

TOWN OF LUNENBURG COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2022 AT 6:00 P.M.

VIA ZOOM WEBINAR

PRESENT: Mayor Matt Risser
Deputy Mayor Peter Mosher
Councillor Jenni Birtles
Councillor Melissa Duggan
Councillor Stephen Ernst
Councillor Susan Sanford

ALSO PRESENT: Ann Covey, Recording Secretary
Kelly Cunningham, Recreation Director
Lisa Dagley, Finance Director
Dennis MacPherson, Town Engineer
Kevin Malloy, Interim Chief Administrative Officer
Heather McCallum, Assistant Municipal Clerk

ABSENT: Councillor Ed Halverson

1. Call to Order

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Acknowledgement of Mi'kma'ki the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People

The Mayor recognized Lunenburg's location on the unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people.

3. Agenda

Motion: moved and seconded approval of the agenda with an addition under (9) New Business, (c) Scott Clements, 107.9 Lunenburg Radio FM. **Motion carried.**

4. January 11, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes

Motion: moved and seconded approval of the January 11, 2022 Council meeting minutes. **Motion carried.**

5. Public Hearings, Presentations and Questions

a. Scott Clements, 107.9 Lunenburg Radio FM

Mr. Clements reviewed his proposal and request for a letter of support (**Schedule "A"**).

6. Correspondence, Petitions and Proclamations Consideration

- a. Board of Trustees Common Lands Appointment – for information
- b. #1792 Project 230th Anniversary

Council discussed the request to annually proclaim January 15 the “Day of Black Loyalist Exodus” (Schedule “B”).

Motion: moved and seconded that the following annual proclamation be made:

WHEREAS January 15, 2022 is the 230th anniversary of 15 ships departing the harbour of Halifax in 1792, and that the conditions and causes that led to the exodus of 1,196 self-liberated Black Loyalists were conditions of abject institutionalized racism and that this departure took place at the height of the transatlantic chattel slave trade, one of the cruelest chapters in the history of humanity;

WHEREAS the Town of Lunenburg recognizes that people of African descent have been a part of Canadian society since the early 1600s and that their enslavement occurred on this land for centuries and that the Black Loyalists’ departure is linked to the failure of institutional, political, and societal will to fulfill the promises that were made to the communities that left for Sierra Leone;

WHEREAS the Town of Lunenburg is committed to promote histories such as the 15 Ships to Sierra Leone that often have been left in a vacuum of erasure. The resources provided for well-known monumentation have historically been funded at the expense of those erasures;

WHEREAS the Town of Lunenburg continues to recognize the ongoing significance of the UN Decade of African Descent and the importance of recognizing the history of Black Loyalists in Nova Scotia, and how all communities in Nova Scotia continue to be affected by the historic rift of the Black community; and

WHEREAS the Town of Lunenburg recognizes that secure housing and land was promised to these early settlers and very few received what was owed. No one received the promised 100 acres of land for each head of household despite petitions (by Thomas Peters). For many Black Loyalists, shared Mi’kmaq knowledge was key to survival in the first winters.

THEREFORE be it resolved that I, Mayor Matt Risser, declare January 15, 2022 the “Day of Black Loyalist Exodus: 15 Ships to Sierra Leone” in the Town of Lunenburg.
Motion carried.

7. Business Arising from the Minutes/Unfinished Business

- a. Five-Ton Salt Truck for Public Works Update

The FD reviewed the report (Schedule “C”).

In response to a question, the CAO said staff have reviewed processes and made adjustments to prevent lapses of tender price guarantees going forward.

Motion: moved and seconded to rescind the approval of tender award to Nova Truck Centres of Truro NS for a 2023 Freightliner 1085D for a total price of \$193,600 + HST = \$222,640 (\$202,000 including net HST) as approved by Council on December 14, 2021. Motion carried.

8. Committee Meeting Minutes, Recommendations, Reports and Notices of Motion

- a. Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee November 10, 2021 - for information
- b. Project Lunenburg Steering Team December 1 and 8, 2021 – for information

9. New Business

- a. Pan-African Flag Raising Request for February 2022

Council discussed the February 2, 2022 Pan-African flag raising request (**Schedule “D”**).

Motion: moved and seconded that the Pan-African flag be raised in the Town of Lunenburg in recognition of African Heritage Month February 2022. Motion carried.

- b. Committee Volunteer Applications: Heritage Advisory Committee and Planning Advisory Committee

Motion: moved and seconded that Faune Creaser be appointed as a citizen representative on the Heritage Advisory committee. Motion carried.

Motion: moved and seconded that Kayla Byrne be appointed as a citizen representative on the Planning Advisory committee. Motion carried.

