Town Council Agenda
September 8, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.
Council Chambers and YouTube Live

_Let us begin by acknowledging that we are gathered today in Mi'kma'ki. The ancestral, present and future territory of the Mi'kmaw people. Today, we gather with the intent followed by the living Peace and Friendship Treaties - with respect, cooperation and coexistence.

Call to Order

1 Approval of Agenda

2 Acceptance of the Minutes
2.1 July 14, 2026 – Regular Council Meeting Draft Minutes
2.2 July 30, 2026 – Regular Council Meeting Draft Minutes

3 Announcements by Council Members

4 Public Input Session

5 Presentations

6 Correspondence
6.1. South Shore Open Doors Association – July Statistics
6.2 Ginny Verge – Bay Way Cycling Safety – July 27, 2026
6.3 Honourable Scott Armstrong, M.L.A. Attorney General and Minister of Justice - Municipal Billing Model – July 29, 2026
6.4 Grant Request – Family Fun Nights at Mahone Bay Centre
6.5 Grant Request – Mahone Islands Conservation Association

7 Staff Reports
7.1 Staff Report to Council – September 8, 2026
7.2 Staff Report Flag Request – Mahone Bay Marina

8 Council Items
10.1 Mayor Lohnes-Croft – Post Office Traffic Safety
10.2 Councillor Carver - Feeding of Wildlife Bylaw

9 Committee Reports
9.1 Finance Committee – July 10, 2026 – Draft Minutes
9.2 Police Advisory Board – July 30, 2026 – Draft Minutes
9.3 Planning Advisory Committee – September 1, 2026 – Draft Minutes
9.4 Climate & Environment Committee – September 2, 2026 – Draft Minutes

10 New Business

11 Questions/Comments

12 Closed Session
12.1 MGA 22(2) (a) acquisition, sale, lease and security of municipal property
12.2 MGA 22(2) (e) contract negotiations
12.3 MGA 22(2) (f) litigation or potential litigation

13 Business Arising from Closed Session

14 Adjournment

The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Tuesday, July 14, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers and broadcast via YouTube live.

Present:
Mayor S. Lohnes-Croft
Deputy Mayor J. Feeney
Councillor K. Boon
Councillor P. Carver
Councillor B. Palfreyman
Councillor K. Wilson
Councillor K. McCarron
CAO, D. Heide
DCAO, E. Levy

Absent:
Clerk, K. Munroe

Gallery:
0 Online & in-person gallery

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Call to Order

1. Agenda
A motion by Councillor McCarron, seconded by Councillor Carver, **"THAT the agenda be approved as circulated."** **Motion carried.**

2. Minutes
There were no errors or omissions in the minutes of the June 10, 2026 special meeting of Council.

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There were no errors or omissions in the minutes of the June 25, 2026 regular meeting of Council.

3. Announcements by Council Members

Councillor Carver announced that the Communities in Bloom judges will be in Mahone Bay this month and Council has been invited to meet them.

Mayor Lohnes-Croft thanked and congratulated community groups for a successful Canada Day.

4. Public Input Session

No public input was received.

5. Presentations

There were no presentations.

6. Correspondence

6.1 Premier Houston – Support for Municipal Electric Utilities in Repayment of Outstanding NSPI Costs – deferred from June 25, 2026 meeting.

Council received correspondence from Premier Houston relating to support for the municipal electric utilities in repayment of outstanding Nova Scotia Power costs, noting a hope for additional follow up in this regard from the Province in the near future.

6.2 South Shore Housing Action Coalition – Request for Feedback.

Council received correspondence from the South Shore Housing Action Coalition requesting feedback on their current work and cooperation with the Town.

A motion by Councillor MccCarron, seconded by Councillor Carver, **"THAT Council refer Item 6.2 to the September Policy and Strategy Committee meeting."**

Motion Carried.

6.3 Linda Schneidereit – Clearland Road Sidewalk

Council received correspondence from Linda Schneidereit requesting a sidewalk be installed on Clearland Road.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Palfreyman, **"THAT direct staff to draft a letter for signature of the Mayor to Linda Schneidereit stating that a sidewalk is not currently planned for Clearland Road but that there will be space for a sidewalk for the future."** **Motion Carried.**

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6.4 Terry Sueltz and Norman Whynot, Mahone Bay Centre Co-Chairs – Parking and Travelled Surface Request

Council received correspondence from the Mahone Bay Centre requesting assistance to improve and upgrade parking and travelled surfaces at the Centre.

A motion by Councillor Palfreyman, seconded by Councillor Boon, **"THAT Council receive and file correspondence 6.1."** **Motion Carried.**

7. Staff Reports

7.1 Staff Report to Council – June 14, 2026

Council received an updated staff report to Council for the first half of July outlining progress on Council's direction to staff.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor McCarron, **"THAT Council receive the Staff Report to Council – July 14, 2026 for information."** **Motion Carried.**

7.2 Report of the Clerk – Public Hearing, Land Use Bylaw Amendment

The report regarded a public hearing on housekeeping amendments to the Land Use Bylaw and Municipal Planning Strategy. One (1) person was present for the hearing; no presentations were made, and no written submissions were received before or during the hearing.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor McCarron, **"THAT the tree retention provisions in the LUB be excluded from the housekeeping amendments proposed for second reading and instead be referred for review and analysis."** **Motion Defeated.**

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Feeney, **"THAT give second reading to the proposed LUB/MPS amendments as presented."** **Motion Carried.**

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Wilson, **"THAT Council direct staff to draft a report on the merits of developing a Tree Retention Bylaw for the Town of Mahone Bay that includes provisions for Trees on private and public property."** **Motion Withdrawn.**

7.3 Staff Report – Bay Way Access

Council was presented with the requested options for access to Bay Way from the Visitor Information Centre components of the Edgewater Project.

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A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Feeney, **"THAT Council approve the accessible walkway across the Peace Garden and a two-metre extension of the iron handrail to the slope to prevent people from climbing the embankment."**
Motion Carried.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Palfreyman, **"THAT Council approve the installation of a set of steps for accessing the Bay Way from the parking lot across the street from St. James Anglican Church."** **Motion Carried.**

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor McCarron, **"THAT Council approve the installation of an accessible crosswalk from the Bay Way to the Visitor Information Centre."** **Motion Carried.**

7.4 Staff Report – Build Communities Strong Fund – Local Impact Stream
Council was presented with a recommendation to apply for external funding to support capital improvements via the Build Communities Strong Fund – Local Impact Stream from the Government of Canada.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Carver, **"THAT Council direct staff to submit an application to the Build Communities Strong Fund – Local Impact Stream for improvements in relation to the Community Sports Field."**
Motion Carried.

8. Council Items
None.

9. Committee Reports
9.1 Climate & Environment Advisory Committee – July 2, 2026 Draft Minutes
A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Feeney, **"THAT Council direct staff to develop a draft Tree Retention By-law."** **Motion Defeated.**

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor McCarron, **"THAT Council refer the Nature Based Solutions Policy to the Policy and Strategy Committee."**
Motion Carried.

