

Municipality of the District of Lunenburg

Minutes of a Meeting of Municipal Council

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

Tuesday, September 8, 2026 – 6:00 p.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

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 6:00 p.m. and began by acknowledging that the meeting was held in Mi'kma'ki, the traditional territory of the Mi'kmaq people.

2. Announcements/Acknowledgements/Recognition -Nil

3. Public Input - Nil

Pamela McDormand, Lower Branch, attended public input to provide comments and concerns regarding the planned aerial spraying of a glyphosate-based herbicide in several communities across the county. While acknowledging that aerial spraying is a provincial responsibility, she urged municipal councillors to advocate on behalf of residents due to concerns about limited public information, potential impacts on water sources, organic gardens, beekeeping operations, wildlife, and human health.

4. Approval of Agenda

It was requested that the agenda be amended with the following:

- Add Item 13.1 Aerial Spraying – Glyphosate
- Defer Item 12.1 MJSB Update to a future meeting

Moved by Councillor DeLong, seconded by Councillor Hubley that the Agenda be approved as amended with the addition of Item 13.1 Aerial Spraying – Glyphosate and the deferral of Item 12.1 MJSB Update to a future agenda. Carried unanimously.

5. Approval of Minutes – Council July 28, 2026; Public Hearing July 29, 2026; Special Council July 29, 2026; Special Council August 4, 2026

The Minutes of the July 28, 2026 Council meeting were approved as circulated.

The Minutes of the July 29, 2026 Public Hearing were approved as circulated.

The Minutes of the July 29, 2026 Special Council meeting were approved as circulated.

The Minutes of the August 4, 2026 Special Council meeting were approved as circulated.

8. Presentations/Scheduled Times

8.1 Business Hub Upscaling

David Gomes Bourdier was in attendance to give a presentation on “Business Hub Upscaling” providing initiatives for a Business Hub. He explained that the Community Hub should include a dedicated Business Hub with resources and staffing to support economic growth, entrepreneurship, innovation, and workforce development.

The presentation included initiatives such as:

- Professional Training Centre
- Business Incubator Program
- Technology Innovation Cluster

Mr. Bourdier also made recommendations on:

- Makerspace equipment
- Staffing requirements
- Funding & implementing

Council was asked to consider a contribution of \$5000 towards the launch of the proposed initiative.

Mayor McLean-Wile explained that the Municipality provided funding and partnered with the South Shore Public Libraries to manage the Community Hub, programming, and staffing. Mr. Bourdier was encouraged to discuss his ideas directly with the library staff as they were responsible for determining how the space would be used and what programs would be offered.

6. Business Arising from Minutes

Alex Dumaresq, Deputy CAO, provided an update on the clean energy financing program, noting that a resident had previously raised concerns because their project was ready to proceed but funding capacity was limited. Since then, work with the program administrator has freed up financial capacity by removing incomplete or stalled applications, allowing that resident's project, along with several other waiting applications, to move forward for financing.

7. Awarding of Tenders/RFPs

7.1 Award of Tender 2026-01-001 Snow Removal Services on Municipal Properties

Jamie Burgess, Senior Municipal Engineer, and Tyler Richardson, Municipal Engineer, were in attendance.

Mr. Burgess reviewed the report, "Award of Tender 2026-01-001 Snow Removal Services for Municipal Properties" (circulated with the agenda), providing details on the recommendation to award the tender to Gerhardt Property Improvement.

2026-114 Moved by Councillor Oickle, seconded by Deputy Mayor Veinotte that Municipal Council award Tender 2026-01-001 Snow Removal Services for Municipal Properties 2026-2029 to 3051308 Nova Scotia Ltd. Gerhardt Property Improvement for the estimated cost of \$346,974.87, including net HST. Carried unanimously.

7.2 Award of Tender 2026-05-004 Mushamush Road Upgrades

Jamie Burgess, Senior Municipal Engineer, and Tyler Richardson, Municipal Engineer were in attendance.

Mr. Richardson, Municipal Engineer, reviewed the report, Request for Decision – Tender 2026-05-004 – Mushamush Beach Park Road Upgrades" (circulated with the agenda), providing details on the recommendation to not award the tender and explore other methods of upgrading the road.

It was explained that there were significant variability among the bids received, and that previous capital projects had been completed more cost-effectively when municipal staff acted as the general contractor and utilized existing road maintenance contracts.

2026-115 Moved by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Bell that Municipal Council not award Tender 2026-05-004 Mushamush Beach Park Road Upgrades project; and further that staff explore other methods for upgrading the Mushamush Beach Park using internal resources and service providers listed in the Municipal general road maintenance tender. Carried unanimously.

7.3 Award of Maker Space Equipment – Community Hub

Dave Waters, Director of Economic Development, reviewed the report, “Community Hub – Maker Space Equipment” (circulated with the agenda), providing details on the recommendation to purchase the equipment from CDW Canada Inc.

2026-116 Moved by Councillor Hubley, seconded by Councillor Burns that Municipal Council award the purchase of the Community Hub Maker Space Equipment to CDW Canada Inc. (CDW), using the Kinetic GPO System, in the amount of \$35,409, excluding HST. Carried unanimously.

9. Consideration of Correspondence - Nil

10. Recommendations from Committees & Boards

10.1. Planning Advisory Committee

10.1.1 Proposed Amendments to Osprey Village Secondary Planning Strategy (By-law 020) and Secondary Land Use By-law (By-law 021)

Jeff Merrill, Director of Planning & Development Services, and Rosemary Young, Planner I, were in attendance.

A recommendation from the Planning Advisory Committee, including a report titled “Proposed Redesignation and Rezoning of PID 60631009 for Commercial and Open Space Uses – Osprey Village Secondary Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law” providing details on the recommendation to approve amendments to By-laws 020 and 021 to redesignate and rezone PID 60631009 to Commercial and Open Space Uses from the current Residential designation, was circulated with the agenda.

Ms. Young gave a presentation on titled “Proposed Redesignation and Rezoning of PID 60631009 for Commercial and Open Space Uses – Osprey Village Secondary Planning Strategy and Land use By-law” (attached to Minutes) providing details on the redesignation and rezoning of the property, including background on the proposal, a summary of stakeholder feedback, and a review the planning analysis.

