

February 2026 Mayor's Monthly Update

A Great Time To Have Your Say

Now is a great time to get involved and help shape the future of our community. In the coming weeks, there are several opportunities to engage - including upcoming public hearings, surveys, regular Council meetings, and our Special Budget Meeting.

The budget reflects our community's priorities, and your input matters. I also encourage you to consider nominating someone for our Annual Volunteer Recognition. Volunteers are the heart of Lunenburg, and this is a meaningful way to celebrate those who make a difference.

Also, if you've received the Nova Scotia Quality of Life Survey, please take a few minutes to complete it. Your feedback helps inform decisions that strengthen communities like ours.

An engaged community is a strong community. I hope you'll take part.

Keeping the Roads Clear

Well, we have certainly had our fair share of snow and since the last Mayor's Monthly Update, there have been five significant snowfalls! I want to commend our incredibly hardworking Public Works Department for the long hours they have put in to make sure the streets and sidewalks are passable so quickly after these storms.

The job has been made a lot easier by the fantastic cooperation from all of you! Our first storm in December saw 52 cars left on the street over night, which slowed clearing efforts down significantly. This past storm, we had ZERO cars left on the street to impede snow removal. Amazing job and thank you for doing your part to keep Lunenburg moving!

Special Budget Meetings

February and March is the height of budget planning for the Town of Lunenburg and we want to hear from you. This month we will have two Special Budget meetings – in addition to our regularly scheduled Council meetings. 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:

Monday, March 9 - Special Budget Council Meeting with 2026-27 Operating Presentation & full review

Tuesday, March 24 - Special Budget Council Meeting for proposed approval 2026-27 Operating Budget

March 3 Council Meeting

The March 3 Council agenda is a full one as we will be dealing with a host of items, including public hearings on the Tour and Horse-Drawn Vehicle By-law and the Marketing Levy By-law. This is a great opportunity to have your opinion heard, so we encourage you to join us at 6pm on the 3rd. Those wishing to participate virtually in the public input portion of the meeting must register in advance by 12:00 p.m. on the business day before the meeting by contacting adminsupport@townoflunenburg.ca or 902-634-4410 ext. 225.

Important Notice About Upgrades to Lunenburg's Wastewater Treatment Plant

Work is progressing well on the \$12 million Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade project and we are now approaching an important phase of the project where we need your help. 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.

The first of these periods of disruption is scheduled for Monday, March 2 for a 21-hour period from 8:00 AM to 5:00 AM.

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

The other periods of disruption remain tentatively scheduled for:

- The week of March 9 for a 21-hour period from 8:00 AM to 5:00 AM

- The week of March 30 for a 6-hr period from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Note: These times could change depending on weather or other factors

Please forward any questions to: wastewater@townoflunenburg.ca and you can read all about the process and specific dates of scheduled disruption – [HERE](#)

The Women Who Anchor Lunenburg series

If you haven't already them yet, be sure to check out the Women Who Anchor Lunenburg series highlighting Lunenburg's women entrepreneurs. Thanks to Lisa at the Lunenburg Inn for coming up with this great idea and bringing these stories to a wider audience!

You can see the series by visiting the Lunenburg Inn's Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063647706979>

The Strength of Community

Sadly, over the past month, Town flags have flown at half-mast in recognition of two communities facing unimaginable tragedy - one in Tumbler Ridge and another far too close to home in Gloucester, Massachusetts. A times like these, we are reminded that a strong community is not only what makes our town vibrant, but what sustains us in times of crisis.

In the face of heartbreak, we have seen the power of neighbours supporting neighbours, people stepping forward to help, and kindness shining through even in the darkest moments.

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

Being Our Best

Since taking office, I have spoken about the importance of civility, especially living in a small, close-knit community. We won't always agree, but we are neighbours - and we must treat one another with respect, especially when discussing difficult issues.

Earlier this month, there was a completely unacceptable incident involving residents and a Nova Scotia Power crew working to restore service during an outage. I understand the

frustration caused by recent power outages, but there is no excuse for directing anger or abuse toward frontline workers. You can read more about the incident and [my thoughts here](#).

This goes beyond a single event. It's about how we conduct ourselves - in person and online - whether the issue is power outages, zoning, by-laws, or a community event.

Frustration is understandable. Abuse is not.

Let's all strive to be our best selves.

Reminder about Volunteer Nominations

Do you know a Lunenburger who deserves to be celebrated for their exceptional volunteer work? If so, we would love to hear about them and their work in the community. Each year, the Town honours volunteers who make a significant impact in our community by offering their time and expertise to support local services and programs.

I invite you to nominate deserving volunteers to be recognized at this year's Town's Volunteer Appreciation event. 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

Congratulations to the Bluenose Academy curlers

It was an exciting all-Bluenose finals at regional curling last week, with Team Spindler coming out with the win. Congratulations to all of our Bluenose Academy curlers on a great showing!

Meet Your Lunenburg & District Fire Department Officers...

Congratulations to Chief Romkey and to all the officers elected at the Lunenburg & District Fire Department Annual General Meeting earlier this month.

All of the department's Officers from last year returned, all unopposed.

This year's leadership: Chief Darren Romkey, Deputy Chief Dave Robb, Assistant Deputy Chief Cory Hodder, Chief Engineer Donnie Heckman, Captains Noah Romkey, Dave Birtles, Colby Rafuse, Barrett Risser, Shawn Lilly, Trevor Lohnes and Sheena Conrad

Also appointed both for their 37th year in the positions:

Secretary Rob Jackson

Treasurer Raymond Francis

Pan-African flag raising

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

I was pleased to be 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 Nova Scotia Quality of Life Survey is in the mail...

By now, many of you should have received an invitation postcard to participate in the Nova Scotia Quality of Life Survey.

Engage Nova Scotia, in partnership with the Canadian Index of Wellbeing, launched the Nova Scotia Quality of Life Survey on February 23. Every household in the province is invited to participate.

Watch your mailbox for an invitation postcard with instructions to complete the survey online. Your input will help tell a more complete story of wellbeing in Nova Scotia — informing decisions, driving meaningful change, and strengthening our communities.

Need help getting started? Visit the FAQ page at www.engagenovascotia.ca/faqs or send Engage Nova Scotia a direct message for support.

So please take a few minutes to share your experience. Your voice matters.

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](#)