9.2 Planning Advisory Committee – July 7, 2026 Draft Minutes
A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Carver, **"THAT Council give first reading to the MPS/LUB amendment to change the zone from Residential to Parks and Open Space for the remainder of PID 60373107 and the entirety of PID 60373024."** **Motion Carried.**

10. New Business
No new business.

11. Questions/Comments

12. Closed Session
A motion by Councillor Boon, at 12:14 p.m. , seconded by Councillor Wilson, **"THAT Council go into Closed Session to discuss Acquisition, Sale, Lease and Security of Municipal Property, and Contract Negotiations as permitted by the Municipal Government Act section 22(2)(a), and 22(2)(e) respectively." Motion carried.**

Council arose from Closed Session at 12:55 p.m.

13. Business Arising from Closed Session
A motion by Councillor Palfreyman, seconded by Councillor Wilson, **"THAT Council identify the Raw Water Transmission Project as a priority and direct staff to apply for the Build Communities Strong Fund – Direct Stream for funding to support the implementation of this project." Motion Carried.**

14. Adjournment
Council adjourned at 12:56 p.m. on conclusion of business.

TOWN OF MAHONE BAY **TOWN OF MAHONE BAY**

Mayor, Suzanne Lohnes-Croft Town Clerk, Kelly Munroe

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The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Thursday, July 30, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers and broadcast via YouTube live.

Present:
Mayor S. Lohnes-Croft
Deputy Mayor J. Feeney
Councillor K. Boon
Councillor P. Carver
Councillor B. Palfreyman
Councillor K. Wilson
Councillor K. McCarron
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Call to Order

1. Agenda
A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor McCarron, **"THAT the agenda be approved as amended to add item 10.1 – Notice of Motion."** **Motion carried.**

2. Minutes
Council requested a review of the minutes from July 14, 2026 to ensure the motions from Item 9.1 – Climate and Environment Committee Report - were accurately reflected.

3. Announcements by Council Members

Councillor Carver highlighted the success of the Communities in Bloom judges visit regardless of the rainy weather. Councillor Carver also acknowledged the high level of community pride that was felt in Mahone Bay during this event.

Councillor Boon announced the official opening of the Bay Way would be held on Tuesday, August 4th at 4:30pm. He reviewed the schedule which included musicians, buskers, speeches, demonstrations, and food.

Mayor Lohnes-Croft announced the Lunenburg-Queens Business Excellence Awards nominations are open. She also highlighted the Town of Lunenburg hosting the National Trust for Canada event in July. Mayor Lohnes-Croft also highlighted an exhibit called "We in the Sea" at the Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic. The exhibit honours the marine heritage of African Nova Scotians.

Councillor McCarron expressed how the South Shore is fortunate to have a thriving and expanding library system in the light of recent library closures in other parts of the province.

4. Public Input Session

Veryan Haysom – 195 Fairmont Street, Mahone Bay expressed concern on the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg's Land-Use Bylaw and Municipal Planning Strategy provisions around Oakland Lake protections in relation to development and vegetation.

5. Presentations

There were no presentations.

6. Correspondence

6.1 South Shore Open Doors Association June 2026 Data Report

Council received and reviewed the June 2026 report.

6.2 Municipality of the District of Lunenburg Land Use Bylaw and Municipal Planning Strategy

Council reviewed and discussed items relating to public input around vegetation and development.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, **THAT Item 6.2 – Municipality of the District of Lunenburg Land Use Bylaw and Municipal Planning Strategy be referred to the Watershed Committee."** **Motion Carried.**

6.3 Property Valuation Services Corporation Annual Report
Council received the annual report from Property Valuation Services Corporation and offered congratulations to Deputy Mayor Feeney on his service to the organization.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor McCarron, **"THAT Council receive and file the correspondences."** **Motion Carried.**

7. Staff Reports

7.1 Staff Report to Council – July 30, 2026
Council received an updated staff report to Council for the second half of July outlining progress on Council's direction to staff.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Boon, **"THAT Council receive the Staff Report to Council – July 30, 2026 for information."** **Motion Carried.**

7.2 Report of the Clerk – Public Hearing, Land Use Bylaw Amendment
The report regarded a public hearing on the rezoning of PID60373107 and PID 60373024 to the Land Use Bylaw and Municipal Planning Strategy. One (1) person was present for the hearing; one (1) person made public comment, and no written submissions were received before or during the hearing.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Wilson, **"THAT Council give second reading to the MPS/LUB amendment to change the zone from Residential to Parks and Open Space for the remainder of PID 60373107 and the entirety of PID 60373024."** **Motion Carried.**

8. Council Items

No Council items.

9. Committee Reports

9.1 Policy and Strategy Committee – July 20, 2026 – Draft Minutes
A motion by Councillor Boon, seconded by Councillor Palfreyman, **"THAT Council accept the report of the Policy and Strategy Committee July 20, 2026 meeting."**
Motion Carried.

10. New Business

Councillor Carver provided a notice of motion on the development of a Feeding Wildlife bylaw.

11. Questions/Comments

12. Closed Session

A motion by Councillor Carver, at 7:36 p.m. , seconded by Councillor McCarron, **"THAT Council go into Closed Session to discuss Acquisition, Sale, Lease and Security of Municipal Property, Contract Negotiations, and Litigation or Potential Litigation as permitted by the Municipal Government Act section 22(2)(a), 22(2)(e) and 22(2)(F) respectively." Motion Carried.**

Council arose from Closed Session at 9:10 p.m.

13. Business Arising from Closed Session

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor McCarron, **"THAT Council approve the Edgewater Street Change Order #30 from Harbour Construction pertaining to asphalt rates and quantities in the amount of $70,870 with an overall net impact of $21,646." Motion Carried.**

14. Adjournment

Council adjourned at 9:15 p.m. on conclusion of business.

TOWN OF MAHONE BAY **TOWN OF MAHONE BAY**

Mayor, Suzanne Lohnes-Croft Town Clerk, Kelly Munroe

SOUTH SHORE OPEN DOORS ASSOCIATION
SSODA

Monthly Data Report
July 2026

1010 **Unique intakes** completed **to date**

34 **New Intakes completed this month**

8 Number of those intaked at **risk of homelessness**

114 Total number of those intaked that are currently **actively homeless**

44 Number of **individuals** currently experiencing **chronic homelessness**

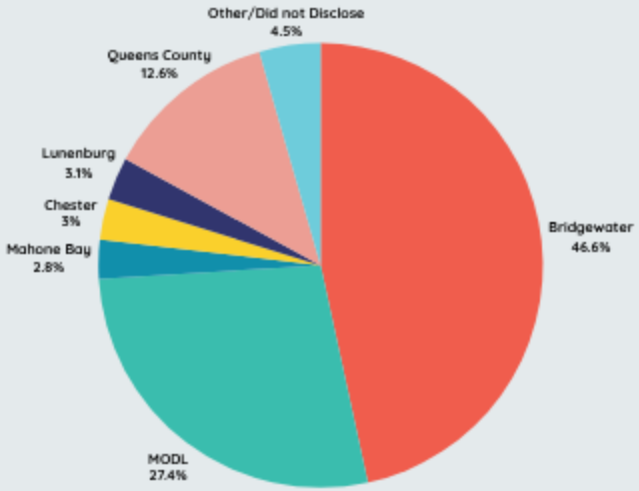
94 Number of **children** identified as currently experiencing **homelessness/housing insecurity**

13 Number of **seniors** currently experiencing **homelessness**

43 Number of **seniors** currently experiencing **housing insecurity or** at risk of **homelessness**

5 Average **number of months** experiencing homelessness

13 Number of individuals experiencing **unsheltered homelessness**



Household Breakdown

Families – **370**
Seniors – **299**
Youth (25 and under) - **96**
Veterans – **17**
African Nova Scotian – **20**
Indigenous – **85**
Latin/Hispanic – **4**
Other/Undisclosed – **56**

166 **Individuals/households** matched to housing from the By-Name-List

Energy Poverty

SSDOA identified $24,537 in energy poverty needs among new intakes. During the month, SSDOA was able to provide $1177 in financial assistance, helping several families and individuals address their energy-related challenges

- Renting – Pending Eviction
- Couch Surfing – Safe
- Renting – Unsafe

Top reasons for housing loss

- Eviction due to relationship breakdown with partner or family
- Left due to domestic violence
- Eviction - Renoevcition

All data is based on the intakes completed in total unless otherwise specified.

