

TOWN OF LUNENBURG
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 27, 2024 | 6 pm

Lunenburg Town Hall – Council Chamber and virtually through Zoom



Present Mayor Jamie Myra, Deputy Mayor Stephen Ernst, Councillors Ed Halverson, Jenni Birtles, Peter Mosher and Susan Sanford

Absent Councillor Melissa Duggan

Also present Jamie Doyle, CAO
Lisa Dagley, Director of Finance
Tyson Joyce, Director of Public Works
Hilary Grant, Director of Community Development
Michael Best, Communications Manager
Kayla Byrne, Municipal Clerk

Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m.

Land acknowledgment The Mayor recognized Lunenburg’s location on the unceded territory of the Mi’kmaq people.

Approval of Agenda Moved by Councillor Birtles, seconded by Councillor Sanford, that Council approve the agenda for the February 27, 2024 meeting as presented.

Motion carried unanimously

Approval of Minutes Moved by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Birtles, that Council approve the January 23, 2024 meeting minutes as presented.

Motion carried unanimously

Public Input and Questions Gayle Zaunscherb provided more information for agenda item 10.5 Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law Amendment Application: Wolff Avenue – Adams Street Parking.

Thom Barclay provided comments and asked various questions about the proposed development of Blockhouse Hill.

Paula Rennie provided comments and asked various questions about the proposed development of Blockhouse Hill.

Allison Strachan commented on several municipal matters, including the renaming of Cornwallis Street, the spelling of Sylvia/Silvia Park, and inquired about archeologist initiatives for Blockhouse Hill.

Quarterly Police Report	Council received a quarterly report from the Lunenburg County RCMP, highlighting staff updates and calls for services.
	Cpl. Leggett indicated they will provide further details regarding an inquiry on the possibility of an increase in crime statistics. It was also noted that the RCMP is preparing for their annual meeting with the regional Chief Administrative Officers to help set community priorities
Cornwallis Street Renaming	Council received two letters concerning the renaming of Cornwallis Street.
Vulnerable Persons Registries Response	Council received a response from the Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing concerning a request to create a provincial vulnerable persons registry.
Burg Classic Sponsorship	Council received, for information, the Burg Classic Sponsorship Package.
REMO Operating Budget	<p>Concerning a recommendation from the REMO Advisory Committee, Council made the following motion:</p> <p>Moved by Councillor Sanford, seconded by Councillor Mosher, that Council approve the core budget of \$410,418 for the 2024/25 Regional Emergency Management Organization (REMO) operating budget and the Town of Lunenburg's portion of \$21,511.51, as recommended by the REMO Advisory Committee.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Motion carried unanimously</p>
Old Town Lunenburg HCD Plan and By-law	<p>Moved by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Deputy Mayor Ernst, that Council approve a second reading of the Old Town Lunenburg Heritage Conservation District Plan and By-law as presented (Attachment A).</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Motion carried unanimously</p>
Water Quality Test Results	Council received potable and wastewater quality test results for July – September 2023.

Marketing Levy
By-law

Moved by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Birtles, that Council direct staff to bring forward a draft Marketing Levy By-law for first reading.

Motion carried unanimously

Source Water
Protection
Advisory
Committee

Moved by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Halverson, that Council adopt the Source Water Protection Advisory Committee's Terms of Reference as presented (Attachment A).

Motion carried unanimously

Moved by Deputy Mayor Ernst, seconded by Councillor Halverson, that Council appoint Councillor Mosher and Councillor Sanford to serve as the Town's representatives on the Source Water Protection Advisory Committee.

Motion carried unanimously

Moved by Councillor Sanford, seconded by Councillor Birtles, that Council add one NSCC Natural Resources Environmental Technology representative as an ex-officio non-voting Source Water Protection Advisory Committee member.

Motion carried unanimously

Moved by Councillor Halverson, seconded by Councillor Mosher, that Council appoint MODL Councillor Chasidy Veinotte to serve as MODL's representative on the Source Water Protection Advisory Committee.

Motion carried unanimously

MPS/LUB
Amendment:
Wolff Avenue –
Adams Street
Parking

Moved by Councillor Halverson, seconded by Councillor Mosher, that Council direct staff to work on a proposed amendment to the Land Use By-law (LUB) to enable up to five on-site parking spaces in front yards.

Motion carried unanimously

Moved by Councillor Halverson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Ernst, that Council direct Staff to work on proposed Municipal Planning Strategy and Land-Use By-law amendments to require on-site parking upon the completion of the Parking and Traffic Study.

Motion carried unanimously

MPS/LUB Amendment: Rezoning	Moved by Councillor Sanford, seconded by Deputy Mayor Ernst, that Council direct staff to work towards amending the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law to redesignate PID 60052495, PID 60052503 (rear and front portion), PID 6005251, PID 60052529, PID 60052537, PID 60052552, PID 60487857, PID 60052586, and PID 60052594 to Residential (RES) and rezone them Lower Density Residential (RL).				
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Alternative Voting By-law	Moved by Councillor Mosher, seconded Councillor Birtles, that Council approve first reading of the Alternative Voting By-law as presented. Motion carried unanimously				
Election Deposit By-law	Moved by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Halverson, that Council approve first reading of the Election Deposit By-law as presented. Motion defeated unanimously				
Councillor Reports and Notices of Motion.	<p>A motion to direct staff to prepare an information report on processes to remove a councillor for appointed roles was moved but not seconded. Therefore, no vote was held.</p> <p>Councillor Halverson inquired about follow-up actions after the Government of Nova Scotia announced that it would not proceed with the Coastal Protection Act. Staff confirmed this topic will be further discussed with the other CAOs and the region's Councils, and updates will be provided to Council as they become available.</p> <p>Councillor Mosher presented the following notice of motion: That Council direct staff to contact the Department of Transportation to express safety concerns about the four-way stop in Lilydale. This motion will return for Council's consideration at its next meeting.</p>				
Motion Action List	Council received the motion action list.				
Recess	Mayor Myra called a recess at 7:30 p.m.				
In Camera	Moved by Councillor Birtles, seconded by Councillor Sanford, that Council move in camera at 7:43 p.m. to discuss agenda items 13.1				

Contract Negotiations and 13.2 Acquisition, sale, lease and security of municipal property per the Municipal Government Act.

Motion carried unanimously

Revert to Open Session

Council reverted to open session at 7:56 p.m. and made the following motion:

Moved by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Sanford, that Council approve the extension of the Curbside Waste Collection Services Contract with GE's All Trucking Limited for fiscal 2024/25 and 2025/26.

Motion carried unanimously

Adjournment

There being no further business, the February 27, 2024 Council meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

The minutes were read and approved.