

MAYOR'S MONTHLY UPDATE

OCTOBER 2021



October saw Project Lunenburg progress on a number of fronts.

1 Wastewater Treatment Plant and collection system upgrades are substantial priorities in the Town's Comprehensive Community Plan (CCP). Council has now approved a phased Implementation Plan that encompasses an extension to the outfall and near-term/long-term expansion of the plant. Extensive engineering and water studies have led us to this point and we are pleased to have a solid plan moving forward. For more information, visit our website: <https://townoflunenburg.ca/lunenburg-plans-for-upgraded-wastewater-treatment.html>

2 October was **Mi'kmaq Heritage Month** in Nova Scotia to encourage public awareness of Mi'kmaq culture and heritage. The 2021 theme was "Treaties". Lunenburg marked the occasion with the raising of the Mi'kmaq Grand Council flag on Treaty Day (October 1st) which also saw the launch of a handmade birch bark canoe by Elder Todd Labrador. I was honoured to have an opportunity to paddle the canoe with Elder Todd – see photos of the launch here: <https://bit.ly/3maKjXZ>

For more on Mi'kmaq Heritage Month and on treaty education, visit: <https://mikmaqhistorymonth.ca/>

3 Planning Department: The Town is increasing capacity in Planning to better service development opportunities and implement geographic information system mapping. Trevor Hume joined Town staff as Planning Technician this month.

4 CCP Projects: Several CCP-driven projects are currently undergoing a Request for Proposal process to move them forward. More to come on projects such as a renewed Heritage Conservation District Plan and Bylaw, solar energy feasibility, accessible sidewalk and parking standards, and a review of the Town organization, bylaws and policies. Project tenders can be viewed on our website: <https://townoflunenburg.ca/purchasing.html>

5 Arena: The 2021/22 skating season kicked off this month, including the debut of the Town's new ice resurfacer. For information on public skates, drop-in hockey, and rentals, visit our website: <https://townoflunenburg.ca/arena-programs-and-rentals.html>

Have a happy and safe Hallowe'en this weekend.

*Mayor Matt Risser
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