

MAYOR'S MONTHLY UPDATE

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It's been quite a winter this year, but the end is in sight now that February is just about behind us. Phase 1 of Nova Scotia's re-opening plan is once again allowing in-person Council meetings – much preferred by Council members – and livestreaming will continue.

1 The **Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade project** is moving into the next phase – the design for a Sequencing Batch Reactor (SBR) technology is being submitted for an Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program grant. For more on the plans, see the Implementation Plan documents on the Town website: <https://townoflunenburg.ca/wastewater-treatment.html>

2 An **LED Street Light Conversion Study** budget increase was approved this month. Provincial legislation requires that all municipalities replace conventional road lighting before the end of 2022. While approximately 1/3 of the Town's streetlights already meet the criteria, the study will provide an assessment and recommendation for converting the whole system. Factors such as colour temperature and cost will be considered.

3 A **Town Hall Restoration** project is being launched, to be conducted over five years from 2022-2027. The project would begin this year with an exterior

condition assessment and preparation of a tender package to select the contractor for exterior work. Water damage is a significant concern for the building. Town Hall was built in the heart of Old Town Lunenburg in 1893.

4 Town staff have been in the thick of financial planning for the **Draft 2022/23 Town Budget** for several months now. Public meetings before Town Council begin next month (March 1st) via Committee of the Whole, starting with the Capital Budget. Watch for meeting agendas and Draft Budget packages on the Town website here: <https://townoflunenburg.ca/committee-of-the-whole.html>. More to come on this topic.

5 The **Lunenburg Community Garden** is a volunteer-run project that has been ongoing since 2014. They provide a distinct benefit to the community by sharing and teaching the growing of food. Town Council was pleased to renew the \$1 license and use agreement for their plot on the southwest corner of the Lunenburg Academy grounds for another two years.

During budget season I'm reminded of the astonishing variety of projects and services in our small town. Our quality of life is second to none. Thank you, again, for your interest.

Mayor Matt Risser
Town of Lunenburg