

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OF LUNENBURG**

Tuesday, February 10, 2026 | 6 pm
Lunenburg Town Hall - Council Chamber



Present Mayor Jamie Myra, Deputy Rachel Bailey, Councillors Alex Greek, Debbie Dauphinee, Renea Babineau, Gale Fullerton, and Alison Strachan

Also present Paul Nopper, CAO
Marc Kiely, Director of Community Development
Kayla Byrne, Municipal Clerk
Jamie Deans, Communications and Events Coordinator
Shania MacLeod, By-law Enforcement Officer

Call to Order The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Land Acknowledgment The Chair recognized Lunenburg’s location on the unceded territory of the Mi’kmaq people.

Power Outage Message The Mayor acknowledged the frustration many residents experienced during the recent power outage, particularly during winter conditions.

The Mayor also addressed reports that frontline utility workers restoring power were verbally harassed. While frustration with outages is understandable, abuse directed at workers in the field is not acceptable.

Utility crews are not responsible for corporate or infrastructure decisions and often work long hours in difficult conditions to restore service as quickly and safely as possible.

Approval of Agenda Moved and seconded that Council approve the agenda for the February 10, 2026 meeting as presented.
Motion carried unanimously

Approval of Minutes Moved and seconded that Council approve the January 27, 2026 meeting minutes as presented.
Motion carried unanimously

Presentation: Lunenburg County Wheels Council received a presentation from Lunenburg County Wheels, which provided Council with an update on the organization’s operations, service expansion, and future planning.

Council also heard about the organization’s recent strategic planning process, which identified goals such as extending service hours into evenings, adding Saturday service, and offering trips to destinations outside the region for medical and other essential appointments.

Public Input and Questions

Lisa Clark, owner of the Lunenburg Inn, addressed Council regarding the proposed Marketing Levy By-law. Ms. Clark indicated that while she was initially opposed to the levy, she is now supportive of increased investment in tourism marketing, provided appropriate safeguards and accountability measures are in place. She emphasized the importance of collaboration with local accommodation operators, transparency in how funds are used, and fairness among operators, including addressing non-compliance.

Sponsorship Request: Lunenburg County Music Festival

Moved and seconded that Council approve a \$200 Platinum-level sponsorship for the Lunenburg County Music Festival, to be funded from the remaining funds in the 2026 grants budget.

Motion carried unanimously

Nova Scotia Quality of Life Survey

Council received an update on the upcoming Nova Scotia Quality of Life Survey, which will be advertised through the Town’s communication channels.

1st reading: Marketing Levy By-law

Moved and seconded that Council approve first reading of the Marketing Levy By-law, with amendments to update the by-law title and to clarify collaborative decision-making respecting the use of levy funds.

Motion carried unanimously

1st reading: Tour and Horse-Drawn Vehicle By-law

Moved and seconded that Council approve first reading of the Tour and Horse-Drawn Vehicle By-law as presented.

Motion carried unanimously

Sponsorship Request: Jennifer Collins Classic Hockey Tournament

Before any discussions or decisions took place on this item, Mayor Myra declared a conflict of interest and left the Council table. Deputy Mayor Bailey assumed chairing responsibilities for this item.

Moved and seconded that Council approve a Diamond sponsorship contribution of in-kind support for the next 3 years, 2026, 2027, and 2028, for the Jennifer Collins Classic Hockey Tournament, consisting of:

- The waiver of non-prime time and weekend morning War Memorial Arena rental fees totalling \$3,030.00 in 2026, \$3,120.90 in 2027 (3% increase), and \$3,214.53 in 2028 (3% increase).

- The waiver of the rental fee for the Community Centre totalling \$387.00 in 2026, \$398.61 in 2027 (3% increase), and \$410.57 in 2028 (3% increase).
- The promotion of the Jennifer Collins Classic through the Town of Lunenburg’s communication channels, including social media and newsletters; and
- That Council authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to finalize and sign the 3-year waiver of fees agreement.

Motion carried unanimously

Mayor Myra returned to the Council table.

Notices of Motion,
Information
Requests and
Councillor Reports

It was clarified that comments made at a previous meeting regarding noise complaints, noting that while residents are free to express concerns publicly, complaints related to the Noise By-law should be directed through the Town’s By-law Enforcement Officer to ensure appropriate follow-up.

Councillors also reported on recent committee activities, including a Planning Advisory Committee workshop focused on education and role clarity for committee members, and a meeting of the Lunenburg County Accessibility Advisory Committee, which highlighted positive accessibility-related initiatives underway across participating municipalities.

Council emphasized the importance of residents using established communication channels to provide input on municipal matters, including public meetings, written correspondence, and direct email to Council members, noting that these channels are the most effective way to ensure concerns are received and considered.

Items for COTW

The next Committee of the Whole meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2026.

Motion Action List

Council received the motion action list for information.

Closed Session

Moved and seconded that Council move into closed session for agenda item 15.1. at 6:56 p.m.

Revert to Public
Session

Council reverted to public session at 7:35 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Council meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Minutes were read and approved.