

Winter Parking Ban



The Town of Mahone Bay follows the winter parking ban, in accordance with Section 139 of the Motor Vehicle Act.

Vehicles that obstruct winter road maintenance will be ticketed or towed away at the owner's expense.

New Year's Levee

January 1, 2020

12:30 – 2:30pm

Please join us at the New Year's Levee on January 1st. This event is jointly sponsored by the Town of Mahone Bay, the Mahone Bay Legion Branch #49, the Mahone Bay and District Fire Department and the Mahone Bay and Area Lions Club.



Food Bank



We are accepting food bank donations at Town Hall – any contribution to support our local food bank is greatly appreciated.

Thank you, Father Christmas!



A big thank you to the Father Christmas Festival organizers for a wonderful tree lighting on November 29th. A fantastic annual event and the first for Mahone Bay's new permanent Christmas tree!

A reminder of the Reindeer Run this Saturday December 7th, starting at 6pm. Main Street will be closed between the Civic Marina and Kinburn Street at 5:45 for the duration of the run.

2020 Representative Volunteer



Mahone Bay boasts an amazing pool of Volunteers! The time, talents, and generosity of our volunteers are a big part of what makes Mahone Bay such a special place to be.

If you know someone who has made an outstanding contribution to our town with their volunteerism and you would like to nominate them as the Town of Mahone Bay 2020 Representative Volunteer, please contact Town Hall. Nominations will be accepted until January 24, 2020.

The 2020 Provincial Volunteer Awards will be presented on April 27, 2020 at Casino Nova Scotia. Help us celebrate our volunteers!

Survey

Congratulations to Denise Perry, the winner of a Centennial Prize package for her participation in our Benches Survey.



December's survey is one question and we will draw for three of the new Mahone Bay Centennial books: Tell us your wish for Mahone Bay in 2020. Please find the link on our website or Facebook page!

Important Dates

- Dec. 10th, 7pm - Council Meeting
- Dec. 24th – Jan. 1st – Office Closed
- Jan. 7th, 7pm – Planning Advisory Committee
- Jan. 8th, 5:30pm – Heritage Advisory Committee
- Jan. 13th – Christmas Tree Collection (no tinsel or decorations!)



HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL

Mayor's Newsletter

December 2019

Mahone Bay, NS

Message from the Mayor

Welcome to Christmas during our Mahone Bay Centennial Year

The celebration of Christmas was as pertinent an event for the townsfolk back in 1919 as it is today. One can revel in the Christmas tree, sparkling decorations, gifts shared among family and friends as well as celebrating face-to-face over the dinner table.

Arthur Ernst, our first Mayor - born and raised in Mahone Bay - embraced the notion of hard work and commitment to his community. That sense of commitment is still obvious and readily visible as you go around our town celebrating the Father Christmas Festival. Through the same hard work and commitment, hundreds of dedicated volunteers contribute thousands of hours of their time to produce this spectacular high point of our Christmas season in Mahone Bay. Thank the volunteers!

The spirit of Christmas is shared in every joy and in every act of kindness during at this time of year. Christmas holds a special place in our hearts and in our memories. Its true spirit is celebrated every time we make a sacrifice for the benefit of our fellow citizens or share the goodness of the season with them. Share that spirit with a fellow citizen, friend, neighbour or perhaps someone you do not yet know.

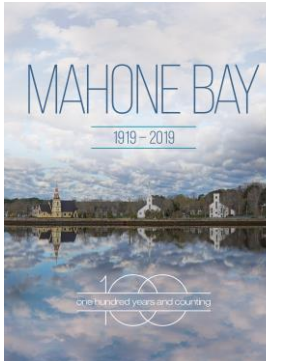
On behalf of the members of Mahone Bay Town Council and the staff of your Town Hall, I wish you all:

Merry Christmas, Seasons' Greetings, Joyeux Noel, Feliz Navidad, Froliche Weihnachten, Buon Natale, Nollaig Shona, god Jul.


David W. Devenne
Mayor

Mahone Bay: 100 Years and Counting

We are incredibly proud to announce the release of the Town of Mahone Bay Centennial Book, *Mahone Bay: 100 Years and Counting*.



Filled with fantastic stories of the early days of our town and pictures of the people and events that have shaped Mahone Bay, this book is a visually stunning tribute to our town.

The official book launch was a part of the first weekend of Father Christmas with an author reading by Bob Sayer. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Copies of the book are available for purchase at Town Hall and at a variety of retailers around town.

100 Trees: 100 Years

We are still going strong with 100 Trees: 100 Years! We are still taking donations for trees and we have a growing list of trees that have been registered and will be planted in the spring. If you are interested in donating a tree or if you would like more information about this project, please contact Town Hall.