Mahone Islands
Conservation Association

MICA MISSION:
To protect and conserve the natural environment of the islands and shoreline of Mahone Bay and the traditional, social and recreational opportunities valued by its various communities.

August 18, 2026

Town of Mahone Bay
PO Box 530
492 Main Street
Mahone Bay, NS
B0J 2E0

Attn: Suzanne Lohnes-Croft

Re: 2026 MICA Corporate Support

Dear Suzanne, Suzanne + Council

We are reaching out to your company for 2026 MICA Corporate Support.

Funds raised will be used for MICA projects including partnered Mahone Bay island and shoreline acquisitions and our Public Mooring Program.

To date MICA has partnered in the acquisition of 23 Mahone Bay islands, island properties and shoreline properties for conservation and public use. We also partnered with the Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) several years ago in their acquisition of Quaker, Lynch and Snake Islands off Chester. These islands, including Sheep are also available for public use through Stewardship Agreements between MICA and NCC.

Also, to date MICA has partnered with the NS Department of Natural Resources, the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg and the Municipality of Chester in the installation of 50 Registered Moorings off MICA islands for public use. The MICA public moorings have been extremely popular.

Our Corporate Supporters have made a huge contribution to the above accomplishments.

MICA has also been one of the leads in opposing the establishment of a scallop farm in the Bay which would seriously interfere with recreational and commercial boating activities in the proposed locations.

We are approaching companies with a local presence that we believe support our Mission and have a vested interest in MICA by way of their customer base, business activity, company principals or employees.

We are respectfully asking for a donation of $1,000. We have requested that amount since 2008. If you would like to or are able to donate a larger amount that would be very greatly appreciated.

The Gala Dinner and Auction committee is excited to be working on plans for the 21st GALA to be held at the Oak Island Resort on Sunday, November 8, 2026. The highly energized committee is working to make this the best GALA yet. Our 2026 Corporate Supporters will be proudly promoted at the event. The GALA has been our major annual fundraiser and has been crucial in supporting MICA's past acquisitions and projects.

Payment can be made:

By cheque to:
MAHONE ISLANDS CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION
PO Box 427, Mahone Bay, NS B0J 2E0

Or by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) by contacting fundraising@mahoneislands.ns.ca.

For your donation your company will receive:

- Promotion on our website with a link to your website for the year.
- Promotion at MICA events during the year including the 21st GALA.
- A certificate of appreciation.
- A tax receipt.

Your company will be part of the legacy we are collectively creating for current and future generations.

We have taken the liberty of enclosing a proforma invoice.

Also enclosed is our latest Fact Sheet illustrating MICA's accomplishments to date.

This is the 23rd year for MICA. For the many companies that have provided support over that time we offer our very sincere thank you and appreciation for your significant contribution to MICA and towards this legacy.

If there are questions, please contact any of the undersigned. Thank you for your past support Suzanne and Council. Greatly appreciated and important to MICA.

Yours sincerely and thank you,

MAHONE ISLANDS CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

John.

Corporate Support Committee,

Martin Balcome	Syd Dumaresq	Craig Heffler	Bryan Palfreyman	John Meisner
Martin@bmiltd.ca	syd@spda.ca	88cheff88@gmail.com	bryanpalfreyman54@gmail.com	john@aglgroup.ca

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INVOICE

In anticipation of your support, please consider this as a *'Proforma Invoice'* for your records.

To:	Town of Mahone Bay
Date:	August 18, 2026
Attention:	**Suzanne Lohnes-Croft**
Re:	**MICA 2026 Corporate Support**
Total Due:	$1,000.

Sincerely and thank you,

MAHONE ISLANDS CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

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MICA WEB SITE: www.mahoneislands.ns.ca

MICA FORMATION:

- Formed by local residents in 2003 in response to the accelerated private development of many of the Mahone Bay islands.
- Registered non-profit society with charitable status. Volunteer Board of Directors and volunteer work efforts.

MICA PARTNERED ISLAND AND SHORELINE PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS and DONATIONS: *(Reference photos on back)*

PROJECT	TIMING	ACQUISITION PARTNER	TITLE HOLDER
Andrews Island	Fall 2005	PNS	PNS
Backmans Island	Spring 2007	PNS	PNS
Covey Island	Spring 2007	PNS	PNS
Masons Island (northern end)	Fall 2007	MODL	MODL
Long, Dry, Snipe and Centre Islands	Fall 2007	Donation by LIPS	PNS
Sacrifice Island	Spring 2009	PNS	PNS
Shag Island	Spring 2012	PNS	PNS
Bella Island	Fall 2013	PNS	PNS
Masons Island (big cove and center)	Fall 2014	MODL, PNS	PNS
Little Duck Island	Fall 2014	MICA	PNS
Squid Island	Spring 2015	PNS	PNS
Goat Island	Spring 2015	Donation by the McLennan family	PNS
Zwicker Island property	Fall 2016	Donation by the Cluett family	PNS
Zwicker Island property	Fall 2016	Donation by the Court family	PNS
Ernst Island property	Fall 2016	Donation by the Reynolds family	PNS
Snake, Lynch, Quaker Islands	Spring 2017	NCC	NCC
Moland Point lots	Fall 2017	Donation by the late Rudy Haase	MOC
Sheep Island	Spring 2018	NCC	NCC
Oakland Conservation Area	Fall 2020	MODL	MODL
Birch Island (Chester)	Spring 2022	PNS, MOC	PNS
Chockle Cap	Spring 2024	PNS	PNS
Birch Island (Martins Point)	Spring 2025	PNS, MODL	PNS
PUBLIC MOORINGS	Fall 2022/Spring 2023/4/5	MODL, MOC, PNS	MODL/MOC

PNS: Province of Nova Scotia **NCC**: Nature Conservancy of Canada **LIPS**: Long Island Preservation Society
MODL: Municipality of the District of Lunenburg **MOC**: Municipality of Chester

MICA FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS ACQUISITIONS:

- **MICA** has contributed over $1,800,000 towards the acquisition of the above properties.

MICA MEMBERSHIP:

- **MICA's membership goal is that all who enjoy MICA properties are members.** $ 25 per person. $500 lifetime.

MICA FUNDRAISING:

- Annual Gala Fall Dinner and Auction. (GALA) - Our major annual fundraiser. November 10 this year.
- Corporate Support program.
- Donations and financial campaigns for specific projects.

