

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
TOWN OF LUNENBURG**

September 1, 2026 | 6 pm

Lunenburg Town Hall - Council Chamber



Present	Mayor Jamie Myra, Deputy Rachel Bailey, Councillors Debbie Dauphinee, Alex Greek, Renea Babineau, Gale Fullerton and Alison Strachan
Also present	Paul Nopper, CAO Kristi Tibbo, Director of Recreation & Parklands Shania MacLeod, Senior By-Law Enforcement Officer Jamie Deans, Communications & 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 by Councillor Strachan and seconded by Councillor Greek that Committee of the Whole approve the agenda for the September 1, 2026 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously
Approval of Minutes	Moved by Councillor Babineau and seconded by Councillor Fullerton that Committee of the Whole approve the minutes from the May 5, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously
Review: Ice Allocation Policy	Staff presented a revised Ice Allocation Policy following Council's direction from the August 11th meeting. Revisions included clearer definitions, updates to improve readability, measures to reduce potential barriers and marginalization, support for accessibility and broader participation, removal of references to neighbouring municipalities, updates to the youth organization and resident definitions, and additional information regarding the ice allocation matrix. It was noted that language related to "fair play" and "strong/weak governance," could create challenges in interpretation and enforcement. Staff indicated these provisions could be revised or removed and proposed adjustments to the appeals process to provide separation between scheduling decisions and dispute resolution.

Council members supported the proposed amendments and agreed that the policy should be updated to reflect the discussion.

Councillor Fullerton moved that Committee of the Whole refer the Ice Allocation Policy, as amended, to a Regular Council meeting for approval. Seconded by Councillor Babineau.

Motion carried unanimously

Noise By-Law
Report and
Discussion

Staff presented the annual review of the Noise Bylaw, reporting that the bylaw continues to function effectively as an enforcement tool. Most complaints received during the year involved residential or isolated incidents, such as construction outside permitted hours and prolonged music. These matters were resolved through voluntary compliance, and no summary offence tickets were issued.

Staff noted that the primary enforcement challenge involved recurring complaints related to amplified outdoor music from a registered business. While the business was cooperative and responded to requests to reduce volume, concerns were raised regarding the frequency of events and the cumulative impact on nearby residents.

Council discussed the need to balance the interests of residents and local businesses, recognizing the value that live entertainment brings to the community while also acknowledging growing concerns from residents affected by repeated noise impacts. Members expressed support for exploring additional tools and regulations that could address recurring amplified music events, including potential limits on event frequency, designated days of operation, sound mitigation measures, event permitting requirements, and other bylaw provisions that could provide clearer guidance and enforcement authority.

Councillor Strachan moved that Committee of the Whole use the report for information, discussion and direct staff to further communicate with the business owner and Alcohol, Gaming, Fuel and Tobacco on ways to address noise in a by-law and future public input and that staff provides recommendations based on the outline from the report of ways that can mitigate the amplified noise or options for council to consider for deeper detail within that scope. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Bailey

Motion carried unanimously

Lunenburg Athletic
Facility Fund (LAFF)
Potential Changes

Council considered a staff report regarding a request from the Lunenburg Curling Club to enable donations through an investment account with capital dividends. Staff explained that the current LAFF structure does not accommodate this type of donation and that

establishing a process would require the creation of an appropriate investment account and related administrative procedures. Council's direction was requested before staff undertook further work.

Council expressed support for exploring the acceptance of this form of donation. Discussion focused on the anticipated administrative requirements, with staff indicating that while initial setup would require some work, ongoing administration would be manageable and similar to existing fund management processes.

Council also discussed the need to review and update the existing LAFF policy to reflect any new donation mechanisms and to address outdated provisions.

Councillor Babineau moved that Council provide direction regarding the acceptance of donations from a capital dividend account. Seconded by Councillor Strachan.

Motion carried unanimously

Councillor Reports Councillor Strachan moved to direct staff to work with Councillor Fullerton and Deputy Mayor Bailey to offer the Town's condolences on the death of the King of Norway. Seconded by Councillor Babineau.

Council congratulated Logan Taylor, originally of Lunenburg, for making the Los Angeles Chargers NFL team.

Motion Action List updates Council reviewed the Motion Action List and received updates from staff on several ongoing Priority A projects. A recommendation is expected at the September 8th Council meeting.

Staff also provided an update on the review of municipal speed limits and are awaiting additional information from the RCMP before bringing a report to Council.

Council further discussed the status of Priority A and Priority B items, noting that progress on several Priority A initiatives may allow consideration of advancing additional projects, including the cemetery review.

Council identified the need for a formal policy regarding municipal recognition and acknowledgement certificates. The goal is to create a consistent process to recognize residents' significant milestones and achievements while ensuring fairness, transparency, and manageable administration. Staff were directed to add the matter to the Motion Action List and bring forward a future report for Council's consideration.

Closed Session Moved by Councillor Fullerton and seconded by Councillor Babineau that Council move in closed session at 6:58 p.m. to discuss agenda item 12.1 Contract Negotiations.

Return to Open Session at 7:45 p.m. Motioned by Councillor Fullerton
Seconded by Councillor Strachan.

Adjournment There being no further business, the Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m. Motioned by Councillor Fullerton Seconded by Councillor Babineau.

Minutes were read and approved.