

## 2024 Representative Volunteer



**The Town of Mahone Bay invites nominations from the community to**

**assist in selecting an outstanding volunteer to receive the 2024 Provincial Representative Volunteer Award.**

The Volunteer Award is given to individuals from across the province who have made an outstanding contribution to the volunteer sector of their community. Municipalities, Towns and Villages select one volunteer who will come forward on behalf of all volunteers in their community to be recognized and receive the Representative Volunteer Award.

Representative Volunteers from across the province receive their awards during the Provincial Volunteer Awards Ceremony to be held in September 2024.

Nominations are open to residents of the Town of Mahone Bay who have not previously received the award. The representative volunteer will be selected by Council, either by consensus or ballot, following a review of the nominations.

To nominate a deserving volunteer from the community, please submit a completed nomination form which can be found at <https://www.townofmahonebay.ca/administration.html> or contact Town Hall. Nominations must be received no later than 12pm, Friday, April 19, 2024.

## Be FireSmart



At Council's February 29th meeting, Council received a presentation concerning a Wildfire Risk Assessment completed by Kara McCurdy of the Department of Natural Resources & Renewables. There was a lot of valuable information about how to make our homes "FireSmart".

Watch the presentation on the Town's YouTube channel or visit [firesmartcanada.ca](https://firesmartcanada.ca) to learn more about how you can keep your home safer in the event of a forest fire.

## 2024-25 Budget



Council starts their annual budget deliberation process this month.

Budget meetings will be live streamed on the Town's YouTube Channel.

To see the budget meeting dates, check out the Upcoming Dates section of this newsletter.

## A Message from Communities in Bloom

Mahone Bay now has a Communities in Bloom group.



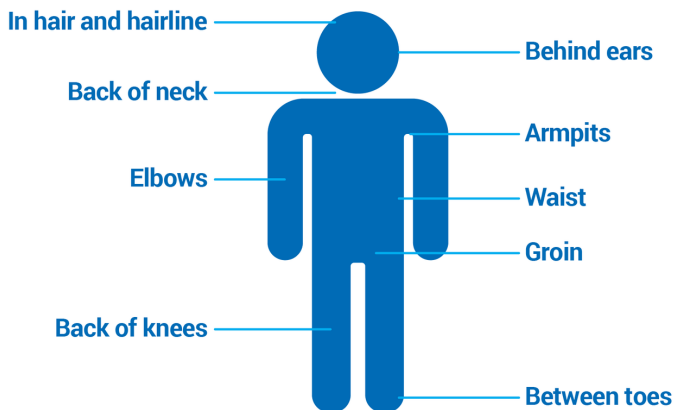
Communities in Bloom (CiB) is a Canadian non-profit organization committed to developing civic pride, building community connection, mitigating and adapting to the impacts of climate change, enhancing our green spaces, strengthening our neighbourhoods and increasing investment and tourism opportunities.

## Tick Safety

Spring is here! We're all excited to get out and enjoy the spring weather but we need to remember that with the return of warm weather comes the return of ticks.

Nova Scotia has many types of ticks but the one of most concern for the spread of Lyme Disease is the blacklegged tick.

Blacklegged ticks are very small so it's important to be diligent about checking yourself and your pets whenever you've been spending time outdoors. Ticks like warm places on the body so be sure to check these areas:



You can also reduce your risk by:

- ✓ Wearing long pants and long sleeves in areas likely to have ticks
- ✓ Wear light coloured clothing (it's easier to see ticks)
- ✓ Wear enclosed shoes and tuck your pants into your socks
- ✓ Walk on well-travelled paths, avoiding long grass and vegetation
- ✓ Apply insect repellents containing Deet or Icaridin to exposed skin and clothes

## Book



March 31st was the Town of Mahone Bay's 105th anniversary!

Have you read 100 Years and Counting? This book was a Centennial project completed

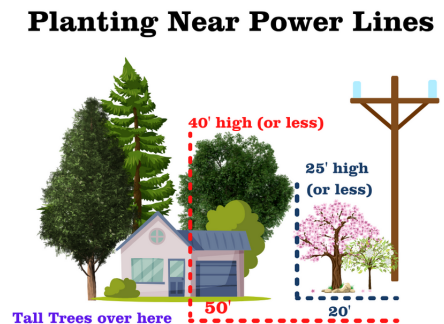
five years ago and tells the story of the Town of Mahone Bay from 1919 to today (well, to 2019).

Copies are available for purchase at Town Hall!

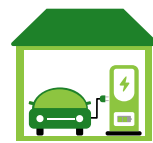
## Planting & Utility Lines

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

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



## EV Charging Program



Do you have an EV?

We're launching a 2 year EV Charging Program. Participants will receive a \$25 credit on their electrical bill for every month of participation.

All you need to do is supply us with your charging data each month. Your data will be used and analyzed by our Climate and Energy Department to consider new time-of-day rate structures. The goal is to incentivize resident EV owners to charge at times our local renewables are online (Ellershouse Wind Farm and the Town's Solar Garden).

