



## Town of Amherstburg Council Brief

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*Highlights from the May 25<sup>th</sup>, 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 09 - Regular Council Meeting Minutes
- 2026 02 09 - Special In-Camera Council Meeting Minutes - Confidential
- 2026 02 09 - Special In-Camera Council Meeting Minutes - Public

### **REPORTS**

#### **Opening of Amherstburg Waterfront Festival Plaza and First Nations Partnership**

Council approved a ribbon-cutting event for the opening of the Amherstburg Waterfront Festival Plaza at no additional cost, with any remaining project funds to be retained in surplus for future phases of the waterfront development. Council also directed Administration to partner with Caldwell First Nation to develop a central sculptural art piece and to explore grant funding opportunities, with details to be brought back to Council for approval.

#### **Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Grant for Tree Planting Funding**

Council authorized Administration to apply for a Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) grant to support the planting of trees along the Jack Purdie Park accessible pathway in 2027 and/or in H. Murray Smith Centennial Park, with funding supported through existing budgets to defined limits. Should the application be successful, Council delegated authority to the Chief Administrative Officer to execute all necessary agreements and procurement to implement the project.

#### **Pathway to Potential – 2025 and 2026 Service Agreements**

Council received the report and approved entering into and executing the necessary service agreements with the City of Windsor for the Pathway to Potential (P2P) program, an initiative that provides recreation subsidies and supports community-based

programming for eligible resident, for both the 2025 program period and for January 1 to June 30, 2026 period at no cost to the Town. Council also delegated authority to the Chief Administrative Officer and Clerk to execute all required agreements and sub-agreements to support ongoing delivery of the program.

### **Amherstburg Wastewater Collection System – Sanitary Pump Stations SCADA Integration**

The 2026 Wastewater Capital Budget includes phased implementation of SCADA systems at sanitary pump stations to enable remote monitoring and improve operational efficiency. Updated cost estimates from OCWA have increased the per-station cost beyond the original budget. Council approved an additional expenditure of \$2,700 for SCADA integration within the wastewater collection system, to be funded from the Wastewater Reserve.

### **Amherstburg Wastewater Treatment Plant – Replacement and relocation of the electrical feed cables for the Ultraviolet Disinfection System**

The ultraviolet disinfection system at the Amherstburg Wastewater Treatment Plant has experienced ongoing issues due to degradation of underground feed cables, creating potential risks to system reliability and environmental protection. Council approved an unbudgeted expenditure of \$165,000 to replace and relocate the electrical feed cables aboveground, with funding to be drawn from the Wastewater Reserve.

### **Zoning By-law Amendment – ZBA-01-26 – 520 Dalhousie Street**

Council considered a Zoning By-law Amendment application (ZBA-01-26) for 520 Dalhousie Street, which proposed adding a site-specific provision to permit additional driveway access points. Council refused the application.

### **Direction of use of funding from Diageo**

Council considered options for the allocation of the \$500,000 provincial funding provided through the Diageo agreement, aligned with economic development, infrastructure, and tourism priorities. Council has directed that the following recommendations be submitted to the Province and Diageo for consideration:

- Allocation of funding to Amherstburg Community Services
- Establishment of a \$100,000 skilled trades bursary at St. Clair College
- Funds to be used towards Town Grant program for approximately 8 years
- Investment in the Waterfront Expansion project for public amenities
- Restoration and reopening of the Balaclava Street roadway

These recommendations will be formally communicated as part of the next step in confirming funding allocation.

## **INFORMATION REPORTS**

### **Drinking Water Quality Management System – 2025 Status Update**

Council received the 2025 Drinking Water Quality Management System (QMS) Management Review report, as required under the Safe Drinking Water Act. The report summarizes the annual review of system performance, regulatory compliance, risk

management, and continuous improvement efforts, along with the 2025 Annual Summary of Water Activities for information.

### **Amherstburg Water Treatment Plant Submission of the 2025 Annual Summary Report**

Council received the 2025 Annual Summary Report for the Amherstburg Water Treatment Plant, prepared in accordance with the Safe Drinking Water Act, confirming regulatory compliance, no reported non-compliance issues, and that system flow rates remained within approved limits.

## **CONSENT CORRESPONDENCE**

### **Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority Resolution 30-2026**

Council received correspondence from the Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority (EWSWA) regarding its Green Bin Program promotion and education efforts, including Campaign 3A: “Beat the Heat With These Green Tips!”, which provides guidance to residents on managing food waste during warmer months and updates on program implementation.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **The Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command- 14th Annual Military Service Recognition Book**

Council approved the purchase of a full-colour quarter-page advertisement in the Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command’s Military Service Recognition Book at a cost of \$650 (inclusive of HST), to be funded from the Council Donations Account.

### **Proclamation: May is Museum Month - May 2026**

Council adopted a proclamation declaring May 2026 as “May is Museum Month” in the Town of Amherstburg, recognizing the important role museums and heritage sites play in supporting education, cultural understanding, community wellbeing, and tourism.

## **CONSENT OTHER MINUTES**

### **Drainage Board Meeting Minutes – May 5, 2026**

Council approved meeting minutes of May 5, 2026 and received the Engineer’s Report for the Shuell Line Drain, provisionally adopting By-law 2026-029. Council also approved By-law 2026-030 to recover 2025 municipal drain maintenance and repair costs. In addition, Council repealed By-law 2026-002 for the Lakewood Drain No. 3 and Pumping Station, accepted the revised Schedule of Assessment, and adopted By-law 2026-033, as recommended by the Drainage Board.

### **Amherstburg Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes - April 30, 2026**

Council affirmed its continued support for the annual Earth Day Tree Planting initiative and ongoing promotion of environmental awareness, including initiatives such as the Provincial Day of Action on Litter, while maintaining a focus on actions that mitigate the

impacts of climate change. Council also approved the installation of signage on the Town's fully electric Zamboni to highlight its environmental benefits.

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