

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OF LUNENBURG**

Tuesday, July 14, 2026 | 6 pm

Lunenburg Town Hall - Council Chamber



Present	Mayor Jamie Myra, Deputy Rachel Bailey (via Zoom), Councillors Alex Greek, Debbie Dauphinee, Renea Babineau, Gale Fullerton, and Alison Strachan
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 Kristi Tibbo, Director of Recreation Laura LeGresley, Community Development
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.
Additions/ Deletions	Moved and seconded that Council amend the agenda by switching the order of agenda items 10.1 and 10.2. Motion carried unanimously
Approval of Agenda	Moved and seconded that Council approve the agenda for the July 14, 2026, meeting as amended. Motion carried unanimously
Approval of Minutes	Moved and seconded that Council approve the June 22, 2026 special meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously Moved and seconded that Council approve the June 23, 2026 regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously
Public Input	Scott Clements provided comments on the proposed Social Media Policy, including suggestions related to communications practices and record retention.

Irma Da Sie spoke regarding the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law review, requesting that amendments related to parking requirements and waterfront height limits be prioritized ahead of the broader review process.

Heather Langille spoke regarding the recent appeal decision related to the Solterre development, encouraging Council to consider its options in response to the decision and requesting that parking near the Lower Green Street recreational facilities be reserved for users of those public amenities.

Council Strategic
Priorities

Moved and seconded that Council formally adopt the following strategic priorities, as affirmed through facilitated discussions in March 2026:

1. Preparing the Electric Utility for the Future;
 2. Improving Organizational Capacity;
 3. Striving for Best Governance Practices, including a review of planning documents;
 4. Advancing Asset Management for Long-Term Sustainability;
 5. Building Trust through Communication and Engagement; and
 6. Strategic Community Development Planning; and
- direct staff to arrange a follow-up facilitated workshop in early fall 2026 to further develop the strategic priorities and support planning for the upcoming budget cycle; and
 - direct staff to use these strategic priorities to guide operational decisions and planning until otherwise directed.

Motion carried unanimously

Sustainable Cultural
Tourism Plan

Moved and seconded that Council accept the Sustainable Cultural Tourism Plan prepared by 21 FSP Inc. as a guide for staff in working collaboratively with community partners and making recommendations to Council, as appropriate.

Motion carried unanimously

Affordable Housing
Grant Program

Moved and seconded that Council adopt the Affordable Housing Grant Program as presented in Schedule A.

Motion carried unanimously

Ice Allocation Policy

Council discussed the proposed policy, including consideration of Mahone Bay residents in the residency provisions.

Moved and seconded that Council provide official notice of its intent to

consider the Ice Allocation Policy and refer the Policy to a future Regular Council Meeting for final consideration and approval.

	FOR	AGAINST	
	6 Councillors	1 Councillor (Bailey)	Motion carried
Information Report: Town & Water Utility Capital Projects Status Updates	Staff presented an update on the status of the Town and Water Utility capital projects as of June 30, noting projects that were completed, underway, in the preliminary stages, and currently on hold. Council asked questions regarding several projects, including the water treatment plant tank bypass and the Maple Avenue project. Staff provided clarification on project planning, timelines, and the coordinated approach to delivering related infrastructure improvements.		
Lunenburg Academy Rental Space	Moved and seconded that Council direct staff to promptly prepare and advertise a call for Expressions of Interest for the space available for rent in the Lunenburg Academy with criteria established through consultation with representatives of the Lunenburg Academy Foundation Board of Directors and approved by Council.		
Social Media Policy	Moved and seconded that Council direct staff to use social media as an official communication tool to share timely and accurate information with the public, with comments disabled by default, and that appropriate contact information be provided to allow members of the public to obtain further information.		
	FOR	AGAINST	
	6 Councillors	1 Councillor (Dauphinee)	Motion carried
	Moved and seconded that Council approve the Social Media Policy as presented.		
	FOR	AGAINST	
	5 Councillors	2 Councillors (Bailey & Dauphinee)	Motion carried
Inclement Weather Policy	Moved and seconded that Council approve the Inclement Weather Policy as presented.		
	FOR	AGAINST	
	6 Councillors	1 Councillor (Bailey)	Motion carried
Notices of Motion, Information	Council members provided reports on recent meetings and community activities.		

Requests and
Councillor Reports

Deputy Mayor Bailey gave notice that Council direct staff to immediately amend the Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) and Land Use By-law (LUB) to institute parking requirements for new development and amend height allowances in the Marine Industrial Zone.

This motion will return for decision at a future meeting of Council.

Items for
Consideration at
COTW

The next Committee of the Whole meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 1, 2026.

Motion Action List

Council reviewed the Motion Action List.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Council meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Minutes were read and approved.