

Expression of Interest

The Town of Mahone Bay is seeking Expressions of Interest from parties interested in the purchase of the Old Fire Hall (184 Kinburn St.).



The Town is the owner of the Old Fire Hall located at 184 Kinburn Street, Mahone Bay. This building was home to the Mahone Bay and District Fire Department until the new Fire Station on Hawthorn Road opened in 2022; it is currently being used on a temporary basis by the Town's Public Works Department while Council makes a determination on the potential sale of the building. This Request for Expressions of Interest is issued to assist Council in making this determination. Council reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to accept or reject any or all submissions. Submission deadline is March 31, 2023.

If the Town Council proceeds with the sale of the Old Fire Hall building the MGA requires the Town to obtain market value for the sale. Section 51 permits municipalities to sell property at less than market value to a nonprofit organization that the council considers to be carrying on an activity that is beneficial to the municipality.

For more information concerning how to submit an Expression of Interest, visit <https://www.townofmahonebay.ca/administration.html>, call (902)624-8327 or email clerk@townofmahonebay.ca.

COVID Testing and Vaccination

On March 15th the Mahone Bay Centre will be hosting a Community COVID-19 Testing and



Vaccination Clinic from 11 am - 4pm .

COVID-19 Testing is for all ages, booked appointments and drop ins welcome. Book online at [covid- self-assessment.novascotia.ca](https://covid-self-assessment.novascotia.ca) or call 811.

COVID-19 Vaccines are available to ages 12+. No appointment necessary, drop-in only. To learn more visit nshealth.ca/coronavirusvaccine.

Grants to Organizations



Mahone Bay Town Council will soon begin their annual budget deliberations. Part of these discussions will include a review of applications for Grants under the Town's Grants to Organizations Policy.

The deadline to submit an application is March 31st. To learn more about this policy or to download the application form visit the Finance page of the Town website.

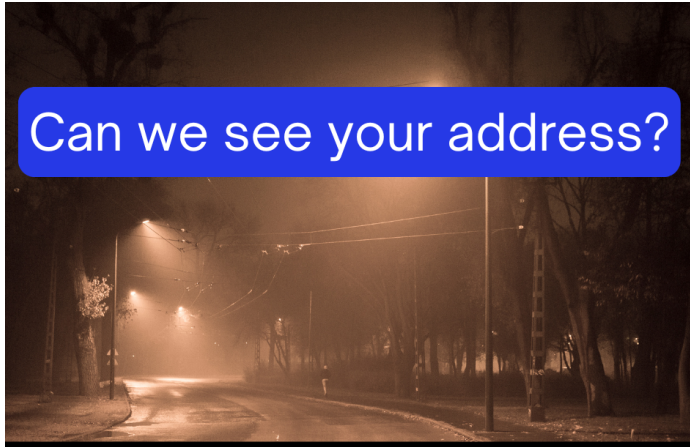
MBFD Recruitment



Are you looking for a way to serve your community? The Mahone Bay & District Fire Department is always on the lookout for new members to join their ranks and offer an invaluable service to the community.

To learn more about the work of the Department or to find out how to join, send an email to mbdfd.admin@townofmahonebay.ca

Civic Addressing Bylaw



The Town of Mahone Bay has a Civic Address By-law which states that every property owner is responsible to post the civic number of the property on the same side of the road as the building with that number.

Civic numbers shall be on both sides of the sign and perpendicular to the street.

The numerals shall be white on reflective blue background.

The civic number shall be posted on a dedicated vertically mounted post, no further than 1m (3') from the edge of the road, and between 1m and 1.5m from the road surface.

Learn more about the Civic Addressing By-law on the Town website at townofmahonebay.ca/by-laws-policies.

Battery Recycling



Did you know that Town Hall is now a recycling drop off location for used batteries?

Bring us your rechargeable and single-use batteries (weighing 5kg or less each). Wetcell, damaged, or defective batteries will not be accepted.

Access to Meters



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. Off-leash dogs can also impede staff's ability to safely access your meter.

Winter Preparedness

As we seem to be in the thick of winter, we should all take some time to look at the Emergency Preparedness website.



REMO (Lunenburg County Regional Emergency Management Organization) has a 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.

Pilot Health Screening Project

Participation in the APPROACH 2.0 Study is now available at Kinburn Pharmacy.