- c. Scott Clements, 107.9 Lunenburg Radio FM

Council discussed Mr. Clements’ request for a letter of support (**Schedule “A”**).

Motion: moved and seconded to provide a letter to support the application for a new radio station to be licensed in Lunenburg. The letter is to be given to the Canadian Radio, Television and Telecommunications Commission as part of the public process and licensing proceedings. Motion carried.

10. Meet in camera

Motion: moved and seconded to meet in camera to consider the following matters pursuant to section 22 (2), Municipal Government Act:

- Potential property acquisition
- Electric Utility contract negotiations
- Application for tax relief
- Shared service agreement

Motion carried.

Council recessed and met in camera at 6:19 p.m.

11. Resumption of Council meeting in public session

The public portion of the Council meeting resumed at 7:09 p.m. The following Council in camera meeting recommendations were considered by Council.

Motion: moved and seconded to increase the budget for the Pre-Construction Phase of the Tannery Road Sidewalk Project from \$55,000 to \$115,000. Funding to be from Deed Transfer Taxes. Motion carried.

Motion: moved and seconded to direct staff to forward a request to the NSUARB for the approval of the new 4kV Tannery Road Feeder, a capital project of over \$250,000. Motion carried.

Motion: moved and seconded that Council authorize the Mayor and CAO/Clerk to sign the parking enforcement Agreement with the Town of Bridgewater. Motion carried.

12. Adjournment – Mayor Risser

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m. by the Mayor.

Ann Covey, Recording Secretary
for Kevin Malloy, Interim CAO

From: [Scott Clements](#)
To: [Heather McCallum](#)
Subject: Re: Lunenburg Radio FM
Date: January 20, 2022 2:30:39 PM

Good afternoon Heather. What I'm looking for is a motion from the town Council to support the application for a new radio station to be licensed in Lunenburg. This letter will be given to the Canadian radio television and telecommunications commission, CRTC, as part of a public process as part of the proceedings in the licensing process

James Scott Clements.

Town of Lunenburg

Application for a new FM station to serve the community of Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

Prepared by James Scott Clements, OBCI

Appendix 1, Supplementary Brief

On behalf of a company to be incorporated

Please note that some sections have been redacted due to confidential content but will be published by the CRTC should they say the market is able to sustain a new station.

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1.0 Executive Summary

With 21 years in broadcasting, and another 6 years as an entrepreneur, James Scott Clements has extensive experience in the managing of departments throughout radio stations and is proud to present an exciting proposal for a new FM radio station to serve Lunenburg, Nova Scotia.

The town of Lunenburg is located 97 kilometres southwest of Halifax along the Atlantic Ocean. In addition to being a UNESCO heritage site, Lunenburg is experiencing healthy economic development and has a strong sense of community spirit.

LUNENBURG RADIO FM shall offer its listeners at over 5 hours of Spoken Word programming each week with local news, local weather, local road information, community and cultural information, as well as Maritimes lifestyle content.

The licensing of 107.9 LUNENBURG RADIO FM shall fill a large void on the local FM dial by providing the Town of Lunenburg the first commercial FM service and attracting businesses attempting to reach them.

Primarily for these reasons, Clements' looks forward to becoming a new independent player in the Canadian radio industry, strongly reflecting the goals of the Broadcast Act.

2.0 Applicant Profile

James Scott Clements is a strong radio professional who has been in the broadcast industry since the early 1990's.

Some of Clements' experiences in radio broadcasting include management positions at CHFX-FM Halifax, CHNS-FM Halifax, CHSJ-FM Saint John, CHWV-FM Saint John, CKCW-FM Moncton, CKQM-FM Moncton, CING-FM Hamilton, CFWF-FM Regina, CHMX-FM Regina, and CKRM Regina.

Since 2015, Clements has been the sole proprietor of "Principle Projects Music" based out of Nova Scotia's South Shore. Principle Projects Music is an indie artist label services company that has generated close to a million dollars in revenue for Canadian music artists.

Clements is a resident of the county of Lunenburg.

3.0 The Lunenburg Market

3.1 Lunenburg At A Glance

The town of Lunenburg is a regional hub of 2,263 in the south shore of Nova Scotia serving a population base of about 47,125 in the county.

Source: Stats Can 2016 census.

3.2 Lunenburg History

The District of the Municipality of Lunenburg (**MoDL**) is one of the province's oldest settled areas and we certainly have our share of interesting stories.

Even local residents are not always aware that in the early 1630's the District was home to the first Capital of New France. Inspiring beauty, historic architecture, and winding roads that follow hundreds of kilometres of coastline.

