

January 2026 Town of Lunenburg Newsletter

A Wintery Welcome to 2026!

It was wonderful to see so many friends and neighbours come together at this year's New Year's Day Levees. These gatherings are a simple but powerful reminder of what makes our town special: people taking the time to connect, catch up, and start the year with a sense of community and belonging.

Community is especially important at this time of year. Winter can bring its share of challenges, from snowstorms and high winds to power outages and difficult travel conditions. Time and again, Lunenburg has shown that when we look out for one another - checking in on neighbours, sharing information, and lending a helping hand - we are better able to weather whatever storms come our way.

In this edition of the newsletter, you'll find a number of practical tips and reminders to help you prepare for winter weather and stay safe during the months ahead. A little preparation goes a long way, especially when paired with a strong, caring community.

Here's to a positive and resilient start to the year ahead.

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COUNCIL UPDATES

Council held it's first regular Council Meeting of 2026 on Tuesday, January 13. You can find the highlights of that meeting here: <https://townoflunenburg.ca/council-highlights.html>

The highlights include:

- Council Recognizes Local Workers for Life Saving Action
- Council Recognizes Restaurateurs Martin and Sylvie Ruiz Salvador

A full recording of the meeting is available here: <https://youtu.be/kggrE7fX3gE>

Council's next regular meeting is Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at 6 p.m.. Council meetings are open to the public and held in Town Hall. Please use the accessible back entrance at 120 Townsend Street.

Meetings are also livestreamed through Zoom. To livestream this meeting starting at 6p.m., use this link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81475382430>

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS:

- Tuesday, January 27, 2026 – Council
 - Tuesday, February 3, 2026 – Committee of the Whole
 - Tuesday, February 10, 2026 – Council
 - Tuesday, February 24, 2026 – Council
 - Tuesday, March 3, 2026 – Committee of the Whole
 - Tuesday, March 10, 2026 - Council
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STAY CONNECTED WITH COUNCIL

If you haven't already, please be sure

to sign up to receive our newsletter by visiting [Cyberimpact signup link](#)

We will also be bringing back the ever-popular, Mayor's Monthly Update. If you've signed up to get this newsletter, you will automatically receive the Mayor's Monthly as well.

SPECIAL BUDGET MEETINGS

Recognizing the scope and level of public interest in the budgeting process, it has been decided to move the Budget Meetings, which normally occur during regularly scheduled Council

Meetings, to Special Council Meetings, rather than incorporating them into the Regular Council Meetings. As such, four new dates have been added to the meeting calendar.

All meetings will be open to the public and will take place in the Council Chambers starting at 6pm. The meetings will be broadcast via Zoom. The additional meetings are as follows:

2026/27 Capital Budget

Mon. Jan.12/26 Special Budget Council Meeting with Capital Presentation & full review

Mon. Jan.26/26 Special Budget Council Meeting for proposed approval of Capital Budget

2026-27 Operating Budget Schedule Targets

Mon. Mar.9/26 Special Budget Council Meeting with 26-27 Operating Presentation & full review

Mon. Mar.23/26 Special Budget Council Meeting for proposed approval 26-27 Operating Budget

2026/27 CAPITAL BUDGET PRESENTATION: WHAT COUNCIL REVIEWED ON JANUARY 12

At a Special Council Meeting on January 12, Council received the first presentation of the 2026/27 Capital Budget for both the Town and the Water Utility.

A capital budget is different from the Town's operating budget. It focuses on large, long-term investments in infrastructure and assets, including roads, sidewalks, buildings, water and wastewater systems, equipment, and major facility upgrades.

This meeting was the first step in Council's review of the capital budget and was specifically scheduled to give the public an opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback before any decisions are made.

For additional highlights of the meeting - <https://townoflunenburg.ca/council-highlights.html>

A REMINDER ABOUT THE UPCOMING ROLLOUT OF NEW RESIDENTIAL WATER METERS...

Process for installation of new water meters

Customers received a notice in their December water bill, introducing the Neptune Technology Group, who will be the contractors that will install the meters. The notice will contain contact information for setting up your installation appointment. If you have not yet arranged for your appointment, please take a moment to do so.

What are the benefits of having a water meter installed?

With the increase in drought-like conditions that Nova Scotia has experienced, the Town of Lunenburg is implementing residential water metering – which is an effective way to reduce overall water consumption. Collecting water meter data will assist in the location of leaks and the monitoring of consumption, which encourages efficient use of drinking water.

Thank you for ensuring that our valued water source continues to be managed and protected for years to come.

Please forward any questions to: waterutility@townoflunenburg.ca

PAN-AFRICAN FLAG RAISING

Join us on January 30th for our annual Pan-African Flag Raising.

The flag raising marks the start of African Heritage Month - celebrated every February to recognize the 400+ year history, culture, and achievements of African Nova Scotians.

This year's theme is *"Strength in Unity: Moving Forward with Purpose, Prosperity, Power, and Progress."* The theme speaks to the power that comes when African Nova Scotians and people of African descent stand together with a shared sense of direction. It recognizes unity as an active force for change that strengthens communities, advances justice, and creates new opportunities.

TIPS FOR BEFORE A STORM HITS COURTESY OF REMO

Let's take a few minutes between winter storms to chat about prepping for sheltering in place during a power outage.

