

## PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

### TOWN OF LUNENBURG

Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at 6 p.m.

Council Chambers, 120 Townsend St.



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#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

#### 2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This meeting takes place in the traditional and ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people. We are all Treaty people.

#### 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3.1 March 18, 2026 Agenda

#### 4.

**Recommendation: That the Committee approve the agenda for the March 18, 2026 meeting as presented.**

#### 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 May 7, 2025 Minutes

**Recommendation: That the Committee approve the minutes of the May 7, 2025 minutes meeting as presented.**

#### 6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### 7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 2026/27 Fire Protection Operating Budget

**Recommendation: That the Committee recommend that Council approve the 2026/27 Fire Protection Operating Budget as presented.**

7.2 Budget Variance Report to December 31, 2025, information report.

7.3 Fire Chief's Reports, information reports

- April, August, September, October, December 2025, Annual Report 2025

#### 8. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

#### 9. NEXT MEETING

The next Protective Services Meeting TBD

#### 10. ADJOURNMENT

**PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES  
TOWN OF LUNENBURG**

May 7, 2025 | 6 pm

Lunenburg Town Hall - Council Chamber



**Present** Mayor Jamie Myra, Deputy Rachel Bailey, Councillor Alex Greek (Committee Chair), Councillor Debbie Dauphinee, Brian Keizer, Fire Districts 1 & 2 Commission Board, David Afford, Fire Districts 1 & 2 Commission Board

**Absent** David Baugil, Districts 1 & 2 Fire Commission

**Also present** Marvin Macdonald, Interim CAO  
Darren Romkey, Fire Chief  
Dave Robb, Deputy Fire Chief  
Cory Hodder, Assistant Deputy Fire Chief  
Jacob McGuigan, Accountant  
Kathleen Rafuse, Deputy Finance Director  
Kaylee Jensen, Administrator

**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 and seconded that the Committee approve the agenda for the April 30, 2025 meeting as presented.

**Motion carried unanimously**

**Approval of Minutes** Moved and seconded that the Committee approve the minutes of the February 26, 2025 minutes meeting as presented.

**Motion carried unanimously**

**New Business** Moved and seconded that the Committee recommend that Council approve the 2025/26 Fire Protection Capital Budget as presented.

**Motion carried unanimously**

**2025/26 Fire Protection Capital Budget** Staff provided the committee with an overview of the draft 2025/26 Fire Protection Capital Budget.

There were 3 capital items presented for consideration:

- 1. GMC Tanker #6 - This item was preapproved on September 10,

2025/26 Fire Protection Capital Budget

2024. This is a replacement for the #6 tanker. This truck is cost shared 50/50 with the District.

2. Fire Boat Rescue Motors - The two motors for the fire/rescue boat require replacement as parts are becoming hard to access. This project will be funded 100% by the Fire Department.
  
3. The third project being proposed is to replace the Concrete Apron at the Fire Department. This apron is the entrance and exit for the fire equipment. The estimated cost is \$145,000 and we are requesting 50% cost sharing in the amount of \$72,500 from the District for this project.

Committee Members asked questions regarding the replacement of the Concrete Apron Project.

Moved and seconded that the Committee recommend that Council approve the 2025/26 Fire Protection Budget as presented.

**Motion carried unanimously**

2025/26 Protection Operating Budget

Staff reviewed the 2025/26 Fire Protection Operating Budget. Committee members asked clarifying questions on the Personal Protective Equipment reserve transfer and how often the equipment was replaced.

Moved and seconded that the Committee recommend that Council approve the 2025/26 Fire Protection Operating Budget as presented.

**Motion carried unanimously**

Next Meeting

The next Protective Services Meeting is on Wednesday, July 30, 2025 at 6 p.m.

**Motion carried unanimously**

Adjournment

There being no further business, the May 7, 2025 Protective Services meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

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Minutes were read and approved.



**Subject:** 2026/27 Fire Department Draft Operating Budget

**Prepared by:** Lisa Dagley, Finance Director and  
Kathleen Rafuse, Deputy Finance Director

**Date:** March 18, 2026 Protective Services Committee Meeting

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### **Recommendation**

That the Committee recommend that Council approve the 2026/27 Fire Protection Operating Budget as presented.

### **Discussion and Financial**

The draft 2026/27 Fire Department Operating Budget has been prepared for the committee review. There were no capital requests for this year.

The draft 2026/27 Town of Lunenburg Fire Department Operating Budget for 2026/27 totals \$850,400, which represents a 6.3% increase, and is attached with accompanying notes.

