

2022 Boundary Review Survey

Thank you for helping the Town of Lunenburg shape our municipality by taking our survey.

The Government of Nova Scotia requires all municipalities to review the number of Councillors, electoral boundaries, and polling districts every 8 years. Resident feedback on these topics is an integral part of the Town's review, and a requirement of the Municipal Government Act.

This survey should take you about 5-10 minutes to complete and responses will be kept strictly anonymous. No effort will be made to identify anyone who completes the survey.

Please note: We are seeking the opinions of residents of the Town of Lunenburg ONLY, aged 16 and older.

* Required

1. Prior to today, were you aware that the Town of Lunenburg's Council is responsible for the following? Please check all items that apply. *

Check all that apply.

- ☐ Town governance
- ☐ Town property and facilities
- ☐ Bylaws and policies
- ☐ Economic development
- ☐ Heritage stewardship
- ☐ Financial, budget and taxation
- ☐ Planning and development
- ☐ Recreation and culture
- ☐ Cemetery
- ☐ Emergency management
- ☐ Fire department and RCMP policing
- ☐ Streets and sidewalks
- ☐ Electric service and infrastructure
- ☐ Solid waste management and environmental stewardship
- ☐ Water treatment and watershed protection
- ☐ Wastewater collection and treatment

2. Please respond to each of the following statements with a "yes", "no", or "unsure".



Mark only one oval per row.

	Yes	No	Unsure
I am aware that I can contact members of Council with questions or concerns https://townoflunenburg.ca/connect-with-council.html	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am aware that I can attend Council and Committee meetings in person or online (https://bit.ly/YouTubeTOL)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have contacted a member of Council at any point in the past	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have attended a Council or other Public Meeting, either in person or online, at any point in the past	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I plan to vote in the next municipal election, which will be held on October 16, 2024	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

3. How knowledgeable do you personally feel you are about the role and responsibilities of the Town of Lunenburg Council? *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Very knowledgeable
- ☐ Somewhat knowledgeable
- ☐ Unsure
- ☐ Not knowledgeable

4. The Town of Lunenburg is one polling district with a population of 2,396 residents as of * the 2021 Census, and 6 Councillors (not including the Mayor). Here is a chart of the 25 towns in Nova Scotia for comparison.

Seeing these comparisons and considering workload, which best represents your view on ratio, or the number of Councillors relative to residents in the Town of Lunenburg?

NOVA SCOTIA TOWNS - DATA CHART

Nova Scotia Towns (x25)	Population (2021 Census)	# of Electors (2020)	Total Private Dwellings (2021)	Land Area (km ²)	# Councillors (excluding Mayors)	# of Wards	Councillor: Population	Councillor: Electors
Amherst	9,404	7,676	4,799	12.07	6	1	1,567	1,279
Annapolis Royal	530	471	364	1.98	4	1	133	118
Antigonish	4,656	3,937	2,675	4.98	6	1	776	656
Berwick	2,455	1,799	1,080	6.53	6	1	409	300
Bridgewater	8,790	7,200	4,493	13.63	6	1	1,465	1,200
Clark's Harbour	725	650	399	2.82	6	1	121	108
Digby	2,001	1,512	1,133	3.16	4	1	500	378
Kentville	6,630	4,913	3,090	17.08	6	1	1,105	819
Lockeport	476	n/a	307	2.32	4	1	119	n/a
Lunenburg	2,396	1,939	1,242	4.04	6	1	399	323
Mahone Bay	1,064	876	599	3.12	6	1	177	146
Middleton	1,873	n/a	977	5.55	6	1	312	n/a
Mulgrave	627	580	316	17.83	4	1	157	145
New Glasgow	9,471	7,462	4,782	9.96	6	3	1,579	1,244
Oxford	1,170	931	576	10.68	6	1	195	155
Pictou	3,107	2,551	1,600	7.99	4	2	777	638
Port Hawkesbury	3,210	2,602	1,523	8.10	4	1	803	651
Shelburne	1,644	1,334	917	8.75	4	1	411	334
Stellarton	4,007	3,265	2,017	8.99	4	2	1,002	816
Stewiacke	1,557	1,059	739	17.62	6	1	260	177
Trenton	2,407	1,967	1,167	6.07	4	1	602	492
Truro	12,954	10,421	6,658	37.52	6	3	2,159	1,737
Westville	3,540	2,745	1,660	14.24	4	2	885	686
Wolfville	5,057	4,463	2,856	6.46	6	1	843	744
Yarmouth	6,829	5,352	3,569	10.57	6	1	1,138	892
AVERAGE	3,863	3,028	1,982	9.68	5.20	1	716	610

