

MAYOR'S MONTHLY UPDATE

SEPTEMBER 2022



Fall has announced its arrival loudly this month with Fiona. We are grateful to have escaped lightly compared to other parts of the Province. Thank you to Lunenburg residents, businesses, and Town staff for your diligence on emergency preparedness.

1 Upper King Street: The RFP for design concepts for this potential sale of lands project was awarded to ZZAP Consulting of Dartmouth. This step is intended to get the highest and best use of the lands for the Town in keeping with the Comprehensive Community Plan, including affordable/accessible housing, as well as the highest sale value. For more, visit: <https://townoflunenburg.ca/fact-sheet-2-potential-sale-of-lands-upper-king-street.html>

2 Projects and Tenders: Several tenders and RFPs were awarded this month. The Electric Utility Financial Evaluation & Sustainability Assessment was awarded to CIMA Canada. The GIS Master Plan for water and wastewater system (i.e., digital mapping) was awarded to CBCL Engineering. The Duke and Prince Streets Reconstruction was awarded to Dexter Construction.

The Lunenburg Arena will also have a new sound system installed this year thanks to the Lunenburg Area Minor Hockey and Sporting Society.

3 Community Development: A new Building Permits report shows that in the six-month January to June period of 2022 a total of 36 dwelling units were approved,

compared to a total of 9 in the same period in 2021. This is movement in the right direction in our goal to see increases in the Town's housing stock. The report can be found in the agenda/minutes package from the September 13th Council meeting here: <https://townoflunenburg.ca/council-meetings-2022.html>

4 Audit: The audit of Town Budget 2021/22 has been completed and was presented to the Audit Committee this week. Modest surpluses in the Town General, Electric Utility, and Water Utility are being transferred to capital reserves.

5 Staffing: Kayla Byrne will be joining us as the Town's new Municipal Clerk starting October 3, 2022. Kayla brings solid municipal experience as former Legislative Services Coordinator with Municipality of Jasper, AB, amongst other municipal roles. She will work closely with Council and the CAO to manage Council and Committee meetings and procedures, by-laws and policies, and other official records and legal matters.

Trevor Hume, our Planning Technician, has been appointed Development Officer. Trevor will be the lead on actioning development permits and inquiries.

Watch out for traffic diversions around the Tannery Road watermain work and the Bluenose Drive sewer rehabilitation work. Talk to you all next month!

Mayor Matt Risser
Town of Lunenburg