

Solid Waste By-law Amendment

On April 12, 2022 Mahone Bay Town Council gave first reading to the amended Solid Waste Management By-law.

Amendments to the By-law include changes in wording to regulate the removal of plastics from the organic stream, items like disposable coffee cups which have thin plastic liners that do



not break down, and plastic compost liners which are sold as 'compostable' - they really aren't.

A public hearing will be held on May 26, 2022 at 6:30pm on the Town of Mahone Bay's YouTube channel to receive written and verbal submissions from the public on the proposed by-law.

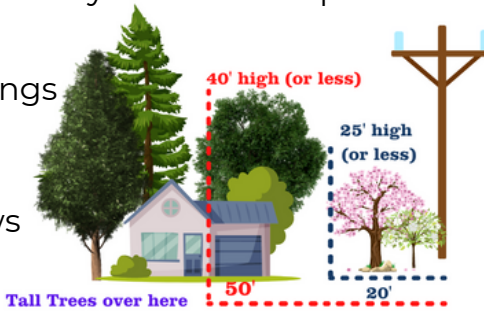
If you would like to make a submission, please contact Town Hall staff to make arrangements either by phoning (902) 624-8327 during business hours, or by emailing clerk@townofmahonebay.ca.

The by-law will be considered for 2nd reading and adoption at a meeting of Town Council on May 26, 2022, immediately following the public hearing. Copies of the by-law are available for viewing on the Town of Mahone Bay website, www.townofmahonebay.ca.

Planting and Utility Lines

As you plan your garden and landscaping, keep in mind what you choose to plant near power lines.

Shorter plantings prevent the need for Town crews to trim them later.



Living Shoreline

The team at Coastal Action has been working on a living shoreline pilot project along a 60m portion of Edgewater Street across from the Three Churches.



A living shoreline provides protection from flooding, erosion, and storm surge through nature-based infrastructure as opposed to the hard rock armouring typically seen along Nova Scotia coastlines. Coastal Action began this project in 2020, and successfully completed a geotechnical study at the pilot site last fall. It is hoped that this pilot will lead to expansion of the living shoreline along Edgewater Street.

Work on this pilot project is expected to begin in the coming months, so keep an eye out for updates on this exciting project!

Public Input Sessions



As part of the Town's 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

- May 10 - Council Meeting
- May 11 - HAC Meeting
- May 16 - Watershed Advisory Committee meeting
- May 19 - Asset Management Committee Meeting
- May 23 - Office Closed
- May 26 - Public Hearing - Solid Waste Bylaw
- May 26 - Council Meeting



Mayor's Newsletter

May 2022 Mahone Bay, NS

A Call for Nominations



Mahone Bay is fortunate to have amazing volunteers that help to make our town the special place that it is.

If you know someone who has made an outstanding contribution to our town with their volunteerism and you would like to nominate them as the Town of Mahone Bay 2022 Representative Volunteer, please contact Town Hall. or visit the Town's website, for a nomination form. Nominations will be accepted until Monday, May 9th at 12noon.

EV Chargers



We know that we can't stop talking about it but we're so proud that Mahone Bay now boasts 8 EV charging stations!

Since the chargers were brought online in mid-February they have been used for over 78 hours with usage increasing each month since they were installed!

To learn more about these chargers and see a map of their locations, please visit the Climate + Sustainability page of the Town's website.

Leaf and Yard Waste Collection

Leaf and yard waste can be left curbside for collection on green week in the green bin, in paper leaf bags, and/or tied in bundles with no stick more than 3' long or 2" wide.



Remember the Special Leaf and Yard Waste Collection on May 9th.

Emergency Preparedness Week



Emergency Preparedness week is May 1 -7 this year.

Everyone has a role to play in the case of an

emergency. Emergency Preparedness Week is an opportunity for you to take action to ensure you are prepared to protect yourself, your family and your community during an emergency.

