

MAYOR'S MONTHLY UPDATE

JANUARY 2023



Happy New Year! We are gearing up for a very busy 2023! Here are just a few highlights of our activities in January.

1 Cornwallis Street Renaming: The survey for residents to have their input regarding the re-naming of Cornwallis Street is now available online and at Town Hall. Residents of Cornwallis Street have also been mailed copies of the survey. There are several choices listed and a section for you to make your own suggestion. We encourage residents of all ages to fill out the survey. Responses will be accepted until Feb. 13, 2023, at 4PM AST. The online survey can be found here: <https://bit.ly/TOL-cornwallis-survey>

2 Development Update: Our Community Development Department continues working on surveys and easements on Blockhouse Hill. They will soon issue a Request for Proposals which will describe the desired project (housing) and solicit bids from potential designers. After this is completed, we will move to a public consultation phase in preparation for development. This will be a huge step toward achieving a significant goal of the Comprehensive Community Plan.

3 Council Highlights: *Council Highlights* is a new feature on our website. It's a concise digest of decisions and issues from Lunenburg Town Council meetings. Short and informative points will allow residents to easily identify issues that are of most interest to them.

Council Highlights can be found here: townoflunenburg.ca/council-highlights.html

4 Economic Impact Study: After consulting with the Lunenburg Board of Trade and the Lunenburg Cultural Collective, our Community Development Department created a proposal for an Economic Impact Study for the Town. This study will answer important economic questions such as how much people spend and what they spend it on. We need this critical data to best inform our planning decisions and priorities.

5 Staffing: I'd like to welcome Communications Manager Michael Best to our staff. Michael has over 25 years of media and communication experience and has been a Lunenburg resident for over a decade. We continue to fill several vacant (and a few new) positions here at the Town and encourage you to check out our current employment opportunities here: <https://townoflunenburg.ca/employment-opportunities.html>

I hope to see many of you at the Pan- African Flag raising in honour of African Heritage Month in Nova Scotia: Wednesday, Feb 1 @ 12PM at the UNESCO Flagpoles, corner of Prince and Townsend Streets. For more information on African Heritage Month please visit: <https://ansa.novascotia.ca/african-heritage-month>

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