### **Enclosures:**

- a. Town of Lunenburg Draft Fire Department 2026/27 Operating Budget

		<b>Fire Protection Expenditure Budget</b>					
Increases & (Decreases)	ACCOUNT #	Notes	DESCRIPTION	2026/27	2025/26	2025/26	2024/25
				Budget	Budget	Projections	Actual
			<b><u>Administration</u></b>				
-	01-2-24-1100	1	Fire Prevention & Advertising	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,236
-	01-2-24-1300	3	Liability Insurance	11,500	11,500	11,000	10,679
-	01-2-24-1510	4	Association Dues - Chief & Deputy Chiefs	800	800	500	500
-	01-2-24-1520	5	Conventions - Chief	1,800	1,800	1,900	1,179
1,700	01-2-24-1620		Employment Benefits	9,300	7,600	9,300	8,657
100	01-2-24-1650		Medical Plan	1,800	1,700	1,700	1,431
-	01-2-24-1700	6	Office Supplies & IT Services	3,200	3,200	5,300	3,175
-			<b><u>Fire Fighting Force</u></b>				
400	01-2-24-1400	7	Workers Comp. (Super, Substitutes & Standby)	2,400	2,000	2,200	1,707
-	01-2-24-1420	7	Workers Comp. - Firefighters	12,400	12,400	9,500	9,272
-	01-2-24-1201	8	Firefighters - EAP	-	-	-	-
2,100	01-2-24-2010	9	Superintendent	71,600	69,500	68,500	66,366
-	01-2-24-2015		Car Allowance - Superintendent	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
-	01-2-24-2020	10	Storm Stand-By	2,200	2,200	1,500	200
1,200	01-2-24-2030	11	Honorariums - Firefighters	58,500	57,300	57,300	56,276
-			<b><u>Water Supply and Hydrants</u></b>				
14,700	01-2-24-5100	12	Fire Protection Rates *	343,600	328,900	328,900	328,900
-			<b><u>Training</u></b>				
-	01-2-24-6020	13	Training	20,000	20,000	15,000	20,507
-			<b><u>Fire Stations &amp; Buildings</u></b>				
100	01-2-24-3010	14	Telephone Line Rental - Alarm	2,000	1,900	1,900	1,947
1,500	01-2-24-7010	15	Answering Service	13,000	11,500	12,400	11,850
-	01-2-24-7020	16	Telephone	8,500	8,500	7,600	7,677
-	01-2-24-7025	17	Data Information Systems	4,900	4,900	1,000	2,450
1,000	01-2-24-7030	18	Heating Fuel	21,800	20,800	19,800	18,451
800	01-2-24-7040	19	Insurance - Building	9,300	8,500	8,800	8,289
4,800	01-2-24-7050	20	Electricity	22,800	18,000	18,500	16,549
900	01-2-24-7060	21	Water	4,000	3,100	3,000	3,005
300	01-2-24-7065	22	Sewer	15,000	14,700	14,700	14,498
-	01-2-24-7070	23	Janitor Supplies	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,464
-	01-2-24-7080	24	Repairs to Building	16,500	16,500	10,000	11,539
-			<b><u>Fire Fighting Equipment</u></b>				
5,500	01-2-24-7090	25	Interest on Capital Loan *	17,100	11,600	11,500	16,679
-	01-2-24-8010	26	Vehicle/Equip. Maint. Contract	13,600	13,600	10,000	7,578
-	01-2-24-8020	27	Gas and Supplies	12,000	12,000	9,800	9,748
-	01-2-24-8031	28	Repairs #1 2015	5,000	5,000	4,000	3,922
-	01-2-24-8032	28	Repairs #2 2020 Engine	4,000	4,000	4,000	3,313
-	01-2-24-8033	28	Repairs #3 '10 Engine	6,000	6,000	9,000	3,207
-	01-2-24-8034	28	Repairs #4 '22 Heavy Rescue	3,500	3,500	3,600	2,260
(500)	01-2-24-8036	28	Repairs #6 2025 Freightliner Tanker ('02 Tanker Sold)	3,500	4,000	2,000	15,310
-	01-2-24-8037	28	Repairs #7 Utility <small>New in 23-24</small>	2,000	2,000	1,000	1,021
(5,000)	01-2-24-8038	28	Repairs #8 Boat & Trailer	4,000	9,000	3,000	8,151
-	01-2-24-8040	29	Insurance on Trucks/Equipment	24,000	24,000	21,600	22,107
13,300	01-2-24-8050	30	Hose, Clothing and Equipment	30,000	16,700	17,500	17,394
6,000	01-2-24-8051	31	PPE - PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT	42,000	36,000	36,000	24,000
-	01-2-24-8060	32	General Equipment Repair	7,000	7,000	7,000	2,200
-	01-2-24-8080	33	Repairs - Recharging Equipment	5,000	5,000	4,000	4,415
-	01-2-24-8090	34	Radio and Paging Repairs	2,000	2,000	1,500	1,817
-			<b><u>Other</u></b>				
300	01-2-24-9040	35	Medical Expenses	1,800	1,500	1,800	1,480
-	01-2-24-9045	36	Fire Fighter Recognition Dinner	2,500	2,500	1,500	1,500
-	01-2-24-9050	37	Rental - Blue Storage Building	600	600	600	600
-	01-2-24-9051	38	Junior Fire Fighting Program	1,000	1,000	-	-
1,500	01-2-24-9052	39	Travel to Canadian Fallen Firefighters Ceremony	1,500	-	-	-
			<b>Department Total</b>	<b>\$ 850,400</b>	<b>\$ 799,700</b>	<b>\$ 764,400</b>	<b>\$ 757,706</b>
			*Non-shareable expense				
			<b>Budget Revenue Dist 1&amp;2 Cost Sharing</b>	<b>2026/27</b>	<b>2025/26</b>	<b>2025/26</b>	<b>2024/25</b>
			Dept Total	\$ 850,400	\$ 799,700	\$ 764,400	\$ 757,706
			Less:				
			Fire Protection Rates	(343,600)	(328,900)	(328,900)	(328,900)
			Interest	(17,100)	(11,600)	(11,500)	(16,679)
				489,700	459,200	424,000	412,127
			Dist Share @ 50%	244,850	229,600	212,000	206,064
			Add: 6.5% Administration	15,915	14,924	13,780	13,394
				<b>\$ 260,770</b>	<b>\$ 244,520</b>	<b>\$ 225,780</b>	<b>\$ 219,460</b>
			<b>Budget Change</b>	<b>\$ 50,700</b>			
				<b>6.3%</b>			

## NOTES TO FIRE PROTECTION BUDGET

The Town and the Municipal District 1 & 2 have a cost-sharing agreement for the Lunenburg Fire Department. This 20-year agreement renewed in February of 2021 for an additional 5-year term. The agreement automatically renews every 5 years unless one party gives a 1 year termination notice. District 1 & 2 pays 50% of the operating budget of shareable expenditures only. In addition, District 1 & 2 pays a 6.5% administration charge based on shareable expenditures less any revenue received by the Town for billable fire expenditures.

As per the cost-sharing agreement, each parties' interest in Capital expenditures is determined by mutual agreement at the time the Capital Budget is set.

1. #01-2-24-1100 Fire Protection & Advertising

Planned advertising includes:

Burning permits, by-laws, etc.	
Fire Prevention hand out materials for schools, day-care & nursery schools	\$560
Fire Prevention radio advertisements	\$500
Sign advertisement in the bowling alley	\$180
Sign advertisement in the curling rink	\$220
Sign advertisement in the arena	\$240

***The Fire Department will reimburse any costs over \$1,700.***

2. #01-2-24-1200 Council Honorariums & Staff Meeting Pay

Staff meeting pay has been eliminated.

The Town's portion of Council Honorariums are now allocated 100% under General Government Budget. Council Honorariums are not cost shareable with Districts #1 & #2 Fire Commission.

3. #01-2-24-1300 Liability Insurance

Insurance costs are budgeted based on the estimated rates for the upcoming fiscal year.

4. #01-2-24-1510 Association Dues – Chief & Deputy Chiefs

- The cost of annual dues for the Fire Chief and Deputy Chiefs (2)
- Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs
- Canadian Volunteer Fire-fighter's Association
- Maritime Fire Chief's Association
- Fire Service Association of Nova Scotia
- Nova Scotia Fire Fighter's School
- Lunenburg Regional Fire & Emergency Services
- Canadian Fallen Fire-fighter's Foundation
- Public Fire Marshall Safety Council

*Since 2018/19 the Fire Department requested that the Town cover the full amount of these costs, the budget has been prepared following this practise.*

5. #01-2-24-1520 Conventions – Chief

In fiscal 2017/18 Council agreed to increase the chief's convention expenditures to \$1,800 to offset his attendance at two conferences and noted that any expenditures over the \$1,800 will need to be covered by the Fire Department.

