

**Municipality of The District of Lunenburg  
Public Hearing held by Municipal Council**

in Council Chamber, 10 Allée Champlain Drive, Cookville, NS

**Wednesday, November 30, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Attendance**

Mayor Carolyn Bolivar-Getson  
Deputy Mayor Pam Hubley, District 4  
Councillor Leitha Haysom, District 1  
Councillor Martin Bell, District 2  
Councillor Wendy Oickle, District 3  
Councillor Cathy Moore, District 5  
Councillor Sandra Statton, District 6  
Councillor Michelle Greek, District 7  
Councillor Kacy DeLong, District 8  
Councillor Chasidy Veinotte, District 10

**Regrets**

Councillor Reid Whynot, District 9

**Staff**

Tom MacEwan, Chief Administrative Officer  
Alex Dumaresq, Deputy CAO  
Jeff Merrill, Director of Planning & Development  
Tyler Richardson, EIT  
Melissa Deveau, Planning Technician  
April Whynot-Lohnes, Municipal Clerk (via TEAMS)  
Sarah Kucharski, Communications Officer (via TEAMS)  
Tina Robichaud-Bond, Executive Assistant

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Bolivar-Getson called the Public Hearing to order at 6:30 p.m. and began by acknowledging that the meeting was held in Mi'kma'ki, the traditional territory of the Mi'kmaq people.

**2. Opening Remarks by Mayor Bolivar-Getson**

**(a) Introductions**

Councillors introduced themselves and their districts. Mayor Bolivar-Getson noted regrets from Councillor Reid Whynot, District 9.

**(b) Review of Agenda and Rules of Conduct**

Mayor Bolivar-Getson reviewed the agenda and read the Rules of Conduct that were to be followed by members of the public who wished to speak at the Hearing. The Rules of Conduct were also printed at the bottom of the Agenda.

### **3. Reports and Presentations by Staff**

Mr. Merrill advised that the boundary review was a mandatory process to be carried out every eight years as per the **Municipal Government Act**, and that there were two stages to the boundary review:

- Stage 1 - size of Council
- Stage 2 – district boundaries

He advised that a public consultation survey was carried out in the Spring of 2022 and reported that the results of the public consultation indicated that the current number of council members was favoured.

He explained that one of the tasks of the Boundary Review Committee was to attempt to not split communities abutting district boundaries, but that the three districts that were currently split would remain split.

Mr. Merrill explained the next step in the process were to:

- Pass a motion at the December 13, 2022 Council meeting making a final decision on both the size of council and the tentative electoral boundaries;
- Make application to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board (NSURB);
- The NSURB would hold a public hearing; and
- Await the decision of the NSURB.

### **4. Written and Verbal Presentations from the Public**

#### **a) Review of Written Submissions**

Mayor Bolivar-Getson asked if any written submissions were received by the Municipality.

Mr. Merrill reported that one written submission was received through the Engage MODL website. He noted that the comment was received anonymously and that the author was in favour of the proposed district boundaries for their district.

#### **b) Verbal Presentations by the Public**

Mayor Bolivar-Getson asked three times if there was anyone in the audience who would like to address Council on the matters discussed. There were no public members present to give verbal presentations.

**5. Review of Approval Process**

Mayor Bolivar-Getson reviewed the approval process by the NSURB and advised that the changes would be in effect at the 2024 election

**6. Closing of the Public Hearing**

Mayor Bolivar-Getson declared the Public Hearing closed at 6:40 p.m.