Lunenburg is also synonymous with the Bluenose and Bluenose II schooners, built in Lunenburg. The Bluenose II home port is along the stunning Lunenburg waterfront.

3.3 Life in Lunenburg Today

The town of Lunenburg has a unique retail and service atmosphere in that all the amenities of a city are found here. From grocery to pharmacy and clothing to gifts, to national chains, Lunenburg has it.

The town itself can take pride in its daycare center, hospital, personal care and long term care facilities, community complex, year-round recreation facilities and a volunteer network.

3.3.1 Arts & Recreation

The arts are often at the core of a vibrant community and Lunenburg is no exception. The value that businesses, employees and their families put into a community foster a rich and diverse quality of life. The elements of art, culture, and recreation are drivers that help to create an economically-advantaged community.

In addition to the wide range of activities offered by our great outdoors and varied environments, the residents of MoDL have access to a number of recreational facilities. The Lunenburg County Lifestyle Centre is a new \$34-million sport, recreation and community facility with an NHL-sized ice surface hockey arena, aquatic facility, a library and other multi-purpose spaces. The Centre hosts a number of classes and activities for all ages and activity levels. There is also the Municipal Activity and Recreation Complex (the MARC), which provides the public with a space to enjoy a number of outdoor activities year round, including tobogganing, hiking and skiing, BMX trails, and much more.

MoDL offers facilities for baseball and soccer, as well as two yacht clubs and the highly-regarded Osprey Ridge Golf Course, an 18-hole championship course created by the internationally recognized golf course architect, Graham Cooke.

The welcoming climate of our region combined with forest, seashore, multiple rivers and lakes, provide some of the best entertainment Mother Nature has to offer.

Culturally, the area is alive with year-round festivals and events both in MoDL as well as in the neighbouring areas. The number of artists, musicians, and creative people packed into such a small area adds vibrancy and character. An unusual collection of people of immense talents actively supported by the community at large.

Artists, artisans, and those engaged in the creative aspects of knowledge based industries are drawn to the area. The fuel of their inspiration is perhaps twofold... the inspiration derived from captivating surroundings and that which is found when like-minded creative people have an opportunity to meet and share ideas. Inspiration breeding inspiration!

Painters, writers, potters, workers of glass, folk artists, weavers, fabric hookers, and carvers of wood and stone are just some of the examples of creative activities from within the artist and artisan communities.

Lunenburg welcomes folk music fans each year with our renowned Lunenburg Folk Festival.

Source: MoDL

3.3.2 Education

The province of Nova Scotia has a greater number of higher educational institutions per capita than anywhere else in Canada. It boasts a long tradition of academic success and our District is no exception with small class sizes, dedicated teaching staff, and a diversity of programming.

The South Shore Regional Centre for Education administers the schools in MoDL, offering a number of programs and services to meet a wide spectrum of needs. This includes delivery of the International Baccalaureate program. The school board operates schools ranging from elementary to adult high schools with additional transition and alternate programs for youth at risk. The French School Board of Nova Scotia (CSAP) also manages Ecole de la Rive Sud, a P - 12 French-language school. The independently run South Shore Waldorf School is located in the community of Blockhouse.

The Nova Scotia Community College Lunenburg Campus is one of thirteen community college campuses in Nova Scotia.

Source: MoDL

3.3.3 Agra and Aqua Business

To suggest that there is a “return to the land” movement underway would be somewhat misleading because the truth of the matter is, many people in MoDL have never left the land. What we are experiencing is increased interest from new people and younger generations in following a different type of lifestyle than what is afforded by the traditional workplace.

Collectively referred to as “Lifestyle Entrepreneurs”, these individuals are seeking a lifestyle change or are interested in running a business but not at the expense of their quality of life. This type of lifestyle is one in which our District is supremely well qualified to assist with and represents compelling opportunities for organically grown produce.

Old farmsteads are being purchased and reactivated and new lands made ready for viable berry crops such as the Haskap berry, blueberry, cranberry, and others, or to coincide with the demand. In addition, there are several vineyards now in operation, growing grapes for wine production. A wide range of activity can also be found in livestock farming such as dairy, poultry, beef, and sheep.

To support local food production there is an active and growing network of farmer’s markets as well as direct to consumer business models being utilized by the farming community. Plant farms and greenhouses also play an important role in supplying

residents with both decorative plants and food transplants for when the growing season commences. Many of the locally grown crops are likewise being developed into successful food products.

Early residents often wore the hat of both farmer and fisherman. A lifestyle largely influenced by the necessities of simpler times. Making a living from the sea demands hard work but is still a popular lifestyle which continues to attract new generations.