6. #01-2-24-1700 Office Supplies & IT Services

This account includes copy paper and office supplies. This account also includes costs related to IT maintenance.

7. #01-2-24-1400; #01-2-24-1420 Workers Compensation

2026 Workers Compensation rates:	
Superintendent, Substitutes & Stand-by	\$2.88/\$100
Volunteer Fire Fighters	\$0.99/\$100

Based on \$25,000/annum per member for 50 members as approved by the Protective Services Committee. Actual WCB claims are based on income from all sources.

8. #01-2-24-1201 Firefighters EAP

Currently this program is being run and funded by the Province. If at any point the Provincial program is cancelled then the Fire Chief requests that the volunteer members have access to the Town EAP program. The anticipated cost for 50 members is \$2,000.

9. #01-2-24-2010 Superintendent, Contracted Superintendent & Substitutes

The budget includes salary and benefits for the full-time Fire Hall Superintendent.

Substitutes are to be paid at the following rates:

\$16.75/hour (minimum wage as of April 1, 2026, increasing to \$17.00 on October 1, 2026)

- Delivery and pick-up of vehicles
- Attendant role at the Fire Department for deliveries, maintenance and other services
- Cleaning

\$18.00/hour

- Repair and maintenance of trucks and equipment

\$20.00/hour

- Repair and maintenance of trucks by Licensed Automotive Service Technician

10. #01-2-24-2020 Storm Stand-by

Also included is an amount for Standby Crews for storms. This labour is paid at minimum wage rate.

11. #01-2-24-2030 Honorariums - Firefighters

The total amount for honorariums paid out to the department is \$64,255 which includes the applicable HST. The budget expense is less the Municipal HST Rebate and amounts to \$58,538.

The Honorariums for 2026/27 have been increased by the 2025 NS-CPI.

Fire Department:	\$53,041	(\$51,071 + HST = \$58,221)
Fire Chief:	5,497	(\$5,293 + HST = \$6,034)
	<u>\$58,538</u>	

The Fire Department Honorariums are distributed among the members at the discretion of the Department.

12. #01-2-24-5100 Fire Protection Rates

Per the water rate as approved by the NSURB effective April 1, 2024. Consideration has been given for the Water Utility's next rate study in the budgeted amount. This item is not cost shareable with Municipal Districts #1 and #2 Fire Commission as per the written agreement we have with them.

13. #01-2-24-6020 Training

The Fire Department Training Officer sets up training courses and sends information to Fire Hall Superintendent to complete the purchase orders for payment through this budget account. The Fire Department may change courses as required to train firefighters.

Courses may include the following:

Level I Fire Fighter Course (per member)	\$ 2,500
Officer Training Tactics	1,000
FDIC (per member)	400
D/C Chief Conference*	1,400
Thermal Imaging Camera	1,000
Rapid Intervention Team	1,000
Medical First Responders (per member)	300
Vehicle Extrication	1,000
Ice Rescue	1,000
First Aid/CPR (per member)	50
Aerial Operations	1,000
EHS Symposium (per member)	100
Safety Officer	1,000
South Shore Mutual Aid (per member)	20
Books/Videos	500
Mobile Burn Unit (per member)	300
Fall Arrest (per member)	50
Sim-U-Share Program	600
Class 3/Air Brake (per member)	100
Small Vessel Operator Proficiency (per member)	1,000
Miscellaneous (new courses)	2,000

\*The Town has a \$1,200 limit per individual for convention expenditures annually

14. #01-2-24-3010 Telephone Line

This account includes the paging system at Lunenburg Academy (634-9405) and alarm security line.

15. #01-2-24-7010 Answering Service

Estimate based on the following, dispatch services contracted with Scotia Business, monitoring charges, and line charges.

16. #01-2-24-7020 Telephone

Includes:

Office, 634-8343
Fax, 634-4145
Club Room, 634-4112
Internet Services for Hall
TMR radio
Cell Phones/Services:
Superintendent
Fire Chief
Deputy Chief
For trucks x 3
iPads in trucks x 6

17. #01-2-24-7025 Data Information

Radio & Repeater License	\$2,200
Fire Dept Computer Maintenance	1,700
I am Responding (previously Fire Q) License	1,000
	<u>\$4,900</u>

18. #01-2-24-7030 Fuel

Fuel estimate based on anticipated usage at projected pricing. Heat pumps were installed in the Fire Hall auditorium, club room, office and communications room in 2020/21.

19. #01-2-24-7040 Insurance - Building

Budget based on estimated rates.

20. #01-2-24-7050 Electricity

Based on current consumption rates and anticipated usage. Electric heat pumps were installed in the Fire Hall auditorium, club room, office and communications room in 2020/21.

21. #01-2-24-7060 Water

Estimate based on current water consumption and approved rates.

22. #01-2-24-7065 Sewer

Budgeted using current approved rates at current assessment (AAN 08204233) of \$2,097,200.

23. #01-2-24-7070 Janitor Supplies

Covers the cost for cleaning products and supplies.

24. #01-2-24-7080 Repairs to Building

Building system tests and inspections	\$2,000
Building system repair and maintenance	3,000
Vehicle exhaust system maintenance	1,500
Miscellaneous repairs and maintenance *	10,000
	<u>\$16,500</u>

\*Includes items such as paint, floor repair, door service, grease traps, etc.

25. #01-2-74-7090 Interest on Capital Loan

Interest estimates on capital loans are as follows:

Project	Year	Original Loan Amount	2026/27 Interest
Aerial Ladder Truck	2015/16	\$448,887	\$ 656
Pierce Pumper/Tanker	2020/21	\$327,550	\$5,268
#4 Rescue	2024/25	\$175,531	\$7,168
#6 Freightliner Tanker	2025/26	\$219,000	\$5,499

26. #01-2-24-8010 Vehicle/Equipment Maintenance Contracts

Vehicle pump maintenance contract	\$ 2,200
Breathing apparatus contract	2,100
Cascade compressor contract	2,300
Lifepak (AED) maintenance contract	1,400
Ladder Truck Inspection	5,000
Hurst jaws & cutters maintenance contract	<u>600</u>
	<u>\$13,600</u>

27. #01-2-24-8020 Gas and Supplies

Based on projected litres consumed at projected pricing. This budget amount also includes the oil, grease, filter and fluids to do two in-house services of each vehicle yearly and materials to do monthly service on Ladder Truck in-house.