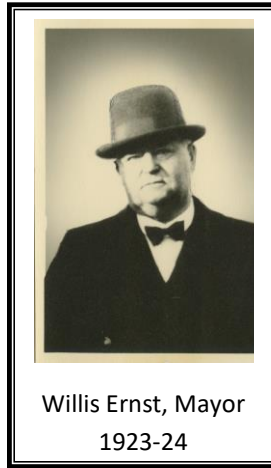
Mayor Devenne, Valerie Hearder from Talking Trees, and the Bayview Environment Club with one of 3 apple trees planted as part of 100 Trees: 100 Years.

Mahone Bay Mayors

Thank you for all of the photos that you have shared! We are quickly filling in the photos for our Mayor's Gallery!

We are still looking for a few more mayors – if you have any old photos, or if you know anyone who might, please contact Town Hall to ensure that these photos are a part of the gallery.

- Victor Dyer (1982-1983)
- Evan Burgoyne (1950-52; 56-58)
- J.C. Hagen (1940-44)
- Alfred Clairmonte Zwicker (1924-29; 36-40)
- Reginald Hyson (1922-23)



Willis Ernst, Mayor
1923-24

Michael O'Connor Memorial Bandstand

Thank you to those who have donated to the continued restoration and preservation of our beloved harbourfront bandstand. Renamed this year in honour of a musician and educator who was a dedicated volunteer, work at the bandstand has already included the restoration of timbers and improved access to the bandstand and surrounding areas. We anticipate work on the roof and the improvements for performers and audience in the new year.



Anyone looking for information on how to donate to the ongoing work on the Michael O'Connor Memorial Bandstand can find specifics by contacting Town Hall. Donations are eligible for a tax receipt.

Mahone Bay's Green Christmas Trees Sweetwood Farm Goats

For the past several months, this space has been devoted to celebrating the choices that businesses make to be more environmentally responsible. In honour of the holiday season, this month is dedicated to a community effort to make our earth a better place, by the way that we manage our Christmas trees.

We have approximately 650 households in Mahone Bay, certainly not all of which put out a Christmas Tree for collection in January, but that is a lot of trees that end up curbside. The Town makes special arrangements with Sweetwood Farm in Maitland and our solid waste haulers, GE's Environmental, to recycle those trees as food and entertainment for the goats. 2020 will be the third year that Town of Mahone Bay Christmas trees go to the goats at Sweetwood Farm.



Photo credit: Sweetwood Farm

Tell us about businesses in Mahone Bay that are making an effort to be earth friendly by emailing us at: clerk@townofmahonebay.ca.

2020 Dog Tags



Make sure to register your dog for 2020. Dog Tags are FREE to residents of the Town. All dogs within the Town must be registered every year and wear a Dog Tag – 2020 dogs tags are expected any day now!

Fire Department Open House

Mahone Bay is building a new Fire Station and we were pleased to talk to everyone who came to meet us at the Open House on November 26th. Those who attended had an opportunity to see the proposed location of our new Fire Station and to learn more about the anticipated timeline for this project.



A big thank you to the Mahone Bay and Area Fire Department for turning out in such great numbers to help us with tours of the facility. Open House attendees were able to get a tour of the truck bay and see for themselves why this is such an important issue.

Asset Management Committee

The Town of Mahone Bay has been very active in the developing study of asset management as communities across the country are changing the way that they look at the long-term management of municipally owned infrastructure. We are delighted to have several members of the public join us as committee volunteers on our Asset Management Committee and we look forward to working together to identify and prioritize the maintenance, upgrades, and replacement of Town assets.



Members of the Asset Management Committee took part in a tour of Town infrastructure on November 29th – thank you to Town public works staff for taking the time to explain the various functions and facilities of the Town.

Water Rate Increases

In response to an application from the Mahone Bay Water Utility, the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board has approved a rate increase of approximately 8%.

- Residential Base Charge +8% (aprox)
- Commercial Base Charge +7.5% (aprox)
- Consumption Charge +9% (aprox)

These changes are effective as of November 1, 2019 and will appear on December and January. Further increases will be seen on April 1, 2020 and April 1, 2021. This is the first rate increase for the water utility since 2016 and it is necessary to keep up with rising costs of capital and operations.

Changes to Waste Collection

The Town of Mahone Bay has approved an amended Waste Collection By-law, with a few changes that will affect the way that your garbage is collected.



1. Green bins and paper bags are now required for leaf and yard waste collection (and bundles where appropriate).
2. Regular bulky-waste collection will continue, with TWO bulky items being permitted on green week, but not wood or metal.
3. There are new special collection dates in 2020: Electronic Collection and Wood and Metal Collection.
4. FREE Curbside Giveaway Weekend. On Saturday, October 3rd and Sunday, October 4th we welcome Town residents to join in with the county-wide Curbside Giveaway weekend. Watch for more information on the Curbside Giveaway in the future.