Today's industry is highly specialized with activity in both the inshore and offshore fisheries as well as seafood production. Our protected, accessible harbours and ports are ideal for supporting important inshore fisheries such as the Lobster industry and the colourful "Cape Islander" boats are a common sight in coastal communities.

Businesses are also active in scallop fishing and mussel farming with larger fishing fleets originating from neighbouring ports.

The town of Lunenburg is home to High Liner Foods, one of North America's leading processors of value-added frozen seafood and a leading employer in the region.

Source: MoDL

Forestry

Forestry related industries remain an important economic activity in the area. There are numerous small woodlot owners and larger commercial mill operators who harvest high value trees for production into construction lumber and various wood products for secondary manufacturers. Lunenburg is perhaps best known as the Christmas Tree Capital of the World! There are many Christmas tree producers active and the value of this annual export brings important income and jobs to the region.

Currently the workforce engaged in Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing in the Lunenburg area is 6.2% vs 3.8% in Nova Scotia

Source: MoDL

3.3.4 Health and Social Services

The Town of Lunenburg provides a wide range of health services. The Fisherman's Memorial Hospital is operated by the Nova Scotia Health Authority.

Dedicated professionals are available year round and have established practices within the town. A full range of complementary health care services includes chiropractic, dentistry, optometry, physicians, denturist, and massage therapy.

The Town also has an extensive range of programs and services for families.

Source: MoDL

3.4 Economic Overview

3.4.1 Major employers

High Liner Seafoods, Healthcare (regional and local hospitals), Education (several schools within the Municipality), Lunenburg Foundry & Engineering, ABCO Industries Inc, Michelin Tire, Public Administration (MoDL, Lunenburg , Chester, Mahone Bay, Bridgewater,) Retail sector (Walmart , Sobeys, Canadian Tire and Atlantic Superstore.)

Source: MoDL

3.4.2 Construction Activity

Building permits in Nova Scotia's five economic regions totaled \$1.18-billion (unadjusted) in Jan-Sep 2020. The largest contributor was the Halifax region, with a combined residential and non-residential permit value of \$676.6-million. In Jan-Sep 2020, the total value of residential and non-residential permits was up in the Southern economic region compared to the same period last year, while permits decreased in Cape Breton, North Shore, Annapolis Valley and Halifax.

Source: Province of Nova Scotia

3.4.3 Housing

Nova Scotia January –
December 2020

Nova Scotia Year-To-Date Summary				
YTD 2020	Residential Sales	Year-Over-Year % Change	Residential Average Price	Year-Over-Year % Change
Annapolis Valley	1,904	12.5	\$215,997	11.4
Cape Breton	827	7	\$164,244	10.8
Halifax-Dartmouth	7,591	12.8	\$369,435	14.6
Highland Region	389	10.5	\$178,765	-0.6
Northern Nova Scotia	1,707	14.7	\$168,093	12.2
South Shore	1,242	16.4	\$244,312	16.4
Yarmouth	263	20.1	\$164,772	14.6
Nova Scotia	13,923	13	\$291,224	13.8

- South Shore out performing the provincial growth in sales and average residential price

Source: CREA

3.4.4 Economic climate

The economy of the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg (MoDL) is very stable and well diversified. It is insulated from the peaks and valleys of economic growth and not relying on any one business or sector to achieve growth. The construction, real estate, manufacturing, healthcare (Hospital expansion) are robust. The retail, service, agriculture, fishery diversify the economy and create a synergistic component to achieve a stable economy. The municipality is centrally located within the major economic zones of the province. 1 hour from Halifax and the Annapolis Valley which situates it ideally from a supply chain management perspective (Michelin) and seafood, agriculture distribution to Halifax and the airport.

Source: MoDL

3.5 Population

2016 Census data shows that the population of the county of Lunenburg is 47,126. 16,200 are between 25 and 54 years of age.

3.5.1 Population

With in the 3/m and 0.5/m the population is 23,837 and 44,648 respectively.

3.5.2 Our People

The pool of quality labour is expanded by the ease of hiring foreign workers in the province of Nova Scotia, who may represent skill sets that are in high demand locally.

Over 78% of the residents of the MoDL over age 25 have a degree, or post-secondary certificate or diploma and the percentage of persons with a College, CEGEP or other non-university certificate or diploma is higher than the provincial average.

4.0 The Radio Market

Currently, the town of Lunenburg is not served by any licensed commercial or community station. All radio in the town comes from out of market tuning. The majority of the tuning goes to Halifax Nova Scotia based commercial and public radio. Other out of market tuning comes from Bridgewater Nova Scotia.

