

Winter Parking



Vehicles that obstruct snow clearing and/or winter road maintenance are in violation of the Motor Vehicle Act and can

be ticketed and/or towed at the expense of the owner.

African Heritage Month 2022

This year's African Heritage Month provincial theme is *Through Our Eyes: The*



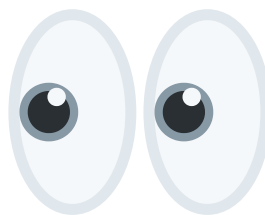
Voices of African Nova Scotians. This theme explores and examines the effects of anti-black racism and the voice of African Nova Scotians who blazed the trail for change.

Did you know that Nova Scotia has over 50 historic African Nova Scotian communities with a long, deep and complex history dating back over 200 years?

Listen. Learn. Share. Act.

Look Inside

The Town of Mahone Bay has a couple of exciting Public Engagement processes coming up.



Look inside to learn more about the Strategic Plan Review and the Upcoming Municipal Boundary Review. We want your opinion!

Dog Tags

Have you gotten your dog's 2022 Town of Mahone Bay dog tag yet?

FREE annual dog registration is mandatory as it helps connect dogs with their people fast.



Notice of Assessment

Notice of Assessment documents were mailed to all Mahone Bay property owners this week.



These assessments are completed by PVSC (Property Valuation Services Corporation). PVSC is a not-for-profit organization responsible for assessing all property in Nova Scotia as mandated under the Nova Scotia Assessment Act. These assessments are used to determine property taxes.

You can expect your first 2022 tax bill installment this April.

Christmas Tree Donation

Mahone Bay's 2021 Christmas trees were delivered to P&P Pastures Homestead in early January.

The trees will be munched on by goats and provide windbreak in the pastures, even the quail are enjoying nesting under some branches!



Strategic Plan Review

On June 3 2021, Mahone Bay Town Council passed their 2021-2025 Strategic Plan. This document establishes the strategic priorities of this Council as well as the key actions they will take to achieve those goals. Council is now embarking on their first annual review of the Strategic Plan, and they want your opinions!



Step 1

Read the Strategic Plan and Strategic Plan Progress Report on the Town website. (Please contact Town Hall staff if you need assistance)

Step 2

Participate in the online survey to express your thoughts about the Strategic Plan, Council's priorities, and our progress over the first eight months of Council's four-year term. (Please contact Town Hall staff if you need assistance)
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Z2BLMYX>

The survey will close on March 1, 2022

Step 3

Join us for a virtual public hearing style opportunity to submit your comments to Council. We want to know what you think about the Strategic Plan and the direction that it sets for life in Mahone Bay for the next four years.

Stay tuned for a date and time for this hearing to be held in March!

You can join the discussion or you can submit comments to the hearing by addressing them to the Town Clerk at clerk@townofmahonebay.ca, dropping off comments at Town Hall, or by mail.

Climate & Environment Committee

A new committee has been added to the Town of Mahone Bay's roster, the Climate & Environment Advisory Committee.



The committee will meet quarterly to provide leadership and guidance on climate change mitigation, adaptation, and environmental stewardship initiatives. The committee provides feedback and engages in community outreach on issues and projects related to environmental sustainability within the Town.

The committee will consist of two members of Council, the Town's Climate and Energy Program Manager, the Town's CAO and up to five public members as appointed by council. This may include residents of Mahone Bay, members of communities abutting the Town, or members of academic or non-profit organizations with an environmental mandate. To learn more about the committee or to apply to join, visit the Town's website, www.townofmahonebay.ca

Emergency Preparedness

Have you looked at the Emergency Preparedness website?



REMO (Lunenburg County Regional Emergency Management Organization) has a new website with great local information on how to prepare for a storm, what to do in case of emergency, and to keep you up to date in a local emergency.

Go to lunenburgremo.ca to check out this great local resource.

Municipal Boundary Review

The Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board (NSUARB) is required by the Municipal Government Act to conduct reviews of the number and boundaries of municipal polling districts and the number of councillors, this review occurs every 8 years.

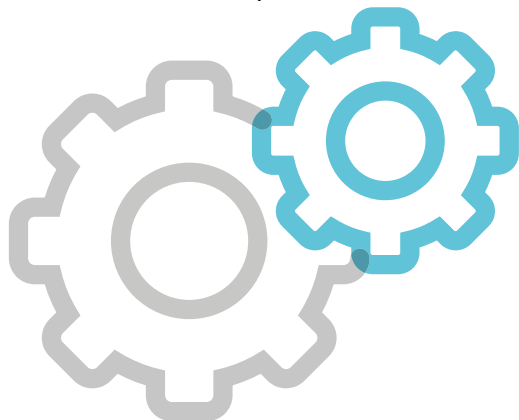
Mahone Bay Town Council is currently composed of six councillors, elected-at-large, plus a mayor. Council will have to make a submission to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board stating what Council composition should look like in the future, specifically:

- Should there be polling districts? (there are not currently polling districts in Mahone Bay)
- Should Council be made up of four councillors + one mayor OR six councillors+ one mayor

Council will reach out to the public for YOUR opinion before making their submission to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board.

How the process will work:

- A notice will be sent to residents via Canada Post with information on how to share your thoughts with the Town and when the comments need to be submitted
- All comments will be received and collated
- A public meeting will be held so that members of the community can participate in a discussion about this issue (we are really hoping that we will be able to hold this meeting in-person - public health guidelines permitting)
- Council will make their submission to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board
- The Utility and Review Board will hold an independent Public Hearing (for which notices will be posted by them)
- After conducting their own Public Hearing, the Utility and Review Board will consider what they received from Council and what they heard at their Hearing and then make their decision.
- The decision of the Utility and Review Board will determine the make-up of Council at the next municipal election.



Why does this matter to the people of Mahone Bay?

Because this process determines what representation looks like at Council, **your** local government.

Watch your mail, watch for notices, and keep in touch with the Town office - you will see more information on this process within the next month.

Seniors Care Grant

The Seniors Care Grant helps low-income seniors with the cost of household services (like snow removal, grocery delivery, lawn care and small home repairs). Grants are up to \$500 for each household. Applications are accepted until May 31, 2022. Visit www.novascotia.ca to apply or for more information. You can also pick up an application at Town Hall.



Can we Read your Meter?



Please ensure that your power and water meters are unobstructed so that staff have safe access to read and/or maintain your meter.

When removing snow from your driveways and walkways this winter, please remember to not pile snow in front of your meters.

View from a Plow

Please remember that snow removal equipment is very large and needs lots of space to maneuver. In most places, plows do not have room to drive around a parked vehicle. It is also important to remember that visibility from the driver's seat of the plow is very different than that of a personal vehicle.



Please be sure to keep roads and sidewalks well clear for snow removal - for everyone's safety.



Have you registered for CodeRED, the Town of Mahone Bay's mass notification system?

This 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.

Food Bank Donations

At Christmas our local food banks get an influx of donations of food and money.



While this is a wonderful way to help people during the holidays, it is important to donate to the food bank all year round.

Please consider making regular financial or food donations in 2022.

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

February 1 - PAC Meeting
February 8 - Council Meeting
February 9 - HAC Meeting
February 17 - Asset Management Meeting
February 17 - Audit Committee Meeting
February 21 - Office Closed
February 24 - Council Meeting
February 28 - Policy & Strategy Meeting

