

TOWN OF LUNENBURG
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 24, 2024 | 6 pm

Lunenburg Town Hall – Council Chamber and virtually through Zoom



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

Absent Councillor Melissa Duggan

Also present Hilary Grant, Interim CAO
 Tyson Joyce, Director of Public Works
 Kathleen Rafuse, Town Accountant
 Marc Kiely, Interim Director of Community Development
 Laura LeGresley, Heritage Officer

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 Deputy Mayor Ernst, seconded by Councillor Birtles, that Council approve the agenda for the September 24 meeting, 2024 meeting as presented.

Motion carried unanimously

Approval of Minutes Moved by Councillor Birtles seconded by Deputy Mayor Ernst, that Council approve the September 3, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes as presented.

Motion carried unanimously

Moved by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Halverson, that Council approve the September 10, 2024 Council meeting minutes as presented.

Motion carried unanimously

Public Input Murray Barkhouse spoke on behalf of the nomination of Brigadier General Sheila Hellstrom as Prominent Lunenburg.

Noise By-law Exemption Moved by Deputy Mayor Ernst, seconded by Councillor Mosher, that Council approve a Noise By-law exemption for the Lunenburg Fire

Request	<p>Department to accommodate fireworks in celebration of Guy Fawkes Day from the back parking lot of the Lunenburg Fire Station on Saturday, November 2, 2024, between 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Motion carried unanimously</p>				
SSHAC letter	<p>Council received a presentation follow-up from SSHAC.</p>				
CTWG TOR	<p>Council received a request to amend the Cultural Tourism Group's Terms of Reference to include that meetings should be livestreamed and recorded.</p> <p>With respect to this request, Council made the following motion: Moved by Councillor Halverson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Ernst, that Council amend the Cultural Tourism Working Group's Terms of Reference to state that the group's public meetings will be livestreamed and recorded.</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">FOR</td> <td style="width: 50%;">AGAINST</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3 Councillors</td> <td>2 Councillors (Councillors Mosher & Birtles)</td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: right;">Motion carried</p>	FOR	AGAINST	3 Councillors	2 Councillors (Councillors Mosher & Birtles)
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Proclamation Request	<p>Moved by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Ernst, that Council proclaim December 12, 2024, as High Liner Foods Day in the Town of Lunenburg, in celebration of High Liner Foods' 125th anniversary.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Motion carried unanimously</p>				
Council Procedural Policy	<p>Moved by Councillor Ernst, seconded by Councillor Mosher, that Council approve the Council Procedural Policy as presented, repealing and replacing, Policy #96, the Council and Committee Meetings and Proceedings Policy.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Motion carried unanimously</p>				
Pelham Street Reconstruction Phase 1 – Project Deferral	<p>Moved by Councillor Halverson, seconded by Councillor Mosher, that Council defer the Pelham Street Reconstruction – Phase 1 Project for Capital Year 2024/25.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Motion carried unanimously</p>				
Nomination of Prominent Lunenburger	<p>Moved by Councillor Ernst, seconded by Birtles, that Council approve the nomination of Sheila Hellstrom as a Prominent Lunenburger per the Recognition of Prominent Lunenburgers Policy.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Motion carried unanimously</p>				

Redesignation and Rezoning of Lower Green Street Moved by Councillor Birtles, seconded by Ernst, that Council approve first reading of the amended Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use Bylaw to redesignate PID 60052495, PID 60052503 (rear and front portion), PID 60052511, PID 60052529, PID 60734167, PID 60052552, PID 60487857, PID 60052560, PID 60052578, PID 60052586, PID 60052594 to Residential (RES) and rezone them Lower Density Residential (RL).

FOR	AGAINST
4 Councillors	1 Councillor (Councillor Mosher)

Motion carried

Amending the MPS to be consistent with HCD Plan and By-law Moved by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Halverson, that Council approve first reading of the amended Municipal Planning Strategy, as presented in Attachment A, to ensure consistency between the Municipal Planning Strategy and the Old Town Lunenburg Heritage Conservation District Plan and By-law.

Motion carried unanimously

Notice of Motion/ Councillor Reports Councillor Halverson made a notice of motion to rescind Council’s decision to rename Cornwallis Street to Queen Street and that Council consider the name Samqwan Street or Reconciliation Street as the new name for the street. This motion will be presented for consideration at the next regular Council meeting.

Motion Action List Council received the motion action list for information.

In Camera Moved by Councillor Birtles, seconded by Deputy Mayor Ernst that Council move in camera at 6:41 p.m. to discuss agenda items 14.1 and 14.2 (Acquisition, sale, lease and security of municipal property) and 14.3 (Personnel matters per the Municipal Government Act).

Motion carried unanimously

Adjournment Council reverted to open session at 7:30 p.m.

There being no further business, the September 24, 2024 Council meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

The minutes were read and approved.