- ❄️ replenish gas in jerry cans and vehicles
- ❄️ charge phones, battery packs, and power banks
- ❄️ set your thermostat a little higher while power is still on
- ❄️ test your generator (OUTDOOR USE ONLY)
- ❄️ have extra blankets on hand
- ❄️ replenish canned goods and drinking water
- ❄️ prepare enough food to last 72 hours
- ❄️ fill your bathtub and water bottles
- ❄️ freeze containers of water to store in your fridge to keep food cold
- ❄️ bring pets inside
- ❄️ close curtains at night to keep heat in
 - ❄️ avoid candles, if possible
 - ❄️

You will find these and many more tips at <https://www.lunenburgremo.ca/>

THANK YOU FOR KEEPING THE STREETS CLEAR

Snow clearing was significantly easier following the January 18/19 snowfall - in no small part thanks to all of you!

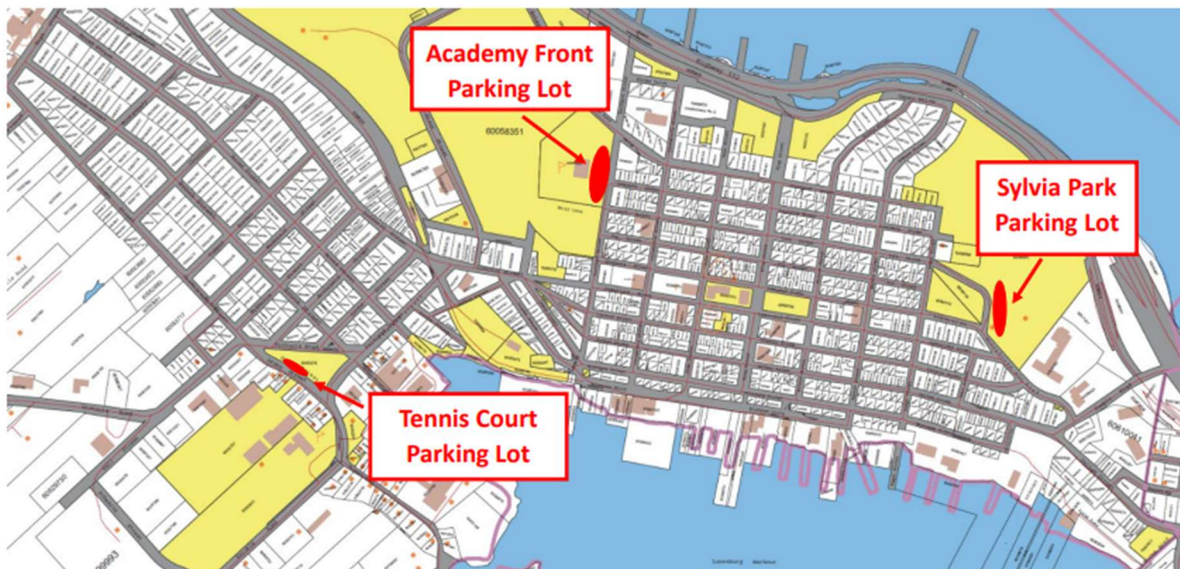
Your efforts to keep cars off the streets during the storm and ensuing clearing meant that our hard working Public Works department could get to work quickly and safely.

The previous two snowfalls this year saw over 70 cars left on the street - this most recent storm saw five tickets issued and only one car towed - great work!

With another storm looming, let's keep up the great work and make sure the cars are off the streets well ahead of its start. As always, there are a number of free parking lots around town during a storm as per the map below.

Thanks!

Parking During a Winter Snow Event and Snow Removal



SOME TIPS FOR SORTING WASTE IN 2026

As you likely know by now, the Region 6 Solid Waste Recycling Sorting Guide got an upgrade starting January 1.

With EPR now in effect, even MORE items can go into your recycling bags - and our updated guide makes it easy to see what goes where. From new types of packaging to additional plastics, you'll find everything clearly laid out so you can recycle with confidence.

Check out the new guide and help keep valuable materials out of the landfill.

SORTING WASTE- R6

RECYCLING- BLUE BAG#1

Cable top containers - caps ON



Plastic packaging (empty) - caps ON



Glass - lids & caps OFF



Metal & Tin Cans - labels can stay ON



Coated paperboard - lids OFF



PAPER - BLUE BAG#2

Boxboard



Paper



Paper laminate



COMPOST - GREEN CART

All food waste & scraps



Meat, fish, dairy, bones



Yard waste and house plants



Dirty paper



GARBAGE - CLEAR BAG

Bathroom waste



Other



www.region6swm.ca

R6RECYCLES waste app

Region 6

OPEN SKATE SCHEDULE

Adult Skating:

- Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays - 11:15am -12:45pm

Public Skating:

- Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays - 3:00pm - 4:30pm

Parents & Tots:

- Tuesdays (FREE) - 10:30am - 11:30am

Family Skating:

- Sundays, 6:15pm-7:30pm
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FREE SLEDGE HOCKEY TRY-IT SESSION

Free Sledge Hockey Try-it Session - January 25th, 2026 from 5:00-6:00pm at the Lunenburg County Lifestyle Centre (LCLC) sponsored by South Shore ICE Storm Sledge Hockey Team.

Looking for a new challenge in 2026?

Discover the speed, skill and pure fun of Sledge Hockey where everyone, with or without a disability, can get in a sled and hit the ice.

- * Equipment (Sled and sticks) provided
- * No experience needed
- * Everyone, age 5-105, is welcome
- * Bring your helmet with a cage and hockey gloves if you have them.

(If not, we have some to loan out)

Come see why Sledge Hockey is one of the fastest-growing, most inclusive sports in Canada.

SOUTH SHORE PUBLIC LIBRARIES WILL BE HOSTING OLYMPIC WATCH PARTIES!

Bring the whole family to any of our main branches (Margaret Hennigar, Thomas H Raddall, and Lunenburg) during the Olympics to watch CBC's broadcast of a variety of events. Keep an eye on the South Shore Public Libraries social media as we get closer to the events for a more detailed schedule.