It was clarified that the zoning change was largely driven by the potential availability of central water services and the cost of servicing the area.

2026-117 Moved by Councillor Oickle, seconded by Councillor Burns that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee and give notice of its intention to approve By-law 020H Amendments to the Osprey Village Secondary Planning Strategy 2026, and By-law 021J, Amendments to the Osprey Village Land Use By-law 2026, amending By-law 020 and By-law 021 both dated August 20, 2025. Carried unanimously.

2026-118 Moved by Councillor Oickle, seconded by Councillor Burns that Municipal Council set a date and time for a public hearing on October 13, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. regarding its intention to approve the proposed amendments to the Osprey Village Secondary Planning Strategy (By-law 020) and the Osprey Village Land Use By-law (By-law 021), dated August 20, 2025. Carried unanimously.

11. Staff Reports

11.1 Recreation, Parks & Tourism

11.1.1 Designated Community Fund – Lunenburg Yacht Club

Trudy Payne, Director of Recreation, Parks & Tourism, reviewed the report, “Designated Community Fund Project – Lunenburg Yacht Club” (circulated with the agenda), providing details on recommendation to grant funds under Policy 048 Designated Community Project Fund.

2026-119 Moved by Councillor DeLong, seconded by Councillor Bell that Municipal Council grant the Lunenburg Yacht Club \$59,445, as per the criteria outlined in Policy 048 Designated Community Project Fund. Carried unanimously.

11.2 Administration

11.2.1 Service Agreement re Animal Control Services & Impound Facilities

Chris Kennedy, Fire Services Coordinator, reviewed the report “Agreement for Provisions of Animal Control Services and Impound Facilities for period 2026-2031” (circulated with the agenda), providing details on the agreement with Municipality of the District Chester and Oceanmark K-9 Resort Inc.

Clarification was provided on the following:

- The \$4000 monthly fee would continue for the life of the contract.
- The Municipality of District of Chester would administer the service because the facility and enforcement staff were located there.

It was noted that the total contract value of five years would be approximately \$240,000, plus HST and administration fee.

2026-120 Moved by Councillor Bell seconded by Councillor DeLong that Municipal Council enter into a service agreement with the Municipality of the District of Chester for the provision of Animal Control Services and Impound Facilities for the period of August 1, 2026 to July 31, 2031, at a cost of \$4,000 per month exclusive of HST plus an administrative fee of 10% and authorize the execution of same.

It was further clarified that:

- The 10% administration fee included costs for procurement, contract administration, and management of the service agreement.
- Emergency veterinary care, euthanasia, and impound-related expenses were billed to the animal owner, not the Municipality.

The Motion on the floor was voted on and carried unanimously.

11.2.2 J Class Subdivision Street Paving – Darby’s Head Road Tender Cost Approval

Tom MacEwan, CAO, reviewed the correspondence from the Department of Public Works regarding the “2026-27 J-Class Subdivision Street Paving” (circulated with the agenda) project providing details on the cost overrun on the paving of Darbys Head Road.

2026-121 Moved by Deputy Mayor Veinotte, seconded by Councillor DeLong that Municipal Council accept the new cost share amount of \$121,000 for the paving of Darbys Head Road, as per Cost Share Agreement 2023-015, J Class Subdivision Street Paving project and authorize the execution of same. Carried unanimously.

11.2.3 Closure of Public Streets Policy

Jeff Merrill, Director of Planning & Development Services, reviewed the report, “Policy 109 – Closure of Certain Public Streets – PID 60742368 and 60742376” (circulated with the agenda) providing details on the policy and the recommendation to close two undeveloped public street reserves.

For clarity, Mr. Merrill provided an aerial photos and a subdivision plan of the area (attached to Minutes).

2026-122 Moved by Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Hubley that Municipal Council approve Policy 109 Closure of Certain Public Streets - PIDs 60742368 and 60742376, as presented, and gives 7 days’ notice of its intention to approve the Policy at the September 22, 2026 Council meeting. Carried unanimously.

11.3 Planning & Development

11.3.1 Energize Together - Regional Energy Navigation Service Agreements

Abhimanyu Jain, Manager of Climate Change and Sustainability, and Kayla Winsor, Climate Action Coordinator, were in attendance.

Mr. Jain reviewed the report “Energize Together – Regional Energy Navigation Service Agreements” (circulated with the agenda) providing details on the proposed regional home energy navigation service partnership between MODL and the Town of Bridgewater aimed at helping residents access energy-efficiency programs, incentives, financing, and home upgrade supports.

Discussions followed on:

- The March 2028 end date was tied to the available funding, however MODL could continue the navigation service beyond that date.
- Continued participation by the Town of Bridgewater would depend on future funding decisions and budget discussions.
- The agreements included provisions that could allow continuation if there is interest from the partners.

It was clarified that:

- Eligibility for the HomeWarming Program was based on income thresholds established by Efficiency Nova Scotia.
- The supplemental funding was tied to participants already approved for the HomeWarming Program.
- Decisions on additional funding were based on the home's energy assessment and which upgrades would provide the greatest energy savings.

2026-123 Moved by Deputy Mayor Veinotte, seconded by Councillor Hubley that Municipal Council authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to execute the Inter-Municipal Service Agreement – Energize Together Navigation Program between the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg and the Town of Bridgewater. Carried unanimously.

2026-124 Moved by Deputy Mayor Veinotte, seconded by Councillor Burns that Municipal Council authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to execute the Three-Party Program Coordination Agreement – Energize Together between the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg, the Town of Bridgewater, and Clean Nova Scotia Foundation. Carried unanimously.

2026-125 Moved by Deputy Mayor Veinotte, seconded by Councillor Reinhardt that Municipal Council authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to execute the Service Agreement – Energize Together Supplemental Home Upgrade Incentives between the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg, the Town of Bridgewater, and Clean Nova Scotia Foundation. Carried unanimously.

12. Mayor's/Deputy Mayor's/Councillors' Matters

12.1 MJSB Update

There was no update to provide as the August meeting was held in Camera.

