

# Fire & Emergency Services Committee Meeting AGENDA

Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Election of Officers – Chair & Vice Chair
3. Approval of Agenda (as circulated)
4. Approval of Notes (February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2026)
5. Business Arising from Minutes
  - 5.1 Approval Amendments to Policy 36..... 2
6. L.R.F.E.S. Report
7. New Business
  - 7.1 Fire Services Representatives to FESC (council memo) ..... 3
  - 7.2 Training Initiative Review ..... 4-8
  - 7.3 Registration Package KPI Data Collection..... 9
  - 7.4 Fire Services Modernization
8. Added Items
9. In Camera
10. Adjournment

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## **Resolutions of Municipal Council Tuesday, February 24, 2026 – 9:00 a.m.**

### **11. Staff Reports**

#### **11.1 Planning & Development**

##### **11.1.1 Residential Rental Market Survey & Housing Needs Assessment Update**

#### **Res #2026-027**

“that Municipal Council commit to future housing market studies with a frequency of every two years, in accordance with the recommendations outlined in the 2025 Residential Rental Market Survey and Housing Needs Assessment Updates report prepared by Turner Drake and Partners Ltd.; and further, that the study continue to be done in collaboration with municipal partners in Lunenburg County for the purposes of data and cost-sharing”.

#### **11.2 Administration Department**

##### **11.2.1 Approval of Amendments to Policy 036 Fire & Emergency Services**

#### **Res #2026-024**

“that Municipal Council approve the proposed amendments to Policy 036 Fire & Emergency Services, as presented”.

#### **11.3 Recreation, Parks & Tourism**

##### **11.3.1 Purchase of Parasport Wheelchairs**

#### **Res #2026-025**

“that Municipal Council approves the purchase of six (6) parasport wheelchairs, funded-entirely through a grant from Sport Nova Scotia”.

##### **11.3.2 Parks Evaluation Criteria Framework**

#### **Res #2026-026**

“that Municipal Council adopt the Parks Evaluation Criteria and Framework, as presented, with all parks to be evaluated and a report submitted to Council by the end of the second quarter of the 2026-2027 fiscal year”.

**10.2 Fire & Emergency Services Committee**

**10.2.1 Recommendations for Appointments to the Fire & Emergency Services Committee**

**2026-071**

**“that Municipal Council appoint Brian Keizer, Chief Darren Mulock, Deputy Chief Dean Schmeisser and Firefighter Emily Bowers to serve as fire representatives on the Fire & Emergency Services Committee, for a 1-year term”.**

**11. Staff Reports**

**11.1 Finance**

**11.1.1 Council 2026-27 Capital Budget Amendment**

**2026-072**

**“that Municipal Council approve \$25,000 for the New Germany Legion Sewer Lateral project as an amendment to the 2026-27 approved Capital Budget”.**

## Draft Firefighter Training Strategy FESC Discussion/Update

Original April 2026  
Update May 5, 2026



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## Origin

- FESC completed Strategic Workplan in November 2023.
- Developing a training strategy central part of workplan
- LRFES training committee worked with staff to prepare concepts
- FESC meeting with LRFES to review drafts



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## Issues

- **General**
  - Aging cadre of volunteers
  - Reduced time commitment from new volunteers
- **Specific Needs in our County:**
  - Level 1 - **Now offered with IFSTA platform**
  - Driver/operators
  - Officers - **Strategy and tactics courses being offered 2025 2026**
  - Specialized training
  - Facilities - **Provincial live fire simulators will be available**



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## Recommendations

- **Enhanced local level 1 training**
  - Support for trainers
  - Enhanced budget for:
    - Training
    - Stipend
    - Promotion
    - Honorarium
  - Funding for other training
    - Driver/operator Specialized & leadership
- **MODL added \$40,000 to Training budget for 2026 2027 to assist with training**
- **Payment for instructors for the Level 1 just finished in Spring 2026.**
- **Some MODL assistance in coordinating training**
- **News coming from Province on easier access to training and testing for class 3**



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## Courses already completed/planned

- **Strategy & Tactics**
- **Incident Scene Safety Officer**
- **Hazardous Materials Awareness (non-certification)**
- **Instructor I (non-certification)**
- **Firefighter Level II (non-certification)**
- **Fire Officer (non-certification)**



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## Completed and Upcoming Training 2026 Developments

- **Theory curriculum now uses International Fire Service Training Association (IFSTA)**
- **Previously used Vector Solutions for theory**
- **Students use IFSTA's ResourceOne online learning management system**
  - Follow along narrated PowerPoints and complete quiz after each chapter
- **Practical sessions continue to follow IFSTA Essentials curriculum, but we have upgraded to Essentials 8 (faster than some comparable training programs elsewhere in the province)**
  - Addition of HazMat Awareness 2-day course (non-ProBoard cert)
  - Addition of wildland fire scenarios on fire control weekend, in line with
- **IFSTA Essentials 8 JPRs**



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## Process for Releasing Municipal Grant Funds

- **Council sets budget for training fund**
  - LRFES may recommend programs, courses & Costs to FESC (Oct/nov meeting)
- **LRFES notify the Fire Services Coordinator of any training planned**
  - Dates, size, costs
- **LRFES report on training completed**
  - Total enrolled & completed, total actual cost
- **Fire Services Coordinator pays grant**
  - 75% of eligible costs
  - Course must have 50% enrollment



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## Facilities

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## Regional Training Facility

- Council contributing to reserve continued
- Research on other regional facilities
- Preliminary discussions to begin with regional partners

**Possible discussion with Province and MODL on possibly enhancing area training site for a Regional training designation.**

### Possible components

- Live fire facility;
- Training tower;
- Minimum of 2 classrooms;
- Cold smoke building;
- Confined space trailer;
- Apparatus bays;
- Possible colocation with other first responders and/or future specialized functions;
- Fitness/gym facility;
- Dormitory & showers;
- SCBA workstation & air compressor

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## Additional Facilities

### • FIXED FACILITIES

- Bridgewater Fire Department - apparatus bay, training tower, maze, classroom
- Northfield Fire Department – vehicle & trash container fire simulation
- Lahave Fire Department - class A burn building ( Looking into upgrades)

### • PROPS

- Blockhouse Fire Department fire dynamics prop
- Hemford Fire Department ventilation trainer
- Conquerall Bank Fire Department rehab bus

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Fire & Emergency Services Committee  
Date: May 7, 2026  
Item: 7.3  
Authorization: Alex Dumaresq



## Memorandum

**To:** Fire and Emergency Services Committee  
**From:** Chris Kennedy, Fire Services Coordinator  
**Date:** May 7, 2026  
**Re:** Fire Services Key Point Indicators

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The Municipality of the District of Lunenburg (MODL) has been requesting annual registration be completed by all Fire & Emergency Services within MODL since early 2000. The registration process has been gathering more information to give Key Point Indicators (KPI's) on fire departments within MODL. Many of the requirements have been a collaboration between the Fire & Emergency Services Committee, the Lunenburg Regional Fire and Emergency Services Committee and with the Fire Services Coordinator. Using this approach we have recognized continued support across these groups and with the support of municipal council have made some great enhancements through policy to fire services and the registration process. Below listed are a group of suggested KPI'S, if the committee can review the list to see if other indicators could be helpful in seeing a snapshot in time of fire and emergency services.

- a) Total FF Numbers
- b) Active Firefighters
- c) Trained to Level 1 or NS Pro-board certified (combination)
- d) Authorized Drivers
- e) Usage of the VFAP
- f) Officers Trained
- g) Safety Officer

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