

Mayor's Newsletter

January 2020

Mahone Bay, NS

We're Still Going Strong - Centennial Year Continues into 2020!

The Town of Mahone Bay Centennial is a special recognition of our 100-year anniversary of incorporation, and as such, our Centennial celebrations will continue until the end of March 2020. Thank you to all for the amazing outpouring of support and enthusiasm and we look forward to three more months of fun!

100 Trees: 100 Years

We are proud to announce that we have **108** trees registered as part of this amazing Centennial initiative! We have exceeded our goal and we encourage anyone interested in donating a tree to contact Town Hall – all trees registered as part of this campaign will have a sign indicating species, number in the registry, as well as room for a donation line if that is of interest.

Our tree volunteers are still hard at work and many will notice the protective fencing that has been

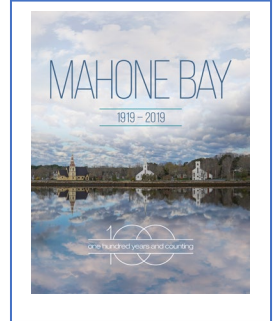


installed around several of the donated trees. The fencing has been installed to protect against deer and in some cases passing pedestrian traffic. Not all trees are tempting to deer so some are still unfenced, but our amazing community partners are keeping watch.

In the meantime, we ask that Mahone Bay residents help us keep these new trees safe and strong by keeping dogs away from the new trees. Let's all help these new trees succeed!

Mahone Bay: 100 Years and Counting

We are proud of how well the Town of Mahone Bay Centennial Book has been received by the community. *Mahone Bay 1919 – 2019: 100 Years and Counting* is a collection of stories and photos of how Mahone Bay became the special place that it is today.



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

Thank you!

Thank you to all who have donated to the Michael O'Connor Memorial Bandstand and the 100 Trees: 100 Years Project.

Still to come...

Mayor's Gallery

We did it, Mahone Bay – we have photos of all of Mahone Bay's past mayors thanks to your help! Watch for news about the installation of our Town of Mahone Bay Mayor's Gallery.

Dance 'til your socks melt!

Watch for information on our Roaring 20s Dance in March at the Mahone Bay Legion. Special thanks to the Mahone Bay Legion Swing Band and the Mahone Bay Legion Branch 49 for their generosity – watch for information on this event that is sure to be the Bee's Knees!

Legion Brunch

We kicked off our Centennial Celebrations at the March 2019 Legion Brunch and we will wrap up the same way – join us at the March 2020 Brunch to celebrate a great year of fun.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

As 2020 unfolds before us, Mahone Bay continues to be a great place to live. The year past -2019- was our Centennial year and there have been many achievements worthy of note. Just a few of those successes include:

- A formal declaration of a climate emergency
- Continued success of the AREA windfarm project
- A commitment to GHG Reduction initiatives
- Increased development of non-fossil fuel energy sources thru a Solar Garden initiative
- Initiated process for a new Fire Station
- Align on a Partnership for Climate Protection
- Electric Vehicle Charging stations coming
- Centennial Program initiated events:
 - 100 trees planted for the 100 years of Town
 - Restoration of the bandstand
 - Mural at RPS records a view of town history
 - Printing of a Centennial Memorial Book
- Nursing Home Development Agreement pending
- Expanded the number of Heritage properties
- Formally issued a call for Public Enquiry and Moratorium on off-shore oil drilling
- Enhanced collaboration with MBTCC
- Modernization of waste collection standards

Our town continues to attract new residents, businesses and thousands of visitors. One must acknowledge the impact of the hundreds of volunteers from the town and local communities supporting Town activities. We must also recognize the professionalism of town staff and the commitment of the members of council for their efforts in promoting our town. The collective efforts off all of those involved ensure the on-going level of pride and respect we can rightfully have in our town.

Mahone Bay is indeed a great place to live and call home!!


David W. Devenne
Mayor

Helping Shoppers Make Simple Change

Nick's Independent is creating a great deal of buzz for those who are trying to make simple changes that have a big impact. In December, Nick's Independent introduced reusable produce bags for purchase. These bags are the next step for those who are trying to eliminate single-use plastics in their households and have been warmly received by the community.

