

Update from the Community Logo Steering Team

Based on community feedback, in 2022 the Mahone Bay Town Council established the Community Logo Development Steering Team (consisting of 2 council and 7 public members) with a mandate to develop a new community logo for Mahone Bay for recommendation to Council.

The Steering Team first met in February 2023. In April of 2023 the Steering Team conducted a community survey to inform the development of a new logo. Community feedback strongly indicated that a new logo should be as similar as possible to the former "three churches" logo used by the Town during the period of 2014-2019. At the recommendation of the Steering Team, the Town acquired the rights to the former "three churches" logo from the Mahone Bay Tourism & Chamber of Commerce, who originally developed it, and in October 2023, issued a request for proposals for the update of the former "three churches" logo; The contract was awarded to Ross Graphics in November 2023.

The contracted logo update would:

- Include the words "Town Of"
- Ensure optimal usability for a variety of applications
- Align with the Town's existing colour scheme

We are pleased to share with you the new logo that resulted from the process, which the Steering Team will present to Town Council for approval:



Current Town Logo 2019 - 2024



Previous Town Logo 2014-2019



The Community Logo Development Steering Team next meets on February 20th. If you have any feedback concerning the new logo presented here, please email clerk@townofmahonebay.ca by 12 noon on February 20th or drop off your correspondence to Town Hall.



Please remember that vehicles that obstruct snow clearing and/or winter road maintenance are in violation of the Motor Vehicle Act section 139 and are subject to being ticketed and/or towed at the expense of the owner.

2024 Dog Tags

Buttercup wants to let you know that you can now pick up your 2024 dog tag at Town Hall.



It is mandatory in Mahone Bay to register your dog each year. Registering your dog annually ensures that we have the most up-to-date information in case we ever need to get your pooch back home.

Registering is quick and easy and FREE! You can stop by Town Hall and pick up your tag(s) in person, or give us a call or send an email and we can arrange to mail your tag(s).

Grants to Organizations

Mahone Bay Town Council will soon begin their annual budget deliberations. Part of these discussions will include a review of applications for Grants under the Town's Grants to Organizations Policy.



The deadline to submit an application is March 31st. To learn more about this policy visit the Finance page of the Town website.

African Heritage Month

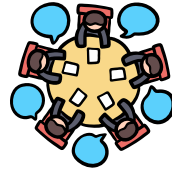


February is African Heritage Month. This year's theme is Our Smiles, Our Joy, Our Resilience as African Nova Scotians.

Nova Scotia has more than 50 historic African Nova Scotian communities with a long, deep and complex history dating back more than 400 years. African Heritage Month provides an opportunity to celebrate and promote the culture, achievements and contributions of people of African descent in Nova Scotia – past and present.

To learn more about African Heritage Month and this year's theme visit, <https://ansa.novascotia.ca/african-heritage-month>

Committee Members Needed

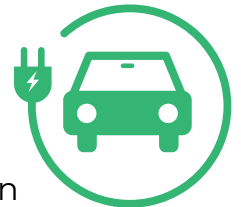


We are seeking three interested residents to serve on the newly formed Council Remuneration Committee.

This short-term volunteer opportunity is to support the 2024 municipal election, ensuring appropriate compensation for community members putting themselves forward to serve on Council.

Preference will be given to people with backgrounds in human resources, finance, compensation methodology or similar fields. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please review the Terms of Reference at townofmahonebay.ca/committees and send your expression of interest outlining your applicable background and experiences to Eric J. Levy, Deputy CAO eric.levy@townofmahonebay.ca by January 31, 2024.

Do you Have an EV?



The Town is collecting data on electric vehicles and chargers in town. We are planning to do a study, involving a few EVs, that would allow us to control when the EV is charging, ideally during off-peak hours when the electricity load is smaller, typically at nighttime. We are also looking at options to support the use of bi-directional chargers.

If this is of interest to you, please get in touch by emailing us at climate@townofmahonebay.ca or by calling 902-521-4922. We are looking for details like the make and model of your vehicle, the type of charger you use and if you would be interested in participating in a study at some point in the future.