12.2 CAO Evaluation Process

Councillor Reinhardt provided an update on the CAO evaluation process, noting that it will draw on three sources of feedback: the CAO's self-evaluation, evaluations from senior staff, and feedback from Council. She noted that the final report would be provided at the In Camera session of Council on September 22, 2026.

12.3 Deputy Mayor's Update

Deputy Mayor Veinotte advised that she attended the Miller Point Peace Park launch event and the Princes Inlet Annual General Meeting. She also attended agenda briefing meetings and to cheque signing.

12.4 Mayor's Update

Mayor McLean-Wile's update is attached to the Minutes.

13. Added Items

13.1 Aerial Spraying – Glyphosate

Councillor Hubley reiterated concerns brought forth by residents regarding the planned aerial spraying of glyphosate in parts of the Municipality, including:

- Potential health and environmental impacts;
- Limited public notice and transparency about where and when spraying will occur;
- Difficulty for residents in obtaining accurate and timely information; and
- Uncertainty about how the spraying may affect nearby families, children, pets, and properties.

Councillor Hubley asked that Council take action by advocating for access to better information around health and environmental effects of the spraying.

2026-126 Moved by Councillor Hubley, seconded by Councillor Burns that Municipal Council write the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources, copy local MLAs to convey our concerns about areal spraying of glyphosate in the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg, and further, request better transparency and availability of information regarding the spraying. Carried unanimously.

14. In Camera

At 8:06 p.m., it was moved by Councillor Oickle, seconded by Councillor Burns that Municipal Council go In Camera to discuss the following items:

14.1 Contract Negotiations under Section 22(2)(e) of the MGA

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Carried.

Municipal Council In Camera in session.

At 9:06 p.m., Municipal Council came out of In Camera and returned to open session.

Municipal Council in session.

14.1 Award of Tender 2026-05-005 Culvert Replacement Vogler's Cove

2026-127 Moved by Councillor Reinhardt, seconded by Councillor Burns that Municipal Council award Tender 2026-05-005 Voglers Cove – Culvert Replacement to Dexter Construction Company Ltd. for \$68,788.91, including contingency and net HST. Carried unanimously.

14.2 TOB & NSPI

2026-128 Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Burns that Municipal Council approve the terms of the Agreement between NSPI, TOB and MODL regarding the industrial substation at Exit 12A and authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement on behalf of MODL. Those Opposed: Councillors DeLong, Smith, and Reinhardt. Motion Carried.

15. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

**Proposed Redesignation and
Rezoning of PID 60631009 for
Commercial and Open Space
Uses - Osprey Village
Secondary Planning Strategy
and Land Use By-law**

Rosemary Young
September 8, 2026



What is Council being asked to do?

✓ Approve SPS and LUB amendments

 Schedule a public hearing

Project Timeline



Site Context

- Municipally owned parcel of land
- Osprey Village Secondary Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law
- Currently under the High-Density Residential Zone
- Adjacent school

PID 60631009



Why amend the SPS and LUB?

- Property was initially intended to be serviced through future municipal water and sewer expansion
- Municipal servicing no longer planned for the site
- Existing High-Density Residential Zone requires density that may be difficult to achieve without central services
- General Commercial Zone provides greater flexibility
- Open Space designation protects portions of the site

