

Municipality of the District of Lunenburg

Minutes of a Special Meeting of Municipal Council

Held in Council Chamber, 10 Allée Champlain Drive, Cookville, N.S.

Tuesday, August 4, 2026 – 9:00 a.m.

Attendance

Mayor Elspeth McLean-Wile

Deputy Mayor Chasidy Veinotte, District 10

Councillor Morgen Reinhardt, District 1

Councillor Martin Bell, District 2

Councillor Wendy Oickle, District 3 (via Teams)

Councillor Pam Hubley, District 4

Councillor Cathy Moore, District 5 (via Teams)

Councillor Alison Smith, District 6

Councillor Edgar Burns, District 7

Councillor Kacy DeLong, District 8

Staff

Tom MacEwan, Chief Administrative Officer

Alex Dumaresq, Deputy CAO

April Whynot-Lohnes, Municipal Clerk

Tina Robichaud-Bond, Executive Assistant

1. Call to Order

Mayor McLean-Wile called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and began by acknowledging that the meeting was held in Mi'kma'ki, the traditional territory of the Mi'kmaq people.

Mayor McLean-Wile acknowledged Emancipation Day, observed on August 1 which commemorates the **Slavery Abolition Act** of 1834, which ended slavery across the British Empire.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Bell that the Agenda be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.

3. Staff Reports

3.1 Administration

3.1.1 District 9, Special Election

April Whynot-Lohnes, Municipal Clerk, reviewed the report, "District 9 - Special Election" (circulated with the agenda), providing details on the requirements, costs, and considerations associated with conducting the District 9 Special Election.

Discussions followed regarding the following:

- Voter assistance and accessibility
- Candidate nominations
- Election funding
- Candidate information and support
- Voting platform
- Internal vs external election administration
- Candidate eligibility

2026-108 Moved by Councillor Hubley, seconded by Deputy Mayor Veinotte that Municipal Council set October 17, 2026 as Ordinary Polling Day for the 2026 Special Election. Carried unanimously.

2026-109 Moved by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Reinhardt that Municipal Council set Thursday, October 8, 2026 as Advance Polling Day for the 2026 Special Election. Carried unanimously.

2026-110 Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Hubley that Municipal Council set Tuesday, September 22, 2026 as Nomination Day for the 2026 Special Election. Carried unanimously.

2026-111 Moved by Deputy Mayor Veinotte, seconded by Councillor DeLong that Municipal Council appoint April Whynot-Lohnes, Municipal Clerk, as Returning Officer for the 2026 Special Election. Carried unanimously.

2026-112 Moved by Councillor Reinhardt, seconded by Councillor Bell that Municipal Council delegate authority to the Chief Administrative Officer to appoint an Assistant Returning officer, if required. Carried unanimously.

2026-113 Moved by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Burns that Municipal Council approve the use of electronic voting for the 2026 Special Election. Carried unanimously.

4. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:29 a.m.