



## A Message from the Festivals of Mahone Bay



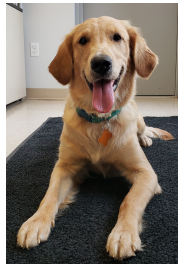
Magic is in the air. Father Christmas is back. This year the Father Christmas Festival is celebrating 19 years with a few new arrivals.

The Mahone Bay Centre will be hosting "Christmas at Hogwarts". The display includes the best of the castle plus the Yule Ball, all decorated for Christmas. Visit Fri-Sun December 1-3rd. The admission price is \$5 per person or \$20 for a family, all proceeds go to the Mahone Bay Centre and Bayview Community school.

To find out about all the events and activities happening around Town, visit [mahonebaychristmas.com](http://mahonebaychristmas.com)

## 2024 Dog Tags

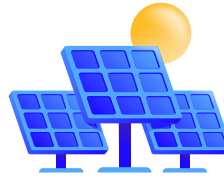
Introducing Buttercup, the Town of Mahone Bay's 2024 dog tag model! Buttercup wants to let you know that we now have our 2024 dog tags.



It is mandatory in Mahone Bay to register your dog each year. Registering your dog annually ensures that we have the most up-to-date information in case we ever need to get your pooch back home.

Registering is quick and easy and FREE! You can stop by Town Hall and pick up your tag(s) in person, or give us a call or send an email and we can arrange to mail your tag(s).

## Solar Garden Open House



You're invited to a bright event!

The Town of Mahone Bay is holding a Community Solar Garden Open House in the Community Hall at the Fire Station, 41 Hawthorn Road, on Monday December 11th from 5-8pm. We invite you to drop in during that time!

If you have any questions about the solar garden that you would like to have answered, send them along to [climate@townofmahonebay.ca](mailto:climate@townofmahonebay.ca), so that we can have answers for you by the time of the open house.

## Public Hearing



On December 5th at 7pm at the Mahone Bay Legion, Council will be hosting a public hearing to give residents the opportunity to share comments regarding the new draft Land Use Bylaw and Municipal Planning Strategy.

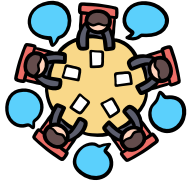
These documents and Fact Sheets highlighting the changes are available to view at [planmahonebay.ca](http://planmahonebay.ca).

## Reindeer Run



The 5th Annual Reindeer Fun Run will take place December 2nd. Register to be among the 400 runners this year. For more information or to register visit [www.mahonebaychristmas.com](http://www.mahonebaychristmas.com)

## Committee Members Needed



We are seeking three interested residents to serve on the newly formed Council Remuneration Committee.

This committee will review compensation paid to members of Council, and if required, recommend changes to Council remuneration. This is a special purpose committee expected to complete its work by June 2024 at the latest.

Preference will be given to people with backgrounds in human resources, finance, compensation methodology or similar fields. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please review the Terms of Reference at [townofmahonebay.ca/committees](https://townofmahonebay.ca/committees) and send your expression of interest outlining your applicable background and experiences to Eric J. Levy, Deputy CAO [eric.levy@townofmahonebay.ca](mailto:eric.levy@townofmahonebay.ca) by December 15, 2023.

## Fun Facts

The Mahone Bay solar garden is made up of 4,128 solar panels and covers almost 6 acres of land on the wastewater treatment facility property.



The solar garden produces 1.86 MW of power for the town. That is equivalent to fully powering 205 Mahone Bay homes each year!

## Plow it Forward

A neighbour may need your help this winter 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.



## HOME Program Survey

Spark Change in Mahone Bay!

We want to hear from you. Share your insights on current and future electricity use and help us shape a more sustainable future. Your input powers positive change and supports the development of new Town programs which could directly benefit you and your household.



Scan the QR code or type the following link to share your thoughts, <https://sprw.io/stt-9Cz2XehB4jgKdsr7BJF6Rk>

## EV Charger Statistics



Our electric vehicle chargers have been used over **2,800** hours, representing over **1,393** individual charging sessions since being installed. This is allowing visitors to take advantage of our green energy while enjoying our Town!