To learn more, visit [townofmahonebay.ca/climate--sustainability.html](http://townofmahonebay.ca/climate--sustainability.html) or contact [climate@townofmahonebay.ca](mailto:climate@townofmahonebay.ca)

## Access to Meters

Please ensure that your power and water meters are unobstructed so that staff have safe access to read and/or maintain your meter.



When thinking of planting trees and putting in gardens this spring, please make sure that nothing is planted in front of meters. Off leash dogs can also impede staff's ability to safely conduct meter readings.

## Senior Safety Academy



The New Ross Family Resource Centre will be hosting The Lunenburg County Seniors'

Safety Program's Seniors Safety Academy in the afternoons from April 10 - May 15.

There will be presentations on scam/fraud prevention, home safety, fall prevention and much more.

Call 902-689-2414 to register.

## Invitation to Serve

We still have openings for volunteers on the following committees: Asset Management Committee; Climate & Environment Committee; Heritage Advisory Committee; Planning Advisory Committee.

Serving on a committee of Council is an excellent way to voice your opinion on a topic that is important to you.

To learn more about these committees and how to apply visit the Committees page of the Town's website [townofmahonebay.ca/committees](http://townofmahonebay.ca/committees)



## Volunteer Opportunity Fair

The Mahone Bay Centre is hosting a Volunteer Opportunity Fair on Saturday, April 27th from 10am to 2pm.



Find your new passion, get involved with causes you care about, be part of building the community you want to live in. Contact the Mahone Bay Centre for more information.

## MPS & LUB



It's official! Mahone Bay now has a new Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) & Land Use Bylaw (LUB).

These documents regulate land use activities across the Town. To read the MPS & LUB visit [townofmahonebay.ca/by-laws--policies.html](http://townofmahonebay.ca/by-laws--policies.html)

Thank you to everyone who participated in this 3 year process!

## Public Input Session

Did you know that there is a 15 minute Public Input Session during each Council Meeting? The session starts right after Council approves the agenda and minutes of their previous meeting(s).

This is an opportunity for you to share your opinions with Council and the community.

## Upcoming Dates

- April 8 - Policy & Strategy Committee
- April 9 - Council Meeting
- April 10 - Heritage Advisory Committee
- April 11 - 2024/25 Budget Meeting
- April 18 - Asset Management Committee
- April 19 - 2024/25 Budget Meeting
- April 22 - Policy & Strategy Committee
- April 25 - Police Advisory Board
- April 25 - Council Meeting
- April 26 - 2024/25 Budget Meeting

## Volunteers Wanted

Are you looking for a way to serve your community? The Mahone Bay & District Fire Department is always on the lookout for new members to join their ranks and offer an invaluable service to the community.

There is also a junior fire department for youth ages 12 to 18. This is a great opportunity and introduction to firefighting and an exciting way to learn new skills.

To learn more about the work of the Department or to find out how to join, send an email to [mbdfd.admin@townofmahonebay.ca](mailto:mbdfd.admin@townofmahonebay.ca)



## 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.

## Vial of Life

The Vial of Life program helps emergency personnel get important medical facts about you during a health crisis in the home.



When paramedics or other emergency personnel come to your home, they will look for the vial of life symbol. This tells them that vital information is available to help them understand your medical condition(s) & provide the best treatment for you. The vial also identifies who you want notified in the event of an emergency.

Pick up your Vial of Life at Kinburn Pharmasave!

## Volunteers Through the Years

Volunteer Week is April 14 - 20 this year. The following is a list of Mahone Bay Representative Volunteers going back to 1989.

- 2023 - Karen Pinsent
- 2022 - Cara Muldoon
- 2021 - Lynn Hennigar
- 2020 - Val Header
- 2019 - Helen Whitehouse
- 2018 - Michael O'Connor
- 2017 - Lloyd Westhaver
- 2016 - Chris Wile
- 2015 - Paul Seltzer
- 2014 - Richard Nowe
- 2012 - Charles Uhlman
- 2011 - Cathie Slaughenwhite-Nowe
- 2010 - Suzanne Lohnes-Croft
- 2009 - Tillie Biebesheimer
- 2008 - Robert Mader
- 2007 - Vicki Bardon
- 2006 - Lorne Pearse
- 2005 - Lenora Begin
- 2004 - Barbara Miller
- 2003 - Isobel Crossland
- 2002 - John Biebesheimer
- 2001 - Tom Ernst
- 2000 - Peter Hall
- 1999 - Cy Fear
- 1998 - Andrew Veinotte
- 1997 - Gary Langille
- 1996 - C.J. Feeney
- 1995 - Scott Carnegie
- 1993 - Phillip Smeltzer
- 1991 - Lila O'Connor
- 1990 - Lise Munroe
- 1989 - Ethel Wood

Thank you to all the hard working volunteers in Mahone Bay, past and present, that make, and have made, Mahone Bay what it is today!

