



## **NOTICE – REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST: SALE OF OLD FIRE HALL**

### **Scope of Proposals**

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

### **Submissions**

All Expressions of Interest must be submitted as outlined herein. Any expression of interest that is not submitted in accordance with the process outlined herein may be rejected by Town staff.

Submissions must be received no later than 4pm on Friday, March 31, 2023 and must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked “Old Fire Hall Expression of Interest”. Proposals can be dropped off to the Mahone Bay Town Office at 493 Main St. or mailed to Town of Mahone Bay, PO Box 530, Mahone Bay, NS B0J 2E0.

Proposals will be opened immediately following the closing date detailed above and will be provided to the Town Council for review.

### **Confidentiality**

The Town is governed by the Municipal Government Act of Nova Scotia (MGA). All information submitted through this Expression of Interest will be kept confidential. Part XX, Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy, of the Act defines these requirements as per section 481.

### **Project Background**

The Town of Mahone Bay is a municipal unit located in Nova Scotia, Canada. 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.

The Old Fire Hall building has not been subdivided from the adjacent Town-owned property but has been surveyed for subdivision for potential sale. Copies of this survey can be obtained, and tours of the building can be arranged, by calling 902-624-8327 or emailing [kelly.redden@townofmahonebay.ca](mailto:kelly.redden@townofmahonebay.ca).

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.

In addition to clearly stating the proposed purchase price, submissions should clearly describe the nature of the activity for which the building would be used and outline why the Council should consider this activity to be beneficial to the Town.

The submissions will be evaluated on their own merit. The Town reserves the right to:

- Seek clarity on information provided during this process
- Conduct further selection / sale processes at its discretion

## What to Include

The Town is expecting Expression of Interest submissions to include:

- Background on the respondent(s) and related organization (if applicable) including any nonprofit or charitable status claimed
- Clear description of the nature of the activity for which the building would be used and why the Council should consider this activity to be beneficial to the Town (if applicable)
- Proposed offer to purchase with offer price clearly stated
- Proposed purchase closing date
- Brief description of any potential problems or barriers to purchase
- Anything additional expected from the Town of Mahone Bay

## Questions/Inquiries

All questions and inquiries regarding this Expression of Interest should be directed to:

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