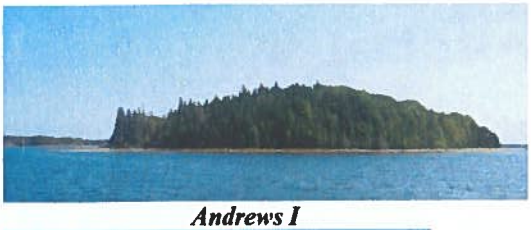
ISLAND STEWARDSHIP:

- **MICA** stewards the properties in partnership with the title holder.
- **MICA's stewardship goal is that the property users are the property stewards.**

YOU CAN HELP BY:

- Joining **MICA**. Annual membership is $25 per person or $500 for lifetime membership.
- Making a general donation for future acquisitions, to support our Public Mooring Program and for other projects.
- Becoming a Corporate Supporter.

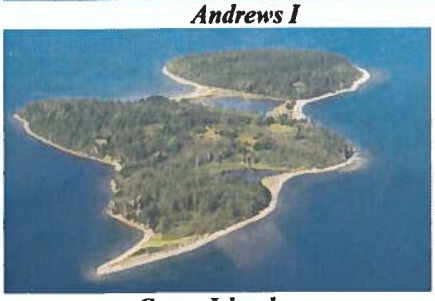
OUR ISLAND AND SHORELINE PROPERTIES:



Andrews I

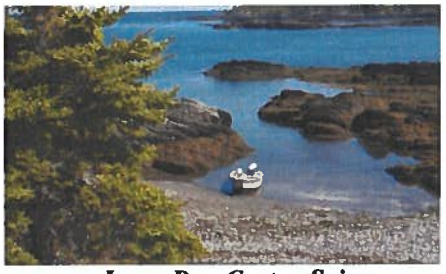
Masons I Northern end

Backmans I



Covey Island

Sacrifice Island



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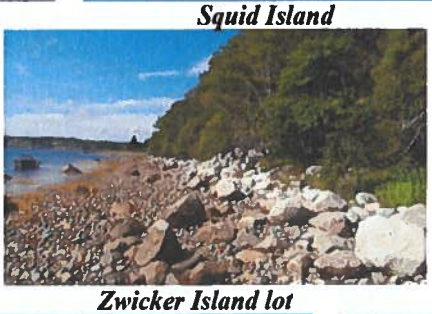
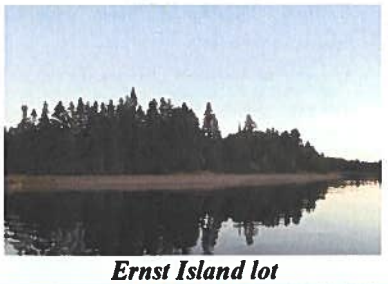
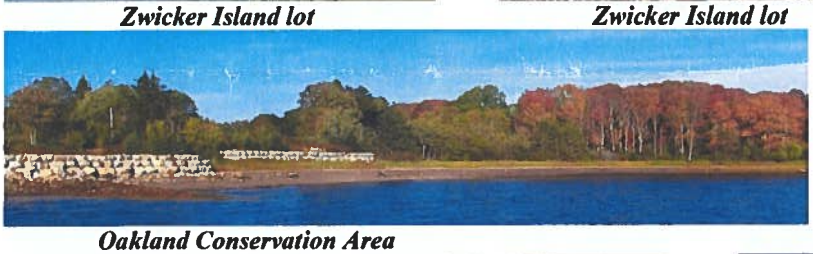
Zwicker Island lot



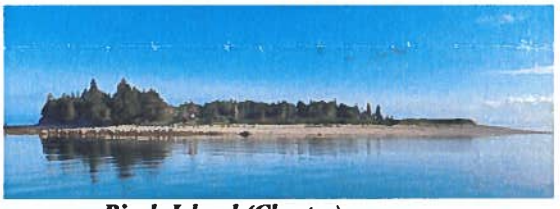
Zwicker Island lot



Ernst Island lot



Oakland Conservation Area



Birch Island (Chester)

Chockle Cap

Birch Island (Martins Point)

Public Mooring Program

Not shown: Snake, Lynch, Quaker and Sheep Islands, and Moland Point lots.

Together we are creating a legacy..... Thank you for your support,

MAHONE ISLANDS CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

June 2025,R1

Jennifer Laughlin
[Your Address]
Mahone Bay, NS [Postal Code]
[Your Phone Number]
[Your Email Address]

[Date]

Town of Mahone Bay
Attn: Recreation / Community Grants Committee
8 Edgewater Street
Mahone Bay, NS B0J 2E0

RE: Community Recreation Grant Request — Family Fun Nights at the Mahone Bay Centre

Dear Members of the Grants Committee,

I am writing to request funding from the Town of Mahone Bay's recreation and community funds to support equipment for Family Fun Nights, a weekly activity period held at the Mahone Bay Centre. The objective of this program is simple: to get families moving together and to strengthen connection between parents, children, and neighbours through shared, low-pressure physical play. I am asking for support to purchase equipment for a rotating set of active, all-ages games in the gym.

About the Program

Family Fun Nights runs weekly at the Mahone Bay Centre gymnasium and is open to families of all ages. The program's focus is physical activity and connection: giving residents an affordable, welcoming place to be active together, especially during the colder months when outdoor options are limited. Activities are chosen so that young children, teens, and adults can all participate side by side, rather than splitting into separate kids' and adults' activities. The aim is not competition or skill-building so much as bringing families into the same room, moving and laughing together.

The program is free for all participants, removing cost as a barrier to families taking part. It is run entirely by dedicated community volunteers — Shannon Seaboyer, Jennifer Laughlin, and Jordan Wheeler — who organize and lead each session. The Mahone Bay Centre is generously donating two hours of gym time each week to host the program. Between the volunteer leadership and the donated space, equipment is the program's only remaining cost, which is why this grant would make such a direct difference.

What the Funding Would Support

The program currently has limited equipment, which restricts the variety of activities we can offer. This grant would fund a small rotation of active, connection-focused games:

- **Scavenger hunt supplies:** clue cards, markers, small prize tokens, and storage bins, so families can search the gym together as teams, mixing kids and adults.
- **Inflatable kickball costumes:** durable, battery-fan inflatable bodysuits that turn a simple kickball game into a high-energy, laughter-filled event the whole family can play together.

- **Giant parachute play set:** a large nylon parachute with handles, used for group games where the whole family circle holds the edge together, popping balls and taking turns running underneath. Strong for mixed-age groups since toddlers and grandparents can take part equally.
- **Giant tic-tac-toe / lawn games set:** an oversized, soft-piece tic-tac-toe or bean-bag toss game families can play together as teams; low physical barrier so any family member can join.
- **Glow kickball/dodgeball set:** glow-in-the-dark playground balls with bases and glow sticks, used for an evening "lights-down" family game night, a simple way to make a regular game feel like an event.

Estimated Budget

Below is an estimated breakdown based on current retail pricing. Final costs may vary slightly depending on supplier and availability.

