

2021 Representative Volunteer



47th Annual **Provincial Volunteer Awards**

Nominations are now open!

Do you know a Town resident that has made an outstanding contribution to our Town with their volunteerism? Please contact the Town office for information on how to submit a nomination. Nominations will be accepted until Friday, February 19th, 2021.

An Invitation to Serve Your Community

Are you interested in serving on a Town committee? There are still spaces available on two committees:



- Asset Management - 1 spot
- Heritage Advisory Committee - 2 spots

Applications will be accepted until February 19th.

To learn more about the work of these committees, visit the committees page on the Town's website, or contact the Town Office by phone or email.

Parking Lot Lease Agreement Signed



With the signing of this lease the Town of Mahone Bay and the Parish of St. James continue their long cooperation in the interest of providing public parking on the Edgewater Street waterfront. We look forward to future enhancements of this important asset, including the Town's planned shoreline improvement project, intended to help protect Edgewater Street and its historic three churches from rising waves.

Reminder - Winter Parking



Please remember that vehicles that obstruct snow clearing and/or winter road maintenance are in violation of the Motor Vehicle Act

and are subject to being ticketed and/or towed at the expense of the owner.

Trash to Cash for Charity

Do you have refundables piling up?



This charity will take them off your hands! This organization collects refundable recyclables and donates the money to the Mahone Bay and Area Food Bank and the Three Churches Foundation. Call JayMe at 902-233- 8358 to arrange to donate your bottles.

As the dark days of January come to an end, Mahone Bay continues to move toward a bright future. But our experience with the COVID-19 pandemic remains in the forefront. The impact of the pandemic continues to be felt here, in spite of low case numbers in NS. Our streets are even more quiet than one would expect. Citizens of our town have chosen to adhere to the recommendations of our provincial health department. Masks, social distancing and gathering limits are the order of the day. Most of our shops and restaurants have been able to remain open on a restricted basis with lots of local support.

Businesses operating on a limited basis are experiencing difficulties in providing valuable services. Volunteer groups are affected as well. COVID-19 restrictions make it almost impossible to pursue fund raising activities. In our town it is critical that our businesses survive the pandemic. It is equally important that our volunteer organisations do as well.

Some of the volunteer organisations that rely on the donations of citizens include :

The Food Bank

Lions' Club

Mahone Bay Legion

Three Churches Foundation

Mahone Bay Founders Society (MB Museum)

The Heritage Boatyard Co-operative

Mahone Bay Volunteer Fire Department

Mahone Bay Center

And you may have your own special volunteer group needing assistance.

In supporting local organisations impacted by COVID-19, do not overlook our volunteer groups. Consider a cash donation or purchase goods they may market or perhaps commit some of your time to assist them in surviving to support my town – your town – our town.



David W. Devenne
Mayor

Leashes, according to Brian

The Town of Mahone Bay Animal Control Officer, Brian Truelove, is part of an increased push to remind people of the importance of keeping dogs secured on your property or on leash. Keeping your dog secured is mandatory in Mahone Bay and anyone who fails to do so is subject to a fine and/or dogs found wandering at large can be confiscated by the Animal Control Officer.



In addition to the need to be sure that your dog does not bother others, Brian urges all dog owners/walkers/minders to keep dogs on lead for the dog's protection.

"If your dog is on leash, you have control of your dog and you can protect it," Brian says. In his many years working in Animal Control Brian has seen cases of dogs off-leash who get spooked and run, eventually ending up on the road with tragic results; injuries when meeting another off-leash dog; and this time of year Brian regularly learns of dogs caught in snares.

For the safety of all, including your dog, remember that leashes are the law.

If your dog isn't on leash - it isn't ready to go for a walk.



2020 Christmas Tree Donation



Doelings Teddy and Sally (born during hurricane Teddy) snack on some garland

Bob and Grandma Mildred munch on Christmas trees.



Donating Mahone Bay's Christmas trees and garlands to local farms provides snacks for the goats while also diverting them from the solid waste site, a win-win!

This year, the Town's trees were donated to P&P Pastures Homestead in First Peninsula.

Fire Station Update



The footings and foundation for the administrative portion of the building have been poured.

Work is underway to create the formwork to prepare for the pouring of the garage bay footings and foundation walls.

Electronic Newsletter

Have you signed up to get the Mayor's Newsletter by email? Enter your information using the prompt at the bottom of every website page.



Have you registered for CodeRED, the Town of Mahone Bay's mass notification system? You can register by clicking the CodeRED link on the home page of the Town's website.

Thank you from the Food Bank!



We are THRILLED that our shelves, as well as our storage room, are FULL of food items and supplies! A huge thank you to our communities for your kindness and support this past Christmas!

Important Dates

- February 9th - Council Meeting - 7pm
- February 15th - NS Heritage Day - Office Closed
- February 25th - Council Meeting - 7pm

There's a new way to have your say - ask us how to join the Public Information Session 15 minutes before the start of regular Council Meetings.

Town Hall needs an overhaul.

A RETURN TO FUNCTION

We've outgrown and outpaced our space. In order for Town staff to work efficiently, significant renovations are required.

SOMEHOW EVEN MORE GREEN

No one can accuse Town Hall of not being green but it's time we made it eco-friendly too. Our renovation will find new efficiencies and reduce the municipality's carbon footprint.

SAFETY FIRST

Changing times require changes to familiar spaces. To keep staff and visitors safe with the onset of COVID-19, we're applying what we've learned and making some changes.

ACCESSIBILITY GRANTED

Town Hall has heritage charm but accessibility as never been given the priority it deserves. Our planned update will ensure that it meets all modern standards.

A municipal building worthy of civic pride.

493 Main Street needs updating. Renovations will make Town Hall a safe, functional, and efficient workplace again and for a lot less than a new facility. We're presented with a rare opportunity to make improvements while our staff continue to work remotely where possible. Soon Town Hall will meet the needs of the staff, council, and the people of Mahone Bay!



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