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Municipal Council Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, May 26, 2026 – 9:00 a.m.

MODL Council Chambers – 10 Allée Champlain Drive, Cookville

- 1. Call to Order**
 - 1.1 Mi'kma'ki Territorial Acknowledgement
- 2. Announcements, Acknowledgements, Recognition**
- 3. Public Input (15 Minutes)**
- 4. Changes/Approval of Agenda (as circulated)**
- 5. Approval of Minutes - May 12, 2026**
- 6. Business Arising from Minutes**
- 7. Awarding of Tenders/RFPs - Nil**
- 8. Presentations/Scheduled Times**
 - 8.1 Lunenburg County Accessibility Advisory Committee
Lola Church, Chair 9:15 a.m. 1-10
- 9. Consideration of Correspondence - Nil**
- 10. Recommendations from Committees & Boards - Nil**
- 11. Staff Reports**
 - 11.1 Planning & Development**
 - 11.1.1 Clean Energy Financing Program Administration - Update 11-13
- 12. Mayor's/Deputy Mayor's/Councillors' Matters**
 - 12.1 LCLC Update
 - 12.2 Deputy Mayor's Update
 - 12.3 Mayor's Update
- 13. Added Items**
- 14. In Camera - Nil**
- 15. Adjournment**



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Lunenburg County Accessibility Advisory Committee (LCAAC)

Loa Church, Chair LCAAC

May 26, 2026



Background

- Established in 2019 in response to the Nova Scotia Accessibility Act (2017)
- Regional Approach
- 50% Persons with Disabilities or representatives
- 50% Councillors



LCAAC Role

Advises Councils/Commissions on:

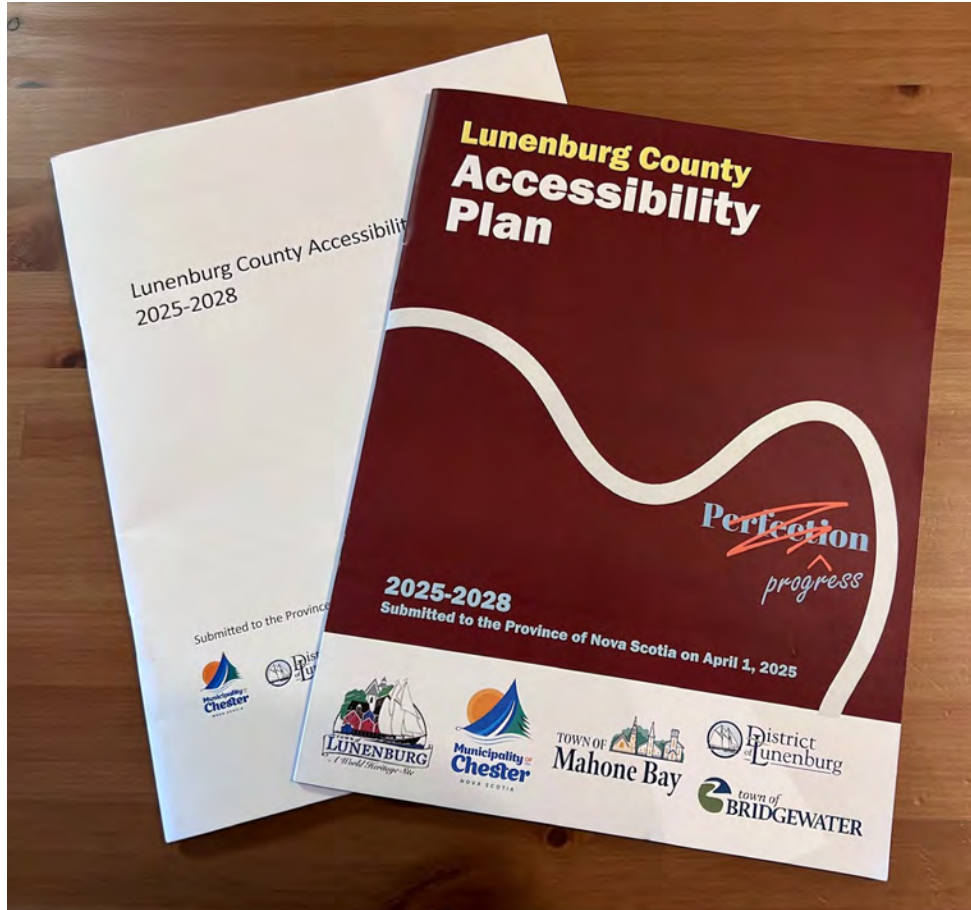
- The Accessibility Plan: (Preparation, implementation, effectiveness)
- Opportunities to promote full participation of persons with disabilities
- Accessibility of existing and proposed municipal services and facilities



