bar Pointe residents. An exemption to the Noise By-law was granted to permit music during the event, and approval was given for a temporary road closure.

Heritage Conservation District Plan Adoption

Council adopted the Amherstburg Heritage Conservation District (HCD) Plan, which sets out policy direction and incorporates best practices to guide and manage change within the District. By-laws 2025-036 and 2025-045 were passed to formally designate the HCD and delegate authority for certain small-scale, non-contentious heritage approvals, streamlining the process for property owners and administration. Council also approved \$25,000 from the Planning and Studies Reserve to register the by-law on title for affected properties. Administration was directed to report back with options to update financial incentive programs under the Ontario Heritage Act.

CORRESPONDENCE

Ministry of Transportation (MTO) - Golf Car Pilot Program

Council received correspondence from the Ministry of Transportation confirming that the golf cart pilot program has been expanded to include the area of Bois Blanc Island from April 1 to November 30, 2025.

CONSENT OTHER MINUTES

Heritage Committee Meeting Minutes - June 12, 2025

Council received the minutes.

OTHER MINUTES

Drainage Board Meeting Minutes - June 3, 2025

Council received the Drainage Board Meeting Minutes from June 3, 2025, and approved the revised Schedule of Assessment for the Deslippe Drain, along with the recommended drainage apportionments.

NEW BUSINESS

Request to Expand Golf Cart Pilot Project to Additional Areas

Council directed Administration to send a letter to the Province requesting that Willow Beach, Bar Pointe, and Lakewood Beach areas be included in the expanded golf cart pilot project.

BY-LAWS

By-Law 2025-018 - Improvements to the Branch Drain & Subsequent Connection to the Sam Paquette Drain - Third & Final Reading

Council passed By-law 2025-018 for improvements to the Branch Drain and its connection to the Sam Paquette Drain.

By-Law 2025-027 - Improvements to the Deslippe Drain (2025)

Council passed By-law 2025-027 for improvements to the Deslippe Drain (2025) and authorized the Mayor and Clerk to sign the by-law following its third and final reading.

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