

J. Paul Dubé, Ombudsman

BY EMAIL

April 29, 2024

Town of Amherstburg c/o Mayor Michael Prue 271 Sandwich Street South Amherstburg, ON N9V 2A5

Dear Members of Council for the Town of Amherstburg:

Re: Report – Office of the Ontario Ombudsman

I have completed my investigation into a complaint regarding meetings of council for the Town of Amherstburg on August 8, 2022, November 29, 2022, November 30, 2022, February 13, 2023, February 14, 2023, and March 27, 2023, as well as a gathering of members of the Town's Accessibility Advisory Committee on September 8, 2022. Please find my final report enclosed.

In accordance with section 14.1(8) of the *Ombudsman Act*, the Town should make my report available to the public, and we ask that this be done no later than the next council meeting. In accordance with s. 239.2(12) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, council should pass a resolution stating how it intends to address this report.

Pursuant to section 14.1 (9) of the *Ombudsman Act*, I will also post a copy of the report on my website at <u>www.ombudsman.on.ca</u>.

Please encourage all members of your committees and local boards to familiarize themselves with the open meeting rules. Our Office has resources available, including our Open Meeting Guide for Municipalities, which <u>can be accessed on our website here</u>. You can also contact us directly to order copies at <u>info@ombudsman.on.ca</u>.

Yours truly,

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Paul Dubé Ombudsman of Ontario

CC: Kevin Fox, Municipal Clerk/Risk Manager, Town of Amherstburg

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