

## **Mayor's Newsletter**

June 2021 Mahone Bay, NS

#### **Bike Safety**



With warmer weather comes an increase in bicycle traffic. Bicycle safety is everyone's responsibility!

Cyclists - wear your helmet, it's the law, and watch out for pedestrians and vehicles.

Motorists - watch for cyclists, especially the young ones who are still learning.

#### **Community-Wide Bicycle Route**

We have already received great feedback from the community as part of our online survey.
We have extended the survey until

June 11th so if you have not yet had a chance to participate, please share your thoughts at http://bit.ly/bicyclesurveyMB.

If you are unable to complete the survey online, please feel free to send your ideas and comments about a project that you think would be a good idea as part of our goal of a community-wide bicycle route.

Join us on Tuesday, June 22nd at 7pm to discuss what we have heard from the community and discuss next steps.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88000572221

#### New 3-way Stop

Have you noticed the new
3-way stop at the intersection
of Main Street and Clearway
Street? This change will help
to ensure the safety of all
pedestrians, especially our students.



We ask that all motorists and pedestrians be careful and vigilant at this new intersection while everyone gets used to the change.

## Congratulations!!

If you see Derrick around, join us in congratulating him on his well deserved retirement!

After nearly 33 years of service to the Town of Mahone Bay, Derrick MacKenzie is hanging up his hard hat.



# PRIDE!

Please join us in celebrating Pride Month. While we are unable to have a celebration due to COVID restrictions, the Town of Mahone Bay

embraces diversity in our community and we strive to be a community where everyone feels welcome.



For everyone's safety, please avoid Town Hall during construction.

The Town's outdoor drop-box has been temporarily moved to the Mahone Bay Fire Hall at 184 Kinburn Street.



#### Message from the Mayor

Town Council continues to develop and refine the new operational budget. The most costly item in the budget is policing, which is provided by the RCMP under contract.

In general terms, that budget allocation pays our share of the cost of the Lunenburg County RCMP operation and specifically the cost of two officers assigned to the town.

The contract includes support from Traffic Services, police dog service, a fleet of patrol cars, SUV's, boats, ATV's and bicycles. There are liaison members working with all of our municipalities and Acadia First Nation. The force includes a number of specialty units including General Investigation Section, Street Crime Enforcement Unit, School Resource Officers, and Community Policing.

There are also special services the town can call on if required, including:

- Emergency Response Team
- Tactical Armored Vehicle
- Major Crimes Unit
- Explosive Disposal Unit
- Technological Crime Unit
- Internet Child Exploitation Unit.

The RCMP personnel assigned to Mahone Bay are familiar with the town and committed to providing the highest level of service to the citizens. The RCMP are active participants in the town Police Advisory Board. They provide us with an extensive package of police services. and we thank them for their service in our town.

David W. Devenne

Purple Week is Back!

Starting June 2nd you can put your green cart, or paper bags of yard waste, to the curbside every Wednesday!



Compost and paper bags will be picked up weekly until the end of August.

#### Paper Bag Success!



Bravo, Mahone Bay!

We did not have a single rejected bag during May's Leaf and Yard Waste Special Collection.

Thank you, Mahone Bay, for embracing this change, the importance of proper solid waste handling, and pulling together as a community. This small change in each of our lives makes a huge difference overall: it is better for the equipment (which costs tax dollars to repair and replace); it removes landfill from the compost; and it is much better for the environment.

#### Wildlife Feeding By-law

On June 8th at 6:30pm Mahone Bay Town Council will hold a public hearing to receive written and verbal submissions from the public on the proposed bylaw.

The public hearing will be live streamed on the Town's YouTube page.

Immediately following the public hearing, Council will consider the bylaw for second reading and adoption.

Visit the Town of Mahone Bay's website to review the draft by-law.

#### **Civic Address Bylaw Correction**

In the May edition of the Mayor's Newsletter. It was stated that blue reflective civic address signs must be mounted on a post no further than 1m (3') from the edge of the road. The correct distance is 3m (10').

Apologies for any confusion this may have caused!

#### **Check for Ticks**

With Spring comes the increased chance of finding ticks. Blacklegged ticks are common in our area and carry Lyme disease. To reduce you and your family's risk follow these guidelines:

- Wear long pants and long sleeves in areas likely to have ticks
- Wear light coloured clothing so that it's easier to see ticks
- Wear enclosed shoes and tuck your pants into vour socks
- Walk on well-travelled paths, avoid areas with long grass and overhanging tree branches
- Remember to check yourself for ticks after being outside. Ticks like warm places on the body so remember to check:
  - around ears
  - behind knees
  - in the hair
  - between legs/groin area
  - around the waist



#### **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.



#### Volunteers Needed

The Town of Mahone Bay is seeking volunteers for the Heritage Advisory Committee and the Police Advisory Board.



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.

#### Mahone Bay Pool

The Mahone Bay Pool Society is closely watching the Public Health pandemic safety guidelines, but if they are able to open this year, they will need staff and they are always looking for volunteers.



If you are interested and/or able to help, reach out by emailing mahonepool@gmail.com.

#### Important Dates

June 8 - Public Hearing - 6:30pm

June 8 - Council Meeting - 7pm

June 9 - HAC Meeting - 5:30pm

June 14 - Office Closed

June 17 - Asset Management Meeting

June 21 - Cemetery Committee Meeting

June 24 - Public Input Session

June 24 - Council Meeting - 7pm

# Safe streets and sidewalks!

#### **ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION**

The Town is responsible for sidewalks and paths and we're working to support walking, cycling, and other forms of active transportation with the with the recent Transportation Plan Report and upcoming Accessibility Plan, and related infrastructure investments.

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#### **STAYING SAFE**

The Town is the local traffic authority and employs by-law enforcement and the RCMP to keep our streets safe. We're also working with event organizers to ensure the safety of locals and visitors when Mahone Bay is at it's busiest.

#### **SNOW REMOVAL TO STREET SIGNAGE**

The Town of Mahone Bay owns and maintains all the roads within Town limits. Our public works crew plows, salts, patches, and paints, along with taking care of signage and roadway lighting.



### Let's keep Mahone Bay moving!

Mahone Bay is growing and our streets, sidewalks, and trails are getting busier every year. The Town is hard at work ensuring public safety is protected while planning ahead for a greener and more accessible future, making investments in the staff, equipment, and infrastructure we need.



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