

# Mayor's Newsletter

February 2020

Mahone Bay, NS



## Introducing our new logo!

As the Town turns 100 we reflect on what we have been able to accomplish, working with our residents and businesses. Recent celebrations have highlighted this cooperation and the fantastic volunteers who have helped make this centennial year special.

The Town of Mahone Bay provides services needed by residents and businesses, from drinking water to safe streets and reliable electricity.

Looking ahead to the next 100 years, the Town is working to improve its communications with residents and businesses.

To distinguish Town services from the important work of other local organizations, the Town has adopted a new logo developed by Mahone Bay's own Skysail Brand Marketing Inc. to help the people of Mahone Bay identify communications from the Town at a glance.

Our new logo will soon appear on official notices, agendas, bills and correspondence from the Town.

## 100 Trees: 100 Years

We have 112 Trees registered as part of this AMAZING centennial initiative! While the ground is frozen, we're still accepting donations to have trees planted in the spring. Trees have been donated as memorials, as a way of leaving a lasting impact on the Town, and even some planted as a way of improving the environment as a whole.



## Still to come...

### Mayor's Gallery

Watch for more information soon on the unveiling of the Mayor's Gallery. A special thanks to Four Square Framing and all of the people who shared photos of past mayors since 1919!

### Roaring 20s Dance

Help us celebrate a year of great community initiatives with a Roaring 20s dance with the Mahone Bay Legion Swing Band on March 21<sup>st</sup>. Watch for more information on how you can get your tickets for what is sure to be a fun evening!


### Centennial Brunch

The Town is proud to sponsor the March 29<sup>th</sup> Legion Brunch as part of our thank you to the community for helping us celebrate 100 years!

Mahone Bay continues to change. Many people have lived here all their lives while others have decided to become citizens of our town more recently. The old moniker “Come From Away” has been replaced by “Resident by Choice”.

I am frequently told by some of the older residents what a neighbourly town Mahone Bay ‘used to be’. Kids went to the old school together until graduating from grade 12. There were lots of opportunities for everyone in town to come together and celebrate. Everyone knew their neighbours...their names, their kids, their needs and their strengths. Times may have changed but the need for a neighbourhood remains.

It is time to come out and meet your neighbours. Find out how you can better understand and support them. Find out what help your neighbour may need from you. Help re-create that welcoming, supportive community of the past. The Mahone Bay Hello Neighbour Volunteer Group invites you to a potluck meal at the Mahone Bay Center Gym on February 29 from 5 – 7 pm – bring the whole family. Bring along a dish to share with your neighbours (Please bring plates and cutlery). See you there...just come up, smile and say “Hello Neighbour”.

  
David W. Devenne  
Mayor

## Reduced Waste Options

When making the switch to products that produce less waste, it can be hard to find biodegradable and/or reduced packaging options. The Cosmic Hippy Boutique on Main Street offers everything from fully biodegradable bamboo toothbrushes, biodegradable yoga mats, to biodegradable clothing.

Owner Christine Knickle says that the most popular product that she sells is the chemical free line of skin products, but that she is also seeing a steady increase in sales of 100% biodegradable clothing made with natural fibres.



*Mayor Devenne and Christine Knickle, owner of the Cosmic Hippy Boutique, pose with tooth powder, a fully biodegradable bamboo toothbrush and concentrated laundry powder in paper packaging.*

Do you know of a business that is making an effort to be earth friendly? Let us know at [clerk@townofmahonebay.ca](mailto:clerk@townofmahonebay.ca)



## LEADING THE SCENE BY GOING GREEN

The Town of Mahone Bay is one of five municipally owned and operated electric utilities in the province of Nova Scotia. The town, through its Electric Utility, is committed to sustainable energy. As a partner in the Alternative Resource Energy Authority (AREA), the town participates in a wind energy project in the district of West Hants near Ellershouse, Nova Scotia.



**60% +**

Of the energy  
supplied to utility  
customers comes  
from a renewable  
source

**Our Focus**

Customer care,  
reliability, and  
sustainability

**Stable  
Rates**

As a municipally  
owned utility we  
are able to offer  
stable rates

**10%**

Of the Ellershouse  
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Town of Mahone  
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## 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.

## Dog Tags



Sophie Biebesheimer is wearing Town of Mahone Bay 2020 Dog Tag #001

Does your dog have their 2020 Town of Mahone Bay Dog Tag? FREE Dog Registration is mandatory in Mahone Bay every year.

Annual registration ensures that we have the most up-to-date contact information.

## 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Heritage Recognition Awards



The Mahone Bay Founders Society is looking for nominations for the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Heritage Recognition Awards. For information on how to

nominate someone for an award, go to [www.mahonebaymuseum.com](http://www.mahonebaymuseum.com).

Nominations close on February 28, 2020.

## Share Your Thoughts!



The Town has contracted CBCL Consulting Engineers to develop a Transportation Plan for Mahone Bay.

Join us for a

discussion about needs, opportunities, and how Mahone Bay can prepare for a cleaner, greener transportation future.

Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>

Abriel Room, Mahone Bay Centre

5:00 – 7:00 pm



Winter weather has given us a few

opportunities recently to use our CodeRED notification system. It is easy to sign up on our website, or you can contact Town Hall to learn about how you can receive information about emergencies, service interruptions, traffic and other important notices from the Town.



## Important Dates

- February 20<sup>th</sup> – Transportation Plan Consultation – 5-7pm (MB Centre)
- February 21<sup>st</sup> – Asset Management Committee – 1pm
- February 24<sup>th</sup> – Age Friendly Community Committee – 7pm
- February 27<sup>th</sup> – Public Hearing – Civic Addressing By-law – 6:30pm
- February 27<sup>th</sup> – Council Meeting – 7pm