Volunteers Needed!



We're seeking volunteers to be the frontline staff for the Comfort Centre at the Mahone Bay and District Fire Department.

A Comfort Centre is a place where people can go for warming, cooling, electricity, washroom and other amenities during an emergency situation.

The volunteer application and the Town of Mahone Bay Comfort Centre Operating Procedures can be found at, townofmahonebay.ca/emergency-services

If you have questions, please contact Eric Levy at eric.levy@townofmahonebay.ca.

Meeting with the Mayor

Do you have something you would like to talk to Mayor Devenne about?



He's always happy to meet with residents to discuss their opinions or concerns. Meetings can be scheduled in Town Hall. Call 902-521-5650 or email david.devenne@townofmahonebay.ca to set up a day and time!

Win-win!



For the third year in a row, Mahone Bay's Christmas trees have been delivered to P & P Pastures Homestead outside of Lunenburg.

The goats love to snack on the greenery, trees are leaned up against pasture fences for windbreak for the ponies and horses and trees with large enough trunks are even used to make fence posts.

Sending our greenery to a local farm saves the Town fees at the waste site AND it recycles our greenery locally. It's win-win!

Invitation to Serve

We still have openings for volunteers on the following committees:

Asset Management Committee; Audit & Finance Committee; Climate & Environment Committee; Heritage Advisory Committee; Planning Advisory Committee & Council Remuneration 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 on the Committee page of the Town's website townofmahonebay.ca/committees



Nova Scotia Heritage Day

Heritage Day will take place Monday, February 19th.

This year William Hall will be Honoured. Hall was the first Black person, the first Nova Scotian and one of the first Canadians to receive the Empire's highest award for bravery, the Victoria Cross.



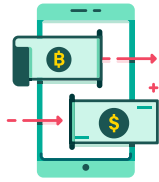
To learn more about William Hall and Nova Scotia Heritage day visit, <https://heritageday.novascotia.ca>

Upcoming Dates

Feb 7 - Climate & Environment Committee
Feb 13 - Council Meeting
Feb 14 - Heritage Advisory Committee
Feb 15 - Asset Management Committee
Feb 15 - Audit & Finance Committee
Feb 19 - Office Closed - NS Heritage Day
Feb 26 - Policy & Strategy Committee
Feb 29 - Council Meeting

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.



Connecting with the Town



Do you have a question for the Town?

The first contact is always the main desk at 902-624-8327 or email inquiries@townofmahonebay.ca. The staff that respond to queries have the best information to connect you with the right person and/or service.

Battery Recycling



Did you know that you can bring your spent batteries to Town Hall for recycling? Bring us your rechargeable and single-use batteries (weighing 5kg or less each). Wet-cell, damaged, or defective batteries will not be accepted.

Winter Preparedness

As winter weather approaches, we should all take some time to look at the Emergency Preparedness website.



REMO (Regional Emergency Management Organization) has a website with great local information on how to prepare for a storm, what to do in case of emergency, and to keep you up to date in a local emergency.

Go to lunenburgremo.ca to check out this great local resource.

Seniors Care Grant

This grant helps low-income seniors with the cost of household services like lawn care, snow removal, grocery delivery, transportation and small home repairs. Seniors can also apply for help with costs associated with health care services like physiotherapy and mental health support. Grants are \$750 per household. If you qualify, you can apply until March 31, 2024. To learn more visit www.novascotia.ca



Home Heating Rebate

The Province of Nova Scotia offers a rebate through their Heating Assistance Rebate Program to help low-income Nova Scotians with the cost of home heating. For more information visit, <https://beta.novascotia.ca/apply-heating-assistance-rebate-heating-assistance-rebate-program>



Congrats Chief Ekins!

Congratulations to Chief Adam Ekins! Chief Ekins was once again elected as Chief of the Mahone Bay & District Fire Department.

Community Breakfast



Join the Mahone Bay & District Fire Department for a community breakfast on Sunday, February 11th.

Breakfast will be served from 9am until 12:30.

This a great chance to get out and mingle with your neighbours, plus enjoy a delicious breakfast!