

Town Hall Re-opening

Town Hall is reopening to the public. After significant renovations, our beloved building is now safe for staff and visitors.



If you come to see us, please take note and follow the directional signage for entering and exiting the building. Our new hours are 9am - 4pm. Until Labour Day Town Hall will be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday and we will still be working remotely on the days that Town Hall is closed to the public.

Purple Week

With the end of summer comes the end of purple week (carts and recycling). August 25th will be the last solid waste collection week when you can put out your green cart with your recycling.



Butt Stops



The Town is excited to announce the installation of additional cigarette butt recycling units. Located around town, these stations are emptied regularly by staff.

The cigarette filters are sent away and are melted into a hard plastic that can be remolded to make recycled industrial products. To learn more about the recycling process, visit www.terracycle.com

Fall for Mahone Bay

A message from the Scarecrow Festival Committee:

Mahone Bay is one of Nova Scotia's true treasures, we have a long history of encouraging artistic creativity while fostering pride in a sense of community.



That being said, 2021 will see one of our most admired festivals celebrated in a new way.

This is your opportunity to own some of Mahone Bay's best creative creations originally made for the town's Scarecrow Festival.

Give one or more of the scarecrows a home and display them with pride.

In the month of September, a 2 day event (open only to Mahone Bay residents) will take place: a sealed bid auction in the Mahone Bay Legion, September 17th & 18th, from 10am until 4pm. All scarecrows sold will be given to the highest bidder on Sunday, September 19th.

This effort will put this magical display back into the hands of the shop owners and residents of the town. Suggested dates for your display will be encouraged to ensure a cohesive town appeal for residents and visitors alike.

Reserve bids will be accepted. Let's keep the scarecrows alive in Mahone Bay!

Email info@mahonebayscarecrowfestival.com with any questions.



The Pride flag will be raised at 8:30 am on August 12th at the Community Flag Pole (at the Michael O'Connor Memorial Bandstand) in celebration of Nova Scotia Pride Week

Message from the Mayor

Ah, the pleasures of summer in Mahone Bay with warm weather and just enough rain to keep the lawns and forests from becoming too dry. There are always plenty of ways to enjoy a summer break here.

Take a leisurely stroll through town and take advantage of the many shops along the main streets. Stop in at one of the eateries for a 'nosh' where you will find lobster rolls, fish and chips, pizza, hamburgers and other fast food specialties... or perhaps a more filling meal in one of the full service restaurants. There are ice cream vendors throughout town who offer refreshing cold treats on a warm summer day too. Or perhaps you would prefer to do some people-watching from the porch or patio of one of the coffee shops in town.

Take a walk to the Civic Marina where you can find a picnic table spot to sit and watch boats move in and out of the bay. There is a trail around the perimeter of the town from Fauxburg Rd to Clearland Rd. Dog owners are frequent walkers on the trails and local children often bike on the route.

There is a playground for 'tiny tots' on Clairmont St. as well as a natural play area. The town swimming pool is open each afternoon for a relaxing bit of exercise. The town sports field is adjacent to the Mahone Bay Center if you just want to run around and kick a ball.

The bandstand in the heart of the town often offers musical entertainment. Or spend some time learning about our local history at the Mahone Bay Museum.

Welcome to all of our visitors. Enjoy the summer in Mahone Bay - there are always plenty of things to do.


David W. Devenne
Mayor

Public Hearing

On Tuesday, September 14th at 6:30pm Council will hold a Public Hearing on the draft Local Improvement By-law. Council will consider giving second and final reading of the by-law at the regular council meeting immediately following the hearing.

The purpose of this by-law is to establish how the Town will work with residents financially to improve shared infrastructure. The draft by-law can be viewed on the Town website.

Can we See 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.

Tree Maintenance

Routine maintenance to clear power lines will begin this month to prepare for hurricane season and winter weather. Crews will be working in the area of Spruce St., Pine Grove St., Fauxburg Rd, Pond St., Hedge Row, and between Orchard St. and Edgewater St.

Downed limbs and trees are the most common cause of power outages in Mahone Bay. Routine trimming maintains a safe space around power lines and prevents the need to remove overgrown trees.



 On August 7th and 8th the dead trees will be removed from Bayview Cemetery (as noted in the July newsletter). Work will begin first thing in the morning and continue until traffic reaches its peak.



Have you signed up for CodeRED?

CodeRED is a mass alert system. If you sign up you will get important notifications sent to you by email, text, phone, or all three, the choice is yours. To sign up visit the home page on the Town of Mahone Bay's website. If you have trouble signing up just call or email Town staff for assistance.

Volunteers Needed

The Town of Mahone Bay is seeking volunteers for the Town's Police Advisory Board (1) and Asset



Management Committee. 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.

Shoreline Project Update



The living shoreline project has begun and you can now access the latest information and 3D flood map at:

www.mahonebaylivingshoreline.com

Electronic Newsletter

Have you signed up to get the Mayor's Newsletter by email?



Welcome!

Please join us in welcoming Jonathan Uhlman to the Town of Mahone Bay team!



Jonathan has filled the role of Manager of Public Works and Transportation.

Join us for Bike Day in Mahone Bay!

On August 14th (rain date August 21st) meet us at Jubilee Park for a 9:30 safety talk followed by a bike ride led by Bicycle NS to tour the Town and learn about proposed active transportation upgrades. Refreshments to follow. Local bike friendly organizations will also have tables set up to browse until 12pm.



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.

Upcoming Dates

Aug 7&8 - Tree maintenance at Bayview Cemetery - please use caution near job site
Aug 12 - Pride Flag Raising
Aug 14 - Bike Day
Aug 12 - 16 - Utility Tree Trimming
Aug 23 - African Nova Scotian Flag Raising
Aug 25 - Last Purple Week Collection
Sept 6 - Office Closed (Labour Day)

Our Public Works keep things running smoothly!

PUBLIC PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

From cutting grass and raking leaves to taking out the trash, the Town's Public Works team pays attention to the details we sometimes take for granted.



EDGEWATER AND MAIN COMFORT STATIONS

It isn't the most glamorous tourist spot in Town, but it might well be one of the most visited: Town staff and our Mahone Bay Civic Marina partners keep the comfort stations clean, well stocked, and maintained.

BAYVIEW AND PARK CEMETERIES

The Town operates and maintains both the Bayview and Park cemeteries. Visitors can feel at ease knowing that the grounds are treated with the respect and dignity that they deserve.



The extra effort that shows that we care.

In addition to the utility services, streets and sidewalks relied on by residents and businesses, the Town of Mahone Bay provides many other services that keep our public spaces working smoothly. Public washrooms and waste receptacles help keep our commercial and recreational spaces clean and inviting, requiring constant care from our Public Works staff.