

## Mayor's Holiday Message

Over the past year we have often been challenged to show the strength of our community. The ongoing pandemic required all of us to capitalize on the support of our neighbours and of our business community. The community has continued to show resilience and resolve as we worked hard to restore some sense of normalcy to life in Mahone Bay while following evolving public health guidelines.



This year we will once again join our neighbours in spreading kindness during the festive holiday season. But there are many in the community that are missing loved ones. Businesses continue to struggle to rebound from the financial losses engendered by the pandemic and the stress created by staff shortages. We can support business by spreading kindness this season. We can make a commitment to shop local to support our business community. And we can share our holiday cheer with those businesses and all of our neighbours.

In our town, we can look forward to enjoying our continued quality of life in 2022. I remain proud to live in a Mahone Bay – a town with strong community spirit. On behalf of my fellow members of Council and the Town staff, I wish you all the very best of the season, good health and the prosperity of the new year.

  
 David W. Devenne  
 Mayor

## Winter Parking



Please remember that vehicles that obstruct snow clearing and/or winter road maintenance are in violation of the Motor Vehicle Act and are subject to being ticketed and/or towed at the expense of the owner.

## Natural Christmas Tree Collection

Natural Christmas tree and greenery collection will be held this year on January 10, 2022..



Once again the natural greenery from Mahone Bay will be delivered to a local farm where they will provide shelter, food and recreation for goats.

Please make sure your items are free of tinsel, wire, and ornaments. Any wires in garlands must be removed as part of regular solid-waste sorting.

## Dog Tags

Introducing Finn Morse!  
 Finn is the holder  
 of 2022 dog tag #001!



Finn enjoys walking on leash along the Mahone Bay Harbour, accepting dog treats at the bank, and reminding his canine friends that FREE annual dog registration is mandatory as it helps connect dogs with their people fast. Thank you, Finn, for helping us spread the word!

## Provincial Volunteers

The Province of NS is now accepting applications from NS residents to join ABCs (agency, board or commission).



Serving on one of Nova Scotia's 190 agencies, boards and commissions can help you grow personally and professionally while making a real impact on your community.

One of these vacancies is the provincial appointment to the Town of Mahone Bay's Police Advisory Board. To learn more about Provincial appointments and how you can apply, visit [novascotia.ca/abc](http://novascotia.ca/abc) or call 1-866-206-6844.

## Mahone Bay Museum

Missing summer already? The Mahone Bay Museum has captured memories of warm sunny days in their breathtaking virtual tour of the Mahone Bay area. To learn more about how you can view this virtual tour, visit the museum's website, [mahonebaymuseum.com](http://mahonebaymuseum.com)



## Mayor's Office Hours

Now that we are back in Town Hall you can once again book an in-person meeting with the Mayor.



The Mayor's Office Hours are generally Thursday mornings. Please call the Town Hall at 624-8327 if you would like to book an appointment.

Proof of vaccination and masking are required for an in-person meeting. Phone or virtual meetings are also available.

## Mahone Bay Foodbank

With the holiday season fast approaching and many still feeling the financial impacts of the pandemic, please consider making a donation of food or money to the Mahone Bay & Area Food Bank.



Non-perishable foods and monetary donations can be dropped off or mailed to Mahone Bay Area Foodbank c/o The Mahone Bay Centre, 45 School Street, Mahone Bay NS B0J 2E0.

Donations of non-perishable foods can also be dropped off at Nick's Independent.

## Trash to Cash

Trash 2 Cash 4 Charity collects refundable recyclables and donates the funds to local charities. If you would like to donate your refundables to this great cause contact JayMe Rowat, (902) 233-8358



## New Years Levee

The Mahone Bay Legion Branch #49 has decided, along with its community partners, to cancel the 2022 New Years Day Levee.

We would like to thank the members of the Legion for being diligent in keeping the health and safety of their members, volunteers and our community as a top priority.

We wish everyone all the best for a happy and prosperous 2022.



## 'Tis the Season to Shop Local!

The holidays are just around the corner, and the Town of Mahone Bay would like to encourage and remind residents of the importance of shopping locally!



