

Mayor's Newsletter

July 2021 Mahone Bay, NS

Mahone Bay Firehall



Mahone Bay is getting a new fire hall!

The Town and the Mahone Bay Fire Department are moving

forward with plans to replace the current fire hall on Kinburn Street, as an addition to the new Fire Station currently being constructed.

The Town and the Fire Department have reached an agreement to proceed with the new hall. The cost of the construction (1 million dollars) will be largely financed by volunteer fundraising activities.

This new hall will support volunteer fundraising activities which provide revenue for the purchase of needed equipment and trucks, in addition to taxes and donations.

The new hall will also expand the new building's emergency capacity, allowing it to serve as a full-fledged emergency shelter for Mahone bay and area.

Work on the new hall should be substantially completed in the winter of 2022.

Mahone Bay Mourns

Our hearts go out to our friends in our local First Nations communities and beyond. We reassert our intent to live within the Peace and Friendship Treaties - with respect, cooperation, and coexistence.

Call the RCMP



The Town of Mahone Bay contracts the RCMP to educate and keep the residents of Mahone Bay safe.

If you see someone breaking the law, please contact the Lilydale detachment of the RCMP to report the incident, the non-emergency phone number is 902-634-8674. Of course, if you have an emergency, please call 911.

New 3-way Stop

Way to go Mahone Bay! Smooth sailing so far at Mahone Bay's newest intersection at the corner of Main and Clearway.



Cyclists, remember that you are expected to come to a full stop at all stop signs as well.

Thank you for your diligence Mahone Bay!

Bike Safety



With warmer weather comes an increase in bicycle traffic. Bicycle safety is everyone's responsibility!

Cyclists - wear your helmet, it's the law, and watch out for pedestrians and vehicles.

Motorists - watch for cyclists, especially the young ones who are still learning.

For everyone's safety, please avoid Town Hall during construction. The Town's outdoor drop-box has been temporarily moved to the Mahone Bay Fire Hall at 184 Kinburn Street.



Message from the Mayor

The summer in Mahone Bay is well underway. Our weather has been unusually warm early in the season. Citizens are out and about, walking, talking, enjoying life in our little town. And at the same time the summer car enthusiasts are on the street. Drivers young and old gather in the parking lots around Edgewater St. They laugh they talk boisterously. They enthusiastically enjoy each others company and at the end of the night they drive off.

Unfortunately some of them drive off in a manner which is deemed as somewhat unsafe. Some citizens believe the vehicles are exceeding posted speed limits. Others suggest vehicles are equipped with mufflers that seemed to be louder than standard equipment. Citizens are frustrated and they are asking for something to be done.

Town staff have discussed the problem on numerous occasions with the RCMP who have offered some advice on the issue. It was noted that in order for the driver of a motor vehicle to be charged with speeding there must be a method of determining the speed of the vehicle - typically by using radar. It is not enough for an individual to stand on the side of the street and watch a car go by or hear a the exhaust of a vehicle passing to assess the speed of the vehicle.

If you are concerned by the antics of the few on the streets at night who are deemed to be driving recklessly, call the RCMP at 902 634 8674. If you are able to note some details of the offending vehicle, report it as well.

David W. Devenne

Bayview Cemetery Trees

The Town has identified several dead and dangerous trees in Bayview Cemetery which must be removed swiftly and carefully. We were pleased that representatives from Talking Trees met with us at the cemetery as staff and the Town's contractor discussed the trees



that need to be removed, replanting, and even the start of a long-term plan for tree maintenance in the cemetery.

Our tree crew is planning to conduct this work over two weekends, doing their best to get work done before traffic reaches its peak. Traffic is a consideration in this location so work will begin at around 7am and we expect that it will need to wrap up around 10:00 or 11:00am, based on traffic flow.

In total, six dead trees will be removed and two will be replaced; the remaining four trees will not be replaced at this time after an inspection showed that the healthiest thing for the existing trees is to allow them to thrive with the reduced competition for resources – we look forward to watching them get big and strong.

The Town has been discussing trees as part of our natural assets and while we continue our research and discussion about what this will look like in Mahone Bay, it is a fact that part of living with trees as an integrated part of our urban environment is the need to maintain trees; that means trimming, thinning, replanting, and even removing trees when necessary.

We ask that residents remember that this is a work site that is dangerous for the tree removal crews – please stay clear of the worksite for everyone's safety.

Bicycle Engagement



A big thank you to all of the Mahone Bay, and surrounding, residents for taking the time to participate in our

engagement activities concerning the proposed community-wide bicycle route. Your feedback is so important and we will be reviewing all of your suggestions.

Can we See your Address?

In an emergency, seconds can count.

Is your civic address sign easily visible from the road? Having

a blue and white reflective civic address sign could save the life of you or a family member. Contact Town Hall to order one for only \$14.

Wildlife Feeding

We're asking the residents of Mahone Bay to please refrain from feeding wildlife in Town. They are cute and we all love them but feeding wildlife changes their dietary habit, which is dangerous to their health and survival. It also brings them

into closer contact with humans, which is a danger to them as it lures them across our roadways.

Electronic Newsletter

Have you signed up to get the Mayor's

Newsletter by email?

Enter your information using the prompt at the bottom of every website page.



Volunteers Needed

The Town of Mahone Bay is seeking volunteers for the Town's Police Advisory Board.



The Province of NS is also seeking a Provincial appointment to the Town's Police Advisory Board.

Learn how to apply to the committees by checking out the Committees page under the Council tab on the Town website.

To learn more about Provincial appointments and how you can apply, visit novascotia.ca/ abc or call 1-866-206-6844.

Public Input Sessions

As part of the Town's newly amended Council Policy, 15 minutes have been added ahead of each council meeting. If you have a question or concern that you would like to voice to



Council, this is an excellent opportunity to do so. The link to the session is available 3 business days prior to the meeting, it can be found on the Town's Facebook page and website.

Important Dates

July 13 - Public Input Session - 6:45pm

July 13 - Council Meeting - 7pm

July 14 - HAC Meeting - 5:30pm

July 15 - Asset Management Meeting

July 22 - Audit Committee Meeting

July 26 - Policy & Strategy Committee Meeting

July 29 - Police Advisory Board Meeting

July 29 - Public Hearing - REMO By-law 6:30pm

July 29 - Council Meeting - 7pm

Have a ball in our playgrounds, parks, and pool!



PUBLIC POOL PARTNERSHIP

The Town partners with the Pool Society to provide a fun and safe place to play. We proudly collaborate with non-profit experts to ensure our facilities are used to their fullest potential.



OUR LONG STANDING BANDSTAND

Our Town has had a bandstand since it's earliest days: a place for the community to express itself. It's ideal for hosting events and festivals, especially since it's Centennial refurbishment. and it's new name: the Michael O'Connor Memorial Bandstand!



HAVING A FIELD DAY

The ballpark and soccer field are maintained by the Town's Public Works team to provide a place for organized sports and leagues that bring our community together.

There's no shortage of places to play!

The Town provides and maintains our recreation assets to give residents options for healthy fun. We've prioritized community partnerships in managing these facilities so that we can make sure they're put to their best use. We provide the facilities, you provide the fun!



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