MAYOR'S MONTHLY UPDATE
AUGUST 2021

Hello everyone; I hope you've been enjoying the beautiful summer and the re-invigoration of events like Folk Harbour's Mini-Fest, the Lunenburg Craft & Food Show, the Lunenburg Board of Trade's Streetfest, and this week's Bluenose Days. Below are some of the activities that Town Council and staff have been engaged with in August.

1 **Project Lunenburg**: The Town's new Planning documents – Municipal Planning Strategy, Land Use Bylaw, and Subdivision Bylaw – have been submitted to the Province for a 90-day review. We hope for approval in early fall.

2 **Wastewater**: Dalhousie University's polymer study report was presented to Council on August 4th, along with CBCL's final report on the Wastewater Treatment Plant expansion project. The recommendations include upgrading the plant to a Sequencing Batch Reactor (SBR) system, and moving the effluent outfall to a better dispersion location at Burma Road. Council discussion of the project recommendations will begin in September.

3 **Pride 2021:** The Town held its 6th annual kickoff to Pride in Nova Scotia by raising the Progress Pride flag earlier this month to honour the struggle of 2SLGBTQ+ people for equal rights, acceptance, respect, and safety.

4 **Onam 2021:** This past weekend, our South Shore Malayalees community celebrated "Onam" at the Community Centre. Onam is an important annual harvest festival from the Indian state of Kerala. I was honoured to be there, and was happy to see all the young families in attendance.

5 **Finance:** The audit of the Town's 2020/21 Budget is nearly completed, and we are pleased that surpluses were reported and re-invested in reserve funds for future needs. The Town also received surprise funding from the Province for the re-gravelling of the Back Harbour Trail, as well as from the Lunenburg Academy Foundation for accessible entrance and inspection projects in that building.

Thank you for your ongoing interest. Best wishes for the young people headed back to school in the coming weeks!

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