

TOWN OF LUNENBURG
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 14, 2025 | 6 pm

Lunenburg Town Hall – Council Chamber and virtually through Zoom



- Present Mayor Jamie Myra, Deputy Mayor Rachel Bailey, Councillors Renea Babineau, Debbie Dauphinee, Gale Fullerton, Alex Greek and Alison Strachan
- Also present Hilary Grant, Interim CAO
Tyson Joyce, Director of Public Works
Marc Kiely, Interim Director of Community Development
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 Greek, seconded by Councillor Strachan that Council approve the agenda for the January 14, 2025 meeting as presented.
Motion carried unanimously
- Approval of Minutes Moved by Councillor Strachan, seconded by Councillor Babineau, that Council approve the December 10, 2024 meeting minutes as presented.
Motion carried unanimously
- Presentation Council received a presentation from Lunenburg County Wheels representatives. The presentation provided updates on the organization's operations, expansion, and financial outlook. The organization anticipates a deficit as they explore the full scope of community needs during the pilot project. They indicated that continued financial support from the Town would be appreciated.
- Public Input Huw Griffiths, President of the Lunenburg branch of the Navy League of Canada, addressed Council regarding concerns over the potential relocation of the Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps headquarters from the Blue Building.

Jesse Ward addressed Council regarding the potential renaming of

Cornwallis Street, expressing concerns about the survey process and reporting of results.

Correspondence

Council received correspondence on the following items:

- Washroom Facilities at Lunenburg Academy from the Lunenburg Academy Foundation and South Shore Public Libraries.
- Sponsorship requests for the First Responders' Wellness Symposium and the Association of Nova Scotia Geocaching.
- Code of Conduct correspondence from the Minister of Municipal Affairs.
- Heritage impact inquiry on buffer zone development from ICOMOS Canada.

With respect to some of these items, Council made the following motion:

Moved by Councillor Babineau, seconded by Deputy Mayor Bailey, that Council refer items 8.1 (Lunenburg Academy washroom facilities – Lunenburg Academy Foundation), 8.2 (Lunenburg Academy washroom facilities – South Shore Public Libraries), and 8.6 (Heritage Impact Inquiry on Buffer Zone Development – ICOMOS Canada) to a future Committee of the Whole meeting.

Motion carried unanimously

There was also general consensus that Council would refer items 8.3 (Sponsorship request for the First Responders' Wellness Symposium) and 8.4 (Sponsorship request for the Association of Nova Scotia Geocaching) to a future budget discussion meeting.

Proclamation

Moved by Councillor Strachan, seconded by Deputy Mayor Bailey, that Council proclaim January 2025 as Alzheimer Awareness Month, and the Mayor sign the proclamation as presented.

Motion carried unanimously

Lunenburg Day
Care Centre

Council reviewed a report regarding the Lunenburg Daycare Center's request for town-owned land to develop a new facility. Staff outlined potential sites, including the recreation complex area, the blue building (87 Victoria Road), and Starr Street near Hillcrest Cemetery. Each site has varying levels of feasibility, costs, and implications for future use.

Council made the following motions:

Moved by Councillor Strachan, seconded by Deputy Mayor Bailey, that Council commits to making available a suitable piece of municipal land, subject to further analysis and Council approval.

Motion carried unanimously

Moved by Deputy Mayor Bailey, seconded by Councillor Dauphinee, that Council direct staff to hold a public hearing on entering a lease with the Lunenburg Daycare for the Blue Building site (87 Victoria Road) and the land at Starr Street, described as below Hillcrest Cemetery and across from the dog park.

Motion carried unanimously

Affordable
Housing Market
Data Collection

Moved by Councillor Strachan, seconded by Councillor Babineau, that Council direct staff to collaborate with MODL on commissioning a comprehensive housing market study to provide updated housing market information and address known data gaps that will support affordable housing within the region.

Motion carried unanimously

Cornwallis
Information
Report

Staff presented an information report summarizing past staff work on the renaming of Cornwallis Street, noting that no new analysis was undertaken. The report outlined potential next steps, including referral to the Lunenburg County Anti-Racism and Discrimination Advisory Committee, conducting a new survey, or reaffirming Queen Street as the selected name.

Motion by Councillor Strachan, seconded by Councillor Fullerton that Council refer the renaming of Cornwallis Street to a future Committee of the Whole meeting for further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously

Notice of Motion:
Appendix A
Amendment:
Committees Policy

Per a notice of motion presented by Councillor Strachan at the December 10, 2024 meeting, Council made the following motions:

Moved by Councillor Strachan, seconded by Councillor Babineau, that Council amend Appendix A of the Committees Policy to add the Lunenburg Academy Foundation to the list of External Committees.

Motion carried unanimously

Moved by Deputy Mayor Bailey, seconded by Councillor Dauphinee, that

Council appoint Councillor Strachan to the Lunenburg Academy Foundation Board and this appointment be reviewed at Council's 2025 Organizational Meeting.

Motion carried unanimously

Closed session Moved by Councillor Fullerton, seconded by Councillor Dauphinee, that Council move in closed session at 6:57 p.m. to discuss agenda item 14.1 per the Municipal Government Act.

Motion carried unanimously

Before heading into closed session, the Mayor called a brief recess.

Adjournment Council reverted to open session at 8:15 p.m.

There being no further business, the January 14, 2025 Council meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

The minutes were read and approved.