5.0 The Proposed Station

LUNENBURG RADIO FM's spoken word programming shall take a leadership role in the community we serve. The 'Spirit of Lunenburg' approach of 107.9 LUNENBURG RADIO FM shall be reflected in our information programming and in a passionate advocacy of local community causes, arts, music, and business with the goal of improving the quality of life in Lunenburg.

5.2 Demand for Local Programming

In today's digital landscape, people have many choices for entertainment. However, other options rarely provide for local community reflection. The local components of 107.9 LUNENBURG RADIO FM's programming mix and the overall programming are not just a commitment, but rather an overall philosophy representing our greatest opportunity, our point of differentiation, and our distinct advantage as a local operator. The COVID-19 pandemic was a harsh reminder of the importance of local content as many of the restrictions during first and second wave lockdowns differed from the HRM to the MoDL.

The music, local programming elements such as local news and community information of 107.9 LUNENBURG RADIO FM in shall result in a highly relevant radio option for the town of Lunenburg.

5.4 Spoken Word

The demographic core of 107.9 LUNENBURG RADIO (CFLB-FM) is interested in spoken word programming, and local news and information shall be central to spoken word programming.

5.4.1 Local, Regional, and National News

a) Scheduled Newscasts

107.9 LUNENBURG RADIO FM shall strive to serve the news and information needs of our audience. The news staff shall gather, report, and present a total of 30 scheduled newscasts per week during the Monday to Friday morning show and 10 scheduled newscasts per week during the Monday to Friday afternoon show. The emphasis shall focus on local news that is important to our audience.

Newscasts shall be presented every half hour between 6 am, up to and including 8:30 am, and again at 4:00 pm and 5 pm, scheduled Monday through Friday.

While we may not have weekend news at the launch of 107.9 LUNENBURG RADIO FM, we do hope to provide scheduled news coverage after our first year of operation. We will, in urgent breaking news situations have the ability to break format and broadcast any news, however it will be on an AS-REQUIRED basis.

b) Sports

107.9 LUNENBURG RADIO FM shall also present 40 scheduled sportscasts per week, during the AM/PM drive shows, Monday through Friday.

5.4.2 Local Roads and Weather Surveillance

a) Roads and Weather

107.9 LUNENBURG RADIO FM shall broadcast up to date weather and road conditions. 107.9 LUNENBURG RADIO FM is committed to providing surveillance information, 105 times per week, Monday through Friday, and another 30 times weekends.

5.4.3 Lunenburg Lifestyle and Events Guide

107.9 LUNENBURG RADIO FM shall keep its listeners informed with what's happening in our local communities. LUNENBURG RADIO FM is the place to go when you want information on local hockey, snowmobiling, lake activities, concerts, and even fundraisers that contribute to the spirit of Lunenburg.

5.5 Spoken Word Summary

In summary, it is estimated that each week, 107.9 LUNENBURG RADIO FM shall present 1 hour and 18 minutes of scheduled pure newscasts, 18 minutes of scheduled sports information, 64 minutes of local surveillance and weather reports per week, and another 2 hours and 47 minutes of local lifestyle and event information each week for a total of just over 5 hours and 37 minutes of Local Spoken Word content.

7.0 Impact on Existing Stations

7.1 Audience Impact/Diversity of News Voices

107.9 LUNENBURG RADIO (CFLB-FM) would be the first commercial radio station in the town of Lunenburg.

Our goal is to repatriate listeners in Lunenburg as so they don't have to rely on out of market radio.

To the north-west of Lunenburg are 2 licensed commercial FMs in the town of Bridgewater owned by John Irving of Saint John, New Brunswick (Ocean Capital Investments operating Acadia Broadcasting Limited). CKBW-FM (and repeaters) broadcast an oldies/classic gold format and CJHK-FM broadcasts a Country Music format.

Given this new radio station would be the first and only held by the Clements owned corporation, diversity of News would build into the organization. From a broadcast radio perspective, it would be the only diverse voice in the Lunenburg area.

Given the stark difference in formats and target audience, as well as the long standing presence of Acadia Broadcasting Limited in Bridgewater, Clements believes that 107.9 LUNENBURG RADIO FM would not overly impact the two Irving owned stations in Bridgewater, Nova Scotia.

8.0 Frequency Proposal

8.1 Current Frequency

The proposed frequency for LUNENBURG RADIO FM is 107.9 (Channel 300B1)

9.0 Employment Equity/Diversity

9.1 Cultural Diversity

LUNENBURG RADIO FM's Human Resource strategy is to design and implement a straightforward commitment to establish a culture that encourages training opportunities for employees, with a commitment to diversity in this market. This commitment includes a barrier-free, respectful workplace offering equal opportunity and reflects the diversity of the community. This would apply, as governed by law, to all employees, contractors, and vendors.