Item	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total
Inflatable kickball/sumo costumes	6	$55.00	$330.00
Soft kickballs (durable, indoor-safe)	4	$15.00	$60.00
Scavenger hunt supplies (cards, markers, tokens)	1 set	$75.00	$75.00
Giant parachute play set (12-handle, nylon)	1	$60.00	$60.00
Giant tic-tac-toe / lawn games set	1	$50.00	$50.00
Glow kickball/dodgeball set (balls, bases, glow sticks)	1 set	$45.00	$45.00
Storage bins for equipment	3	$20.00	$60.00
Total Requested			**$620.00**

Community Benefit

This equipment will directly support the program's goal of physical activity and family connection. Each activity was chosen because it works for mixed-age groups: a parachute game, a giant tic-tac-toe match, a scavenger hunt, or a costume kickball game can all be played by a toddler and a grandparent at the same time, on the same team. That matters for a small town like Mahone Bay, where Family Fun Nights may be one of the few regular, low-cost chances for households to be active together rather than side by side on separate devices or in separate activities. Because the equipment is reusable, this is a one-time investment that will benefit the program for years of weekly sessions to come.

A community is nothing without activities that bring families together. Programs like Family Fun Nights are what allow Mahone Bay to thrive and grow, by giving families a reason to gather, be active, and build relationships with their neighbours. Investing in this equipment is an investment in the strength of the community itself.

I would be happy to provide further details, receipts, or a follow-up report on how the equipment is used. A full season outline is attached for the committee's reference. Thank you for considering this request and for the Town's continued support of recreation programming at the Mahone Bay Centre.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Laughlin
Volunteer Organizer, Family Fun Nights at the Mahone Bay Centre

Program Outline: Family Fun Nights

Season: Mid-October to End of April

Frequency: Weekly, [Day], 2 hours (e.g. [Time] – [Time])

Location: Mahone Bay Centre Gymnasium

Venue: Gym time donated weekly by the Mahone Bay Centre (2 hours/week)

Audience: Families of all ages

Cost to Participants: Free

Run By: Volunteers Shannon Seaboyer, Jennifer Laughlin, and Jordan Wheeler

Total Sessions: Approximately 28 weekly sessions over the season

Weekly Rotation

To keep the program fresh while making the most of the equipment, activities rotate on a fixed 5-week cycle. Each cycle repeats across the season, so families can look forward to a familiar rhythm while still seeing variety week to week.

Week	Activity	Focus
1	Family Scavenger Hunt	Teams of mixed ages search the gym together, encouraging communication and teamwork.
2	Costume Kickball	High-energy inflatable-costume kickball; families play on the same team regardless of age or skill.
3	Parachute Games	Whole-group parachute play; toddlers, parents, and grandparents take part equally in the same circle.
4	Giant Tic-Tac-Toe & Lawn Games	Lower-intensity strategy games families play together as teams; a good lower-energy week.
5	Glow Night (Kickball/Dodgeball)	Lights-down evening session using glow-in-the-dark balls; a special “event” week to close the cycle.

Why a Fixed Rotation

Repeating the same 5-week cycle through the season (mid-October to end of April) means families can plan around it, regular attendees know what to expect, and new families who join partway through the season will see the full range of activities within five weeks. It also lets the same equipment be reused efficiently all season, supporting the program's goal of consistent, low-cost, family-centred activity through the winter months.

I am writing regarding the Bay Way. Before I get to my concern, I want to say that the completed project is wonderful. When I am home, I am drawn to walk or bike it every day. I can only imagine what issues you have faced seeing this undertaking through to the end. I am grateful for your perseverance.

I have several safety concerns regarding pedestrians and cyclists using the path. The signage is a good start, but we really need a painted dividing line with images of pedestrians on one side and cyclists on the other. These images should appear repeatedly to remind people. If anyone reads the sign, it appears to be quickly forgotten. Also pedestrians enter the path at many different points.

Another concern is cyclists using the street rather than the Bay Way. Now that Edgewater is curbed on both sides, cyclists have nowhere to go to avoid an issue with a vehicle. The street is not designed for cyclists. A few cyclists have told me that the Bay Way is too scary as they navigate around unpredictable pedestrians, so they use the street. A few other cyclists thought the path was for walking only. Perhaps more signage directing cyclists to the Bay Way would help.

Maybe these ideas are already in the works. If so, the sooner they are enacted the better, as I fear there will be an accident in the near future.

I thank you in advance for considering my concerns.

Ginny Verge

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July 29, 2026

Mr. Dylan Heide
Town of Mahone Bay
493 Main Street
Mahone Bay, NS, B0J 2E0

Dear Mr. Dylan Heide,

Re: Municipal Billing Model

The Province has determined your municipality's estimated annual contribution for policing services provided under the Provincial Police Services Agreement for the period April 1, 2026, to March 31, 2027. This allocation has been determined in accordance with the Province's New Billing Model, which comes into effect on October 1, 2026, with application retroactive to April 1, 2026, for the purpose of determining municipal policing cost allocations for the 2026/27 fiscal year.

For the 2026/27 fiscal year, the estimated contribution is $342,275 subject to final calculations. This allocation reflects the approved policing service level as of April 1, 2026 and includes all approved service level changes implemented on or before that date for your municipality. Any further service level changes approved after April 1, 2026 will be reflected through future billing adjustments, where applicable.

This estimated annual contribution represents a 25.0% decrease in policing cost for your municipality compared to the amount $456,367 that would have been calculated under the previous Billing Model. As discussed throughout the consultation process, municipalities will reinvest these savings into complementary public safety initiatives, such as layered policing, community safety programs, alternative response models, and other measures aligned with the recommendations of the Comprehensive Nova Scotia Policing Review. The Province will also continue working closely with the RCMP to help ensure adequate and effective police resourcing in communities across Nova Scotia.

Please note that the amount identified in this letter represents an estimated annual contribution based on the approved budget for the Provincial Police Services Agreement for the 2026/27 fiscal year. Following the completion of the 2026/27 fiscal year, the Province will receive the

RCMP's annual report of actual eligible policing costs incurred under the Provincial Police Services Agreement. A year-end reconciliation will then be completed to compare the estimated amounts billed during the fiscal year with the actual eligible costs. Any resulting difference identified through the reconciliation process will be reflected as an adjustment to the municipality's final billing, including additional amounts payable or credits, where applicable.

The new billing model is data-driven and is designed to better reflect the unique circumstances of municipalities across the province. Municipal costs are determined using a range of factors, including population, property values, the number of officers assigned, and the Crime Severity Index. To ensure the model continues to reflect local public safety demands and municipal capacity, costs will be reviewed and recalculated annually. Agreements formalizing this process will also be sent to each individual municipality for signature in the coming months.

The Department of Justice's Public Safety and Security Division will be sending invitations to meet with each municipality policed by the RCMP under the Provincial Police Service Agreement to discuss these changes. While the Department would always prefer an in-person meeting to discuss such a significant change, we want to get this. Appreciating summer schedules, virtual meetings will be scheduled during August 2026.

Thank you for your continued engagement and partnership throughout this process. The new billing model represents an important step toward a more sustainable and equitable approach to policing that better reflects the needs of municipalities while supporting local public safety priorities.

Sincerely,

Scott Armstrong

The Honourable Scott Armstrong, M.L.A.
Attorney General and Minister of Justice

C. Juanita Spencer, Chief Executive Officer, Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities

NEW BILLING MODEL FOR MUNICIPALITIES POLICED BY THE RCMP UNDER THE PPSA

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This is not simply a billing change. It is a foundational public safety investment.

HOW THE NEW BILLING MODEL WORKS

A more balanced, service-based funding mechanism.

