

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF AMHERSTBURG

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*Mission Statement:* As stewards of the Town of Amherstburg, we strive to improve the quality of life of all residents through the delivery of effective, efficient, and affordable services.

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#### To: Mayor and Members of Town Council

#### Subject: Amendments to Annual Vacation and Paid Holidays Policy

#### 1. <u>RECOMMENDATION:</u>

It is recommended that:

- 1. The Annual Vacation and Paid Holidays policy **BE AMENDED** in accordance with the March 12, 2025 report; and,
- 2. The Paid Holidays policy **BE RESCINDED**.

## 2. BACKGROUND:

The Non-Union Annual Vacation policy, last amended on October 25, 2021, details the Town's commitment to providing paid vacation time to its employees in accordance with its legislative responsibilities as an employer and to provide time away from the workplace for rest and rejuvenation. Specifically, this policy defines the vacation entitlement for non-union employees. Similarly, the Paid Holidays policy was adopted on October 23, 2006 to provide a definition of paid holidays as it relates to employees of the Town.

## 3. DISCUSSION:

In accordance with the Town's policy program, which encourages a five-year review schedule, the Non-Union Annual Vacation policy and Paid Holidays policy were reviewed. As a result, the policies were consolidated into the Annual Vacation and Paid Holidays policy in an effort to reduce duplication, provide role clarity, ensure legislative compliance, and engage in best practices.

### 4. <u>RISK ANALYSIS:</u>

There are no risks associated with the policy changes recommended in this report.

#### 5. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

In addition to the benefits referred to in the Discussion section of the report, the Policy proposes slight adjustments in how vacation carry over is managed and includes a progressive plan and more rigorous thresholds to reduce any liabilities associated with the amount of vacation carry forward year over year.

#### 6. ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPACTS:

There are no asset management impacts associated with the policy changes recommended in this report.

#### 7. CONSULTATIONS:

Kevin Fox, Clerk/Risk Manager Valerie Critchley, Chief Administrative Officer Senior Management Team

### 8. CORPORATE STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT:

Vision: Preserving our past while forging our future.

Amherstburg Community Strategic Plan 2022 - 2026		
PILLAR 1 Deliver Trusted & Accountable Local Government	PILLAR 3 Encourage Local Economic Prosperity	
<ul> <li>✓ Improve trust between council and staff, and residents, by strengthening governance and internal accountability structures.</li> <li>□ Deliver transparent and efficient financial management.</li> <li>□ Increase effective communication and engagement with residents.</li> <li>✓ Develop our staff team, resources, and workplace culture.</li> <li>□ Continue to deliver strong core municipal services.</li> <li>□ Ensure Amherstburg is an inclusive accessible and welcoming community committed to reconciliation.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Encourage development of commercial and industrial lands.</li> <li>Continue to promote local tourism industry, especially overnight accommodation.</li> <li>Continue to facilitate downtown development for residents and visitors.</li> <li>Continue to leverage partnership opportunities with other provincial, federal, and local governments, agencies, and organizations.</li> </ul>	
PILLAR 2	PILLAR 4	

Invest in Community Amenities and	Shape Growth Aligned with Local
Infrastructure	Identity
<ul> <li>Maintain safe, reliable and accessible</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Define and communicate a vision for the</li></ul>
municipal infrastructure and facilities. <li>Increase access to recreation</li>	Town's future and identity. <li>Promote and plan for green and "climate</li>
opportunities for all ages. <li>Finalize and execute plans for town-</li>	change ready" development. <li>Review and implement policies that</li>
owned lands (e.g. Duffy's site, Belle Vue) <li>Create public access to water and</li>	promote greater access to diverse
waterfront <li>Prioritize opportunities to reduce</li>	housing. <li>Protect the Town's historic sites and</li>
environmental impacts of Town	heritage. <li>Preserve the Town's greenspaces,</li>
operations and increase Town resilience	agricultural lands, and natural
to climate change.	environment.

## 9. CONCLUSION:

Administration recommends that Council adopt the amendments to the Annual Vacation and Paid Holidays policy and rescind the Paid Holidays policy.

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