

February 2026 Town of Lunenburg Newsletter

THE POWER OF COMMUNITY

The year is off to a busy start here in Lunenburg, and as you'll read, we have a number of important initiatives underway - such as the new water meter installations and the wastewater treatment plant upgrades. It may only be February, but 2026 is shaping up to be a productive and forward-focused year.

One theme you'll notice running through this month's newsletter is community. There are so many ways to get involved - from pancake breakfasts and free skates at the arena, to Legion barbecues, local events, or even attending a Council meeting to have your say. The opportunities are there, and we encourage you to find something that works for you and take part. When people show up, volunteer, and support one another, it strengthens the very fabric of our town.

A strong community not only makes our town more vibrant - it is also essential in times of crisis. Sadly, the past few weeks have seen two terrible tragedies - one in a community not unlike ours in Tumbler Ridge, and another far too close to home in Gloucester. In the face of heartbreak, we have witnessed the incredible power of community - neighbours supporting neighbours, people stepping up to help, and kindness shining through during the darkest of moments.

That spirit of care and connection is what defines us. It is what carries us through difficult times and what allows us to celebrate the good ones together. Let us continue to look out for one another, get involved where we can, and keep building the strong, resilient community we are proud to call home.

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COUNCIL UPDATES

Council held a Committee of the Whole Meeting on Tuesday, February 3 and Council Meetings on Tuesday, January 27 and Tuesday, February 10.

You can find highlights from the **January 27** meeting here: <https://townoflunenburg.ca/council-highlights.html>

The highlights include:

- Council Supports Pilot “Young Chefs” Program
- Property Valuation Services Corporation (PVSC) Presentation

A full recording of the meeting is also available: <https://youtu.be/BLys4fM52wA>

Highlights from the **February 3** Committee of the Whole Meeting include:

- Information Report: Voluntary Application for Municipal Heritage Designation: Train Station
- Update: Housing Accelerator Fund Recommendation: That Committee of the Whole direct staff to identify one to two Town-owned properties for consideration under Initiative 2: Town-owned Land Divestiture with Agreements for Housing, and to report back to Council with findings and options.
- Introduction: Marketing Levy By-law Recommendation: That Committee of the Whole refer the Marketing Levy By-law to a Regular Council meeting for First Reading.
- Request for Direction: Parking Meter By-law Updates
- By-law Updates: Hack & Trolley By-law Recommendation: That Committee of the Whole refer the proposed Tour Vehicle and Horse-Drawn Vehicle By-law to a regular meeting of Council for first reading.
- Information Report: Noise By-law Annual Review
- (REMO) Advisory Committee Budget Proposal for Council Discussion

A full recording of the meeting is also available: <https://youtu.be/DPUb-ivltiM>

You can find the highlights of the **February 10** meeting here:

<https://townoflunenburg.ca/council-highlights.html>

The highlights include:

- Mayor Addresses Recent Power Outage
- Council Approves First Reading of Marketing Levy By-law
- Council Approves First Reading of Tour and Horse-Drawn Vehicle By-law

- Council Approves Sponsorship for Jennifer Collins Classic
- Council Approves Sponsorship for Lunenburg County Music Festival

A full recording of the meeting is available here: <https://youtu.be/HpLi814NtXM>

Council's next regular meeting is Tuesday, February 24, 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, February 24, 2026 – Council
- Tuesday, March 3, 2026 – Committee of the Whole
- Tuesday, March 10, 2026 - Council
- Tuesday, March 24, 2026 – Council
- Tuesday, April 7, 2026 – Committee of the Whole
- Tuesday, April 14, 2026 - Council

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 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

February 2nd 2026/27 Capital Budget Meeting Summary:

The highlights from the February 2 capital budget meeting are available at:

<https://townoflunenburg.ca/council-highlights.html>

At this meeting, Council approved the 2026/27 Town and Water Utility Capital Budgets, with a small number of adjustments to the Town's General Capital Budget:

- Removing funding for the Recreation Master Plan and Lunenburg Academy public washroom site preparation
- Moving ahead with accessibility improvements to the Back Harbour / Maple stairway, originally planned for 2027, to improve connectivity between the Back Harbour Trail and the Bay to Bay Trail

The approved Town General Capital Budget is \$3.815 million, and the Water Utility Capital Budget is \$777,000.

A full recording of the meeting is also available: https://youtu.be/NvteM_zgI5Q

PAN-AFRICAN FLAG RAISING

The Pan-African flag is flying high in Lunenburg in celebration of African Heritage Month in Nova Scotia.

Mayor Myra was joined by Tracey Mulder, Regional Coordinator of African-Canadian Education Services for the South Shore Regional Centre for Education and Bluenose Academy student, Orion LeBlanc at the town's annual Pan-African flag raising.