28. #01-2-24-8031-#2-24-8038 Repairs to Trucks

These accounts are budgeted separately for each vehicle as well as a general equipment repair account. Budgeted costs for each vehicle are estimated based on vehicle age and actual repair costs.

Includes in-house labour when working on vehicles at \$18.00/\$20.00 per hour.

29. #01-2-24-8040 Insurance on Trucks/Equipment

Budget based on estimated rates.

30. #01-2-24-8050 Hose, Clothing and Equipment

As requested by the Fire Department the amount is increasing in the 2026/2027 budget year by \$13,300 in order to provide funding for purchase of new hoses and nozzles.

31. #01-2-24-8051 PPE – Personal Protective Equipment (Turnout Gear)

Firefighter turnout gear (bunker pants & coat, gloves, helmet, boot, etc.) are all to be replaced every 10 years or when it does not pass NFPA 1953 test (done by Atlantic Bunker Gear).

In fiscal 2017/18 a reserve fund was established to offset future turnout gear replacement. The last replacement of the turnout gear was in 2019/20.

The next replacement is scheduled for 2029/30 and the anticipated cost is estimated to be between \$323,200 and \$330,700. The reserve balance is estimated to be \$102,000 at March 31, 2026. The reserve transfers will again be reviewed during the 2027/2028 budget process to ensure that the annual reserve allocations will provide adequate funding for the equipment replacement in the 2029/30 budget.

Anticipated Reserve Transfers

Balance March 31, 2025	\$74,000
2025/26	\$36,000
2026/27	\$42,000
2027/28	\$42,000
2028/29	\$42,000
2029/30	\$42,000
ESPF Grant	\$20,000
Estimated interest	\$25,200
Projected Balance March 31, 2030 to fund purchase of gear	\$323,200

32. #01-2-24-8060 General Equipment Repair

Budget reflects requirements to clean bunker gear, gloves and other equipment after major fires as per Occupational Health and Safety standards. Also includes portable pumps, saws, rescue tools and other equipment related to fire-fighting.

Clean, Inspect, Service and Repair Firefighter Personal Protective Equipment	\$4,000
General maintenance contract (in-house)	200
Repair and service small firefighting equipment (in-house)	2,500
BA Mask fit testing (in-house)	200
Misc. equipment repair	100
	<u>\$7,000</u>

33. #01-2-24-8080 Repairs - Recharging Equipment

The Department will do hydrostatic testing, repair and refill air bottles, fire extinguishers and medical oxygen bottles as required. Estimate based on actual cost.

*Every five years the cascade air bottles and breathing bottles require hydro-testing and inspection which was included in the 2018/19 budget.*

34. #01-2-24-8090 Radio & Paging Repairs

To repair radio and pager equipment as required. The Pagers & Radios were replaced in fiscal 2016/17.

35. #01-2-24-9040 Medical and Other Expenses

Hepatitis "B" shots, medicals and other miscellaneous expenses as required.

36. #01-2-24-9045 Firefighter Recognition Dinner

Annual banquet meal for Firefighters.

37. 01-2-24-9050 Rental - Blue Storage Building

Included in this budget is the Fire Department's rental cost for the portion of space used at the Blue Storage building.

38. #01-2-24-9051 Junior Firefighting Program

Support for the Junior Firefighting Program which has approximately 20 members. This has become a very successful program and several have moved on to become active Firefighters.

39. #01-2-24-9052 Canadian Fallen Firefighters Ceremony

To assist in covering cost for the Fire Chief to attend this ceremony held annually in Ottawa in September. This would only be when a member from the Lunenburg and District Fire Department remembered. This year Mr. Donald Parks will be remembered.

**It is noted that the rental revenue for rentals the Town oversees at the Fire Hall are placed in an Equipment Reserve Fund. The revenue received for LDFD organized rentals are retained by LDFD for their use.**

**Town of Lunenburg - Fire Department (15 year Capital Planning Worksheet)**

	2026/27 (Yr 1)	2027/28 (Yr 2)	2028/29 (Yr 3)	2029/30 (Yr 4)	2030/31 (Yr 5)	2031/32 (Yr 6)	2032/33 (Yr 7)	2033/34 (Yr 8)	2034/35 (Yr 9)	2035/36 (Yr 10)	2036/37 (Yr 11)	2037/38 (Yr 12)	2038/39 (Yr 13)	2039/40 (Yr 14)
<b>Fire Fleet</b>														
Aerial Ladder Truck (2015) #1									\$2,747,100					
Pierce Pumper/Tanker (2020) #2														replacement year 2040, est. \$1.826M
Pierce Pumper (2010) #3				\$1,643,800										
Pierce Rescue (2022) #4														replacement year 2042, est. \$1.472M
Freightliner Tanker Truck(2025)#6														
Utility (2022) #7 **														replacement year 2042, est. \$300K
Rescue Boat & Trailer (2012) #8							\$274,700							
Rescue Boat #8 - Motor (2025)														
Antique - Dodge Hose (1933)														
Antique - LaFrance Pumper (1929)														
<b>Total Fire Fleet</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,643,800</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$274,700</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,747,100</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Other Fire</b>														
Turn Out Gear				\$330,700										
20 Breathing Packs			\$394,500											
Auditorium/Office Floor Replacement					\$58,300									
Apparatus Bay Floor Replacement		\$99,000												
Concrete Apron Replacement (area in front of bay doors at Fire Hall)														
<b>Total Other Fire</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$99,000</b>	<b>\$394,500</b>	<b>\$330,700</b>	<b>\$58,300</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Total Fire Capital Plan</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$99,000</b>	<b>\$394,500</b>	<b>\$1,974,500</b>	<b>\$58,300</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$274,700</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,747,100</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

\*Council motion Oct.13, 2020 funding share to be 50/50 basis on the understanding that District 1&2 had agreed to cost share the aerial ladder truck on a 40%District/60%Town basis.

\*\*Fire Dept. Funded



**Subject:** 2025/26 Budget Variance (Capital & Operating - Fire) to Dec.31, 2025

**Prepared by:** Lisa Dagley, Finance Director and Kathleen Rafuse, Deputy Finance Director

**Date:** March 12, 2026

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### **Recommendation**

This is an information report.

### **Financial**

Please find enclosed the budget variance report to **December 31, 2025**. The period ended December 31st represents 75% (9 months) of the fiscal year. Fire expenditures are 69.7%.