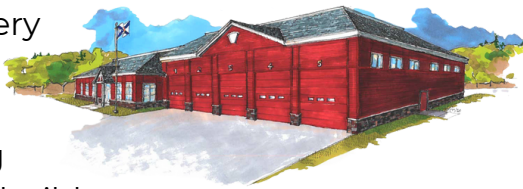
Did you know that according to a recent study, Canadians are the biggest online international shoppers in the world? 83% of Canadians have bought from an international retailer, most commonly in the U.S. or China.

By choosing to purchase locally, you are not only supporting a neighbour, but are also reducing your carbon footprint? Online shopping typically results in more packaging and more than twice the amount of CO2 emissions as traditional shopping.

Let's all do our part to help make this Christmas a green one!

## Fire Station Update

We are all very excited about the ongoing Fire Station build.



The new Fire Station was originally scheduled for completion by December 2021, however earlier this year - thanks to the fundraising efforts of our volunteer firefighters - Council approved an addition



on the new building, which will mean that construction will take a little longer.

We look forward to the official opening in the new year.

## Winter Power Outage Tips

Winter brings blizzards, cold weather, heavy snow, freezing rain, and can cause power outages. It is important to plan now for what to do in a winter power outage.



- if you have a landline, have a corded phone, not just a cordless phone
- a power bank is a useful device to recharge cell phones in a power outage
- have a battery powered or crank radio to monitor news broadcasts
- install a non-electric heat source - standby stove or heating unit that is not dependent on electricity
- if you have wood-burning stove/fireplace, clean the chimney every fall to eliminate creosote build-up which could ignite and cause a chimney fire
- consider the use of an emergency generator - be sure to take safety precautions!
- if you require electricity for medical devices be sure to create a power outage safety plan in advance

### **Shelter-in-Place**

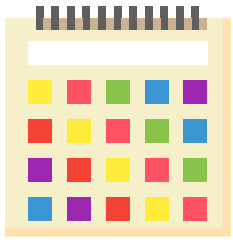
The most important safety precaution is to be prepared to Shelter-in-Place for 72 Hours. It is important that people are prepared to stay at home and stay off of roads.



Information on how to prepare to Shelter-in-Place for 72 Hours, is available on the Emergency Services Page on our website. <https://www.townofmahonebay.ca/emergency-services.html>

**Be sure to sign up for CodeRED and during extended emergency situations, listen to CKBW for local updates.**

## New Calendars



The Town of Mahone Bay 2022 Solid Waste and Council & Committee Meeting schedules will be mailed to all residents very soon.

## Holiday Office Closure

Please make note that the Town Office will be closed to the public from December 24th until January 4th to allow staff to take vacation time.



During this time, if you need urgent assistance please call (902) 543-3251.

## View from a Plow

Winter weather has arrived! Our Public Works crew works very hard during the winter months



to keep our streets and sidewalks safe and clear of snow and ice.

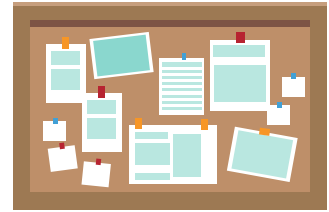
For everyone's safety, please remember that just because you can see the snow removal equipment doesn't mean that they can see you. Visibility from plow equipment, especially during a storm, can be poor. Please yield to the equipment and keep everyone safe this winter season!



In most places, plows do not have room to drive around a parked vehicle.

## Where do You Get Your Info?

Be sure to watch the notice board at the Post Office! The Town of Mahone Bay has a dedicated bulletin



board at the Mahone Bay Post Office where we post important updates, Town information, as well as meeting agendas. This is a great place to get information on what is happening at Council and Town Hall.



Have you registered for CodeRED, the Town of Mahone Bay's mass notification system? The free service allows us to get emergency messages out into the community. You can register by clicking the CodeRED link on the home page of the Town's website.

## Public Input Sessions

As part of the Town's 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.

## Upcoming Dates

Dec 8 - HAC Meeting  
Dec 14 - Council Meeting  
Dec 16 - Asset Management Committee Meeting  
Dec 24 - Jan 4 - Town Office Closed