

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

TOWN OF LUNENBURG

Tuesday, June 23, 2026 | 6 pm

Lunenburg Town Hall - Council Chamber



Present	Deputy Rachel Bailey, Councillors Alex Greek, Debbie Dauphinee, Renea Babineau, Gale Fullerton, and Alison Strachan
Regrets	Mayor Jamie Myra
Also present	Paul Nopper, CAO Alan Howell, Senior Planner Tyson Joyce, Director of Public Works Marc Kiely, Director of Community Development Kayla Byrne, Municipal Clerk Jamie Deans, Communications and Events Coordinator
Call to Order	The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
Land Acknowledgment	The Chair recognized Lunenburg's location on the unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people.
Approval of Agenda	Moved and seconded that Council approve the agenda for the June 23, 2026, meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously
Approval of Minutes	Moved and seconded that Council approve the May 13, 2026 special meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously
Approval of Minutes	Moved and seconded that Council approve the May 26, 2026 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously
Presentation	Council received a presentation from the Lunenburg County Accessibility Regional Advisory Committee. The presentation highlighted recent committee initiatives, examples of accessibility-related input provided on municipal projects throughout the region, and challenges related to accessibility awareness, representation, and early consideration of accessibility in project planning. The Committee encouraged Council and staff to engage with the Committee on municipal projects and initiatives where accessibility considerations may be relevant. Staff advised that accessibility improvements to the Council Chambers

	had recently been reviewed in consultation with accessibility staff and that phased improvements, including several short-term measures, are planned for implementation prior to the fall meeting schedule. Council also discussed the value of ongoing communication with the Committee and welcomed opportunities for the Committee to provide input on accessibility matters.
Public Input	Townsend Anderson spoke regarding the former CNR Lunenburg Station and its eligibility for inclusion on the Municipal Registry of Heritage Properties. The speaker expressed concerns regarding the process followed in relation to a previous application for heritage registration and requested clarification regarding the status of the application and potential next steps.
Correspondence	Council received correspondence from Be the Peace Institute requesting an in-kind contribution for a Community Centre rental. Council directed staff to determine the value of the requested contribution and bring the request back for consideration under the Community Grants Policy.
RFP Award Trackless Sidewalk Machine	Moved and seconded that Council approve the RFP to Saunders Equipment for the amount of \$187,302 + HST for the Trackless Sidewalk Maintenance Machine. Motion carried unanimously
Affordable Housing Grant	Council received a staff report regarding the Affordable Housing Grant Program under the Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF). The report provided an overview of the program objectives, eligibility criteria, affordability requirements, grant structure, and implementation considerations. Staff advised that the program is intended to support the creation and preservation of affordable rental housing units and noted the importance of advancing the initiative within HAF timelines. Council discussed program timelines, available funding, application requirements, and the relationship between the program and other HAF initiatives. This proposed program is scheduled to return at the next meeting for Council's consideration and approval.
Social Media Policy	Moved and seconded that Council provide notice of its intent to consider the Social Media Policy, incorporating the amendments discussed to Section 6.3, Moderation of Comments, and that the Policy be referred to a future Regular Council Meeting for final consideration and approval. Motion carried unanimously
Community Grants	Moved and seconded that Council approve the allocation of funds for the 2026/2027 Community Grants Program as presented in

Attachment A.

Motion carried unanimously

Additional Financial Support for Street Fest 2026	Council considered a request from the Lunenburg Board of Trade for additional financial support related to Street Fest. Discussion focused on the status and scope of the proposed event, available funding under the Special Events Policy, and the desirability of confirming the event before considering any additional funding request.
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Request for Repair Funding for Lunenburg Curling Club	Moved and seconded that Council approve the Lunenburg Curling Club's application for funding from the Lunenburg Athletic Facility Fund (LAFF) in the amount of \$16,662.00 for repairs to the Brine system.
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Motion carried unanimously

Notices of Motion, Information Requests and Councillor Reports	Council members provided reports on recent meetings and community activities.
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Items for Consideration at COTW	The next Committee of the Whole meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 1, 2026.
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Motion Action List	Council reviewed the Motion Action List. Discussion included the status of the Laurie Fisher art project and recognition of the progress made on action items since the adoption of the list.
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It was noted that correspondence had been received regarding the Cornwallis Street renaming project and that the matter may be discussed further with staff at a future date.

Closed Session	Moved and seconded that Council move into closed session at 8:03 p.m. for agenda item 14.1 Personnel Matter.
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Motion carried unanimously

Open Session	Council returned to open session. There was no report from the closed session.
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Adjournment	There being no further business, the Council meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.
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Minutes were read and approved.