

MAYOR'S MONTHLY UPDATE

March 2021



This month's update falls on a very special day to Lunenburgers – the 100th Anniversary of *Bluenose*.

1 The **Bluenose 100** centennial celebration launch is today: March 26, 2021. The virtual launch is live on Bluenose 100's Facebook and YouTube at 10:00 a.m. and at 7:00 p.m. Among the interviews and archival footage, you'll see a few words from me and many others.

The Bluenose 100 team will be showcasing stories from descendants of the builders and crew – many never before heard – every Saturday to the end of October. *Bluenose* caught the imagination of the country in 1921, and still does today.

<https://bluenose100.ca/>

2 **Project Lunenburg** has moved into the next phase: incorporating Comprehensive Community Plan (CCP) projects into the **Draft Town Budget 2021/22**, currently under review. The budget structure itself has been aligned with the CCP.

3 The CCP's **Five-Year Work Plan** was approved by Council this month. Council has also received the first **CCP Quarterly Report** as of the end of March 2021. Monitoring the progress is essential to the success of

the CCP projects.

<https://explorelunenburg.ca/comprehensive-community-plan.html>

4 Partnerships will also be key to successful implementation of the CCP. The **Federation of Canadian Municipalities** recently provided the Town with a \$50,000 grant to help Public Works develop a GIS (geographic information system). A GIS is essentially mapping the town digitally above and below ground to allow us to better manage and maintain our assets. The GIS ties directly to the CCP's "Servicing & Facilities" planning.

5 Other partnerships are about sharing information and ideas. The **Nova Scotia Affordable Housing Commission** is gathering public input on affordable housing right now – if you have needs or opinions to share, please take their 10-15 minute survey before it closes on March 31st.

<https://nsaffordablehousingcommission.ca/getinvolved>

Enjoy the return of spring, everyone, and I'll be back next month.

*Mayor Matt Risser
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