

MAYOR'S MONTHLY UPDATE

January 2021



Happy 2021! Here's a snapshot of what Council and staff have been working on in January.

1 Project Lunenburg will have a regular appearance here. All departments are doing intensive planning for the 5-Year Plan of the Comprehensive Community Plan (CCP) to figure out timelines and resources needed to accomplish all 35 actions by 2025. Council will meet on this again in mid-February. <https://www.projectlunenburg.ca/>

2 Lunenburg's new Anti-Racism Special Committee's draft Terms of Reference and membership make-up were approved by Council on January 26th. We're pleased to have this group of people lead the way on developing a Municipal Action Plan Against Racism and Discrimination for the town. For more, see pp. 6-29 of the Minutes package here: <http://bit.ly/34EtCLO>

3 Council approved the purchase of four properties in the natural Watershed area around Dares Lake. Protection of the Town's fresh water source is critical for the health and safety of our residents.

4 Governance is an area we continue to work on. The latest procedural refresh is a new guide for Committees and Councillors to submit notices of motions to Council, as well as an updated writing guide for staff reports. This all helps streamline the process of bringing issues before Council and makes meetings more efficient.

5 And finally, Council also appointed a new Town Crier on January 26th. Stephen Findlay is a professional actor and dancer with over 30 years of experience, who moved to Lunenburg two years ago. I'm confident Stephen will bring a ton of energy to the role. See him on his YouTube channel "The Dancing Baker Canada".

Thank you for listening, and I'll be in touch again next month.

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