9.2 A Vision of Local Radio News

LUNENBURG RADIO FM has a clear goal when it comes to producing and delivering news and spoken word for its local radio audience. 107.9 LUNENBURG RADIO FM shall strive to keep listeners informed and ensure news stories with professionalism and the sense of importance they deserve. Accurate portrayal and reflection of the designated groups (women, aboriginal peoples, persons with disabilities and visible minorities), and focus on stories that are of interest to the communities served.

10.0 Conclusion

It is believed that approving the application for 107.9 LUNENBURG RADIO FM shall benefit local listeners, repatriate radio audience to local radio who currently are not well served by listening to radio stations out of market, and contribute to the objectives of the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC).

The proposed LUNENBURG RADIO FM shall:

- 1) Create a new local choice and increase diversity by offering a new local alternative to out-of-market radio stations. LUNENBURG RADIO FM shall be a locally driven format that shall directly address local news, local sports, weather, and community events, plus promote local talent. LUNENBURG RADIO FM shall provide a much-needed local alternative to the out-of-market radio stations.
- 2) Repatriate listeners to a locally based radio station.
- 3) Increase community awareness of local news, sports, business, and events throughout Lunenburg and area. Specifically, LUNENBURG RADIO FM shall provide local surveillance information (news, weather, and road reports) along with coverage of community events, activities. LUNENBURG RADIO FM shall also offer a full local news package about Lunenburg and area schools and local governments.
- 4) Create employment opportunities.
- 5) Provide a communication link both internally and externally to further assist Lunenburg and area.
- 6) Support the economic growth and development of Lunenburg by focusing on local issues and concerns, providing a platform for community interaction, and serving as a marketing facilitator for community organizations.
- 7) Assist the Emergency Response System for the area. The new radio station shall provide more area listeners with immediate access to information in the event of a crisis within in the coverage area.

For all these reasons, it is believed that licensing 107.9 LUNENBURG RADIO FM is in the public interest and, therefore, this application should be approved.



#1792Project

Dear Mayor Risser,

Thank you for your continued service on behalf of Nova Scotian communities. As elected representatives in Nova Scotia - regional, rural, and towns - your leadership takes many forms and facilitates countless services for citizens. The request expressed in this letter today is a request for one of these acts of leadership.

January 15, 2022 marks the 230th anniversary of a remarkable exodus that can claim not only to be the first, but the largest single exodus of African descendants returning to the continent of Africa. The courage to take this sea journey to Sierra Leone at the height of the trans-Atlantic chattel slave trade is without precedent. It is a Maritime story. The story of 15 ships prepared in the dead of winter - the Lucretia, the Somerset, the Beaver, the Parr, the Venus, the Mary, the Catherine, the Prince William, the Sierra Leone, the Morning Star, the Eleanor, the Felicity, Prince Fleury, the Brothers, and the Betsey. It is a story of resilience of the 1,196 seafarers, and a story of failure of community and government to provide safe haven here on these shores for these Black Loyalists.

Our request is that the council undertakes a motion and a proclamation. The motion could include the following requests:

1. To recognize that January 15, 2022, the 230th anniversary of the exodus from Nova Scotia to Sierra Leone is an essential part of the history of all Nova Scotians and Canadians.
2. We ask that municipal governments initiate an annual commemoration of this event on the upcoming anniversary, January 15, of the departure of 15 ships to Sierra Leone.
3. We ask that council recognizes that it has the responsibility of repairing the historic injustice of omission (as this journey is rooted in the history of slavery and racism in Nova Scotia). Thus, not turning to those who lived under the weight of that history for funding a memorial, but consulting with those communities.
4. We have attached a sample proclamation for your convenience.

We would be willing to provide any further information in the form of a presentation or discussion regarding how this event can be amplified throughout the province. We respectfully request that this letter and the proposed proclamation is shared with the Diversity Committee. Thank you for your continued service to the people of Nova Scotia - you are the gateways for change in your communities!

Sincerely,
Karen Hudson kathrin winkler Carol Millett

Proclamation : Municipal Council and Mayor

Whereas January 15, 2022 is the 230th anniversary of 15 ships departing the harbour of Halifax in 1792, and that the conditions and causes that led to the exodus of 1,196 self liberated Black Loyalist were conditions of abject institutionalized racism and that this departure took place at the height of the transatlantic chattel slave trade one of the cruelest chapters in the history of humanity.