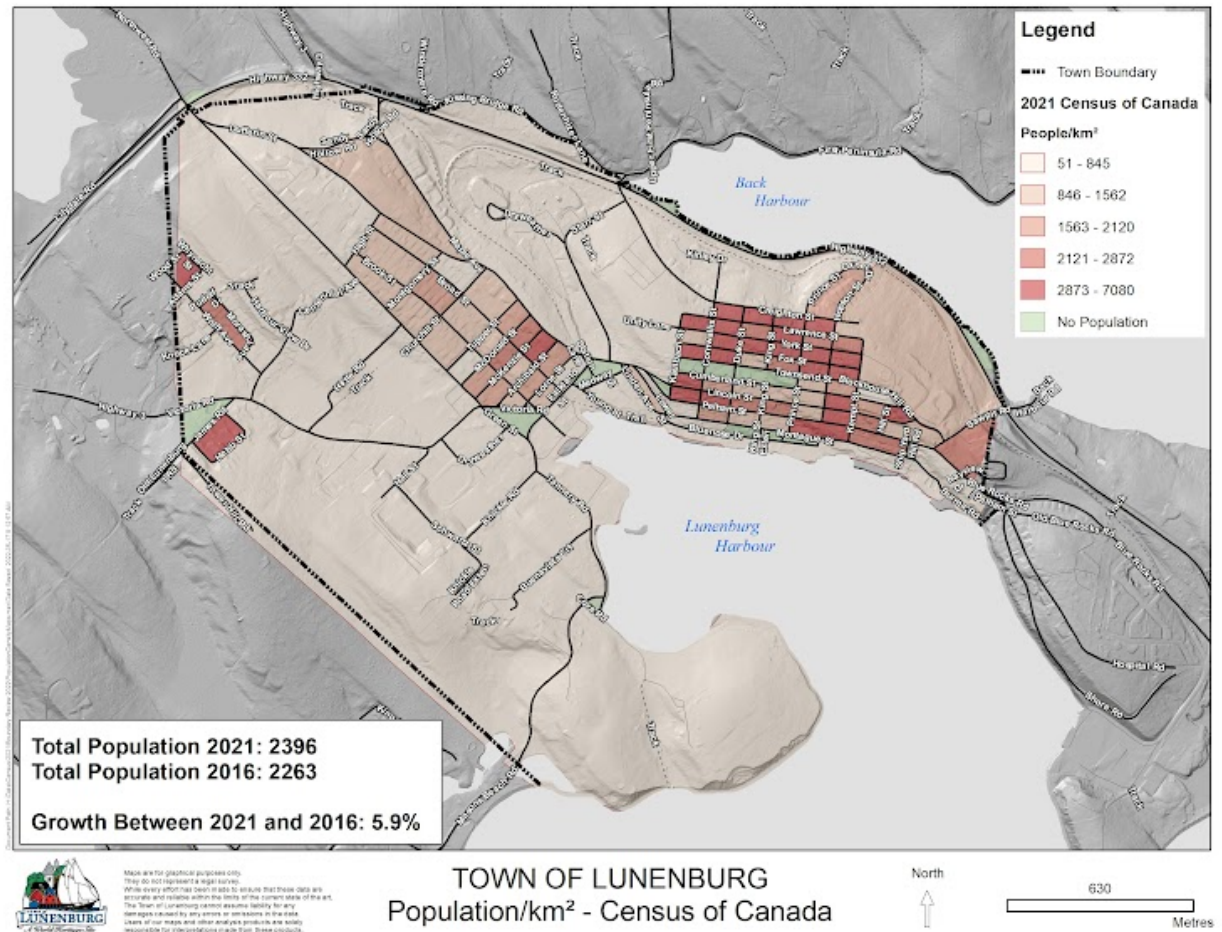
Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Lunenburg has too many Councillors
- ☐ Lunenburg has the right number of Councillors
- ☐ Lunenburg does not have enough Councillors

5. Why did you answer as above re: number of Councillors?

6. With a land area of 4.04km², the Town of Lunenburg has been a single polling district * for over 100 years, with councillors “at large” representing all residents of the Town. At one time a ward system of three polling districts was the practice but was discontinued in 1909.

Knowing this, which best represents your views on polling districts?



Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Lunenburg should continue to be a single polling district
- ☐ Lunenburg should change to a ward system

7. If you selected ward system, how many wards do you think appropriate?

8. Why did you answer as above re: number of polling districts?

9. How do you prefer to get news and information about the Town of Lunenburg government and services? Please click all that apply. *

Check all that apply.

- ☐ Website www.townoflunenburg.ca
- ☐ Social media: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, YouTube (links available at <https://townoflunenburg.ca/communications.html>)
- ☐ Email or phone call to Council (<https://townoflunenburg.ca/connect-with-council.html>)
- ☐ Email or phone call to staff (<https://townoflunenburg.ca/staff-contacts.html>)
- ☐ In-person Town Hall payment or permit counters
- ☐ In person meeting with staff (pre-booking is requested)
- ☐ Newspaper advertisement
- ☐ Print posters at Town facilities and/or King St. bulletin board
- ☐ Other: _____

10. Do you have any further comments on the Boundary Review?