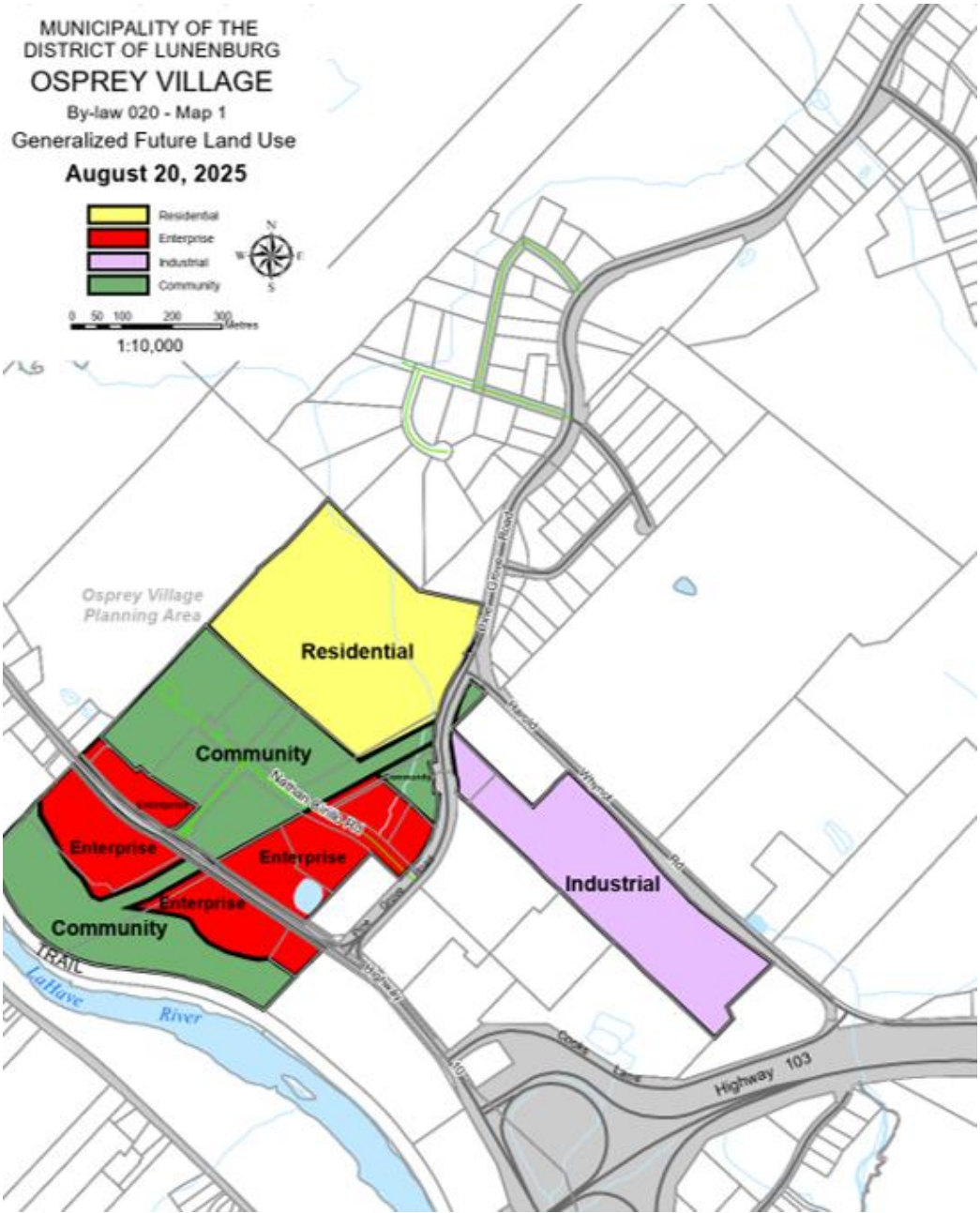


Proposed Amendments

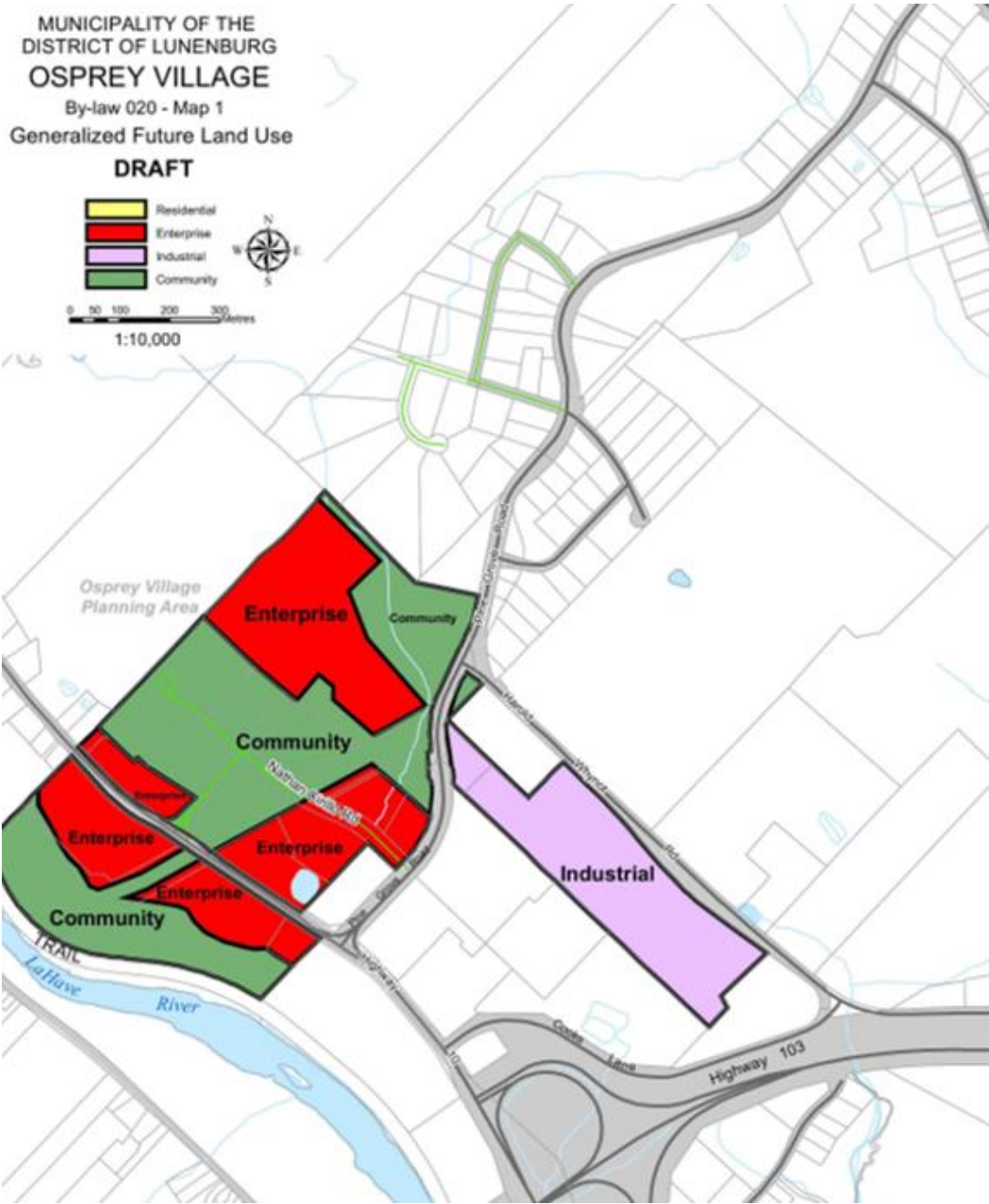
Current	Proposed
Residential Designation	Enterprise & Community Designations
High-Density Residential Zone	General Commercial & Open Space Zones
Central servicing required	Exemption for PID 60631009
Minimum 25 units/ha residential density	Exemption for PID 60631009



