

# MAYOR'S MONTHLY UPDATE

JULY 2022



There are fewer Council meetings in the summer, but services and projects continue at the Town of Lunenburg.

**1** Summer is a busy time for capital projects, including at our **Town utilities**. This month Council approved a Water Utility purchase of a replacement Chlorinator and an Electric Utility Voltage Regulator project to improve voltage availability in the Blue Rocks area.

**2** The Town was very pleased to receive **Recreation Facility** Development Program grants from the Province towards capital and accessibility upgrades for the Lunenburg Arena (\$40,000) and Skate Park (\$10,000). Recreation is vital to the quality of life in Lunenburg and plays an important role in the Comprehensive Community Plan (CCP).

**3** **Tenders or RFPs** are out now for a number of significant capital projects, including a tender for Tannery Road Watermain Replacement, and RFPs for the Harbourview/Morash Watermain Loop, and the GIS Master Plan. Expect updates on these to come.

Design concept proposals have also just been received for potential housing development of the **Upper King Street** lands. More details to come on this too as we work through the process.

**4** The Town has found our new **Director of Community Development** in our own Arthur MacDonald, formerly Heritage Manager. After a competitive recruitment process, it was evident his experience, tenure, and appreciation for the Town made him the ideal candidate.

As part of the Town's organizational review, our responsibilities for planning and development, heritage, economic development, and recreation and culture will be housed under one department with an anticipated increase in staff and Arthur now at the head. Congratulations!

**5** Visitors are back, residents are out, and July saw many **Town and community events** – Canada Day, the Lunenburg Food & Craft Festival, StreetFest, the Lunenburg Arts Festival, the Big 50 Picnic in the Park, the Folk Art Festival, and weekend Folk Harbour bandstand concerts with the full Lunenburg Folk Harbour Festival back next month. It's excellent to see our streets so lively again.

I hope everyone is having a great summer. Enjoy being a tourist in your town.

**Mayor Matt Risser**  
**Town of Lunenburg**