

TOWN OF LUNENBURG
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 15, 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, Alex Greek and Alison Strachan
Absent/Regrets	Councillor Gale Fullerton
Also present	Marvin Macdonald, Interim CAO Tyson Joyce, Director of Public Works Kayla Byrne, Legislative & Policy Manager
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.
Condolences	Council shared its condolences to former Deputy Mayor Peter Mosher, whose father recently passed away.
Approval of the agenda	Moved and seconded that Council approve the agenda for the April 15, 2025 meeting with the following addition: 14.2 Personnel Matter Motion carried unanimously
Approval of the minutes	Moved and seconded that Council approve the March 25, 2025 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously
Attendance update	Deputy Mayor Bailey joined the meeting at 6:08 p.m.
Presentations	Council received the quarterly police report for October to December 2024.
Lunenburg Academy Washrooms	Staff presented an information report on possible options for more washrooms at the Lunenburg Academy. With respect to the report, Council made the following motion: Moved and seconded that staff investigate the opportunity to make

greater use of the basement washrooms at the Lunenburg Academy, including exploring the possibility of making them available to tenants and potentially for public use, and report back on the feasibility of such use.

Motion carried unanimously

Reduction to
Speed Limits on
Town Streets

Staff presented an information report about possible reductions to speed limits within Town.

Council discussed traffic safety concerns across several residential streets, particularly regarding vehicle speeds and pedestrian safety. Councillors highlighted areas such as Pelham Street, Creighton Street, Linden Avenue, and Maple Avenue, emphasizing issues like a lack of sidewalks, the presence of young families, and the risks posed by high vehicle speeds. Council indicated its support for exploring a reduction of speed limits to 40 km/h in certain areas identified in the traffic study, with interest in expanding the review town-wide if feasible. Additional traffic-calming measures, including new four-way stops at specific intersections (e.g., Creighton at Prince and Cornwallis), were also raised. A strong communication plan was acknowledged as essential if changes are implemented.

In addition to staff's report, RCMP Corporal Giffin advised that targeted LIDAR enforcement will be implemented in high-speed areas identified in the traffic study. He expressed support for the Town exploring a four-way stop at Highway 332 and 3 intersection and suggested requesting a 50 km/h limit posted as vehicles enter Town. He also cautioned that while reducing speeds to 40 km/h may improve safety, it could pose enforcement challenges and may not be well supported in court without strong public awareness and justification.

It was also noted that a motion is already on the Motion Action List (January 28, 2025) directing staff to collaborate with the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg and the local MLA to pursue the recommendation in the Parking and Traffic Study for safety improvements at the intersection of Route 332 and Trunk 3.

Following the discussion on this item, Council made the following motions:

Moved and seconded that Council direct staff to prepare a report on reducing speed limits from 50 km/h to 40 km/h on Linden Avenue, Pelham Street, and Creighton Street, based on available traffic study

data and exploring the possibility of including adjoining streets, in an application to the Province for a speed limit reduction; and that a recommendation of a town-wide reduction may result if appropriate and cost-effective.

Motion carried unanimously

Moved and seconded that staff bring back a report exploring the installation of four-way stop signs at the intersections of Creighton Street with Prince Street and Creighton Street with Cornwallis Street.

Motion carried unanimously

2025/26 Capital and Operating Budget Schedule

Council received the schedule for the upcoming 2025/26 Capital and Operating Budget Schedule and public input opportunities. It was also noted that this information has been shared online and has been mailed out to all TOL PO boxes.

UNESCO Buffer Zone Development Context

Councillor Strachan presented the following motion, which received notice at the March 25, 2025 meeting:

Moved and seconded that Council direct staff to review and report back to Council on the UNESCO World Heritage context for development within the Old Town buffer zone, specifically addressing the development expectations outlined in the original 1994 nomination documents submitted by the Province and the Town of Lunenburg and supported by Parks Canada, and that this review include consideration of how the 1994 application has informed the Town's interpretation of appropriate development within the zone, and further that this review include the recommendations from Zzap Architecture with regards to its work on any proposed development of Upper King Street.

And that, following receipt of the staff report, Council reconsider its November 28, 2023 motion which stated: "Moved and seconded that Council declare the lands of Upper King Street, including PID 60057460, PID 60057395, PID 60057387, PID 60057379, Upper Duke Street (north of Creighton Street), Upper King Street (north of Creighton Street with the exception of the first 42.5m beginning at Creighton Street heading North), as shown on Attachment F, as surplus lands."

Motion carried unanimously

Councillors also indicated some support for a site visit of the Upper King Street parcel.

Councillor Dauphinee shared information about how to help someone

during a mental health emergency.

Deputy Mayor Bailey congratulated all the participants in the Lunenburg County Music Festival.

Closed session Moved and seconded that Council move in closed session at 7:32 p.m. to discuss agenda items 14.1 and 14.2 per the Municipal Government Act.

Before conducting any closed session business, the Mayor called a brief recess.

Revert to open meeting Council reverted to open meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Transport Canada Leases Following the closed session, Council made the following motions:

Moved and seconded that Council waive notice in order to make a decision on Lease M1924190.

Motion carried unanimously

Moved and seconded that Council approve Lease M1924190 with the Government of Canada for the Tannery Road water access as presented and authorize the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer to sign the lease on behalf of the Town.

Motion carried unanimously

Moved and seconded that Council waive notice in order to make a decision on Lease M2126191.

Motion carried unanimously

Moved and seconded that Council approve Lease M2126191 with the Government of Canada for access along the front harbour trail, including the public recreational boat launch and floating dock, as presented and authorize the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer to sign the lease on behalf of the Town.

Motion carried unanimously

Adjournment There being no further business, the Regular Council meeting of April 15, 2025 was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

The minutes were read and approved.