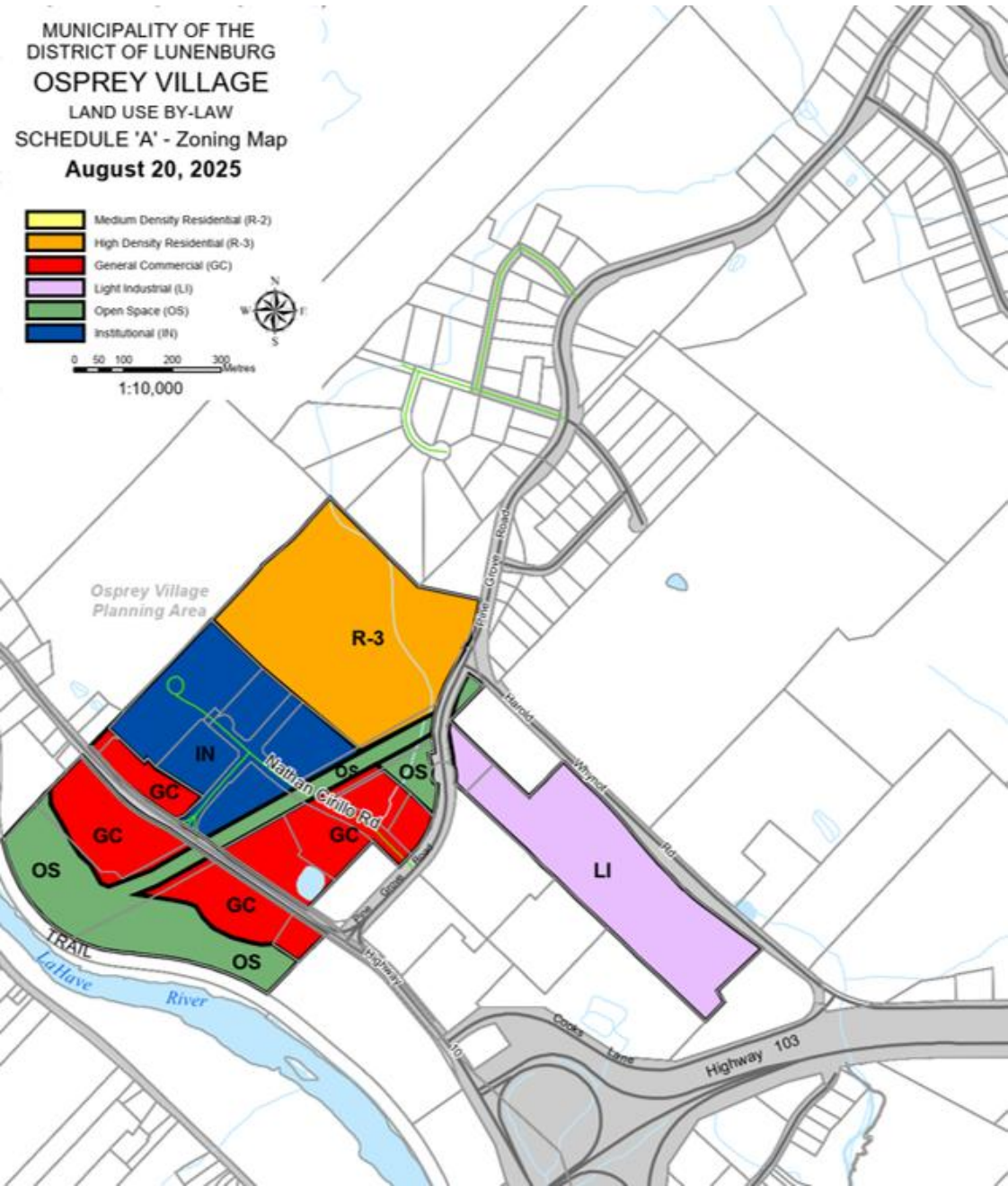
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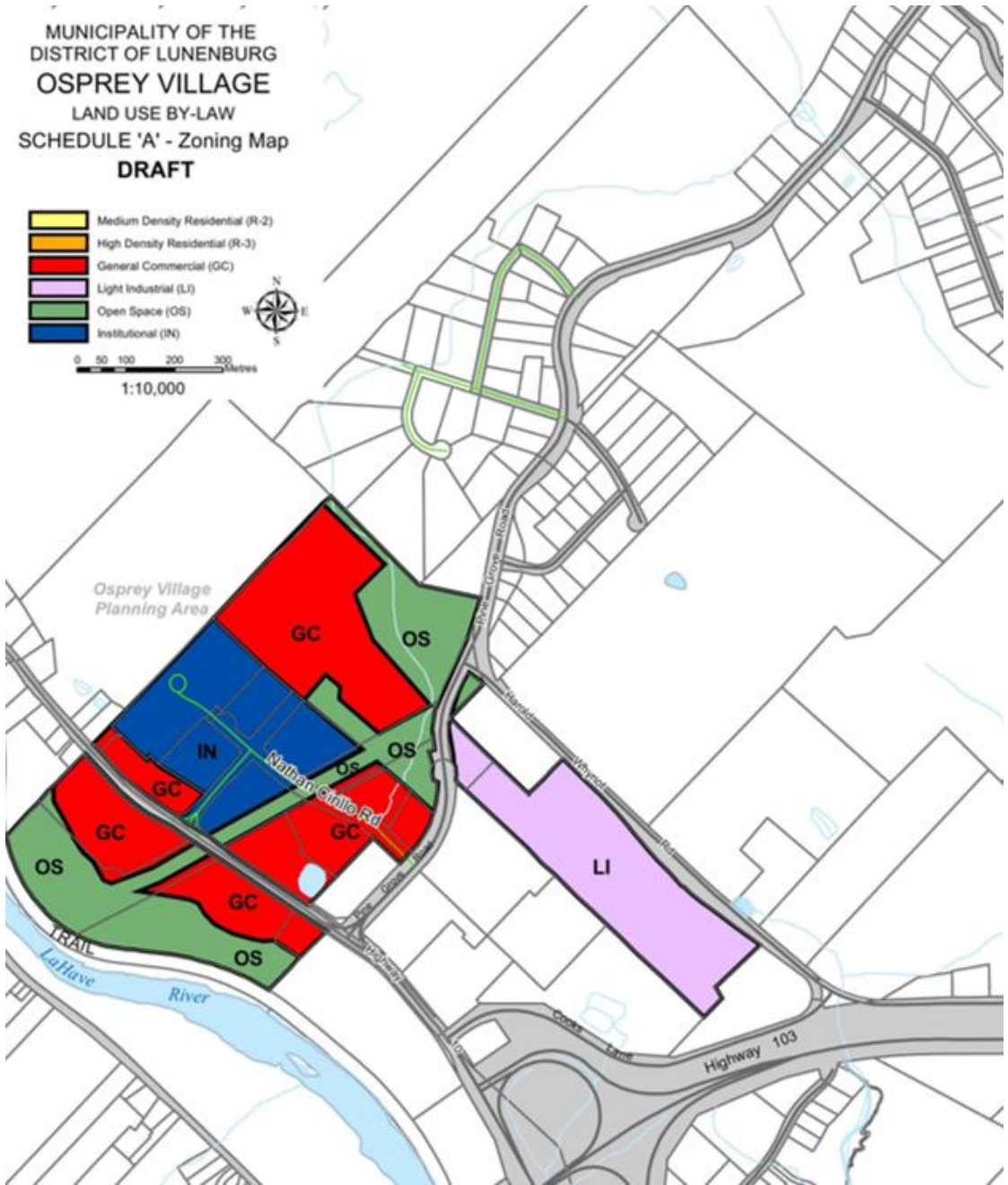
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Current Zoning Map



Proposed Zoning Map



About the General Commercial Zone

Uses permitted within the General Commercial Zone:

- A retail use;
- An office use;
- A food establishment use;
- Subject to being 500 metres away from a structure with an institutional use listed under subsection 7.2.5., a drinking establishment use;
- A short term rental use;
- A bakery, crafting, creative, and printing establishment use;
- Other commercial uses except adult entertainment, wholesale, warehousing, and vehicle sale uses;
- A residential use, with the minimum density of 25 units a hectare;
 - [Proposed exemption for PID 60631009](#)
- Uses permitted in the Institutional Zone.

