

MAYOR'S MONTHLY UPDATE

JANUARY 2022



It's 2022 and the New Year has begun with a lot of activity at Town Hall, and not just storm-related.

1 Engineering design for **Flood Control for the Wastewater Treatment Plant** is now underway to enable construction to take place this year, earlier than anticipated. The intention is to complete the work prior to the 2022 hurricane season. A report about the study is available in the Council Minutes of January 11th here: <https://townoflunenburg.ca/council-meetings-2022.html>

2 **Public Works** has improved engineering support with the addition of Lisa Kendall to their team. Lisa is originally from the Lunenburg area and is a graduate of Dalhousie in Civil Engineering. She joins us from the Government of Nunavut with experience overseeing capital projects.

The Town has also added a fourth operator to the Water and Wastewater team. Public Works welcomes Robert Dolimount, an experienced WRO from the Mahone Bay area to support operation and maintenance of the two plants and systems.

We're lucky to have them both – welcome, Lisa and Robert.

3 The Town has released a couple of **innovative tools** this month. The digital mapping capability we've been developing has resulted in a very useful **Online Zoning Look-up Map** that was launched on our website this month. Lunenburg businesses and residents can find what zones apply to their properties. Visit the site here: <https://bit.ly/ArcGIS-TOLZoning>.

Also, as part of CCP-driven economic development work, the Town released a **2022 Prospectus** to highlight the unique characteristics of our beautiful town and encourage potential businesses and residents to locate here. Please feel free to share it. It's available here:

<https://townoflunenburg.ca/economic-development.html>

4 February is **African Heritage Month** in Nova Scotia. There will be a Pan-African Flag raising on February 2 at noon at our UNESCO flagpoles at the corner of Townsend and Prince – please join us. For more on African Heritage Month, visit: <https://ansa.novascotia.ca/african-heritage-month>

The Town has also made a proclamation for the “**Day of Black Loyalist Exodus: 15 Ships to Sierra Leone**” in recognition of the 230th anniversary of the 1792 exodus of 1200 Black settlers from Nova Scotia to continental Africa. It's a story we should all know. Read more about it here:

<https://townoflunenburg.ca/1792-project-proclamation.html>

5 One of my December items has to be updated, unfortunately – the new **salt truck** purchase option expired and is no longer available. Public Works is on it, however, and plans to source a replacement as soon as possible.

Leading into this weekend, if you need information on emergency preparedness see <https://www.lunenburgremo.ca/>. Stay warm and safe, everyone.

*Mayor Matt Risser
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