

EV Test Drive

Are you considering an electric vehicle for your next car purchase? Or have you ever wondered what it is like to drive

one? On August 11th from 10am - 4pm Next Ride will be in Mahone Bay at the new Fire Station! They will have a Chevy Bolt and a Tesla Model 3 available for members of the public to test drive! Limited spaces are available! Pre-book your test drive at <https://nextridens.com/>



Firehall Grand Opening



Join us on Saturday, August 20th between 11am and 2pm as we celebrate the opening of the Town of Mahone Bay and Mahone Bay and District Fire

Department's new firehall and station. There will be an opening ceremony, BBQ and tours of our beautiful new building

Purple Week Ending

And just like that we're nearing the end of purple week waste collection. Purple week takes place in the summer months, it's a time

when you can put your compost out every weekly collection day. The last purple week pick up will take place on August 24th.



Water System Upgrade

We had our first road closure and water shut-off in July, and we're now preparing for our second one.



Monday, August 15th at 10pm until Tuesday, August 16th at 6am.

It should be noted that shut off dates are always subject to change.

We appreciate everyone's patience with this ongoing work. Our underground waterlines that go to and from our Water Treatment Plant on Zwicker Lane were installed in the 1940s and the Town is very excited about these upgrades, which are hoped to be the first of several such projects in coming years. Be sure to keep watching for further news via the Town's regular communication channels.

Living Shoreline

Coastal Action is wrapping up the construction phase Living Shoreline Pilot project!



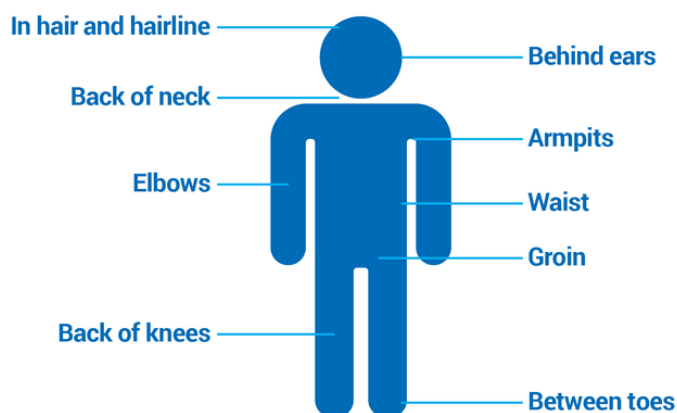
A living shoreline provides protection from flooding, erosion, and storm surge through nature-based infrastructure as opposed to the hard rock armouring typically seen along Nova Scotia coastlines. This innovative project will also filter stormwater runoff, stabilize the shoreline bank, reduce wave energy, and enhance coastal habitat. We hope this pilot project will assist in securing support to complete the Living Shoreline all along Edgewater Street.

Tick Safety

Spring is in the air! 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



Are you locked up and secure for the night?

Join the #9PMRoutine today and take an active role in crime prevention in your neighbourhood and community.

The #9PMRoutine is a campaign used by police agencies across North America to remind citizens to protect themselves and their property.

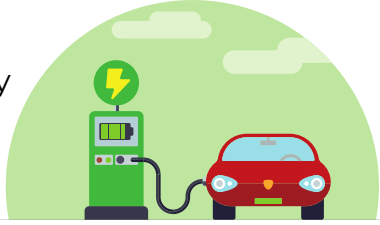
What Do I Need to Do?

There are simple steps you can take to help prevent crime in your neighbourhood. Every night at 9 PM:

- Remove valuables from your vehicle and ensure it's locked, windows are closed, and if possible, your vehicle's parked in a garage.
- Close all garage windows and lock any garage doors, especially those leading into your house.
- Keep your vehicle registration and insurance documents secure. The documents can be used to commit other crimes.
- Check and lock all house doors and shut all windows.
- Turn on an exterior light.
- Close and lock your fence gate.
- Lock your shed.
- Put away bikes and toys in your yard.
- Park in the garage instead of the street, if possible.

