

Mayor's Monthly Update

February 2023



February is African Heritage Month in Nova Scotia and we were honoured to take part by raising the Pan African Flag. Freezing cold temperatures did not dampen the large and enthusiastic crowd who attended. Thanks to everyone involved for making it a wonderful event. Here's what else has been going on in February.

1 Volunteer Awards: Each year, the Town of Lunenburg recognizes the extraordinary contributions of volunteers who give of their time and skills to provide activities, services, and programs in our community. The Town invites and encourages nominations of volunteers who may be an individual (adult or youth), a group or a couple volunteering together. The Representative Volunteer is selected annually to be recognized at the Provincial Volunteer Awards ceremony. The deadline for nominations is February 28, 2023. Download the form here: <https://townoflunenburg.ca/519-volunteer-recognition-nomination-form/file.html>


2 Vending Bylaw: The Town intends to proceed with the adoption of a new standalone Vending By-law, which will come to Council for First Reading at the February 28 meeting, with Advertisement and Second Reading to follow pending Council's approval. Given that Vending is currently regulated within the Land Use By-law, an amendment to the Land-Use By-law is also required.

Residents are invited to attend a Planning Advisory Committee Public Participating Meeting at Town Hall on Monday, February 27 at 6PM to learn more about these changes. For more information, please visit: <https://townoflunenburg.ca/pac-public-participation-meetings-feb-27-2023.html>

3 Architectural Control Areas: In preparation for the proposed adoption of a new Heritage Conservation District Plan and Bylaw with an expanded district boundary, the Town is seeking to remove the current Architectural Control Areas from the Land Use By-law. This will help streamline the Town's regulations and processes for heritage conservation.

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4 Hall Street Potential Sale of Land: The Town has listed almost 20 acres of industrially zoned land for sale on Hall



Street. Industrial land is in short supply in Nova Scotia and this parcel offers a unique opportunity to develop this land for purposes that will enhance our diverse and productive industrial cluster. There are several potential uses for this site including offices, heavy and light industry, retail stores, commercial recreation, food and beverage production, to name a few.

If you would like to see a full list of possible uses for industrial-zoned land in Lunenburg, please have a look at the Land Use Bylaw, pages 15-16:
<https://townoflunenburg.ca/bylaws/985-land-use-bylaw/file.html>

Looking ahead to March – it’s crunch time for finance professionals everywhere – including the Town. Our staff is diligently adding up all the numbers to ensure we can provide the best possible services to residents for the coming year.

Mayor Matt Risser
Town of Lunenburg