

TOWN OF LUNENBURG  
**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES**

September 3, 2024 | 6 pm

Lunenburg Town Hall – Council Chamber and virtually through Zoom



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Present	Mayor Jamie Myra, Deputy Mayor Stephen Ernst, Councillors Peter Mosher and Ed Halverson
Absent	Councillors Melissa Duggan and Jenni Birtles
Also present	Trevor Hume, Planner Kayla Byrne, Municipal Clerk
Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.
Land acknowledgment	It was acknowledged that Lunenburg is located in the unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people.
Approval of Agenda	Moved by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Halverson, that Committee of the Whole approve the agenda for the September 3, 2024 meeting as presented.

**Motion carried unanimously**

Cornwallis Street Renaming	Councillor Halverson revisited the topic of renaming Cornwallis Street, citing concerns about the reconciliation process and the decision to select "Queen Street" as the new name. He expressed a desire to reconsider the previous decision and asked for further input from fellow Councillors. After an extensive discussion, Councillor Halverson made a motion to send the issue back to Council for further consideration, specifically proposing the removal of "Queen" from the list of options for the renaming. However, the motion was not seconded, and therefore, no vote took place.
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Council indicated that the renaming of Cornwallis Street to Queen Street, as previously decided in November 2023, will proceed.

Dangerous and Unsightly Premises	Council discussed the creation of a comprehensive Dangerous and Unsightly Premises Bylaw. Staff presented two options: drafting a bylaw that further defines unsightly and dangerous conditions beyond the Municipal Government Act (MGA) or establishing a policy for handling complaints.
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Councillors expressed a desire to see specific height restrictions for grass included, for ambiguous terms like “unsightly” to be more clearly defined in the policy, and for some flexibility for residents naturalizing their yards.

Moved by Councillor Moser, seconded by Deputy Mayor Ernst, that Committee of the Whole direct staff to develop a Dangerous and Unsightly Premises Policy that includes clear grass height restrictions; flexibility for lawn naturalization with appropriate safeguards against hazards; a refined definition of "unsightly"; reasonable compliance timelines, and provisions for the town to take remedial action if needed; and that this policy be presented to Council for consideration at a future meeting.

**Motion carried unanimously**

Adjournment

There being no further business, the September 3, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

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The minutes were read and approved.