

TOWN OF LUNENBURG

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ADDENDUM #1

- Adaptability vs. Uniformity: The RFP asks for "standard detail drawings" for sidewalk components. Given that Old Town Lunenburg is a UNESCO World Heritage Site with narrow rights-of-way and steep grades, will these details be used as a mandatory rigid standard, or as a "best-fit" baseline that allows for site-specific deviations when physical constraints (like proximity to protected historical buildings) make standard compliance impossible? Old Town has similar setbacks along the sidewalk blocks.
 - We are hoping to have a rigid standard detail to work for these areas. However, a best-fit baseline may be more realistic once measurements and investigations are done on site.
- Compliance Thresholds for Steep Grades: The Nova Scotia Built Environment Accessibility Standard Regulations generally aim for maximum grades (often 4% for sidewalks and 2% for cross-slopes). In areas where the natural street slope in Lunenburg significantly exceeds these limits, should the standard details include specific "alternative compliance" notes for extreme terrain?
 - Yes, alternative compliance notes for areas of extreme terrain are fine.
- Heritage Materiality: Does the Town require the standard details to specify traditional materials (e.g., specific brick patterns or stone) to maintain the character of the Heritage Conservation District, or are the details limited to the geometric and structural engineering of the concrete/asphalt components?
 - Limited to the geometric and structural engineering of the concrete/asphalt components. All new sidewalks are concrete, and roads are asphalt.
- Narrow Sidewalk Exceptions: Where existing sidewalks are too narrow to meet the minimum clear width required by the new regulations, should the standard details include "tapered" or "constrained width" versions that maximize accessibility without requiring the demolition of historical structures?
 - Yes.