

TOWN OF LUNENBURG  
**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

June 11, 2024 | 6 pm

Lunenburg Town Hall – Council Chamber and virtually through Zoom




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Present	Deputy Mayor Stephen Ernst, Councillors Jenni Birtles, Peter Mosher, Ed Halverson and Susan Sanford
Absent	Mayor Jamie Myra and Councillor Melissa Duggan
Also present	Kathleen Rafuse, Town Accountant Tyson Joyce, Director of Public Works Hilary Grant, Interim CAO Trevor Hume, Planner Kayla Byrne, Municipal Clerk
Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m.
Land acknowledgment	It was acknowledged that Lunenburg is located in the unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people.
Councillor Sanford's Resignation	Council Sandford announced her resignation as she is moving outside the Town of Lunenburg. Councillors thanked Councillor Sandford for her dedicated service over the past four years.
Approval of Agenda	Moved by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Halverson, that Council approve the agenda for the May 28, 2024 meeting as presented. <b>Motion carried unanimously</b>
Approval of Minutes	Moved by Deputy Mayor Ernst, seconded by Councillor Birtles, that Council approve the May 14, 2024 meeting minutes as presented. <b>Motion carried unanimously</b>
Public Input	Tina Risser asked what information will be provided and what meetings will be held to inform the public about a plebiscite if the Council decides to proceed with one.  Alison Strachan wished Councillor Birtles a happy birthday.  Paula Rennie suggested that the Cultural Tourism Working Group meetings be livestreamed and recorded.

Robert Young inquired about how any possible decrease in federal infrastructure funding would affect the Town.

PAC TOR & Public Participation Policy

Moved by Councillor Sanford, seconded by Councillor Mosher, that Council approve the Planning Advisory Committee Terms of Reference as presented.

**Motion carried unanimously**

Moved by Councillor Sanford, seconded by Councillor Birtles, that Council give notice to approve the new Planning Public Participation Program Policy, which would repeal and replace Policy #65, the Planning Public Participation Program Policy.

**Motion carried unanimously**

Cultural Tourism Working Group TOR

Moved by Councillor Birtles, seconded by Councillor Halverson, that Council approve the Cultural Tourism Working Group Terms of Reference with the following deletions:

- All issues on the agenda can be addressed by phone or e-mail consultations.
- The meeting is purely for information sharing with no consensus building or decision-making necessary, and the same result can be achieved by sending e-mails to everyone.

**Motion carried unanimously**

Non-compliant Shed Settlement Agreement

Moved by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Birtles, that Council direct staff to execute a settlement agreement with the owners of 72 Tannery Road to resolve the issues related to the non-compliant shed on their property.

**Motion carried unanimously**

Noise By-law Exemption Request

Moved by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Birtles, that Council approve a Noise By-law exemption for June 19, 2024, starting at 11 p.m. until 2 a.m. on June 20, 2024, and June 20, 2024, starting at 11 p.m. until 2 a.m. on June 21, 2024, to accommodate filming activities in an area bounded by Montague Street and Bluenose Drive between Duke Street and Rum Row per GEP Liars Inc's approved 2024 film permit.

**Motion carried unanimously**

Councillors requested that the film crew be informed that June 20 is

prom night, and Montague Street is expected to be busy with students taking photographs.

Considering a Plebiscite for Blockhouse Hill Development

Staff presented a report outlining the steps that would be required should Council consider conducting a plebiscite on the proposed development of Blockhouse Hill.

In Camera

Moved by Councillor Birtles, seconded by Councillor Sanford, that Council move in camera at 6:31 p.m. to discuss agenda items 13.1 Personnel Matter and 13.2 Acquisition, sale, lease and security of municipal property per the Municipal Government Act.

**Motion carried unanimously**

Before the Council entered a closed session, a brief recess was called.

Revert to public meeting

Council reverted to open meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Cultural Tourism Working Group Appointments

Following the closed session portion of this meeting, Council made the following motion:

Moved by Councillor Halverson, seconded by Councillor Sanford, that Council appoint the following representatives to the Cultural Tourism Working Group:

- JD (Joanne) Young and Tom McFall as the representatives from Lunenburg's Public or Non-Profit Culture Sector;
- Liz Powers as a representative from Lunenburg's Private or For-Profit Tourism Sector;
- Kandace Forward and Robin Joost as representatives from the Lunenburg Board of Trade;
- Adrian Morrison and Anne-Louise Dauphinee as representatives of Lunenburg's Maritime Heritage and/or Waterfront Industries; and
- Alison Strachan and Frank Zaunscherb as the Town of Lunenburg resident representatives.

**Motion carried unanimously**

The approved Terms of Reference for the Cultural Tourism Working Group state that two councillors will also sit on the group. Council deferred making these appointments and will discuss this at a future meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the June 11, 2024 Council meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

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The minutes were read and approved.