A Cost base and context

Under the PPSA, Canada contribuutes 30% of eligible costs and the Province is responsible for 70%. Municipalities contribute through a provincially administered framework.

B Allocation factors

Municipalities will no longer pay strictly by officer count. The model considers population, uniform assessment/property value, officer assignment, shared services, and a Crime Severity Index-related subsidy.

C Stability protections

The model includes protections against sudden cost instability: a phased cap over the first five years, and after five years annual increased capped at 5%.

D Administration and local input

The Department of Justice will administer, monitor and annually recalibrate the model. Municipalities will continue to identify local priorities and operational realities.

WHAT INFORMED THIS WORK?

The Comprehensive Nova Scotia Police Review has assisted the Province to better understand the state of police resourcing across the province. This includes workload pressures, geographic coverage, response demands, proactive capacity, and the operational sustainability of local detachments.

OVERALL IMPACTS

The new model is intended to make policing funding more transparent, equitable, and connected to actual service demand.

Predictability
Clearer, more stable municipal planning for policing costs.

Demand alignment
Funding better reflects population, assessment, staffing, and public safety pressures.

Adequacy
Supports the Province in meeting responsibilities for adequate and effective policing.

Flexibility
Reduces rigid municipal ownership of assigned resources and supports deployment where needed.

Rural equity
Stronger support for rural, remote, and high-need communities.

Visibility
Improved proactive capacity, community presence, and response sustainability.

Officer wellness
Reduced operational strain, overtime pressure, and burnout risk over time.

Layered policing
Creates fiscal space to reinvest in complementary community service initiatives.

TIMELINE

1 Letter
On July 29, 2026, a letter was provided to municipalities notifying them of their estimated cost

2 One-on-ones
DoJ staff are meeting with every municipality to discuss their billing model through August and September

3 Agreement
An agreement to guide cost recovery will be provided, and the DoJ will work with municipalities through that process.

4 Implementation
The billing model will be implemented by October 1, 2026, retroactive to April 1, 2026.

COST BREAKDOWN

Step 1 - Cost Base Identification

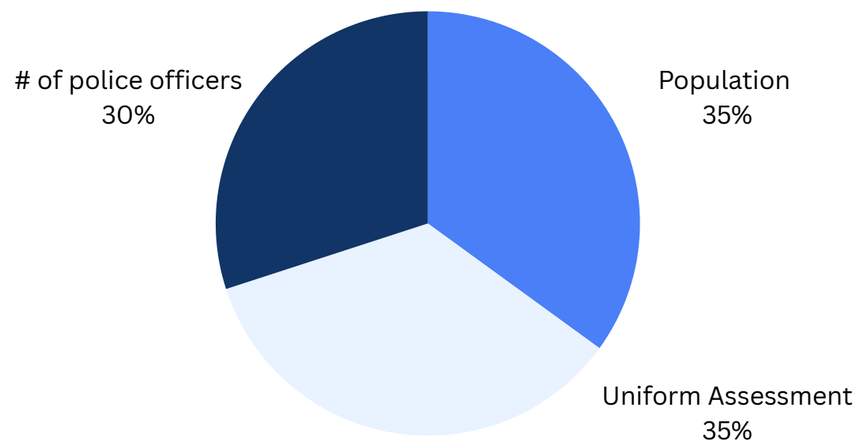
Based on the RCMP's report, municipal policing costs are distinguished from costs associated with centralized or shared policing services.
The province is providing additional financial support to reduce the cost base which will be recovered from municipalities.

In FY 2026-27, this additional provincial support includes approximately $16.3 million.

Step 2 - Cost Allocation

The remaining municipal costs are allocated among all participating municipalities using a weighted formula.

Allocation Formula



Sources for 2026/27:

- Population was derived from the 2021 Census Data
- Uniform Assessment was derived from the Provincial Uniform Assessment data as of February 24, 2026
- Resources are approved RCMP resources for the 2026/27 fiscal year

Step 3 - Shared Services & CSI Subsidies

Shared service costs will continue to be allocated between the province and municipalities under both PPSA and MPSA. The allocation is generally based on the number of RCMP resources within each municipality.

The Province will set aside approximately 1% of total municipal policing costs as a subsidy, which is approx. 1.3 million for FY26-27. The purpose is to recognize that some municipalities have higher crime severity and potentially greater policing demand. Each municipality receives a CSI factor by comparing its 3-year CSI with the provincial three-year average.

Step 4 - CAP Adjustment

To support a gradual and predictable transition to the new municipal policing billing mechanism, a phased cap adjustment will apply during the first five years of implementation.

The cap adjustment is always based on the previous year's amount.

Implementation Year	Minimum Annual Adjustment	Maximum Annual Adjustment
Year 1	-25%	0%
Year 2	-20%	5%
Year 3	-15%	5%
Year 4	-10%	5%
Year 5	-5%	5%

Step 5 - Agreements & Reinvestment of Savings

The objective is not just to reduce costs, it's to **create flexibility** for municipalities to **invest in public safety** in ways that make sense for their communities using alternative approaches to traditional policing.

The Province will be entering into dedicated agreements with each municipality in order to lay out the **roles and responsibilities of both parties** (municipality and province) and the costs associated with RCMP service provision and investments in public safety initiatives.

Staff Report to Council

September 8, 2026

This Report to Council is intended to provide the Mahone Bay Town Council with a high-level summary of staff progress toward Council's direction to staff. As per the Town Council Policy, the report will be provided at each regular meeting of Council.

1. Develop a Stormwater Management Plan for Mahone Bay and present a draft to a joint meeting of Climate and Environment Advisory Committee, Asset Management Committee, and the Planning Advisory Committee. Date Assigned: October 14, 2025 Expected Completion: November 2026 Percent of Completion: 25%
2. Bring an overview report on Asset Retirement Obligations to the Audit Committee. Date Assigned: October 30, 2025 Expected Completion: October 2026 Percent of Completion: Not yet begun
3. Develop a Forestry Management Plan for the Oakland Lake Watershed with the assistance of the Western Woodlot Co-op. Date Assigned: March 10, 2026 Expected Completion: September 2026 Percent of Completion: 50%
4. Approach Nova Scotia Power Inc. to formalize trail connections across their power transmission corridor. Date Assigned: March 10, 2026 Expected Completion: September 2026 Percent of Completion: 95%

5. Present a revised Snow & Ice Control Policy, reflecting the inclusion of the Edgewater Multi-use Trail in the winter maintenance schedule, to the Policy & Strategy Committee.

Date Assigned: March 26, 2026
Expected Completion: September 2026
Percent of Completion: Not yet begun

6. Staff to take the necessary steps to designate Hedge Row as a one-way street from Pleasant Street to Pond Street.

Date Assigned: April 14, 2026
Expected Completion: October 2026
Percent of Completion: 90%

7. Staff to proceed with the relocation of the Fire Hall public EV chargers to the waterfront charging area as part of the Edgewater Project.

Date Assigned: April 27, 2026
Expected Completion: July 2026
Percent of Completion: Complete

8. In consultation with local artists and creators, draft a Public Art Policy for Council's consideration (following which an RFP would be anticipated for Edgewater Street public art).

Date Assigned: May 12, 2026
Expected Completion: November 2026
Percent of Completion: 50%

9. Proceed with the installation of continuous record surveillance cameras outside the Town's public washroom facilities.