**TOWN OF LUNENBURG**  
**Fiscal period April 1 to December 31, 2025**

Account AcctName		Fiscal YTD	Annual Budget	Variance	% Used	Comments
<b>FIRE PROTECTION ADMINISTRATION</b>						
01-2-24-1100	FIRE PREVENTION & ADVERTISING	791.79	1,700.00	908.21	46.58	
01-2-24-1300	LIABILITY INSURANCE	11,013.97	11,500.00	486.03	95.77	paid for year
01-2-24-1510	ASSOCIATION DUES - CHIEF & DEPARTMENT	0.00	800.00	800.00	0.00	
01-2-24-1520	CONVENTIONS - CHIEF	1,965.11	1,800.00	(165.11)	109.17	completed for year
01-2-24-1620	EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	4,883.24	7,600.00	2,716.76	64.25	
01-2-24-1650	MEDICAL PLAN	1,302.64	1,700.00	397.36	76.63	
01-2-24-1700	OFFICE SUPPLIES	4,179.37	3,200.00	(979.37)	130.61	replacement of Fire Chief laptop
<b>Totals For:</b>	<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>24,136.12</b>	<b>28,300.00</b>	<b>4,163.88</b>	<b>85.29</b>	
<b>FIRE FIGHTING FORCE</b>						
01-2-24-1201	FIREFIGHTERS-EAP	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
01-2-24-1400	WORKERS COMP. - SUPER. & SUBSTITUTES	1,630.76	2,000.00	369.24	81.54	
01-2-24-1420	WORKERS COMP. - FIREFIGHTERS	7,115.64	12,400.00	5,284.36	57.38	
01-2-24-2010	SALARY - SUPERINTENDENT & SUBS	51,619.60	69,500.00	17,880.40	74.27	
01-2-24-2015	CAR ALLOWANCE - SUPERINTENDENT	923.20	1,200.00	276.80	76.93	
01-2-24-2020	FIRE DEPARTMENT STORM STAND-BY	1,110.39	2,200.00	1,089.61	50.47	
01-2-24-2030	HONORARIUMS - FIREFIGHTERS	57,334.75	57,300.00	(34.75)	100.06	
<b>Totals For:</b>	<b>FIRE FIGHTING FORCE</b>	<b>119,734.34</b>	<b>144,600.00</b>	<b>24,865.66</b>	<b>82.80</b>	
<b>WATER SUPPLY AND HYDRANTS</b>						
01-2-24-5100	FIRE PROTECTION RATES	246,675.00	328,900.00	82,225.00	75.00	
<b>Totals For:</b>	<b>WATER SUPPLY AND HYDRANTS</b>	<b>246,675.00</b>	<b>328,900.00</b>	<b>82,225.00</b>	<b>75.00</b>	
<b>TRAINING</b>						
01-2-24-6020	TRAINING	11,943.55	20,000.00	8,056.45	59.72	
<b>Totals For:</b>	<b>TRAINING</b>	<b>11,943.55</b>	<b>20,000.00</b>	<b>8,056.45</b>	<b>59.72</b>	
<b>FIRE STATIONS &amp; BUILDINGS</b>						
01-2-24-3010	TELEPHONE LINE RENTAL - ALARM	1,568.02	1,900.00	331.98	82.53	
01-2-24-7010	ANSWERING SERVICE	9,312.38	11,500.00	2,187.62	80.98	
01-2-24-7020	TELEPHONE	5,500.66	8,500.00	2,999.34	64.71	
01-2-24-7025	DATA INFORMATION SYSTEMS	986.43	4,900.00	3,913.57	20.13	
01-2-24-7030	FUEL	9,237.44	20,800.00	11,562.56	44.41	
01-2-24-7040	INSURANCE - BUILDING	8,867.43	8,500.00	(367.43)	104.32	paid for year
01-2-24-7050	ELECTRICITY	13,223.46	18,000.00	4,776.54	73.46	
01-2-24-7060	WATER	2,247.42	3,100.00	852.58	72.50	
01-2-24-7065	SEWER	12,336.32	14,700.00	2,363.68	83.92	
01-2-24-7070	JANITOR'S SUPPLIES	1,591.24	2,500.00	908.76	63.65	
01-2-24-7080	REPAIRS TO BUILDING	5,507.76	16,500.00	10,992.24	33.38	
<b>Totals For:</b>	<b>FIRE STATIONS &amp; BUILDINGS</b>	<b>70,378.56</b>	<b>110,900.00</b>	<b>40,521.44</b>	<b>63.46</b>	
<b>FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT</b>						
01-2-24-7090	INTEREST ON CAPITAL LOAN	1,941.14	11,600.00	9,658.86	16.73	
01-2-24-8010	VEHICLE/EQUIP. MAINT. CONTRACT	9,914.71	13,600.00	3,685.29	72.90	
01-2-24-8020	GAS AND SUPPLIES	4,395.45	12,000.00	7,604.55	36.63	
01-2-24-8031	REPAIRS 2015 LADDER ('94 sold Jun/16)	2,661.54	5,000.00	2,338.46	53.23	
01-2-24-8032	REPAIRS Engine #2-2021 Saber	2,822.71	4,000.00	1,177.29	70.57	
01-2-24-8033	REPAIRS #3 '10 PUMPER	8,730.65	6,000.00	(2,730.65)	145.51	Annual Servicing \$4,170,Air Conditioning Repair \$3,216

01-2-24-8034	REPAIRS #4 '02 HEAVY RESCUE	3,578.08	3,500.00	(78.08)	102.23	
01-2-24-8036	REPAIRS #6 '2025 FREIGHTLINER TANKER	717.30	4,000.00	3,282.70	17.93	
01-2-24-8037	REPAIRS #7 '99 UTILITY	139.02	2,000.00	1,860.98	6.95	
01-2-24-8038	REPAIRS #8 BOAT & TRAILER	1,381.28	9,000.00	7,618.72	15.35	
01-2-24-8040	INSURANCE ON TRUCKS/EQUIPMENT	21,621.50	24,000.00	2,378.50	90.09	
01-2-24-8050	HOSE, CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT	16,255.90	16,700.00	444.10	97.34	This % is higher as equipment was purchased for Tanker 6.
01-2-24-8051	PPE-Turn Out Gear	377.26	36,000.00	35,622.74	1.05	
01-2-24-8060	GENERAL EQUIPMENT REPAIR	3,825.76	7,000.00	3,174.24	54.65	There were several sets of bunder gear repaired.
01-2-24-8080	REPAIRS RECHARGING EQUIPMENT	2,679.13	5,000.00	2,320.87	53.58	
01-2-24-8090	RADIO AND PAGING REPAIRS	689.05	2,000.00	1,310.95	34.45	
01-2-24-9040	MEDICAL EXPENSES	1,606.12	1,500.00	(106.12)	107.07	Physical assessments were carried out at Nova Functional for new applicants which include class 3 medicals.
01-2-24-9045	FIREFIGHTER RECOGNITION DINNER	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00	100.00	
01-2-24-9050	RENTAL - BLUE STORAGE BUILDING	0.00	600.00	600.00	0.00	
01-2-24-9055	Junior Fire Fighting Program	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	
<b>Totals For:</b>	<b>FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>85,836.60</b>	<b>167,000.00</b>	<b>81,163.40</b>	<b>51.40</b>	
<b>Totals For:</b>	<b>FIRE PROTECTION</b>	<b>558,704.17</b>	<b>799,700.00</b>	<b>240,995.83</b>	<b>69.86</b>	

