

Mayor's Newsletter

August 2023 Mahone Bay, NS

Save the Date!

On Friday August 11th at 10:00 a.m., join us for a tour of the native trees in Mahone Bay! This event will highlight the Urban Forest Mapping project launched this summer. Meet at the Jubilee Park Entrance, 6 Pond Street.



What to bring? Measuring tape, mobile device, walking shoes, hat, sunscreen, water. This is a great opportunity to practice your tree identification skills, meet other tree enthusiasts, and to learn about the Town's plans to conserve our canopy! We will go on a casual walk to Bayview Cemetery while highlighting the benefits of the urban forest.

Contact melissa.walters@townofmahonebay.ca for more information. See you then!

Seven Feathers Crosswalk

On the morning of July 27th the Town of Mahone Bay hosted the opening of the new Seven Feathers Crosswalk



on Edgewater Street. The crosswalk was installed at the request of the Anglican Church.

The crosswalk is solid orange with seven white feathers. The seven feathers represent seven Indigenous teachings of respect, humility, bravery, honour, love, wisdom, and truth.

Town Hall will be closed on Monday, August 14th for Staff Appreciation Day



Mahone Bay needs a new pool!

Our cherished Mahone Bay pool was built in 1969 and it's seen better days. We want to hear from you about what you think a new pool facility might have to offer.

Scan the QR Code or visit www.townofmahonebay.ca to be taken to a short survey to share your thoughts and ideas with us.



Sustainability Summit

The South Shore Sustainability Summit is taking place on Saturday September 23rd at the NSCC Lunenburg Campus in Bridgewater from 9am-4pm.



This is a FREE all-ages community event.

Drop-in at any time or register for the full day by going to aimnetwork.ca/climatecohorts.

Lunch is included.

<u>Urban Forest Engagement Session</u>



This event will show our progress in mapping the urban forest using our new map, and we'll chat about how residents can get involved with data collection! Learn about local natural assets

and our plans to develop an Urban Forest Management Plan! Join us on August 16th at 7pm in the Community Room at the new Fire Station for this public session.

Message from the Mayor

The history of Jubilee Park is almost as old as the Town itself.

On Dominion Day (July 1st) 1927, the Women's Institute presented the Mayor, council and citizens with an invaluable gift, Jubilee Park. The Institute had raised the money to buy the old Parade Grounds at a sticker price of \$3,200.

At the opening celebrations, a member of the institute was quoted as saying "the park would serve to promote clean healthy sport and true community spirit". Mahone Bay has certainly held this to be true, investing in the park over the years, creating more recreational opportunities.

Jubilee Park spans 17 acres in the centre of our Town, it includes Tiny Tots Playground, the natural playground, ball field, pond, Mahone Bay Pool, wooded trails and borders on the property of the tennis courts.

True to the Institute's vision for the property, the Town's swimming pool has provided recreation to residents of all ages since 1969.

That year, the newly formed Lions & Lionettes Club started raising funds to provide a pool for the residents of Mahone Bay. The Town provided the property but everything else was fundraised by the clubs.

Over the next few years, we're hoping a major improvement will be made, the replacement of the Mahone Bay Pool. We're proud to carry on the tradition and honour the forethought of our predecessors by making Jubilee Park the best it can be, the first step is gathering your thoughts and ideas, please take a few moments to complete the survey referenced on the front page of the newsletter.

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Bench Donation Program

We're proud to announce the launch of the Town's Bench and Tree Donation Program! Is there a place in Town where you would like to see a bench, picnic table or tree? Would you like to donate an asset to the Town in honour of a loved one? Maybe you have a property post to a sidewalk and

have a property next to a sidewalk and would be interested in hosting a bench? Check out our website or contact Town Hall for more information!

Tree Donation

We're working on an exciting project!

The Town is going to revitalize the old apple orchard located next to the community sports field with new plantings and the addition of some seating for the public.



Would you like to donate an apple tree? Contact Town Hall to learn more.

Purple Week Ending



And just like that, we're nearing the end of purple week waste collection. Purple week takes place in 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 23rd.

Can we See your Meter?



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

Volunteers Needed!



In the month of August, the Mahone Bay Water Utility will be conducting its annual Lead Sampling Program, testing the homes

of 10 volunteers, to meet Health Canada testing requirements.

Lead is not a concern with the water that comes from the water treatment plant but if you own an older home, there could be some lead in your pipes, fixtures, etc.

Volunteer to have your water sampled and the test results will be shared with you. Contact inquiries@townofmahonebay.ca or call 902-624-8327 to sign up!

THANK YOU!

It's been a rough couple of weeks for many after the July 21st storm.

Thank you to our Public Works and utilities staff for working so hard to repair all the things around town damaged by the rains or the lightening. Our small staff worked tirelessly to put things right!

And thank you to all of the residents of Mahone Bay for pulling together and for your patience!

August Meetings

Aug 11 - Special Council Meeting Aug 14 - Office Closed

Have you signed up to get the Mayor's Newsletter by email? Enter your information using the prompt at the bottom every website page at townofmahonebay.ca

Dog Tags



Does your pooch have a 2023 dog tag? Annual Dog Registration is mandatory in Mahone Bay and FREE because we want to be sure

that we have the most up to date information on your pooch. If your dog doesn't have their 2023 dog tag, come in today (Reminder: we have dog cookies!). Or you can email or phone and we can arrange to mail your tag to you.

Paying by E-transfer

Please remember when sending an e-transfer payment to the Town, we need information on who



is making the payment and what it is for. This information should be added to the message section when completing your transfer. Without this information we might not be able to apply your payment to your account.

Doggie Etiquette



You've heard us prattle on about this many times! But we want to remind everyone that in Mahone Bay, every dog

owner who fails to remove their dog's feces from public or private property (other than their own) is guilty of an offense and subject to a fine of at least \$150.

We've been hearing reports of people putting their used dog waste bags in other people's garbage bins and composters, this is also an offence in Mahone Bay, under the Town's Solid Waste Management Bylaw.

It is also important to note that dog waste belongs in the trash, it is not compostable.



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 9pm:

- Remove valuables from your vehicle and ensure it's locked, windows are closed.
- 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.

EV Chargers and Tickets



The electric vehicle charging 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.

Bike Safety

With summer 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.

Be Fire Safe



If you enjoy sitting by an outdoor fire, be sure to check the Town of Mahone Bay Outdoor Burning Bylaw to make sure that your fire

pit/appliance is safe and in compliance with the local by-law. The by-law can be found on the Town's website, townofmahonebay.ca and always check novascotia.ca/burnsafe to find out about possible burning restrictions.

EV Stats

Our electric vehicle chargers have been used over 1,900 hours, representing over 970 individual charging sessions since being



installed. This is allowing visitors to take advantage of our green energy while ejoying our Town!