Other requirements:

- In the General Commercial (GC) Zone, lots shall be serviced with both central sewer and central water”.
 - [Proposed exemption for PID 60631009](#)
- Architectural controls
- Development in the General Commercial Zone subject to Site Plan Approval



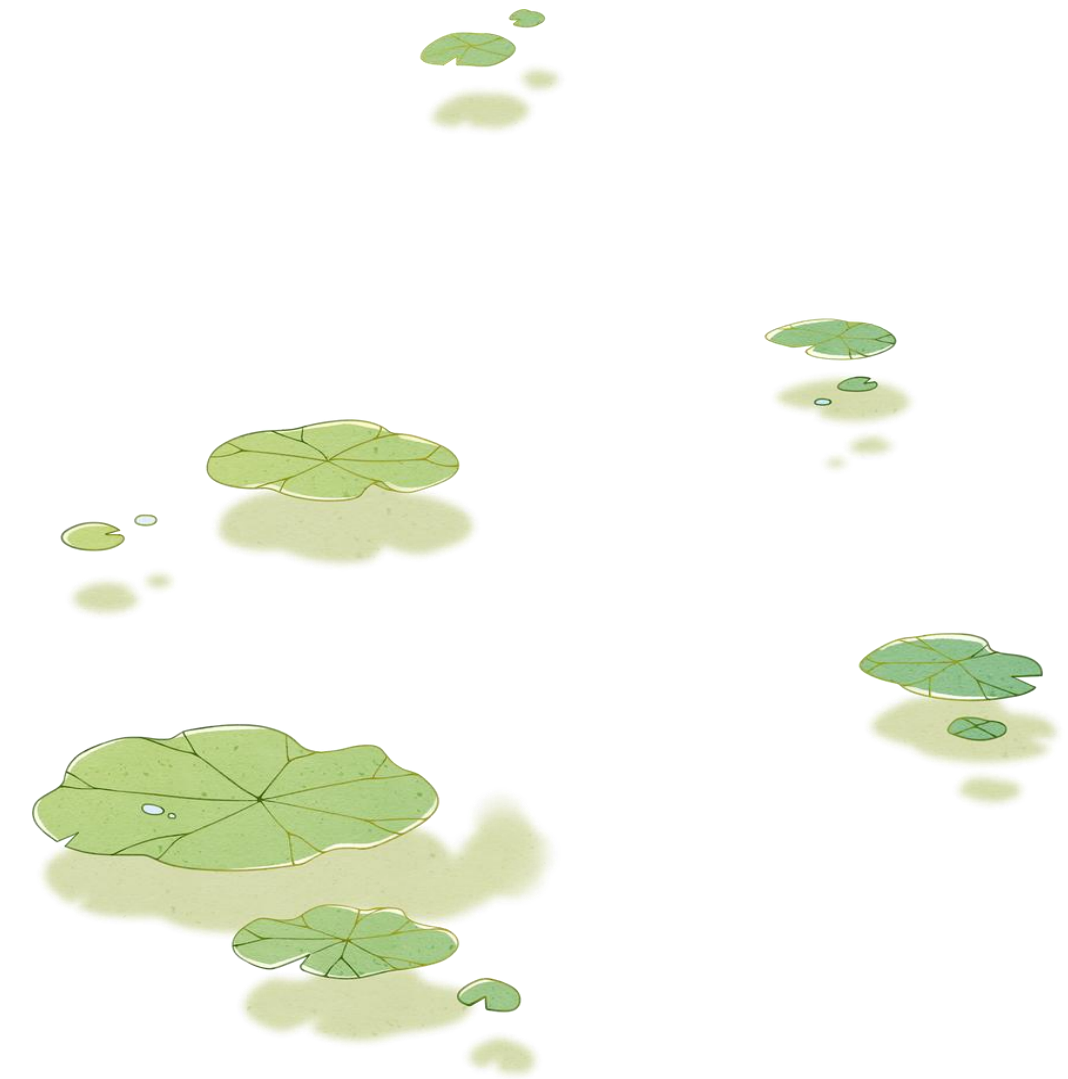
About the Open Space Zone

- Permitted developments within the Open Space Zone include multi-use trails; parks; and parking lots.
- No development permit shall be issued for any structure except for boardwalks for multi-use trails; park structures such as picnic benches and gazebos; interpretation displays; and development of parking lots.



Public Input

- Concern about the wetlands on the property
- Concern about the drainage of surface water
- Concern that the plan does not fit with the Osprey Village Enhancement and Beautification Concept Plan
- Concern about another box-like development
- Concern about the potential development of the site once the conditions of sale are met



Stakeholder Feedback

Key Concerns

- School-area traffic and safety
- Wetland and environmental impacts
- Need for buffering between uses
- Unknown future development

Other Considerations

- Fire protection services considered adequate
- No municipal servicing costs anticipated
- Open space retention viewed positively



Planning Analysis

- Existing zoning no longer aligns with servicing realities.
- Proposed zoning is more practical and flexible.
- Site Plan Approval requirements address:
 - Landscaping
 - Buffers
 - Parking design
 - Stormwater management
- Architectural controls.
- Wetland setback requirements provide additional protection.