**TOWN CAPITAL  
CAPITAL PROJECT SPENDING  
December 31, 2025**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>YTD Actual</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>% of Budget</b>
Fire Department Fleet-GMC Tanker (02) #6 Replacement	\$798,000	\$770,040	\$27,960	✓ 96.50%
Fire Department Fleet-Boat #8 -Motor Replacement	\$50,000	\$39,083	\$10,917	✓ 78.17%
Fire Department -Concrete Apron Replacement (Bay Doors)	\$212,100	\$182,607	\$29,493	✓ 86.09%

\*\*Green check mark denotes that project is complete.



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## **Chief Report for April 2025**

### Calls

There were 11 calls this month including.

5 calls in the District (4 MVCs, 1 tech rescue)

6 calls in Town (5 Alarms, 1 pole)

0 Mutual Aid

Total of 269 personnel responded to 15 hours total calls.

Averaged 24.5 members per response

383 total personnel hours were spent responding to calls

1 Medical –District 1- 15 personnel responded to 1 hour for 15 hours total.

### Training

Total of 71 members attended 62.5 hours of training for a total of 371.5 hours of training.

We also have a number of members taking on line courses that are not included in these numbers.

Training included Wildland firefighting, pump ops, drone and 4 members attended the Fire Service Association of Nova Scotia conference in Truro.

### Misc Operational

79 members attended 13.5 hours of activities for a total of 125.5 personal hours were spent on misc and operational duties this month.

This included various meeting, Easter Egg Hunt, Boot drive for MD, truck checks and comfort station.

Total of 895 personnel hours this month.

### HIGHLIGHTS

April 9<sup>th</sup>- Monthly Truck checks and general meeting.

-The department added Abby Rafuse to the membership

April 12<sup>th</sup>-Annual Banquet

April 14<sup>th</sup>-Officers had a tour of the Water Treatment plant done by John Mader. This was the first time several Officers had the chance to see how the water system works and the chemicals involved.

Thanks to John Mader for spending his night off to do this for us.

April 19<sup>th</sup>-Crew with Ladder 1 attended the Annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Lunenburg Academy  
-Members participated in the annual Muscular Dystrophy Boot drive at the Independent.  
-They collected just over \$1000

April 20<sup>th</sup>-Single vehicle MVC in Lilydale with 1 fatality.

April 23-Monthly Fire practice

April 24<sup>th</sup>-A member attended the station to have a comfort station set up after the unexpected power pole fire caused a power outage of most of old town and Blue Rocks area.

April 25-27<sup>th</sup>-Myself, D/C Robb, Donnie Heckman and Raymond Francis attended the annual Fire Service Association of Nova Scotia Conference in Truro

April 30<sup>th</sup>- While I was doing work at the station the fire alarm was activated. It was caused by the Superintendent vacuuming in the stairwell causing dust to set off the smoke detector.

No fire page was put in and I reset the alarm.

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## **Chief Report for August 2025**

### Calls

There were 17 calls this month including.

5 calls in the District (3 Alarms, 1 Lift, 1 smoke sighting)

9 calls in Town (4 Alarms, 1 Hax Mat, 1 Life Flight, 1 structure)

3 Mutual Aid (Bridgetown)

Total of 284 personnel responded to 62.5 hours.

Averaged 16.7 members per response (Lower average as the 3 Mutual Aid calls were not full response)

384 total personnel hours were spent responding to calls

3 Medical 2- Town

1-District

Total 28 personnel at 1 hour = 28 hours

### Training

Total of 36 members attended 10 hours of training for a total of 102 hours of training.

We also have a number of members taking on line courses that are not included in these numbers.

Training included Pump Ops, Boat, Drone, Tanker, Junior, and briefing of the West Dalhousie Wildfires..

### Misc Operational

43 members attended 23 hours of activities for a total of 139 personal hours were spent on misc and operational duties this month.

This included various meeting, truck checks. Dory Races water coverage, dry hydrant maintenance, parade, etc.

Total of 653 personnel hours this month.

### HIGHLIGHTS

Aug 5<sup>th</sup>-Work has begun to replace the concrete apron in front of the station.

Aug 9<sup>th</sup>- Ladder 1 represented the department at the Western Shore Garden Party parade.

Aug 16<sup>th</sup>-Boat and crew provided water coverage for the Elimination Dory Races

Aug 23<sup>rd</sup>-Boat and crew provided water coverage for the 74<sup>th</sup> Annual International Dory Races

Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>-Our Tanker and crew traveled to West Dalhousie to assist in the Wildfires

Aug 29<sup>th</sup>-Tanker and crew went to West Dalhousie but were cancelled

Members are keeping an eye on our dry hydrants with the extended drought.

Some are getting low and mutual aid as well as accessing town water supply if needed.

Concern of us sending our Tanker to West Dalhousie and leaving the District without proper water coverage were dealt with.

We are well covered with the help of mutual aid departments.

South Shore departments are being assigned to West Dalhousie through constant planning with REMO, Lunenburg Reg Fire, and Lunenburg Reg Fire Chiefs to ensure areas are not stripped of tanker coverage. This process was used during the 2023 Barrington Wildfires, and to date working well for the current wildfire.

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## **Chief Report for September 2025**

### Calls

There were 9 calls this month including.

4 calls in the District (1 Alarm, 2 MVCs, 1 power )

3 calls in Town (3 Alarms)

2 Mutual Aid (1-Bridgetown, 1 Martins River)

Total of 144 personnel responded to 30.5 hours.

Averaged 16 members per response (Lower average as the 1 Mutual Aid call were not full response)

310.5 total personnel hours were spent responding to calls

0 Medical

### Training

Total of 57 members attended 23 hours of training for a total of 199 hours of training.

We also have a number of members taking on line courses that are not included in these numbers.

Training included Pump Ops, Boat, Drone, Tanker, Junior, Indian Pt FD members training, female training day

### Misc Operational

53 members attended 6 hours of activities for a total of 113 personal hours were spent on misc and operational duties this month.

