

TOWN OF LUNENBURG
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
 April 11, 2023 | 6 pm
 Lunenburg Town Hall – Council Chamber



Present	Mayor Matt Risser, Deputy Mayor Peter Mosher, Councillors Melissa Duggan, Stephen Ernst, Ed Halverson, Jenni Birtles and Susan Sanford
Also present	Jamie Doyle, Chief Administrative Officer Tyson Joyce, Director of Public Works Arthur MacDonald, Director of Community Development Trevor Hume, Planner/Development Officer Hilary Grant, Senior Planner/Heritage Officer Michael Best, Communications Manager Kayla Byrne, Municipal Clerk Lauren Isabelle, Planner
Call to Order	The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.
Land acknowledgment	The Mayor recognized Lunenburg's location on the unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people.
New staff introduction	The Mayor introduced and welcomed Lauren Isabelle, the new planner with the Community Development Department.
Approval of Agenda	Moved and seconded that Council approve the agenda for the April 11, 2023 meeting as presented.
Approval of Minutes	Moved and seconded that Council approve the minutes of the March 28, 2023 meeting as presented.
Public Hearing: Amendment to Land Use By-law	Council held a public hearing for a proposed amendment to the Land Use By-law to remove Schedule G – Vending. There were no concerns from the public specifically about the proposed amendment to the Land Use By-law, however, 21 people, which included numerous business owners, provided their feedback on the proposed Vending By-law. Some concerns expressed include traffic and parking congestion, increased garbage, noise pollution from generators, a lack of public washrooms for a potential increase to foot traffic, and that

recommended permit fees were too low. Additionally, the business community felt that more consultation was needed.

Moved and seconded that Council close the Amendment to Land Use By-law public hearing portion of the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously

Lyme Disease Awareness Month Proclamation

Moved and seconded that Council proclaim May 2023 as Lyme Disease Awareness Month.

Motion carried unanimously

Vending By-law – presentation and second reading

Council deferred making a decision on the proposed Vending By-law and directed staff to make various edits to the by-law, and to consider the concerns addressed at the public hearing. Once edits have been made, the draft by-law will return to Council for further discussion and consideration.

Amendment to Land Use By-law

Council deferred making a decision on an amendment to the Land Use By-law to remove Schedule G – Vending. Staff noted this amendment should happen when and if a new Vending By-law is approved.

Committee Recommendations & Notices of Motion

None.

Recess

The Mayor called a recess from 8:20 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

Old Town Lunenburg Heritage Conservation Plan and By-Law Update

Council received a staff update on the progress of a new Heritage Conservation Plan and By-law.

Staff have a draft of the new plan and by-law and are completing a final review. Council and the public can expect to see the proposed plan and by-law in the near future.

Sustainable Services Growth Fund

Moved and seconded that Council approve that the Mayor and CAO sign the Sustainable Services Growth Fund Agreement Form.

Motion carried unanimously

Regional Anti-Racism & Anti-Discrimination Committee

Moved and seconded that Council approve the Terms of Reference (TOR) for the Lunenburg County Anti-Racism and Anti-Discrimination Committee as presented; and that Council approve the new Regional Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Coordinator position, a two-year term

shared position with the other five municipal units based on the funding formula and budget as presented;

That Council direct the CAO to work with the other five municipal units to develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Regional Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Coordinator position; and that the MOU be presented to all participating Councils for approval; and

That Council approve the dissolution of Town of Lunenburg's Anti-Racism Special Committee.

Motion carried unanimously

Adjournment

There being no further business, the April 11, 2023 Council meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Minutes were read and approved.