



## FOCUS & OBJECTIVES 2025-26

June 14, 2025

At the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Symposium, June 14, 2025, we recapped the ongoing work of the Association over the past year and presented plans for the continued development of our working waterfront.

This year, Terry Drisdelle - Senior Planner with Build Nova Scotia - retired from his position at Build Nova Scotia. Terry has been a long-time supporter of everything Lunenburg and involved with numerous initiatives within our community. He has been a huge supporter of LWAI and we will all miss him tremendously.

In 2024, LWAI was still feeling some of the effects from the significant changes when Develop Nova Scotia was dissolved and Build Nova Scotia became responsible for the government-owned properties in Lunenburg. We continue to collaborate with our new partners recognizing and adapting to their updated mandate and readjusting our own efforts that complement this new focus.

We continue to meet as an Association and with the Build Nova Scotia team. We report on local developments, provide opinions regarding outstanding issues that include updates on properties that are positioned for development, those in need of evaluation and repair as well as other pertinent activities taking place on the waterfront. We also continue to represent the opinions and voice of our stakeholders and membership to Build Nova Scotia.

In the past year, Build Nova Scotia has completed significant assessments of their Lunenburg property holdings from the Zwicker wharf to the former Smith & Rhuland Big Boat Shed, and have developed priorities that they will unfold.

We were pleased to have David Benoit President/CEO of Build Nova Scotia as a Symposium keynote speaker to share with us how Build Nova Scotia will be managing its Lunenburg-owned properties.

LWAI's mandate has continued to consider the whole harbour in its purview. Last year we spoke about our 5-year Master Plan for Lunenburg and this year, LWAI spent considerable time refining its mandate to ensure our objectives are relative to activities and support the intended focus. These objectives will continue to be refined and when completed will become the guiding principles of the plan development. The Strategic Planning exercise will include stakeholder sessions where the community and you - our membership - will participate. It is anticipated that this work will take 6-8 months to complete. LWAI will take the lead on this study, and this initiative will be our major focus in 2025 and into 2026.

A Request for Proposals has been released seeking a professional group to develop this Strategic Plan. Follow this link to LWAI's web site where there is both a precis and a copy of the actual RFP.

<https://www.lunenburgwaterfront.ca/>

Community support is a key requirement and critical component to the success of LWAI's work.