

# MAYOR'S MONTHLY UPDATE



## Current Issue – April 2023

This will be my final monthly update. Deputy Mayor Peter Mosher will be stepping in as Acting Mayor as of 6pm on May 09. Monthly updates will continue from him until the by-election. The new mayor will decide how they continue periodic updates.

**1] Special Meeting - May 16:** Council will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, May 16 in Council Chambers at 6PM. Town staff are scheduled to present a comprehensive update on the financial outlook for the Town. The circumstances identified in this outlook will guide strategic decision-making for the coming years. We will publish the meeting agenda on Wednesday, May 10. Residents are welcome and encouraged to attend either in-person or online.

**2] Lunenburg Academy** - In April 2022, the Town of Lunenburg sent a letter of intent to Offer Sale of the Lunenburg Academy to the Lunenburg Academy Foundation. Currently, the Lunenburg Academy Foundation is awaiting the results of feasibility study by the end of May. This will determine whether they can assume ownership or if another path must be explored to ensure a sustainable future for the Academy.

**3] Electric Utility Review Study:** At Council's April 25 meeting, consultants presented an important study evaluating the Town of Lunenburg's Electric Utility financial situation and sustainability. The main options are to sell it, keep things as they are with the NSP service contract, retain it with a new service provider or re-establish in-house field staff. The utility requires 15 million dollars in upgrades over the next 10 years. No decision is being made at this time, but this is a critical issue that will need to be addressed soon. For the full report – please visit: <https://townoflunenburg.ca/council-2023/council-agenda-packages-2023/1356-04-25-2023-council-agenda/file.html>

**4] Skate Park:** Council approved upgrades to the Skate Park. These improvements, made possible by a \$100,000.00 private donation, will address mobility issues, safety and accessibility. For more information about the improvements and new features, please visit: <https://townoflunenburg.ca/council-2023/council-agenda-packages-2023/1356-04-25-2023-council-agenda/file.html>

**5] Volunteer Recognition:** This year, we are honoured to recognize Hugh Corkum (posthumously), Dave Robb, Travis Vaughn, and Jamie Ernst, who is Lunenburg's 2023 Provincial Volunteer Award Representative. I wish to extend my sincere gratitude and appreciation to all our community volunteers and organizations.

Finally, I would like to encourage residents to attend the May 02 Committee of the Whole meeting at Town Hall at 6PM. The primary purpose of this meeting is to discuss and finalize the 2023/24 operations budget for recommendation to Council.

Mayor Matt Risser

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