

TOWN OF LUNENBURG
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

August 8, 2023 | 6 pm

Lunenburg Town Hall – Council Chamber and Virtually through Zoom



Present	Acting Mayor Peter Mosher, Councillors Jenni Birtles, Stephen Ernst, Ed Halverson, Melissa Duggan (via Zoom) and Susan Sanford
Also present	<p>Lisa Dagley, Director of Finance Michael Best, Communications Manager Tyson Joyce, Director of Public Works Arthur MacDonald, Director of Community Development Hilary Grant, Senior Planner/Heritage Officer Jamie Doyle, CAO Kayla Byrne, Municipal Clerk David Murdoch, Lunenburg County Seniors' Safety Program Lisa Bennett, Lunenburg County Seniors' Safety Program</p>
Call to Order	The Acting Mayor called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.
Land acknowledgment	The Acting Mayor recognized Lunenburg's location on the unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people.
Approval of Agenda	<p>Moved and seconded that Council approve the agenda for the August 8, 2023, meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Motion carried unanimously</p>
Approval of Minutes	<p>Moved and seconded that Council approve the July 11, 2023 meeting minutes as presented.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Motion carried unanimously</p>
Public input for Council meetings	<p>Jamie Myra suggested that the proposed dates for the public participation schedule for the Blockhouse Hill design project design be deferred until after the special election, which is being held to fill the Mayor's vacancy.</p> <p>Robert Young inquired if Sylvia, whom Sylvia Park is named after, could be nominated to the Order of Nova Scotia and the Order of Canada.</p>

Seniors' Safety Program Annual Update
Representatives from the Lunenburg County Seniors' Safety Program presented its annual update highlighting various programs and services.

Attendance update
Councillor Duggan joined the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

Dares Lake Spillway
The Director of Public Works summarized a report on the tender results for the Dares Lake Spillway Capital Project. Staff noted that the eel passage is a new requirement by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

Moved and seconded that Council defer the Dares Lake Spillway Project for Capital Year 2023/24 with the intention of staff incorporating an eel passage into the design and revising this item within the Water Utility's 2024/25 Capital Budget.

Motion carried unanimously

This item will return for deliberation during the 2024 budget process.

Blockhouse Hill Design Project Public Engagement
The Director of Community Development summarized a report on the Blockhouse Hill Design Project public engagement schedule.

Staff confirmed that "What We Heard" reports will be developed throughout the engagement process.

Moved and seconded that Council approve the public participation schedule for the Blockhouse Hill Design Project.

Motion carried unanimously

Awarding Civic Square Compatibility and Accessibility Project RFP
The Director of Community Development summarized a report on the awarding of a request for proposal for designs for the Civic Square Compatibility and Accessibility Project.

Councillors asked clarifying questions on provincial accessibility requirements, the Town's specific accessibility needs, and alternate funding sources. Staff also confirmed they will be working closely with the Lunenburg County Accessibility Coordinator throughout this project.

Moved and seconded that Council award Vigilant Atlantic \$76,070 plus HST to fulfill their proposal submitted under the Civic Square

Compatibility and Accessibility Project Request for Proposals.

Motion carried unanimously

Proposed Alteration
to Municipal
Heritage Property

The Senior Planner/Heritage Officer summarized a report on an application to alter 17 Tannery Road, a municipal heritage property.

Moved and seconded that Council approve the proposed alterations to Old New Town School and direct staff to issue a Heritage Permit.

Motion carried unanimously

Housing Accelerator
Fund Application

The Senior Planner/Heritage Officer summarized a report on the federal Housing Accelerator Fund Application.

Moved and seconded that Council direct staff to apply to the Housing Accelerator Fund.

Motion carried unanimously

Notice of motions
and councillor
requests

Councillor Halverson gave notice of a request for a full analysis of costs, including an area rate, associated with the Lunenburg Academy. Staff indicated this report could be brought forward at a Council meeting in October.

Councillor Halverson's request will be presented as a motion at the next regular Council meeting.

In camera

Moved and seconded that Council move in camera at 7:09 p.m. to discuss agenda item 11.1 Acquisition, sale, lease and security of municipal property, as per Section 22 (2) (c) of the Municipal Government Act.

Motion carried unanimously

Recess

Before discussing any in-camera items, the Acting Mayor called a 10-minute recess.

Attendance update

Councillor Duggan left the meeting during the in-camera session at 8:03 p.m.

Revert to open
session

Council reverted to open session at 8:13 p.m.

Following a discussion in camera, Council made the following motion:

Moved and seconded that Council direct staff to return to the September 12, 2023 regular Council meeting with a report on the

possible divestiture of Upper Hall Street, known as PID 6072640, to accommodate the possible relocation of Harbour View Haven.

Motion carried unanimously

Adjournment

There being no further business, the August 8, 2023 Council meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

The minutes were read and approved.