

MAYOR'S MONTHLY UPDATE

MAY 2022



Town Council and staff have been focusing heavily on future planning in the month of May.

1 Lunenburg's **Town management team** is adding more strength with the addition of new permanent Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Jamie Doyle and new Town Engineer Tyson Joyce. They start their new roles on July 4th and May 30th respectively and we are lucky to have them. Recruitment is underway for a Community Development Director and Planner. These roles will have a huge impact on the many projects we have on the go for Year 2 of the Comprehensive Community Plan (CCP)'s 5-Year Plan and day-to-day operations.

2 Council intends to proceed with the **potential sale of Town lands** on Upper King Street and Hall Street. The Upper King Street lands, located in the buffer zone of the Heritage Conservation district, are for Residential use and therefore a Request for Proposals process will be followed. The RFP is to solicit design concepts for development, which will be subject to public consultation.

The parcel on Hall Street is zoned Industrial and is a more straightforward process of surveying, subdividing, then putting up for sale on the open market. These divestments will support goals of the CCP and provide benefits to the community.

3 An **LED Street Light Study report** was presented to Council and a public meeting this week. The provincial *Energy-Efficient Appliances Act* requires all roadway lighting to be replaced by Dec 31, 2022. New streetlights require a different approach in Old Town vs the rest of the Town, as New

Town residences have a greater setback from streetlights. The recommended fixtures will take 4-5 months to install and will be 46.25% more energy efficient.

4 Proposed **Noise Bylaw amendments** received first reading this week and a public hearing will take place at the June 14, 2022 Council Meeting. A comprehensive bylaw and policy review is scheduled to begin this fall, but as the summer approaches some targeted amendments for noise were proposed. These are meant to alleviate the most immediate concerns with this 20-year-old bylaw, including setting an evening cut-off time for noise of 11:00 p.m. and banning the private use of fireworks.

5 **Public special events** are being planned in partnership with community organizations for more activities and fun. Lunenburg's Birthday is coming up on June 7th and will be held in partnership with the Lunenburg Academy Foundation for a celebration of the Town's most visible feature – our built heritage. The event will feature the Grand Opening of the Heritage Classroom, the Heritage Recognition Awards, and a 125th Anniversary plaque unveiling for the Academy building.

Watch for our new and improved Canada Day plans in partnership with the Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic and Lunenburg Board of Trade – and more.

Thank you again for your interest. Enjoy the sunshine.

Mayor Matt Risser
Town of Lunenburg