This included various meeting, truck checks.

There were several hours of undocumented hours for planning the female training day, supply runs etc

Total of 522.5 personnel hours this month.

### HIGHLIGHTS

Sept 4<sup>th</sup>-Tanker went to the West Dalhousie fire

Sept 7<sup>th</sup>-REMO reported that South Shore departments are no longer required at the West Dalhousie fire

Sept 11<sup>th</sup>-FF Nick Falt traveled to St Catherines Ontario to participate in the National Fire Fit Challenge. His time was a respectable 2 minutes, 29 seconds

Sept 16<sup>th</sup>-The concrete apron has passed and truck have been put back in the station. Several members did security while the trucks were outside. There was a few nights and days when there was no security. There were no reports of theft or vandalism.

Sept 20<sup>th</sup>- Fire department golf and social afterwards

Sept 28<sup>th</sup>-We hosted the South Shore female fire fighter training day with approx. 70 female fire fighters in attendance.

A fairly large crack in the tank on the upper rear passenger side of Tanker 6 was discovered.

Arrangements have been made with the manufacturer and the truck will be returning to Battlesfield Industries on Oct 5<sup>th</sup> for assessment.

The Tanker was able to still remain in service.

Dayspring Fire will respond to all calls in the district directly to the scene with a Tanker.

Members are keeping an eye on our dry hydrants with the extended drought.

Some are getting low and mutual aid as well as accessing town water supply if needed.

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## **Chief Report for October 2025**

### Calls

There were 10 calls this month including.  
3 calls in the District (2 Alarm, 1 MVCs )  
5 calls in Town (3 Alarms, 2 MVCs)  
2 Mutual Aid (1-Chester, 1-Dayspring)

Total of 218 personnel responded to 10 hours.  
Averaged 21.8 members per response  
218 total personnel hours were spent responding to calls

0 Medical

### Training

Total of 39 members attended 7.5 hours of training for a total of 103.5 hours of training.  
We also have a number of members taking on line courses that are not included in these numbers.  
Training included Pump Ops, Drone, Radio Comms, hydrant OPs

### Misc Operational

202 members attended 47.5 hours of activities for a total of 597.5 personal hours were spent on misc and operational duties this month.

This included Fire prevention week activities, Halloween stand by, various meeting, truck checks.

Total of 919 personnel hours this month.

### HIGHLIGHTS

Oct 1<sup>st</sup>-We have pictures in the Club Room from 1966 every 10 years.

The next is due next year and we have begun to get each members individual pictures taken

Elvis Pye has been accepted into the department for his probationary period.

Oct 4<sup>th</sup>- The auxiliary held a Fire Fighter breakfast to the public.  
They served almost 300 servings with 15 + working it.  
We also had trucks on display and Fire Prevention items for the kids.  
About 50 people attended

Oct 5<sup>th</sup>- Fire Prevention service was held at the Lutheran Church in Lunenburg.  
The monument service followed where 3 names were placed on it this year;  
Donnie Parks  
Tony Hunt  
Elward Crouse

Oct 6<sup>th</sup>-Fire drill at Bluenose Academy

Oct 7<sup>th</sup>-Fire drills at Blockhouse Hill and Cornwallis Senior apartments

Oct 8<sup>th</sup>-We hosted this years Mutual Aid parade  
Approx 65 fire fighters from 12 departments

Oct 9<sup>th</sup>-Presentation for the pre primary students at the Academy  
-Open House well attended by the public  
-RCMP, EHS, Corkums Towing, Dayspring and Riverport Fire departments also attended.

Oct 10<sup>th</sup>-Appreciation BBQ for active, Honorary and Auxiliary members

Oct 11<sup>th</sup>- Annual Jeff Lilly Memorial Golf Tournament.

Members playing have their names placed in a hat and teams are picked at random to allow members to play with other members they may not interact with as much as others.

This year the teams of Darren Romkey, Terry Conrad, Robert Fox and Elvis Pye tied for first with the team of Noah Romkey, Colby Rafuse, Jack Rafuse and Mike Bailly with a score of 30.

-Pizza and social followed at the hall.

Oct 14-17<sup>th</sup>-Trucks are going to Corkums for their annual MVIs.

Oct 14<sup>th</sup>- Report from Battleshield Industries regarding the Tanker 6

They will be covering all costs of fixing or replacing the tank, including all travel expenses.

The tank will be removed and shipped to the company that built the tank.

I am in constant contact with the owner of Battleshield helping him determine the cause of the crack, to see if it is common in other cases so it can be dealt with for future trucks.

Oct 31<sup>st</sup>-Members had a truck on Cenntenial Ave and gave out treats to over 200 kids.

-Some were on stand by but there were not incidents to report.

Members are keeping an eye on our dry hydrants with the extended drought.

They are starting to come up again but we will still rely on mutual aid as well as accessing town water supply if needed.

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## **Chief Report for December 2025**

### Calls

There were 15 calls this month including.

7 calls in the District (2 vehicle, 2 MVC, 1 Green Bin, 1 controlled burn, and 1 Power Line )

5 calls in Town (4 Alarms, 1 Tech)

3 Mutual Aid (1 Blockhouse, 1 dayspring, 1 Riverport)

Total of 313 personnel responded to 19.5 hours.

Averaged 20.9 members per response

406 total personnel hours were spent responding to calls

2 Medical

1-Town

1-District

Total of 26 members responded to 2 hours, total 26 personal hours

### Training

Training has been reduced to allow members prepare and spend time with families over the Christmas season.

Total of 5 members attended 1 hours of training for a total of 5 hours of training.

We also have a number of members taking on line courses that are not included in these numbers.

Training included Medical First Responder skills.

### Misc Operational

114 members attended 14 hours of activities for a total of 239 personal hours were spent on misc and operational duties this month.

This included various meeting, truck checks and members hosted Christmas meals for the Honorary, Auxiliary and Junior fire fighters.

Total of 564 personnel hours this month.

### HIGHLIGHTS

Dec 1<sup>st</sup>-members hosted a Christmas dinner for our Junior fire fighters.

Dec 10-December truck checks and monthly meeting.

Dec 17-Members hosted the Honorary and Auxiliary members to a Christmas Turkey dinner

Dec 25-We did have a call for an MVC on Christmas Day. No injuries but members were on scene 2 hours waiting for the tow truck and time it took to get the vehicle out of the ditch due to extremely icy road conditions.

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## **Annual Fire Chief Report for 2025**    December 10,2025

This report includes the period of December 1<sup>st</sup> 2024 to November 30<sup>th</sup> 2025.  
Tonight marks the end of 13 years as Chief..