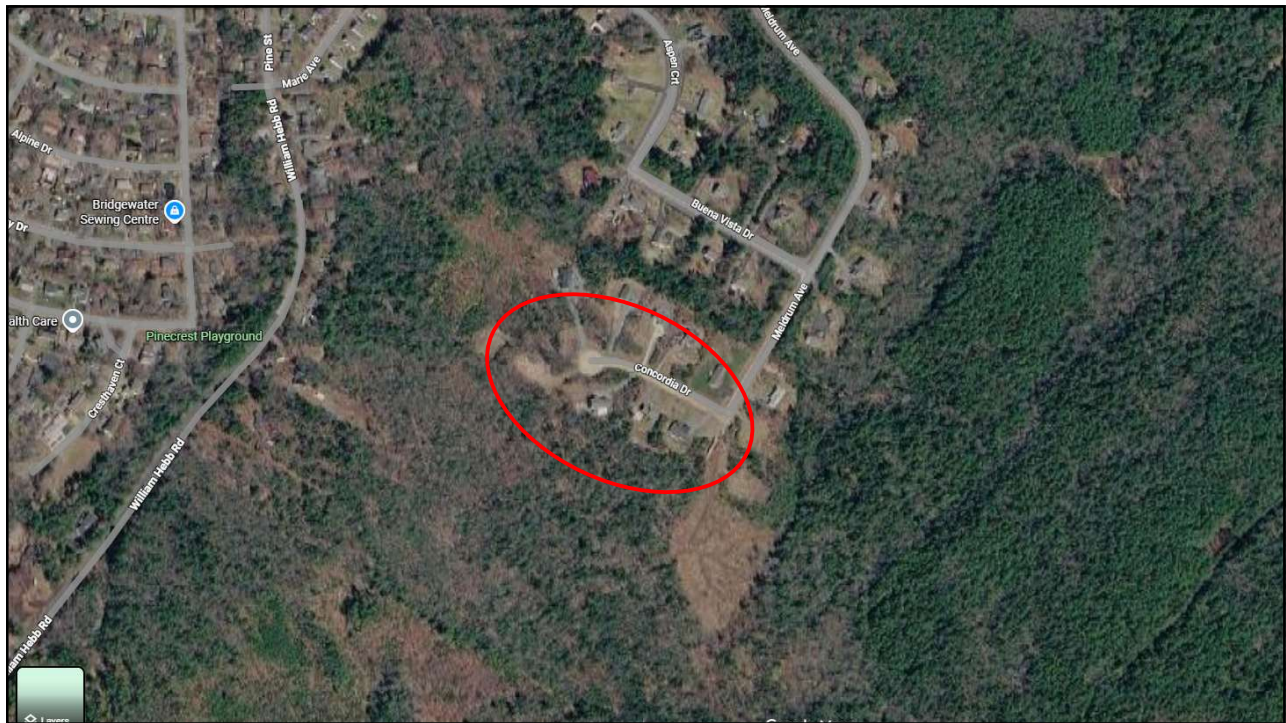
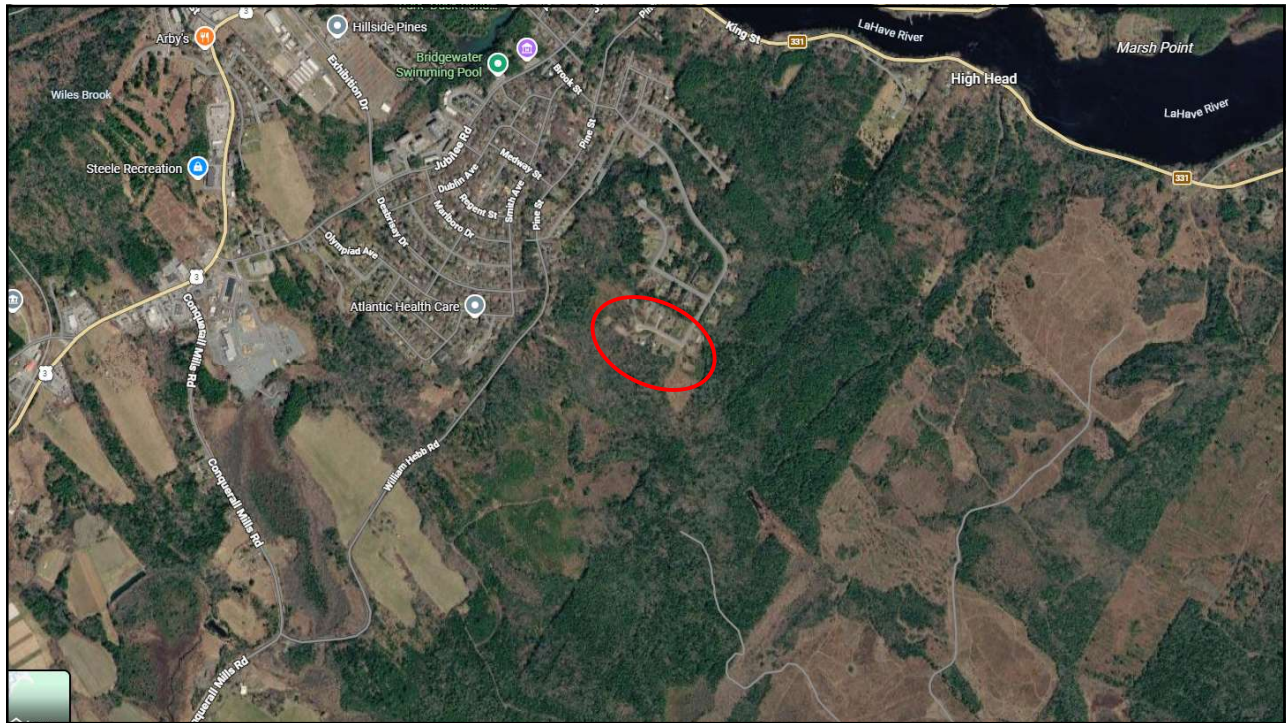
Planning Staff Recommendation

That Council:

✓ Approve SPS and LUB amendments

 Schedule a public hearing

Thank You



Mayor's Report

September 8, 2026

The summer has come to an end, and we are now moving into the third year of our mandate. It is a good time to reflect on how much we have accomplished together and to look ahead to the work that remains.

