

**COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA  
TOWN OF LUNENBURG**

Tuesday, April 28, 2026 | 6 pm  
Lunenburg Town Hall - Council Chamber



- Present** Mayor Jamie Myra, Deputy Rachel Bailey, Councillors Alex Greek (via Zoom), Debbie Dauphinee, Renea Babineau, Gale Fullerton, and Alison Strachan
- Also present** Paul Nopper, CAO  
Shania MacLeod, By-law Enforcement Officer  
Kayla Byrne, Municipal Clerk  
Jamie Deans, Communications and Events Coordinator
- Call to Order** The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.
- Land Acknowledgment** The Chair recognized Lunenburg’s location on the unceded territory of the Mi’kmaq people.
- Approval of Agenda** Moved and seconded that Council approve the agenda for the April 28, 2026 meeting as presented.  
**Motion carried unanimously**
- Approval of Minutes** Moved and seconded that Council approve the April 14, 2026 meeting minutes as presented.  
**Motion carried unanimously**
- Nova Scotia Health Presentation** Council received a presentation from Louise Hopper, Health Promoter with Nova Scotia Public Health Services, providing an overview of Public Health’s role and mandate, including its focus on population health, prevention, and addressing the social determinants of health.
- The presentation outlined key areas of work such as community health assessment, policy development, community mobilization, and partnership building, along with examples of current initiatives on the South Shore, including homelessness counts, housing policy work, and regional collaboration efforts.
- The presenter highlighted the alignment between public health priorities and municipal responsibilities, such as housing, land use planning, equity, and community well-being, and identified opportunities for collaboration with the Town of Lunenburg.
- Public Input** Council heard from Yvonne Mosley, who encouraged continued efforts to address racism in the community and supported exploring a

collaborative approach with neighbouring municipalities, with a focus on practical, action-oriented work.

Council heard from Deb Beers, who referenced her experience contributing to a local film on systemic racism and spoke to the importance of continuing anti-racism efforts in the community. She encouraged Council to demonstrate its commitment by supporting ongoing work, including exploring opportunities for regional collaboration, and emphasized the role of education and community involvement in addressing racism.

Proclamation Request

Moved and seconded that Council proclaim May 2026 Lyme Disease Awareness Month in the Town of Lunenburg.

**Motion carried unanimously**

SSODA Monthly Data Report

Council received the monthly data report from South Shore Open Doors Association (SSODA).

ARADAC Agreement

Council received a staff report regarding the Lunenburg County Anti-Racism and Anti-Discrimination Advisory Committee, noting that the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg, the Municipality of the District of Chester, and the Town of Bridgewater had withdrawn from the regional model, resulting in the dissolution of the regional committee.

Council acknowledged the contributions of the volunteer members who served on the committee.

Council further noted that, while the regional structure is no longer in place, the work of addressing anti-racism and anti-discrimination remains a priority and is required under provincial legislation. Council expressed its intent to continue this work locally while maintaining positive working relationships with neighbouring municipalities and collaborating regionally where appropriate.

Moved and seconded that Council direct staff to engage with the Town of Mahone Bay and any other interested municipalities to explore the potential for a restructured regional Anti-Racism and Anti-Discrimination Advisory Committee (ARADAC), or an alternative advisory or resource-sharing model.

**Motion carried unanimously**

Recess

The Chair called a recess from 7:02 p.m. until 7:04 p.m.

Updated Paid Parking Meter By-law – 1<sup>st</sup> reading

Moved and seconded that Council approve first reading of the Parking Meter By-law as presented.

**Motion carried unanimously**

Before the second (final) reading, Council noted it would like the following changes made to the by-law:

- Add exemptions for Accessible Parking Permits & Plates
- Change the 15-minute loading exemption to 30 minutes

Community Grants  
Ad-Hoc Committee

Moved and seconded that Council approve the establishment and composition of the Community Grants Ad Hoc Committee for the 2026/27 funding cycle, to include three (3) members of Council and one (1) staff member, tasked with reviewing grant submissions and providing funding recommendations to Council; and that Council appoint the following members of Council to the Committee:

- Deputy Mayor Bailey
- Councillor Strachan
- Councillor Greek

and further, that the staff member be appointed by the CAO.

**Motion carried unanimously**

Moved and seconded that Council direct that any Community Grant applications received after the primary 2026/27 intake deadline be considered subject to the availability of remaining funds within the approved Community Grant budget; and that the Community Grants Ad Hoc Committee be reconvened, where practicable, to review such applications and provide funding recommendations to Council.

**Motion carried unanimously**

Policy  
Amendments: Low  
Income Exemptions  
Policy

Staff noted that, following approval of the 2026/27 Town Operating Budget on April 14, 2026, updates to the Low Income Property Tax Relief Policy are required to reflect the approved income thresholds and exemption amounts.

Moved and seconded that Council amend Policy #71, the Low Income Property Tax Relief Policy, to update the income brackets and exemption amounts as follows:

Gross Household Income	Exemption
\$37,532 or less	\$1,500
\$37,533 to \$43,371	\$750
\$43,372 to \$49,210	\$375
\$49,211 or more	Nil

**Motion carried unanimously**

Lease Renewal:  
Lunenburg Walking  
Tours

Moved and seconded that Council approve the Lease Extension Agreement with Travel Lunenburg Ltd. respecting municipal premises

located at 97 Kaulbach Street, Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, including a five (5) year term with two (2) optional one (1) year extensions.

**Motion carried unanimously**

Notices of Motion, Information Requests and Councillor Reports	Council members provided brief updates, noting recent activities and a busy period of meetings and events. Several members referenced attendance at the upcoming NSFAM Conference in Yarmouth. Council also acknowledged a recent Day of Mourning ceremony and expressed appreciation for staff involvement. One member offered condolences on the passing of a community member.
Motion Action List	Council reviewed the Motion Action List and agreed to remove the following items, deeming them as complete: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Creation of the Short-Term Rental Accommodation Levy By-law</li><li>• Updated Hack and Trolley By-law</li><li>• Water System Modelling Report</li></ul>
Items for Consideration at COTW	The next Committee of the Whole meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 5, 2026.
Closed Session	Moved and seconded that Council move into closed session at 7:35 p.m. for agenda item 14.1 Personnel Matter. <p><b>Motion carried unanimously</b></p>
Revert to Open Session	Council reverted to open session at 8:17 p.m.
Adjournment	There being no further business, the Council meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

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Minutes were read and approved.