Date Assigned: May 12, 2026
Expected Completion: September 2026
Percent of Completion: 95%

10. Initiate the process to acquire submerged crown land in the direction of Maders Cove as necessary to effect shoreline improvement to combat ongoing erosion along Highway #3.

Date Assigned: May 28, 2026
Expected Completion: October 2026
Percent of Completion: Not yet begun

11. Apply to the Department of Natural Resources for use of the rail trail corridor for stormwater management purposes, in addition to its continued recreational use.

Date Assigned: June 9, 2026
Expected Completion: September 2026
Percent of Completion: Complete

12. Apply to the Nova Scotia Energy Board for the flow through of electrical rate increases equivalent to a 2.7% increase in customer rates, effective as soon as possible.

Date Assigned: June 9, 2026
Expected Completion: September 2026
Percent of Completion: Complete

13. Prepare a report specifically addressing the Act to Provide Support for Fire Services legislation and the potential impacts on the Town.

Date Assigned: June 25, 2026
Expected Completion: September 2026
Percent of Completion: 50%

14. Draft a letter for signature of the Mayor to Linda Schneidereit stating that a sidewalk is not currently planned for Clearland Road but that there will be space for a sidewalk for the future.

Date Assigned: July 14, 2026
Expected Completion: July 2026
Percent of Completion: Complete

15. Submit an application to the Build Communities Strong Fund – Local Impact Stream for improvements in relation to the Community Sports Field.

Date Assigned: July 14, 2026
Expected Completion: August 2026
Percent of Completion: Complete

Staff Report
RE: Request to Purchase Town Flag
Date: September 8, 2026

General Overview:
The purpose of this staff report is to provide Council with a request from the Mahone Bay Civic Marina for the purchase of a Town of Mahone Bay flag, as well as identify a potential gap in the Town's Flag Policy.

Background:
On August 12, 2026, staff received a request from the Mahone Bay Civic Marina to purchase a Town of Mahone Bay flag to fly at the marina. It was noted that the marina has flown the Town flag for as long as it has operated and the current flag has become worn and requires replacement.

Analysis:
Where the Town is the owner of the facility from which the marina operates, it is possible to consider the flagpole there "Town owned", which would enable the Town to fly the Town flag there in accordance with our Flag Policy.

Because the request was received as a request to purchase a flag, if the Town Council is inclined to support this request policy revision would be required:

> The Flag Policy stipulates, in section 19, where Town Flags may be flown. Section 20 states that flags may be loaned on a temporary basis to locations outlines in section 19.
>
> Currently the Flag Policy has no provisions on the sale of Town flags, as is being requested by the Marina, nor is the Marina listed in section 19.

If it is considered necessary to revise the policy to permit the sale of a flag to be flown at the marina staff recommended the following amendments:

a. Section 19 – addition of Mahone Bay Civic Marina per section 19(k)
b. Section 20 – addition of "or given to or sold to" after …"temporary basis"
c. Amend the Flag Policy to add provisions for the sale of Town flags.

Financial Analysis:
Amending the Flag Policy to allow for the limited sale of flags would be cost neutral, though it is recommended the price be set with an addition of 10% to the cost of the flag as an administrative fee (reflecting the requirement for the Town to procure additional flags for resale).

Climate Analysis:
There are no climate impacts anticipated.

Links to Strategic Plan:
No direct links to Strategic Plan but the proposed policy amendment may contribute to goals relating to partnerships in the community.

Recommendation:
It is recommended that, should Council determine it appropriate to amend the Flag Policy to permit the requested sale, that after due consideration at the regular Council meeting on September 24, 2026, the following motion be passed,

> THAT Council amend the Flag Policy as presented and the Fee Policy Schedule to set the cost of the sale of a Town of Mahone Bay flag at "cost plus 10%"

Respectfully submitted,

Eric J. Levy
Deputy CAO

For Reference:
Flag Policy (existing)
Fees Policy (existing)

Having heard concerns from numerous residents regarding safety of motorists exiting the Post Office property – and pedestrians walking in front – due to limited site lines, I propose the following motion:

> “THAT Council direct staff to prepare a report reviewing safety concerns with entrances and exits from the Post Office Property to Main Street and providing Council with recommendations for improvement.”

From:	Penny Carver
To:	Eric Levy
Cc:	Suzanne Lohnes-Croft; Dylan Heide
Subject:	Motion regarding feeding wildlife for the September 8th agenda
Date:	August 25, 2026 10:46:46 AM

Motion regarding feeding wildlife in Mahone Bay
Submitted by Councillor Penny Carver
September 8, 2026, Council Agenda

Background:
Increasing rates of Lyme disease and anaplasmosis in Nova Scotia present a health concern. Animals such as deer, racoons, and coyotes who are part of the transmission cycle of these tick-borne diseases are found in increasing numbers in residential communities where they pose several risks. Such risks include danger to health and safety of humans, property damage, and health problems in the animals themselves. These risks are increased when people feed wild animals.

Many municipalities have developed bylaws regarding the feeding of wild animals, bylaws which provide clear guidelines about enforcement. Mahone Bay introduced such a bylaw in 2021 which was not passed at second reading. It is time to revisit the concept of regulating the feeding of wild animals given the demonstrated the impact of climate warming on the life cycles of deer and ticks with the associated increase of tick-borne diseases since 2021.

With this in mind, I make the following motion:

THAT Council direct staff to draft a bylaw regulating the feeding of wild animals in Mahone Bay.

Respectfully,
Penny

Penny Carver
Councillor, Town of Mahone Bay

A meeting of the Climate and Environment Advisory Committee for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Wednesday, September 2nd, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers at Town Hall.

Present
Councillor Penny Carver
John Evarts
Veryan Haysom
Gregg Little
Lorrie Roberts
Craig Stewart
Lauren Clark, Climate & Environment Program Manager
Chris Davison, Intern
Scott Hoyt, Water/Wastewater System Manager
Dylan Heide, CAO (Recording Secretary)
Jennifer West, Clean Foundation (remote)

Absent:
Sarah Riley (with regret)
Amanda Montgomery (with regret)
Councillor Kevin Boon (with regret)

1. Approval of Agenda
A motion by J. Evarts, seconded by V. Haysom, "THAT the agenda be approved as presented." Motion carried.

2. Approval of the Minutes
The July 2nd meeting minutes were circulated late and will therefore be formally received at the Committee's next meeting.

3. Updates

a. HWA + Community Fund Proposal
Climate & Environment Program Manager L. Clark updated committee members that HWA is now widespread in Mahone Bay. C. Davison informed members of a proposal he has been developing for a Community Fund to help property owners address issues such as HWA and invited interested members to follow up with him concerning this private initiative.

DRAFT

b. Debrief of Atlantic Whitefish Consultation

Members debriefed the recent Whitefish consultation hosted by Department of Fisheries and Oceans. Members agreed that the opportunity for the introduction of Whitefish in Oakland Lake as proposed by DFO required closer scrutiny to determine the potential impact on the Town's water supply.

