

MAYOR'S MONTHLY UPDATE

AUGUST 2022



Summer is now winding down but planning for the fall was winding up through August at the Town.

1 Heritage Background Study: The Background Study for the Town's new Heritage Conservation District (HCD) Plan & By-law, drafted by expert consultants from Brighter Community Planning & Consulting and EVOQ Strategies, was approved by Council on August 9th. This study provides the basis and blueprint for the Town's updated Heritage regulations and will align them with the Comprehensive Community Plan as well as the recently updated Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law. The public will have opportunities to comment on the Draft HCD Plan & By-law when the documents are completed this fall. To read the Background Study, visit: <https://townoflunenburg.ca/heritage/1140-hcd-background-study-aug-9-2022.html>

2 Tannery Road Watermain: The Town has awarded the tender for this project to Aberdeen Paving. The watermain on Tannery Road – from the Green/Falkland Streets intersection to just past the Knickle Road intersection – will be replaced and stormwater separation installed. This is important water and wastewater infrastructure work called for in the Comprehensive Community Plan and will take place this fall. For more on this project, see the Council minutes for August 9, 2022: <https://townoflunenburg.ca/council-meetings-2022.html>

3 Solar Project: A study of the feasibility of rooftop or ground-mounted solar arrays as power sources for the Water Treatment Plant (WTP) and Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) was conducted. Council approved engineering design to go ahead for a

combination of rooftop and ground units for the WTP with a view to a potential build in 2023/24. Decisions on solar for the WWTP site – roof and field – will be deferred until the upgraded plant is in place and the Electric Utility sustainability review is completed respectively. For more on this project, see the Council minutes, as above.

4 Municipal Boundary Review: The Town of Lunenburg is conducting a review of the number of Councillors, electoral boundaries, and polling districts as required by the Government of Nova Scotia. Public feedback is an integral part of the process, so you are all invited to participate in a survey (<https://bit.ly/TOL-BoundarySurvey>) and/or attend a public information meeting on September 13, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. For more on the Review, visit: <https://townoflunenburg.ca/fact-sheet-municipal-boundary-review.html>.

5 Taxi By-law: An amendment to the Taxi By-law has been passed that increases taxi rates for the first time since 2003 at a rate roughly equivalent to the Consumer Price Index between then and now. Effective August 17th, the flat rate charge from any one point within the Town to any other point within the Town has been raised from \$5 to \$7 including HST. Other rates have increased proportionally. To view the amended by-law, visit: <https://townoflunenburg.ca/bylaws.html>

I hope everyone enjoys the final days of summer before the kids all go back to school. Thank you for your interest in our work.

Mayor Matt Risser
Town of Lunenburg