Nick Francis says that these produce bags are just a first step and that the Independent is just starting their journey on the transition away from single-use plastic. Other ideas that they are pursuing are alternatives to plastic cutlery, plastic packaging and, of course, plastic shopping bags in preparation for the upcoming federal ban on single-use plastics.

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



Jessica and Nick Francis with Mayor Devenne displaying the reusable produce bags now available for sale at Nick's Independent.

Introducing Katherine Dorey

The Town of Mahone Bay is pleased to introduce our newest staff member – Katherine Dorey, Climate and Energy Outreach Coordinator. Katherine will be working with the Town to lead community education and engagement efforts in Mahone Bay as part of the Town of Mahone Bay's efforts to develop new strategies to make clean energy more accessible for residents and businesses as well as promoting existing programs.

Katherine is originally from Lunenburg

County and has a background in Environmental Science and Renewable Energy. We are proud that we will be able to benefit from Katherine's expertise and experience as well as her passion for clean energy. Please introduce yourself to Katherine when you see her in Town – she wants to hear your thoughts and we want to show off our engaged Town residents.



Katherine Dorey, Climate and Energy Outreach Coordinator



Let's Make 2020 the year that we resolve to bring our own mugs, bags, or bottles!

Over the last few months we've identified a number of businesses in Town that offer solutions to help us live a more green lifestyle – we can do this, Mahone Bay!

Supporting an Accessible Community

We are pleased to recognize two businesses whose delivery services reduce accessibility barriers and help make Mahone Bay an Age Friendly Community:



Nick's Independent Grocery Delivery Service:

Limited spots available for weekly free delivery of groceries for seniors who are unable to manage their own shopping.

Delivery is provided by VON volunteers. For more information, call Kathy at (902) 624-8044.

Kinburn Pharmasave Delivery Service:

Free delivery of prescriptions or prescriptions plus groceries. \$5 for delivery of groceries only.

Contact Anil at 902-624-8347 for further information

What's Happening at Council?

Did you know that you can follow what is happening at Council on our website?



You can find agenda and meeting packages for upcoming meetings (posted three days in advance), minutes of past

Council minutes, as well as recordings of actual Council meetings.

Click on Town Government, then Council Documents and then select by year. That easy!

Thursdays with the Mayor

Mayor Devenne is available to schedule meetings with the public on Thursday mornings at Town Hall.



To schedule a time to meet, contact Town Hall and staff will book a time in his schedule.

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.

Cars that are parked in a way that interferes with winter road maintenance not only prevent proper maintenance, potentially leading to slippery areas and obstructive piles of snow and ice, but also require additional resources to send crews and machinery back to clear areas that were blocked.



2020 Representative Volunteer

VOLUNTEER



We are still collecting nominations for the Town of Mahone Bay 2020 Representative Volunteer. If you know a Town resident that has made an outstanding

contribution to our Town with their volunteerism, please contact Town Hall for information on how to submit a nomination.

The 2020 Provincial Volunteer Awards will be presented on April 27, 2020 at Casino Nova Scotia.

Nominations will be accepted until January 24, 2020. Help us celebrate our volunteers!

Survey

Congratulations to Tammy Nauss, Tom Turner and Colleen O'Neill, winners of the December survey.



Thinkwell Shift has been contracted by Mahone Bay Electric Utility to conduct focus groups in the town of Mahone Bay focusing on emissions reduction and renewable energy.

They are looking to speak with people who are customers of Mahone Bay Electric Utility. If you are interested, follow the link on our website. We'd love to have your participation!

CodeRED

Have you signed up for the



CodeRED notification system? If not, please find the link on our website to register.

Did you notice that you can sign up for more than just emergency notifications? There are also lists to receive other notifications:

- Communications from Town Council
- Community Notices from Town Hall
- Service Notifications (Water, Wastewater, Electric, Transportation)

If you have any questions or if you would like help registering, please contact Town Hall – staff are happy to assist.

Important Dates

- January 16th – Asset Management Committee Meeting – 1pm
- January 23rd – Audit and Finance Committee Meeting – 7pm
- January 27th – Age Friendly Community Committee Meeting – 7pm
- January 30th – Police Advisory Board Meeting – 6pm
- January 30th – Council Meeting – 7pm