## '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!

By shopping locally, you are not only supporting a neighbour, but 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!

## New Years Levee



The Mahone Bay Royal Canadian Legion Levee is back!

Join us on New Year's Day at the Legion from 12:30 - 2:30. Have some snacks, chat with your neighbours, it's a wonderful community event.

## Meeting with the Mayor

Do you have something you would like to talk to Mayor Devenne about?



He's always happy to meet with residents to discuss their opinions or concerns. Meetings can be scheduled in Town Hall. Call 902-521-5650 or email david.devenne@townofmahonebay.ca to set up a day and time!

## Natural Christmas Tree Collection



Natural Christmas tree and greenery collection will be held on Monday, January 8th.

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

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.

## Thank you!

Thank you to all of the hard working volunteers that bring us our beautiful Father Christmas Festival!



## Winter Parking



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



Watch for the Town of Mahone Bay 2024 Solid Waste Collection and Council & Committee Meeting Calendars in the mail!

## Urban Forest Management Plan

The Town of Mahone Bay is collecting tree data to support our Urban Forest Management Planning!



Trees are extremely important to us as individuals and to the Town. They provide many benefits such as helping to reduce run-off, preventing coastal erosion, helping to reduce atmospheric carbon, cutting energy costs by providing our town with shade and wind-barriers, plus the benefits of added oxygen, tourism, and even food.

Explore our urban forest! Please help us record our community's trees by going to our website and checking out the Urban Forest Management page under the Projects section. You can add your own trees to the interactive map and directly contribute to the sustainability of our urban forest!

## Food Bank



Town Hall staff are now accepting donations for the Mahone Bay Food Bank.

Please drop off your donations of non-perishable food items or essential toiletries by December 8th so staff can get them to the Food Bank ahead of the holidays.

Thank you Mahone Bay!

## Upcoming Dates

Dec 5 - MPS & LUB Public Hearing (MB Legion)  
Dec 6 - Climate & Environment Committee  
Dec 8 - Cemetery Committee  
Dec 11 - Solar Garden Open House  
Dec 12 - Council Meeting  
Dec 13 - Heritage Advisory Committee  
Dec 21 - Asset Management Committee  
Dec 25 to Jan 2 - Office Closed

## Paying by E-transfer

Please remember when sending an e-transfer payment to the Town, we need information on who is making the payment and what it is for. This information should be added to the message section when completing your transfer. Without this information we might not be able to apply your payment to your account.



## Can we See Your Meter?



And just like that we're talking about winter!

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 not to pile snow in front of your meters.

## Dogs on Leash



Are you ready for a nice winter walk with your pooch? Do you have a leash? Are you prepared to stoop and scoop?

Leashes and cleaning up behind pets are the law in Mahone Bay.

## Winter Preparedness

As winter weather approaches, we should all take some time to look at the Emergency Preparedness website.

REMO (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](http://lunenburgremo.ca) to check out this great local resource.



## Connecting with the Town

### **Do you have a question for the Town?**



The first contact is always the main desk at 902-624-8327 or email [inquiries@townofmahonebay.ca](mailto:inquiries@townofmahonebay.ca). The staff that respond to queries have the best information to connect you with the right person and/or service. If you phone and don't get an answer that means all lines are busy, please leave a message and you will receive a response as soon as possible.

## Volunteers Needed!



We're seeking volunteers to be the frontline staff for the Comfort Centre at the Mahone Bay and District Fire Department at 41 Hawthorn Road.

A Comfort Centre is a place where people can go for warming, cooling, electricity, washroom and other amenities during an emergency situation.

The volunteer application and the Town of Mahone Bay Comfort Centre Operating Procedures can be found at, [townofmahonebay.ca/emergency-services](http://townofmahonebay.ca/emergency-services)

If you have any questions, please contact Deputy CAO, Eric Levy at [eric.levy@townofmahonebay.ca](mailto:eric.levy@townofmahonebay.ca).

## Battery Recycling



Did you know that 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.