Whereas the recognizes that people of African descent have been a part of Canadian society since the early 1600s and that their enslavement occurred on this land for centuries and that the Black Loyalists departure is linked to the failure of institutional, political and societal will to fulfill the promises that were made to the communities that left for Sierra Leone.

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Whereas we recognize that secure housing and land was promised to these early settlers and very few [received what was owed](#). Noone received the promised 100 acres of land for each head of household despite petitions ([by Thomas Peters](#)). For many Black Loyalists, shared Mi'kmaq knowledge was key to survival in the first winters.

Thereby be it resolved that I, Mayor _____ declare January 15, 2022 the Day of Black Loyalist Exodus: 15 Ships to Sierra Leone #1792Project



Black Loyalist Exodus: 15 Ships to Sierra Leone #1792Project

Covid confinement guarantees that many of us have seen the latest hit on Netflix “Don’t Look Up.” Perhaps it is safe to say that the satirical truth of climate denial has had a broader impact south of the border than the media-led 1619 project - a project that presents another kind of comet, one that requires us to look back at the history of slavery and racism.

#1792Project is the northern sister to the 1619 project, a date which marked the first arrival of an enslaved person on the shores of Virginia. Canada, in fact can claim earlier arrivals of people of African descent, some say even before the translator Mathieu da Costa’s documented presence in 1608. The 1792 date for Canada contains our unique history of repeated self-liberations, promises of land and justice, petitions, denial, slavery and racism on our threshold.

What exactly is the #1792project? This grassroots Nova Scotian effort includes invitations to municipal councils to proclaim the historic date of the Black Loyalist departure from Halifax harbour; a Pier 21 Nocturne Installation; artwork by Nelson Whynder students and Astral Drive J.H.S.; the “Book of Letters” organized by Auburn Drive High School students inviting letters to the seafarers on 15 Ships to Sierra Leone, as well as building grassroots connections for a memorial on the Halifax harbour front. On the actual date this year, students are organizing a social media event. Share your thoughts #1792Project @auburn_eagles!

#1792 Project is rooted in the concept of education, education and more education and our foundational text was written by children -- [“R is for Reparations”](#). Thirty children, aged 7 to 12 from Halifax came together and wrote this book, boarding the imaginary Reparations Freedom Train. Their views on the topic of reparations guide #1792Project. In this “alphabet” under “H is for Human”, children remind us that “I am honourable. My history is honourable. I will not hesitate to talk about what I need to be happy. I hope you hear me. You must hear me? Ashay!”

The New York Times 1619 initiative also has many parts to it, including educational materials, a podcast and most recently a book by Nikole Hannah-Jones all of which grew out of the initial Times publication that commemorated the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the first enslaved Africans in the British colony of Virginia. As can be imagined, many trump the long view and insist on a myopic history of erasure that begins with the magical thinking of justice, a denial of critical race theory and a US constitution written by slave owners that cannot spell freedom. It may surprise many Nova Scotians to realize that we are tied to the history of slavery and George Washington directly. One of the self liberated Black Loyalists, Harry Washington, managed to escape George Washington’s plantation in Virginia, served as corporal in the Black Pioneers with Thomas Peters. Like Peters, the unsung Nova Scotian hero and founder of Freetown, Sierra Leone, Harry was resettled by the British in Nova

Scotia. With 1,196 others, both Peters and Washington boarded one of the 15 ships that left this harbour on January 15, 1792 accompanied by their wives Sally and Jenny. The courage to fight for promises of justice from the colonizers for both families continued and ended tragically. The [Black Loyalist site](#) can provide more information on this journey to justice, a journey that all of us should study and learn about.

This year marks the 230th anniversary of this pivot point, the exodus by Nova Scotians who could survive the harsh winter climate because of Mi'kmaq support but could not thrive in the crushing climate of racism here. Over 1000 people came together, walking not only from Preston to the harbour, but also from St. John where humiliating barriers and threats kept information from the Black Loyalists. From October to January 15, they waited as 15 ships were prepared - schooners, ships and barques...the Eleanor, the Felicity, the Mary, the Catherine, the Sierra Leone, the Venus, the Prince Fleury, the Somerset, the Beaver, the Brothers, the Parr, the Lucretia, the Betsey, the Morning Star and the Prince William. Where is the monument at our harbour to these brave souls?

Mayor Mike Savage and HRM council have issued a proclamation acknowledging this historic 230th anniversary. Included are these words:

Whereas, People of African descent have been a part of Canadian society since the early 1600s and that their enslavement occurred on this land for centuries and that the Black Loyalists departure is linked to the failure of institutional, political and societal will to fulfill the promises that were made to the communities that left for Sierra Leone.

