

zTOWN OF LUNENBURG
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

August 27, 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, Ed Halverson and Melissa Duggan

Also present Hilary Grant, Interim CAO
Trevor Hume, Planner
Curtis Bell, Procurement & Electric Coordinator
Kayla Byrne, Municipal Clerk
Darin Lamont, CIMA+

Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 6:01 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 Birtles, that Committee of the Whole approve the agenda for the August 27, 2024 meeting as presented.

Motion carried unanimously

Electric Utility Budgets Staff provided an overview of the electric utility budgets and addressed questions from councillors and the public that were raised during the initial budget presentation at the last regular Council meeting. Darin Lamont from CIMA+ also responded to questions from councillors.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Ernst, seconded by Councillor Birtles, that Committee of the Whole refer the 2024/25 Electric Utility Operating Budget as presented to Council for approval.

FOR	AGAINST
4 Councillors	2 Councillors (Councillors Duggan & Birtles)

Motion carried

Moved by Deputy Mayor Ernst, seconded by Councillor Mosher, that Committee of the Whole refer the 2024/25 Electric Utility Capital Budget as presented to Council for approval.

FOR
4 Councillors

AGAINST
2 Councillors (Councillors Mosher & Birtles)

Motion carried

Moved by Councillor Halverson, seconded by Councillor Mosher, that the Committee of the Whole refer the Council Meeting Submissions and Public Input Policy to a regular Council meeting for consideration and notice of the policy.

Motion carried unanimously

With respect to a request to review Council's current procedural policy, councillors suggested the following be included in a revised policy:

- Detailed guidelines for the Committee of the Whole procedures.
- A requirement for public hearings on all new bylaws or amendments, beyond those mandated by the MGA.
- Continuation of the practice of seconding motions.
- Clarification on handling amendments to motions.
- A rule that Council receives the finalized agenda package 24 hours before public release.
- Guidelines for electronic meetings, with a preference for in-person attendance and a limit of three consecutive remote meetings without Council approval.

Moved by Councillor Halverson, seconded by Councillor Mosher, that Committee of the Whole direct staff to present a revised Council Procedural Policy at a regular Council meeting for possible notice.

Motion carried unanimously

Adjournment

There being no further business, the August 27, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

The minutes were read and approved.