

MAYOR'S MONTHLY UPDATE

NOVEMBER 2021



Hello, neighbours. As we know, COVID-19 cases have been spiking again recently, including a number of exposures in our area. Booster shots are now available for booking for immunocompromised people, and vaccinations for children are coming next month. Please continue to be vigilant and keep each other safe.

1 **Project Lunenburg** and the **Comprehensive Community Plan** won a 2021 Atlantic Planners Institute Award of Excellence in the category of “Comprehensive Policies and Plans”. Congratulations to the Project Lunenburg Steering Team, UPLAND Planning + Design, and all of you who contributed to the project.

2 The Planning Advisory Committee held a Public Participation Meeting on November 24th regarding a proposed amendment to the **Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use Bylaw** to enable a development agreement process for considering increases to maximum lot areas on a case-by-case basis. The item has been forwarded to Council for consideration at their December 14th meeting for first reading and scheduling of a Public Hearing.

3 **Deputy Mayor:** Councillor Peter Mosher has been selected by Council for a second year as Deputy Mayor. As the longest-serving member of Council, his perspective is valued and appreciated in this role.

4 With the retirement of long-time Chief Administrative Officer Bea Renton earlier this month, the Town has been fortunate to secure an **Interim CAO** in Kevin Malloy. Kevin retired as the CAO of the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg in 2019, and was previously CEO of Housing Nova Scotia and Deputy Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations. Lunenburg is in good hands as Town Council completes the recruitment process for a permanent CAO.

5 The Town raised the **Transgender flag** this month in honour of Transgender Awareness Week and the November 20th Day of Remembrance. Trans and gender non-conforming people are highly vulnerable to misunderstanding, discrimination, hate and, tragically, violence. I encourage citizens of Lunenburg to take the time to learn about and welcome all members of our increasingly diverse community.

Enjoy the upcoming Christmas festivities this coming weekend (Light Up Lunenburg, November 26-28) and next (Lunenburg Christmas Craft Festival, December 4-5). Eat, drink and be merry – shop local – and enjoy the free Town parking in the month of December.

Mayor Matt Risser
Town of Lunenburg