

FACT SHEET

2022 Municipal Boundary Review



The Town of Lunenburg is conducting a review of the number of Councillors (not including Mayor), electoral boundaries, and polling districts. Resident feedback on these topics is an integral part of the Town's review.

A background report was presented to Council on August 9, 2022. The Boundary Review is required by the Government of Nova Scotia for all municipalities every eight years. The process is managed by the Nova Scotia Utility & Review Board.

This Fact Sheet outlines the questions underlying the Boundary Review, and the opportunities for public consultation.

Public Consultation

We are seeking feedback from residents of the Town of Lunenburg ONLY, aged 16 or older.

1. **Survey:** There is a short online survey available; please take a few minutes to complete by **Sunday, August 28, 2022:** <https://bit.ly/TOL-BoundarySurvey>

Paper copies of the survey are available at the front counter at Town Hall for those who prefer this method or one can be downloaded for printing (see link below).

2. **Meeting:** A public information meeting will be held at the regular Council Meeting of Tuesday, **September 13, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.** Residents are welcome to attend and provide feedback at that time either in person or via Zoom (see link below).
3. **Hearing:** The Nova Scotia Utility & Review Board will schedule a Public Hearing into the application in early 2023.

The Questions

The Town of Lunenburg elects six Councillors at large, and has one polling district with the boundary being the entire Town.

The background report provides analysis of the questions. No changes are recommended.

- Number of Councillors (not including the Mayor)

Research has been conducted into all 25 towns in Nova Scotia per the chart below. The average number of Councillors is 5.2. An analysis of six vs. four Councillors is contained

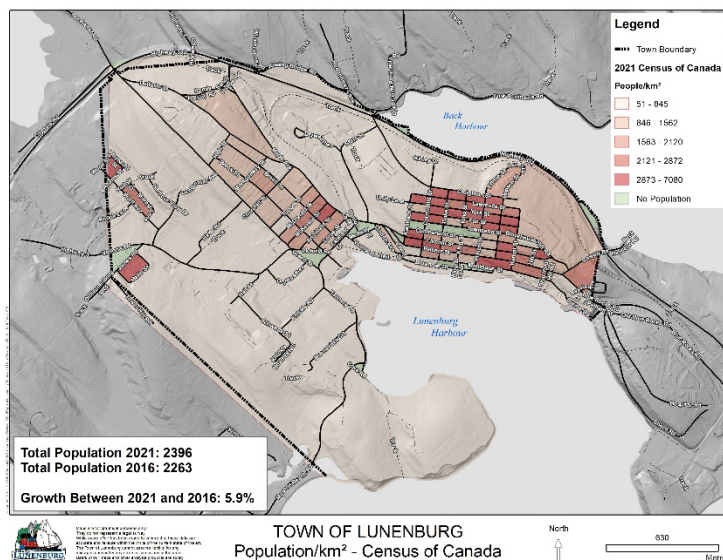
in the background report including workload, expertise, candidate attraction, and quorum.

- Number and boundaries of polling district(s) and whether fair/reasonable

The Town of Lunenburg has had only one polling district for over 100 years with an electoral boundary of the entire town, per the map provided. 20 of Nova Scotia's 25 towns also have a single polling district. An analysis of one district vs. a ward system is contained in the background report including considerations of representation, disparity, and collaboration.

NOVA SCOTIA TOWNS - DATA CHART

Nova Scotia Towns (x25)	Population (2021 Census)	# of Electors (2020)	Total Private Dwellings (2021)	Land Area (km ²)	# Councillors (excluding Mayors)	# of Wards	Councillor: Population	Councillor: Electors
Amherst	9,404	7,676	4,799	12.07	6	1	1,567	1,279
Annapolis Royal	530	471	364	1.98	4	1	133	118
Antigonish	4,656	3,937	2,675	4.98	6	1	776	656
Berwick	2,455	1,799	1,080	6.53	6	1	409	300
Bridgewater	8,790	7,200	4,493	13.63	6	1	1,465	1,200
Clark's Harbour	725	650	399	2.82	6	1	121	108
Digby	2,001	1,512	1,133	3.16	4	1	500	378
Kentville	6,630	4,913	3,090	17.08	6	1	1,105	819
Lockeport	476	n/a	307	2.32	4	1	119	n/a
Lunenburg	2,396	1,939	1,242	4.04	6	1	399	323
Mahone Bay	1,064	876	599	3.12	6	1	177	146
Middleton	1,873	n/a	977	5.55	6	1	312	n/a
Mulgrave	627	580	316	17.83	4	1	157	145
New Glasgow	9,471	7,462	4,782	9.96	6	3	1,579	1,244
Oxford	1,170	931	576	10.68	6	1	195	155
Pictou	3,107	2,551	1,600	7.99	4	2	777	638
Port Hawkesbury	3,210	2,602	1,523	8.10	4	1	803	651
Shelburne	1,644	1,334	917	8.75	4	1	411	334
Stellarton	4,007	3,265	2,017	8.99	4	2	1,002	816
Stewiacke	1,557	1,059	739	17.62	6	1	260	177
Trenton	2,407	1,967	1,167	6.07	4	1	602	492
Truro	12,954	10,421	6,658	37.52	6	3	2,159	1,737
Westville	3,540	2,745	1,660	14.24	4	2	885	686
Wolfville	5,057	4,463	2,856	6.46	6	1	843	744
Yarmouth	6,829	5,352	3,569	10.57	6	1	1,138	892
AVERAGE	3,863	3,028	1,982	9.68	5.20	1	716	610



Resources

- The online survey link is: <https://bit.ly/TOL-BoundarySurvey>
- For the background report on the questions and/or a downloadable copy of the survey or this fact sheet, visit the Town website: <https://townoflunenburg.ca/fact-sheet-municipal-boundary-review.html>
- To attend the Public Information Meeting online on September 13, 2022: Zoom <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89705786856> to participate or YouTube <https://bit.ly/YouTubeTOL> to view only
- Nova Scotia Utility & Review Board on Municipal Boundaries: <https://nsuarb.novascotia.ca/mandates/municipal-boundaries>
- To access Council agenda and minutes packages. visit: <https://townoflunenburg.ca/council-meetings-2022.html>

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