V. Haysom – G. Little
THAT the committee recommend that Council direct staff to write to Department of Fisheries and Oceans regional authorities (cc'ing the Minister's office and provincial regulators), in relation to the recent consultation regarding potential Whitefish introduction in Oakland Lake, to request a meeting, with representatives of the Town and its Watershed Protection Committee, to better understand the DFO proposal and the regulatory implications to the Town in consideration of the lake's role as the Town's drinking water supply.
CARRIED

c. Nature-based Solutions Policy

Councillor Carver informed committee members that Council has referred the policy to the Sept 21st Policy & Strategy meeting for further consideration.

d. Tree Retention Bylaw

Members debriefed Council's response to the recommendation that staff be directed to develop a draft by-law. It was determined that the Committee would focus on the review of the Urban Forest Management Plan (UFMP) as it relates to the potential development of a Tree Retention Bylaw, leaving input on a potential bylaw to follow Council's consideration of the UFMP.

e. Joint Committee – Next Meeting Sept 18, 2026

CAO D. Heide updated committee members on plans for the upcoming Sept 18th joint committee session and received feedback on the development of the agenda and preparations for the session.

f. UFMP and Tree Planting

Climate & Environment Program Manager L. Clark provided an update on Plan development (updated draft coming to the Committee's next meeting) as well as planting initiatives (more than 100 new trees planted in the past year).

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g. Stormwater Projects

Climate & Environment Program Manager L. Clark provided an update on the Town's various stormwater projects.

4. Standing Items

a. Water Resilience

Members engaged in brief discussion concerning the Summer of 2026, noting less issues with water supply than in 2025.

b. MBARC

No updates.

5. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

TOWN OF MAHONE BAY

Chair, Councillor Penny Carver

TOWN OF MAHONE BAY

CAO Dylan Heide, Recording Secretary

DRAFT

A meeting of the Planning Advisory Committee for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Tuesday, September 1, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Present:
Mayor Suzanne Lohnes-Croft
Councillor Kelly Wilson (Chair)
Councillor Bryan Palfreyman
Ben Jackson
Trudie Richards
Helga Baxter
CAO Dylan Heide

Absent:
Greg Muzzatti

Guests: 0

Let us begin by acknowledging that we are gathered today in Mi'kma'ki. The ancestral, present and future territory of the Mi'kmaw people. Today, we gather with the intent followed by the living Peace and Friendship Treaties - with respect, cooperation and coexistence.

1. Approval of Agenda

A motion by Mayor Lohnes-Croft, seconded by T. Richards, **"THAT the agenda be approved as amended to add item #4.3 Coastal Engagement Update."**

Motion carried.

2. Approval of Minutes

2.1 July 7, 2026 – Draft meeting minutes

There being no errors or omissions, the minutes of July 7, 2026 were accepted as presented.

3. Matters referred from Council

3.1 "Old School Lab" Property & Jubilee 2.0

a. September 18th Jubilee 2.0 Joint Committees Discussion

Committee members discussed the upcoming joint committees session on Jubilee 2.0 scheduled for September 18th. It was agreed the agenda for the session – which the CAO will disseminate ahead – would include an introduction by the Mayor and CAO and would focus on discussion of the scope of public engagement and development of a public engagement plan for recommendation to Council (a recommendation which would have

to be delivered by one of the joint committee chairs). Where this session would serve to define opportunities for public engagement it was agreed that the session itself need not include a public participation component.

4. Matters raised by Members

4.1 Tree Retention By-law

Committee members reviewed the outcome of recent housekeeping amendments to the MPS/LUB which removed provisions relating to tree retention and considered the direction in the Municipal Planning Strategy and recommendation from planning staff that a standalone Tree Retention Bylaw be developed if the Town had the intention of regulating retention of trees on private property. Members discussed the potential benefits of a standalone bylaw and attendant challenges. It was noted that the subject of Tree Retention Bylaw development was also on the agenda for the Climate & Environment Committee's September meeting. Members agreed to revisit discussion at their next meeting (with any updates from the Climate & Environment Committee). T. Richards shared concerns about invasive species and regulatory approaches – potentially aligned to tree retention – were discussed.

4.2 Parking Restrictions

T. Richards introduced concerns regarding parking on Main Street. Councillor Palfreyman informed committee members of the Asset Management Committee's intention to develop an asset management plan for the Town's parking assets to enable better management and inform future planning.

4.3 Coastal Engagement Update

CAO D. Heide provided update on engagement activities anticipated this Fall.

5. Topics for Upcoming Meeting Discussion

No additional topics were raised.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m. on conclusion of business.

TOWN OF MAHONE BAY

Councillor Kelly Wilson (Chair)

TOWN OF MAHONE BAY

CAO, Dylan Heide (recording)

DRAFT

The quarterly meeting of the Town of Mahone Bay's Police Advisory Board was held on Thursday, July 30, 2026 at 12:00 p.m. via videoconferencing.

Present:
Mayor Suzanne Lohnes-Croft
Councillor Katherine McCarron
DCAO, Eric Levy
Manager of Public Works & Transportation, Jonathan Uhlman
Tony Sampson
Garry Macey
Staff Sgt. David Ferguson

Regrets:
CAO, Dylan Heide

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1. Approval of Agenda
A motion by Councillor McCarron, seconded by Mr. Macey, **"THAT the Agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried.**

2. Minutes
The minutes of the Police Advisory Board's April 23, 2026 meeting were accepted as presented.

3. Presentation of Police Reports
3.1 Mahone Bay Quarterly Report – April – June 2026
The quarterly police report was reviewed and discussed including some discussions over staffing, responses to mental health cases, and upcoming recommended changes to RCMP staff compliment and funding model.

4. Speed Sign Stats – March 2026
The speed sign statistics were reviewed and discussed, noting that the statistics don't present an accurate picture due to traffic control in place during construction activities.

5. New Business

5.1 ATVs in Mahone Bay

There was a discussion on enforcement of ATV traffic on streets in Mahone Bay.

6. Adjournment

Next Meeting: October 29, 2026

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

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Mayor Suzanne Lohnes-Croft

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Eric Levy, Deputy CAO

The meeting of the Town of Mahone Bay's Finance Committee was held on Friday, July 10 at 10:00 a.m.

Present:
Mayor Suzanne Lohnes-Croft
Deputy Mayor Joseph Feeney
Councillor Bryan Palfreyman
Annette St. Onge
Richard Smith
CAO, Dylan Heide
DCAO, Eric Levy

Regrets:

Land Acknowledgement
Let us begin by acknowledging that we are gathered today in Mi'kma'ki. The ancestral, present and future territory of the Mi'kmaw people. Today, we gather with the intent followed by the living Peace and Friendship Treaties - with respect, cooperation and coexistence.

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 10:00am.

2. Approval of the Agenda
A motion by Mayor Lohnes-Croft, seconded by Councillor Palfreyman, **"THAT the agenda by approved as circulated."** **Motion carried.**

3. Terms of Reference
The Committee reviewed and discussed the terms of reference for their work.

4. Review of Strategic Priorities 2025-29
The Committee was presented Council's strategic plan and implementation to date.

5. Matters Referred from Council
The Committee reviewed drafts of a Reserves Policy and a Comprehensive Debt Policy and had a discussion on the drafts and determined to continue the conversation at the Committee's next meeting.

6. Topics for Upcoming Meeting Discussion

No topics were introduced.

7. Meeting Schedule

The Committee will hold its next meeting on September 25, 2026 at 10:00am in Council Chambers.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:23am.

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Mayor Suzanne Lohnes-Croft

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Eric Levy, Deputy CAO