

MAYOR'S MONTHLY UPDATE

December 2020



Hello and welcome to my Monthly Update, which will be posted on the last Friday of each month. The update is to share with you, Lunenburg residents and businesses, a few of the things we are working on. I hope you will find it informative and useful.

1 First and foremost, the new **2020-24 Council** was sworn in on November 10th. This Council is the youngest in Lunenburg's history and the first with near gender-parity, including the first woman of colour. Peter Mosher is Deputy Mayor for 2020-21. We've been undergoing an extensive training program for the past two months and are already feeling like a strong team. <https://explorelunenburg.ca/mayor-and-councillors-contact.html>

2 Project Lunenburg's **Comprehensive Community Plan** was approved by Council on November 17th. This groundbreaking effort with extensive community document is the result of tremendous consultation. 35 Actions for the first five years were extracted from the CCP, and work is underway to accommodate a portion of the items into the Draft 2021-22 Town Budget. <https://explorelunenburg.ca/comprehensive-community-plan.html>

3 Council approved issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for pre-design engineering services for the **Wastewater Treatment Plant and Outfall Extension** project on December 8th. This work, once completed, will provide even more specific plans and estimates to proceed with the builds. Council toured the Wastewater

Treatment Plant on December 5th and had an opportunity to discuss the project with Public Works staff. Incremental upgrades have been taking place in the plant and collection system this year, with a marked improvement in performance.

<https://explorelunenburg.ca/wastewater-treatment.html>

4 You may have noticed we've made a few **procedural changes to Council Meeting Agendas**.

- They are now annotated with suggested motions. Please note that these motions may be changed, pass or fail in the meeting itself.
- We're also listing what items will be discussed in camera in the interests of transparency. Per the Municipal Government Act, all decisions are made in public session.

<http://bit.ly/38ojtUi>

5 It's the Holidays in Lunenburg, and despite the pandemic restrictions it's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas.

- The Lunenburg Community Christmas Concert is available on our YouTube channel and is raising funds for the Lunenburg Food Bank.
- The Arena is open over the holidays, and a skating schedule is posted.
- Join the Worldwide Christmas Eve Jingle by opening your front door at 6:00 p.m. and ringing a bell for two minutes to send a wave of bells across the world.

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My best wishes to all of you, and I'll see you in January!