Are you prepared to shelter in place for 72 hours? The steps to preparedness are:

Know the Risks

What are the potential risks to your household and property?

Make a Plan

Every household needs an emergency plan. It will help you and your family know what to do in case of an emergency.

Build/Get a Kit

You can prepare for potential hazards by having a plan in place to deal with the anticipated impacts of an event. Having your plan and emergency kit prepared in advance is the best way to support your family and pets.

Another way to be prepared is to sign up for CodeRED, the Town's mass alert system. It's a great way to get info from the Town during an emergency or a service disruption. Visit the Town's website or call Town Hall to get set up.

Take some time during Emergency Preparedness week to visit the Emergency Services page on our website and lunenburgremo.ca for lots of info and tips.

Battery Recycling



We're excited to announce 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). Wet-cell, damaged, or defective batteries will not be accepted.

Be Fire Safe!

If you enjoy sitting by an outdoor fire, be sure to check the Town of Mahone Bay Outdoor Burning By-law to make sure that your fire pit/appliance is safe and in compliance with the local by-law.



Community Solar Garden



Mahone Bay is partnering with the Alternative Resource Energy Authority (AREA) to develop a Community Solar Garden!

Electricity is the largest producer of greenhouse gas emissions in Mahone Bay, and Council has set an ambitious goal of replacing 100% of the grid electricity with green energy by 2030. Located at the site of the Town's wastewater treatment plant, the community solar garden will provide up to 16% of Town's energy from a local, safe, and environmentally friendly source. Through innovative green energy projects such as the Community Solar Garden and the Ellershouse windfarm, Mahone Bay has become a leader in the transition to renewable energy!

New Crosswalks!



We're sure you've noticed the 4 new crosswalks being installed in various locations around town.

The installation of these crosswalks is a big step in achieving Council's strategic plan goal of improving transportation infrastructure to support healthy living in Mahone Bay .



Hello again, it's me, your old pal Finn!

Last month I let you know about the importance of registering your dog in Mahone Bay.

This month I want to tell you about the dog waste stations in Mahone Bay. The Town's fabulous Public Works staff have installed 10 stations around town. The stations have attached garbage cans and even free doggie bags!

I know it's not fun but it's important to pick up after dogs to keep our town clean and beautiful.

Thank you,
Finn

Flower Baskets

The folks at the Mahone Bay Tourism and Chamber of Commerce are preparing a plan for flower baskets on Main Street - stay tuned for more information on how you can sponsor a basket!



Municipal Boundary Review



The Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board (NSUARB) is required by the Municipal Government Act to conduct reviews of the number and boundaries of municipal polling districts and the number of councillors every eight years. Council will have to make a submission to the NSUARB, stating what Council composition should look like in the future, specifically:

Should there be polling districts?

Should Mahone Bay voters continue to elect people on a ballot with names from any part of town (like we do now) or should the town be divided into polling districts so that voters choose from candidates in a specific part of town?

What is the right size for our Council?

We want people to really think about what size IS appropriate for Mahone Bay. That is what we want to hear about from Mahone Bay - is our Council too big? Too small? Or the appropriate size?

Change to public meeting date



When we started this process we stated that we want to have a public discussion if at all possible. We had previously planned to have that session this month, but we are going to delay that session - we hope to plan that in June, but watch for information in the mailer that goes out via Canada Post and the Town's other communication platforms.

Have your say!



Look for the special new page on our website about the Municipal Boundary Review Process and the job of a Councillor



Watch for a notice via Canada Post with information about this process and how to share your thoughts with Council.



Thank you to everyone who participated in our online survey. We hope that this has prompted people to think about this issue. Please take the time to review the information on our website and send us your comments to be a part of the consideration of this decision.

The process:

- 1. Following the public discussion, Council will make their submission to the NSUARB
- 2. The NSUARB will hold an independent Public Hearing in Mahone Bay before they make their decision
- 3. The decision of the NSUARB will determine the make-up of Council at the next municipal election in 2024