LCAAC Role (cont'd)

- Makes recommendations about strategies designed to achieve the objectives of the municipalities'/Commissions' Accessibility Plans
- Receives information from Councils/Commissions and makes recommendations as requested
- Monitors provincial and federal government directives and regulations
- Hosts public consultations related to accessibility
- Provides input and advice to update Accessibility Plan every 3 years
- Provides an Annual Budget for the committee to carry out its mandate

Successes



- Accessibility plans x 2
- Building community relationships
- Committee members are champions in community
- Council members build awareness

Successes: Examples

- Sawpit Wharf
- TOL Civic Square engagement, LCAAC and focus group
- Wild Rose Park in MOC



Challenges: Foundational



KNOWLEDGE GAPS



ACTUAL AND
PERCEIVED COST



REPRESENTATION

Challenges: Process



AWARENESS



EXPECTATIONS



COMMUNICATION



Key Messages: What we Bring

- Representation
 - Perspectives you don't necessarily have already available to you among decision makers
 - Expertise that comes from personal experience and close connection with disability and accessibility

Next Steps

Please ask for our advice

Tell us your thoughts.
How can we work together
toward a community where
everyone has a chance to
feel they belong?

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The Municipality of the District of Lunenburg Information Report

To: Municipal Council

From: Abhimanyu Jain, Manager of Climate Change and Sustainability

Date: May 26, 2026

Re: Update on Clean Energy Financing Program Administration

Purpose

The purpose of this memo is to inform Council that Clean Foundation has advised the Municipality of its intent to stop accepting new registrations for the Clean Energy Financing Program on June 15, 2026, and to terminate its administration agreement with the Municipality effective November 1, 2026.

No decision is required from Council at this time. This memo is being provided for information before the planned closure of new program registrations is communicated publicly.

Background

The Municipality's Clean Energy Financing Program is currently administered by Clean Foundation. The program allows eligible property owners to access low-interest financing for approved home energy upgrades, with repayment through monthly installments.

In March 2026, Council approved an increase to the program administration fee to \$1,400, effective April 1, 2026. This increase was intended to support continued delivery of the program by Clean Foundation. Applicants who applied during April were charged the updated administration fee.

Since that time, Clean Foundation has advised that it has completed an internal fiscal sustainability assessment. Based on that review, Clean Foundation has determined that, even with the approved administration fee increase, continued administration of the program is not financially sustainable.

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Rather than further increasing costs to participants, Clean Foundation has decided to end its delivery of the Clean Energy Financing Program for all 12 partner municipalities, including the Town of Bridgewater and the Municipality of the District of Chester.

Transition Plan for Existing Files

Clean Foundation has advised that it intends to stop accepting new program registrations on June 15, 2026, in order to focus on completing and closing existing active files before the November 1, 2026 termination date. As of April 30, 2026, 32 files remained active.

Clean Foundation has also advised that, where files cannot be fully completed by November, it remains committed to working with those participants to complete planned upgrades by March 2027, if needed.

Implications for the Municipality

Clean Foundation's decision is unexpected. The current agreement between the Municipality and Clean Foundation was scheduled to remain in place until March 2028.

Staff had anticipated that, before the end of the existing agreement, the Municipality would have the opportunity to test the market before renewing or replacing the agreement. Clean Foundation's decision to terminate the agreement earlier than expected has accelerated the need for staff to assess alternative delivery options.

During Council's March deliberations on the in-house transition of the Water Supply Upgrade Financing Program, staff noted that the Clean Energy Financing Program is more technically complex and would be more difficult to transition internally. The program requires specialized review of home energy assessments, verification of eligible upgrades, and confirmation that proposed projects meet the required 1:1 debt-to-savings ratio. Staff do not currently have the in-house expertise or staff capacity to deliver the program internally.

Staff are currently reviewing options to support continued delivery of the Clean Energy Financing Program, including the potential procurement of an alternative external service provider.

Next Steps

Staff will bring forward a report for Council consideration in the coming months regarding future program delivery, procurement, budget implications, or amendments to the program model.

Conclusion

Clean Foundation has advised that it will stop accepting new registrations for the Clean Energy

Financing Program on June 15, 2026, and will terminate its administration agreement with the Municipality effective November 1, 2026.

While this change was not anticipated, staff are reviewing options to support continued access to clean energy financing for residents. Existing participant files will continue to be supported by Clean Foundation through the transition period.

Memorandum Preparation	
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Memorandum Approved by	
Date Reviewed by C.A.O.	