We have made significant progress on some very important initiatives. The Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-laws process continues to move forward, and we are now much closer to having a planning framework that reflects the communities we serve.

We have also made substantial investments in our parks and trails. Some of this work is already complete, including Indian Falls and Miller Point Peace Park. Other projects are underway and will be completed later this fall, including Mush-a-Mush Beach Park, Saw Pit Wharf and the MARC. Planning will begin for Wile's Lake Park, with construction anticipated in the 2027-28 budget year.

The new pickleball courts at the MARC will open later this fall, and we are getting closer to establishing our new community space in the WellTide building in partnership with the South Shore Public Libraries. For many people, the demolition of the Centre School building has been a bittersweet ending to a place filled with memories. At the same time, it represents an opportunity to take a building that had become an eyesore and a cost to the Municipality and turn it into something useful for the community.

We continue to work on public transit, and I hope we will soon be in a position to provide more details about what this will look like for our communities.

Our largest infrastructure project is also on time and on budget. The \$24-million Cookville wastewater project will provide wastewater treatment for the area and is a significant investment in recognizing the growth and expansion of the Cookville community.

Another important area of work is the development of a new community development model. We are working toward an approach that recognizes the initiatives and ideas that already exist in our communities and builds relationships and projects around the work being undertaken at the community level.

Staff resources and organization will be restructured to support this approach. It will strengthen our support for the volunteer sector and recognize the important role volunteers play in preserving the integrity, vitality and character of our communities throughout the District. This will be a comprehensive approach to community development, bringing together recreation, economic development, housing and our volunteer organizations in a much more coordinated way.

Those are some of the highlights of the work we have accomplished together. I would also like to take some time to reflect on the summer, because one of the things I value most about this role is the opportunity to spend time in our communities.

In late July, I attended the opening of the palliative care beds at Fisherman's Memorial Hospital. With these beds now open, I believe there is an opportunity to take the next significant step and work toward building a hospice. I am confident, based on the people who have already stepped forward to champion this initiative, that there is tremendous community support and that the funds for construction can be raised. The next challenge will be securing operating funding and the necessary approvals from the provincial Department of Health and Wellness.

Together with Councillors Smith, Reinhardt and DeLong, I met with Claudia Chender, Leader of the Official Opposition, to discuss several issues important to Council, including cell phone coverage, fire service reform and policing.

We received a similar request from the provincial Liberal Party, and that meeting will be scheduled following the sitting of the Legislature later this fall.

Summer is also a time when federal representatives make a special effort to meet with constituents. The Bridgewater and Area Chamber of Commerce hosted a session with Karina Gould, MP and Chair of the Federal Finance Committee. I raised several issues on behalf of MODL, including cell service, the impact of federal immigration policy and the reduction in the allocation of immigrants to Nova Scotia, and the implications for the workforce in this region.

I brought opening remarks at the Lunenburg Folk Harbour Festival, now in its 41st year. It continues to be an important draw for the area and, equally importantly, provides opportunities for local musicians to develop their skills and showcase their talents.

Several of our community associations, including Prince's Inlet and Kingsburg, held their annual meetings over the summer. These meetings are particularly important because this is the time of year when the largest number of property owners are in these communities.

Deputy Mayor Veinotte and I attended the Prince's Inlet meeting, where representatives from the Department of Natural Resources and Renewables provided a presentation on the FireSmart initiative. It generated a great deal of discussion.

Kingsburg is the first community in our District to receive FireSmart community designation. They have also installed a dry hydrant to serve their community, working with the Riverport and District Fire Department.

Both meetings were extremely well organized. In Kingsburg, all of the participants in the reporting portion of the meeting followed a carefully crafted script. We could all learn a few lessons from them!

The Friends of Cherry Hill Cemetery hosted their annual Dry Stone Workshop. This is the sixth year that volunteers have worked to establish a dry stone wall around the cemetery. Facilitators come from Ontario, along with local instructors, to teach others the art of “stoning.”

This is the second year I have turned my hand — and my back — to moving stones for the fence, and Councillor Reinhardt also participated. Next year, there are plans to host an international conference on dry stone walling, which will bring an even wider audience to our community.

The reopening of Miller Point Peace Park was another important step in recognizing and sharing the Indigenous history of the area. The new storybook tour, based on Indigenous writing, provides an opportunity to learn more about that history. The feedback on the accessible trail and boat launch has also been very encouraging.

Several events took me to Bell Island this summer, including crossing the newly constructed and paved bridge connecting the mainland to the LaHave Islands. A weekly coffee hour brings permanent and summer residents together to visit, catch up and exchange stories.

A few days later, I returned to Bell Island for the Seafarers Memorial Service at the Anglican Church. August 6 marked the 100th anniversary of the August Gale, when two ships were lost off Sable Island, taking the lives of 51 men from the surrounding communities. It is a sobering reminder of the risks that people who work on the water take each time they leave the safety of the shore.

The Regional Emergency Operations Centre opened in Liverpool this summer, and I was pleased to attend this important step in the rollout of the Province’s expanded emergency preparedness model. Our REMO staff will work closely with this office to provide coordinated service during emergencies. Queens County has recently asked to join our shared emergency response model, and we will be considering that request in the near future.

Councillor Smith and I also had an opportunity to take a boat tour of Sherbrooke Lake. We viewed from the water the piece of land owned by MODL, as well as other sites that were considered when this property was purchased 10 years ago. It was a useful opportunity to look at the property from a different perspective and consider its potential.

The Mayors of the Town of Bridgewater, the Region of Queens, the Town of Lunenburg and the Town of Mahone Bay met to discuss the regional needs of advancing economic development. We will continue that discussion later this month when we receive a consultant’s report on this topic.

Along with our CAO, I attended a meeting with the Department of Justice, where we were provided with an outline of the costs to MODL under the Province’s new costing formula. A full presentation will be made to Council at the Policy and Strategy meeting next week.

As we move into the third year of our mandate, there is much to be proud of, but also much more to do. What I have enjoyed most this summer is being reminded that the work of Council is ultimately about people and communities. The projects and investments are important, but it is the people who volunteer, organize, create, advocate and simply show up for their communities who give the District its character.

It has been a busy summer, and I am looking forward to continuing the work together as we move into the fall.