Whereas, We are committed to promote histories such as the 15 Ships to Sierra Leone that often have been left in a vacuum of erasure. The resources provided for well known monumentation have historically been funded at the expense of those erasures

To date, Kings Count, Region of Queens, East Hants, Lunenburg and Bridgewater have written and shared proclamations and acknowledgements of the 230th anniversary year. More are expected...

On January 15th, as we remember the honourable Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. 's birthday, it is fitting that these words ring throughout this province. Looking back together so that we can see what is right in front of our eyes will guide us on the only path we must walk - the road of reparations.

kathrin winkler
January 11.2022

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MEMORANDUM

TO: TOWN COUNCIL

FROM: LISA DAGLEY, FINANCE DIRECTOR

DATE: JANUARY 12, 2022

RE: FIVE-TON SALT TRUCK FOR PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE

1. FACTS

At the Council meeting of December 14, 2021 the following motion was approved:

To approve the increase in the budget for the replacement of the 2002 GMC Topkick Five-Ton Salt Truck from \$175,000 to \$202,000, including the net HST, and to approve tender award to Nova Truck Centres of Truro NS for a 2023 Freightliner 1085D for a total price of \$193,600 + HST = \$222,640 (\$202,000 including net HST).

Since that time the vendor has advised they will not be able to provide the requested vehicle at the tendered price as the tender price guarantee period had lapsed. The Town is subject to the *Public Procurement Act* and has little choice in this circumstance but to cancel the original tender. This will require Council to rescind your previous motion.

2. ISSUES AND OPTIONS ANALYSIS

Staff will again tender for this vehicle as the 2020 GMC topkick incurs high maintenance costs and low reliability and part for repairs are not easy to source due to the age of the vehicle. The tender results will again be brought back to Council for award as the purchase is over \$100,000.

The price of this type of vehicle has increased 22% in the past 18 months. While Council does not have to increase the budget for the truck at this time it is anticipated that the budget may have to be increased to \$240,000 including net HST.

3. FINANCIAL IMPACT

This purchase will be funded with a capital borrowing. The market price of these vehicles has increased dramatically. The Town has the capacity for a capital borrowing in the amount of \$240,000 and interest rates are still low for capital financing.

4. STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE

CCP – Chapter 04 Servicing and Facilities

5. RECOMMENDATION AND DRAFT MOTION

For Council to rescind their motion of December 14, 2021 regarding the Five-Ton Salt Truck.

Draft Motion:

To rescind the approval of tender award to Nova Truck Centres of Truro NS for a 2023 Freightliner 1085D for a total price of \$193,600 + HST = \$222,640 (\$202,000 including net HST) as approved by Council on December 14, 2021.

Acknowledged only by:

Kevin Malloy
Interim CAO

Ann Covey

Subject: Request Form
Attachments: LUNENBURG_FLAG RAISING REQUEST_COMPLETED.pdf; ANS FLAG.docx

From: Tracey Mulder <tmulder@ssrce.ca>
Date: January 11, 2022 at 10:18:59 AM AST
To: Kelly Cunningham <KCunningham@townoflunenburg.ca>
Subject: Request Form

Hi Kelly,
As promised, the completed form is attached. I have also attached a copy of an image of the African Nova Scotian flag. Let me know if you need any more info.
I will also suggest that the flag raising takes place on Feb 2 – the earlier in the month, the better.
Talk soon,
Tracey

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**TOWN OF LUNENBURG APPLICATION:
COMMEMORATIVE FLAG RAISING REQUEST**

*Please review **Town of Lunenburg Procedural Policy #80 Commemorative Flag Raising Requests** for complete details.*

1.	Flag description (attach image please):	
2.	Relevance of flag to the Town of Lunenburg:	Flag is raised to acknowledge African Heritage Month in NS and to celebrate the contributions of people of Black/African descent to humanity, particularly in Canada and Nova Scotia.
3.	Requested date for flying flag:	1 Feb - 28 Feb 2022 (inclusive)
4.	<i>Contact Information</i>	
	a. Name:	Tracey Mulder - South Shore Regional Centre for Education
	b. Address:	69 Wentzell Dr., Bridgewater, NS, B4V 0A2
	c. E-mail address:	tmulder@ssrce.ca
	d. Telephone number:	(902) 523-5153
5.	Date request completed:	11 January 2022

***Please note:** applications will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis. Requests will be considered by Council at regular, open meetings of Council. Please submit your application four weeks in advance of the requested dates for flying of flag as Council submission deadlines will be observed in all cases. You will be advised by staff of Council's decision regarding your request.*