Electric Vehicles and Home Charging

The Climate and Energy team has developed a short survey to gather information regarding electric vehicles (EVs)



and home charging in Mahone Bay. The goal is to determine the number of EVs in town, gain insight into how they interact with our electricity grid, and better understand residents' decisions around purchasing an EV.

Having effective and efficient charging infrastructure is an important factor when pursuing a pathway toward achieving the Town's climate and sustainability goals. To complete the survey, go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FQ2RHG2> or check out the projects page of the Town's website to find the link..

Sustainability Spotlight



Shore Lunch Food Truck
Shore Lunch Food Truck serves sushi bowls that are inspired by Nova Scotia's local south shore cuisine!

This business has also actively taken steps to reduce its environmental footprint by:

- Utilizing solar panel energy that is also stored on a lithium-battery system
- Providing customers with compostable plates and utensils

Keep an eye out on their Facebook page Shore Lunch Food Truck for information on locations and dates/times.

If you are proud of the sustainable initiatives your business is taking, reach out to our Climate team at climate@townofmahonebay.ca.

Municipal Boundary Review

The Municipal Boundary Review is a process conducted every eight years in which the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board requires that municipal councils submit an application for the size of Council.



Council has declared their preference for a Council comprised of six Councillors plus a mayor. Their final decision will be made following the period of public consultation, but this preference is to stimulate conversation in the community. What do you think? Is this the right size for Mahone Bay?



Share your thoughts!



Join us on

September 7th at

7pm at the new fire hall

for a public discussion about the size of Council.

Your input is important to this process and we want to know what you think.



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.



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.

EV Chargers & Tickets



Reminder - the Electrical Vehicle charger parking spots around town are only for EV's and only to be used when they are charging. Non-EV's or EV's that are not charging are in violation and subject to parking fines.

EV Statistics

Visitors are charging up in Mahone Bay this summer!

Our recently installed electric vehicle chargers have seen



over 375 hours of use since being installed last winter. This is allowing visitors to take advantage of our green energy while touring the Town! You can find these chargers located at Town Hall, Clairmont Street (by the Pharmasave), Main Street (at Clearway), the Mahone Bay Centre, the Mahone Bay Civic Marina, and the new Fire Station.



Be sure to register for notifications from the Town by signing up for CodeRED on our website!

Community Solar Garden



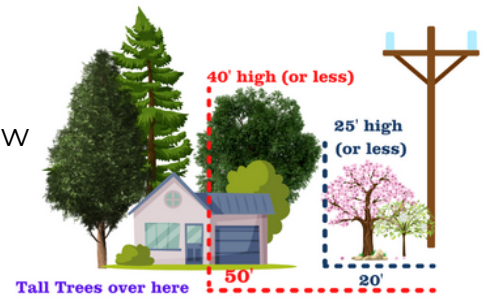
Work is finally beginning at the future site of our Community Solar Garden! Contractors are now on site working on final site clearing (removing large rocks, shrubs, and stumps), ditching, and grading. Keep an eye on the Town's Facebook page and website for updates on this exciting project!

Special Budget Edition

Keep an eye out for our special budget edition of the Mayor's Newsletter which will be available later this month.

Planting and Utility Lines

We love to see home owners planting new trees and bushes on their properties!



Please keep in mind what you choose to plant near power lines. Shorter plantings prevent the need for Town crews to trim them later.

Cigarette Butts



Have you noticed these cigarette butt recycling stations around town?

Located around town these stations are emptied regularly by staff. The cigarette filters are sent away and are melted into a hard plastic that can be remolded to make recycled industrial products. To learn more about the recycling process, visit www.terracycle.com

Solid Waste Management Bylaw



The Town has adopted an amended Solid Waste Management By-law which excludes hidden plastic contaminants from the organics stream. This by-law is effective November 1, 2022 and bans items with waxy or plastic coating such as some disposable food containers and plastic compost liners. Watch for more information to come.

Upcoming Dates

August 11 - Next Ride

August 12 - Office Closed (Staff Appreciation Day)

August 20 - Firehall Grand Opening

August 24 - Last Purple Week collection