This is a 3-year research project focused on implementing sexually transmitted and blood-borne infection testing programs in community pharmacies.

APPROACH study participants are offered a choice of screening tests for HIV, hepatitis C and/or syphilis. You choose which test(s) you want. To learn more about this study or to register to participate visit approachstudy.ca or contact Kinburn Pharmacy.



Bandstand Survey

Lots of improvements have been made to the Michael O'Connor Memorial Bandstand property but we're wondering what other ideas might be out there.



Do you enjoy attending events at Mahone Bay's bandstand and want to have a say in future plans for improvements? Visit the notices page of the Town's website, www.townofmahonebay.ca to find the link to complete a survey and share your thoughts and opinions. Survey closes March 13th.



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.

Seniors Care Grant

The Seniors Care Grant helps low-income seniors with the cost of household services (like lawn care, snow removal, grocery delivery, transportation, small home repairs and phone service) and healthcare services (like physiotherapy and mental health support). Grants are up to \$500 for each household. You can also apply for a one-time Home Heating Grant of \$250. Deadline to apply is March 31, 2023.



Visit www.novascotia.ca to apply or for more information. You can also pick up an application at Town Hall.

Heating Assistance Rebate



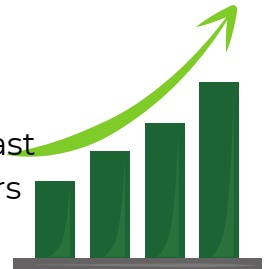
The Province of Nova Scotia has just announced

an expansion of their Heating Assistance Rebate Program.

Until March 31, 2023, households with an income of \$85,000 or less that pay for their own heat can apply for a one time \$1,000 rebate from the province. To learn more about this program visit, <https://beta.novascotia.ca/apply-heating-assistance-rebate-heating-assistance-rebate-program>

EV Statistics

Our electric vehicle chargers have been used over 1129 hours since being installed last winter. This is allowing visitors to take advantage of our green energy while touring the Town!



You can find these chargers located at Town Hall, Clairmont Street (by the Pharmasave), Main Street (at Clearway), the Mahone Bay Centre, the Mahone Bay Civic Marina, and the new Fire Station.

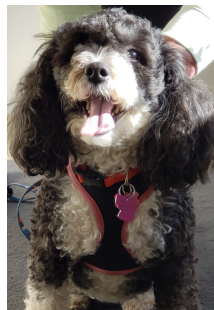
Fire Department Breakfast

Join the Mahone Bay & District Fire Department for a community breakfast on Sunday, March 12th from 9am- 1pm. This is a great opportunity to support our local fire department and enjoy a social, community event.



The department will be serving pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage and toast as well as coffee & tea and apple & orange juice. \$10 for adults, \$5 for child sized option.

Dog Tags



Introducing Zoe Veinotte!
Zoe is the holder of 2023
dog tag #001.

Zoe wants to remind you to
be sure and get your dog's
new tag ASAP.

Annual Dog Registration is mandatory in Mahone Bay and FREE because we want to be sure that we have the most up to date information on your pooch. If your dog doesn't have their 2023 dog tag, come in today (Reminder: we have dog cookies!). Or you can email or phone and we can arrange to mail your tag to you.

Invitation to Serve

We still have openings
for volunteers on the
following committees:
Asset Management
Committee; Audit &
Finance Committee;



Heritage Advisory Committee.

Learn more about these committees and how to apply on the Committee page of the Town's website www.townofmahonebay.ca/committees

Plow it Forward

A neighbour may need
your help and your act of
kindness could save a life.
Volunteer to shovel as an
individual, family, or
friend.



Knock on your neighbour's door and spread
some care and compassion in your
community.

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.

Winter Parking



Please remember that vehicles
that obstruct snow clearing
and/or winter road
maintenance are in violation
of the Motor Vehicle Act
section 139 and are subject to being ticketed
and/or towed at the expense of the owner.

Public Input Session



The Public Input Session is a 15
minute session ahead of regular
Council meetings.

It's an opportunity for you to share your
opinions with Council.

Upcoming Dates

March 1 - Climate and Environment
Advisory Committee
March 6 - Watershed Advisory Committee
March 8 - Heritage Advisory Committee
March 9 - Council Meeting
March 23 - Budget Meeting
March 27 - Policy and Strategy
March 30 - Council Meeting
March 31 - Budget Meeting