African Heritage Month is an opportunity not only to celebrate achievements and culture, but also to reflect, learn, and recommit ourselves to equity, inclusion, and understanding. It challenges us to listen, to honour lived experiences, and to ensure that prosperity and opportunity are shared by all.

The theme for this year is Strength in Unity: Moving forward with purpose, prosperity, power and progress. In Lunenburg, we are strongest when we stand united - when we support one another with purpose, embrace diversity as a strength, and work together toward progress that benefits everyone.

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

By now, many customers will have received a letter from the Neptune Technology Group, who will be the contractors that will install the meters. The letter contains contact information for setting up your installation appointment. If you have already arranged an installation, thank you. If you have not yet arranged for your appointment, please take a moment to do so.

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT UPGRADES TO LUNENBURG'S WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

The Town of Lunenburg is planning to perform equipment replacement at the Lunenburg Wastewater Treatment Plant that shall create periods of disruption to the Town's wastewater treatment process.

These periods of disruption are tentatively scheduled for a 21-hour period from 8:00 AM to 5:00 AM during the week of March 2, a 21-hour period from 8:00 AM to 5:00 AM during the week of March 9, and a 6-hr period from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM during the week of March 30. These times could change depending on weather or other factors.

It is estimated that during these scheduled periods of disruption for the equipment replacement work, approximately 6,800 m³ of wastewater will be released into Lunenburg Front Harbour from three relief points located near 3 Brook Street, 34 Bluenose Drive, and 176 Bluenose Drive, in Lunenburg. These locations occasionally see overflows of wastewater during heavy rain events due to system design to relieve pressure from high volumes in the collection system due to wet weather.

This equipment replacement work at the Lunenburg Wastewater Treatment Plant is integral to the system's operation and must be completed by redirecting wastewater flows. As a result, the Town of Lunenburg will schedule the periods of disruption to take place during expected times of no/low precipitation to reduce flows within the wastewater collection system. This will help minimize the impact on customers and the environment while ensuring customers continue to have wastewater service during this period.

To reduce pressure on the wastewater system and minimize environmental impact during these periods of disruption, we are asking Town of Lunenburg utility customers to reduce wastewater flows. Please minimize use of running water, flushing toilets or doing laundry during these times.

Further details shall be provided by the Town in due course to confirm the dates and times for the commencement of each of the periods of disruption to the wastewater treatment process.

Please forward any questions to: wastewater@townoflunenburg.ca

LUNENBURG'S VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION NOMINATIONS

Do you know someone in the Town of Lunenburg who deserves to be celebrated for their exceptional volunteer work?

Each year, the Town of Lunenburg, along with the Mayor and Council, honours volunteers who make a significant impact in our community by offering their time and expertise to support local services and programs.

We invite you to nominate deserving volunteers to be recognized at the Town's Volunteer Appreciation event. Additionally, one outstanding volunteer will be selected as the Representative Volunteer of the Year and will be honored at the Provincial Volunteer Awards.

The Town of Lunenburg is celebrating its incredible community spirit through its Volunteer Awards program. These awards recognize the dedication of volunteers who make a difference in our town.

To nominate an outstanding individual for their selfless service and contribution to making Lunenburg a better place, download the [Volunteer Nomination Form](#).

Please note, nominations are due by March 13th, 2026.

Please submit your nomination form to jdeans@townoflunenburg.ca

or mail to: Town of Lunenburg,

c/o Jamie Deans,

Communications & Events Coordinator,

PO Box 129, Lunenburg, NS, B0J 2C0

THE LUNENBURG WATERFRONT ASSOCIATION INC. NEEDS YOUR INPUT!

The LWAI is surveying its members and community members to get their input regarding the vision for the waterfront, the mission of the LWAI, and what actions should be taken to promote further development.

TAKE THE SURVEY HERE - <https://gatalyst.ca/lunenburg/>

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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WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL

Explore the dynamic world of parasport with wheelchair basketball, in partnership with the Town of Lunenburg. Discover the exhilarating blend of skill, strategy, and teamwork in a game where mobility knows no bounds! For all abilities.

- Ages 12+
- Thursdays, February 12 - March 5 (*Note new start date)

- 5:30pm - 6:30pm
- Lunenburg Community Centre
- 15 Green Street, Lunenburg
- It's Free!

(Donations for PRO Kids welcomed)

Pre-registration is required:

- Online: www.connect2rec.com
- Phone: (902) 530-4100
- In-Person: Lunenburg County Lifestyle Centre

ENROLL YOUR TEEN IN SEA CADETS

Parents of youths aged 12-18 are welcome to join this FREE program which helps build confidence, discipline and leadership through:

- Seamanship, navigation & CanSail certification
- Parades & drill
- Marksmanship
- Marching band
- First aid training

When: Wednesdays at 6:30 - 9:00pm

Where: 95 Victoria Road, Lunenburg

Questions? Email 39RCSCC@gmail.com or visit Cadets.ca

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.