This year we responded to 149 general emergency calls this year with 62 in the Town (41%), 68 in the District (45%), and 21 mutual aid calls (14%).

Panel alarms and MVCs were a majority of the calls with a total of 86, 45 alarms in town, and 18 in the District, and 17 MVCs in the District and 6 in town..

A majority of the residential alarms were due to burning food from cooking.

A quick break down,

Alarms- 45 in Town, 18 in the District

MVC- 6 in Town, 17 in the District

Structure/fires- 1 in Town, 6 in the District

Technical (Lift assist, difficult extrication etc)4 in Town, 6 in the District

Other (smoke sightings, controlled, Hax Mat, water related etc) 7 in Town, 5 in the District

Chimney- 1 in Town, 1 in the District

Grass/Brush- 0 in Town, 4 in the District

Vehicle- 2 in Town, 1 in the District

Power-3 in Town, 2 in the District

Mutual Aid

Dayspring 6

West Dalhousie-4

Martins River-3

Riverport-2

Chester-2

Northfield-1

Blockhouse-1

Wrong department dispatched-1

There were 9 Medical calls with 6 in Town (66.7%), 3 in the District (33.3%)  
77 members attended 7.5 hours of calls for 90 hours.

This year we averaged 20.8 members per call.  
21.3 if the 4 West Dalhousie calls were omitted where only those crews who went responded.

3098 members attended 235.5 hours of Emergency calls for a total of 4310 hours of personal response.

Training remains to be an important role and 545 members attended 289.5 hours of training for a total of 2021.5 hours.

This training includes a wide variety of topics such as fire fighting, boat ops, drone, MFR, drone

We need to continue to not only keep up with what we've learned, but be open to taking all the training available.

Members are encouraged to keep up with their level of training and contact their Captain or D/C Robb with any concerns.

Over and above responding and training, members have been busy attending various meetings, truck checks, public events, and other things.

Members also attended conferences in Truro and Summerside.

1215 members attended 575.5 hours for a total of 3171 hours.

The training and misc hours are not actual numbers as there is hundreds of hours of undocumented hours,

Overall, with responses, training, meetings and misc fire department duties, members spent 9596 hours committed to the department.

Our membership has dropped and we are sitting at 38 meaning some are stepping up to overcome the drop.

The year started with the annual New Years Levee was attended by approx. 150 people. We host the event for the town and district.

Our 2002 GMC Tanker 6 has been replaced this year with a 2025 Freightliner built by Battleshield Industries out of Vars Ontario.

This truck carries 2500 gallons of water and comes with a 2200 gpm pump that will be a huge asset to supply water over a great distance from a static water supply.

This truck was cost shared 50/50 by the town and district.

We did have an issue with the tank cracking within the first month, but Battleshield was great to work with and looked after the entire repair.

We continue to hold functions such as meals after the monthly meetings, picnic, golf tournaments, Daytona 500 social and other activities to show appreciation to the members and families for all the hard work done over the year.

The Junior program continues to succeed and over 41 juniors attended our annual junior fire fighting day where they learn various skills such as live fire, vehicle extrication and rope repelling.

The Chowder Cup, a friendly hockey game between the Lunenburg and District Fire Department and RCMP, was held in March.

A much younger RCMP team with some former junior players was a bit too much for us this year and they took the cup.

Other events the department were a part of included various parades, Remembrance Day ceremony, Fishers Memorial service, CDRA race coverage, and Christmas events. These are just a few of the many events we attended.

The department Color Party has again been visible to several public events such as the Fishers Memorial service, Mutual Aid parade and funerals.

Led by Oran Hyson, he is always looking for members who can step in and help out.

We've had an exceptionally dry summer this year and with the help of \$25 000 fine for illegal burns, aside from a couple calls prior to the dry spell, we lucked out and had none. We did send crews 3 times to help battle the West Dalhousie fire.

We kept an eye on our dry hydrants out in the district and faired our pretty well.

With financial support from the district for supplies, and yet another generous offer from Gerhardt Property Improvement, another dry hydrant has been added to the Sunny Brook area.

The department was again represented by Nick Falt at the National Fire Fit Competition, held in St Catherines Ontario.

This year we lost Honorary Fire Fighter Elward Crouse, Honorary former Chief Donnie Parks, and Active Lt Tony Hunt.

Their names were placed on the monument during the Fire Prevention Week service.

Chief Parks was honored at the Fire Chiefs Convention where his helmet was laid by his grandchildren during the memorial service.

Lt Hunt will be remembered as we named our Communications room in his memory. A place where he was well known for his calm voice over the radio.

Our auxiliary continues to keep busy and caters a number of events.  
This year they were able to give us \$8000 to help purchase new equipment.

After a good long service, we had to replace the motors for our boat.  
Seamasters of Dartmouth supplied and installed a pair of 115hp Yamahas.  
These came at a cost of a bit over \$40 000 and we were lucky enough to have most of  
that donated by an anonymous donor.

We still have enough and will be replacing the electronics over the winter.  
It also had a refurbishing and painting of the hull.

12 members attended a course in boat operations in November and once they get their sea  
time in, will up our operators from 6 to 18.

Thanks to all those employers out there who allow the members to respond to calls  
during work hours, it is greatly appreciated.

Please pass along to your employers my thanks.

And as always, thanks to your families for their part.

In closing, I wish all of you a safe and uneventful 2026.

Thank you.

Darren Romkey

Fire Chief,  
Lunenburg and District Fire Department

## Breakdown of calls

Emergency/fire	Town-	54 (43.2%)
	District-	46 (36.8%)
	Mutual Aid	25 (20.0%)

Type	Town	District
Alarms	30	5
MVCs	9	17
Chimney	1	2
Power/lines	2	3
Grass/brush	0	2
Structure	1	3
Lift Assists	3	2
Other	8	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>46</b>

## Mutual Aid

Martins River	7
Riverport	4
Dayspring	3
Mahone Bay	2
Italy Cross	2
Chester Basin	1
Chester	1
Blockhouse	1
Oakhill	1
Greenfield/Caledonia	1
Out of Province error	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>25</b>

## Attendance Stats

	Attended	Hours	Total Hours
Calls	2803	193.5	4176.5
Medical	148	14.0	148.0
Training	776	341.5	2473.0

Misc Ops	1386	403.0	3114.5
Totals	4965	938.0	9764.0

Percentage of Time Committed

Emergency/Medical	56.5%	20.6%	42.8%
Training	15.6%	36.4%	25.3%
Misc Ops	27.9%	43.0%	31.9%