

Living Shoreline



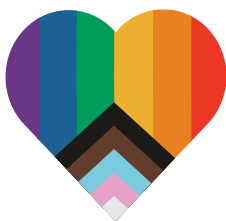
The team at Coastal Action has been working on a living shoreline pilot project along a 60m portion of Edgewater Street across from the Three Churches. This project picks up from the Town's previous work to develop the concept of a living shoreline for Edgewater Street. A living shoreline provides protection 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.

Construction on this project is expected to begin June 16th and last for approximately two months. During this time, the Anglican Church parking lot will be closed for public use. The walking trail along the parking lot will also be closed, with pedestrian traffic rerouted along the Edgewater St sidewalk. Parking in the Anglican Church lot will be made available on Sundays for parishioners of the church. For the duration of this closure, the Bookmobile will be located in the Lutheran Church parking lot.



June is national Pride month and the pride flag will be flying on the community flagpole for the month of June.

Mahone Bay strives to be a community where everyone feels welcome.



Water System Upgrade

We're working on an upgrade to the 1940s era water lines to and from the water treatment plant on Zwicker Lane.



During the month of June we anticipate one or two overnight water disruptions as well traffic disruptions on Main Street in the vicinity of the new nursing home site. Traffic will at times be reduced to one lane and traffic safety personnel will be on site to provide support.

Please be sure to watch for information on the date(s) of the water shut down.

Congratulations Cara!



Congratulations to Cara Muldoon, the Town of Mahone Bay's 2022 Representative Volunteer!

Cara and her family moved to Mahone Bay in 2007 and became the best example of what young families can bring to a small town. In her time living in town, Cara has volunteered on the Home and School Association and the South Shore Refugee Reunification Project, a volunteer-based project that made living arrangements for a young Syrian family. She has spent years as a member of the MB Pool Society, most recently serving as the Society's President, and on Friday mornings she can be found helping with the breakfast program at Bayview Community School.

While raising five children, Cara has supported many of the projects that grow our community and make Mahone Bay a wonderful place to raise a family!

Message From the Mayor

Summer 2022 is fast approaching in Mahone Bay. Now is the time for us to get outside and enjoy our town in all its natural beauty. The Aquatic Garden, The Mahone Bay Museum and the streets of the town are getting dressed up just for you to enjoy.

One of the most amazing junkets you can take in our town is on the pathways and trails which are organized by the volunteer trails associations in the area. For the most part they are quiet shaded trails with solid footing for those who may choose to walk or ride a bike. You may also encounter a motorized vehicle or two on your trip but I have found the users to be very friendly and very accommodating for those enjoying a walk.

To the west, the trail will take you to Lunenburg, and to the east the trail crosses an old railroad bridge across the Mush-Mush River. You then are treated to a long, leafy walk along the shores of Oakland Lake. You'll find benches at various spots along the trail that you can use to rest and relax and enjoy the view. Or you can follow the trail to Chester or do an about face and follow the trail back.

A calming stroll on the trail is in contrast to the many other busy summer activities - the boats are launched from the Civic Marina, the sports field at the Mahone Bay centre is being rebuilt, baseball at the Clairmont St diamond is starting. Everywhere you look you will see the town's preparations for the summer season when we entertain so many visitors and returning citizens on vacation.

If you would like to arrange to meet and chat, you can reach me at 902-521-5650.


David W. Devenne
Mayor

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!

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.



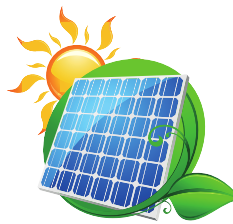
VIC Lease Agreement



MBTCC Chair George Anderson and Mayor Devenne

In the month of May the Town and the Mahone Bay Tourism and Chamber of Commerce signed an agreement for the ongoing lease of the Town's Visitor information Centre. The MBTCC is looking forward to the new VIC season!

Community Solar Garden



Mahone Bay is one of only 5 municipal electric utilities in Nova Scotia. This puts us in a unique position to lead the way in decarbonizing our electricity. 42% of Mahone Bay's electricity comes from the Ellershouse Windfarm, which is co-owned by Mahone Bay, Antigonish, and Berwick.

When the Community Solar Garden project is complete, an additional 16% of the Town's energy will come from locally owned, renewable sources! This project represents a big step towards Mahone Bay's goal of providing clean renewable power and reducing emissions. .

Elder Abuse Awareness Day

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is marked each year on June 15th and is an official UN International Day acknowledging the significance of elder abuse as a public health and human rights issue.

To educate yourself on Elder Abuse and find resources, visit the Canadian Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse at www.cnpea.ca

Start of Purple Week

June marks the beginning of purple week. During purple week (check your solid waste calendar) you can put your composter out for collection every week on collection day. You can also put out paper leaf collection bags and bundles of twigs.



New Crosswalks!

We're excited to announce the completion of 4 new crosswalks in Mahone Bay.



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.

Flower Baskets



The folks at the Mahone Bay Tourism and Chamber of Commerce are offering the sponsorship of downtown flower baskets. Baskets will be placed

mid-June and will be a mixture of pink, purple and white Wave Petunias.

To learn more about this program visit mahonebay.com/product/downtown-flower-basket/

Municipal Boundary Review

Watch for something in your mailbox this month with more information on the Municipal Boundary Review and a date for a public meeting. In the meantime, check out the tab on our home page and/or contact Town Hall staff for more information about this process to determine the size of Council and whether or not there should be polling districts in Mahone Bay.



Sports Field Update

Work has started on a project to improve the condition of the sports field by the Mahone Bay Centre. This project is a partnership between the Town of Mahone Bay and Mahone Bay United Soccer Club.



A culvert will be placed to improve drainage (and therefore the condition of the playing surface) and while that work is happening, the power lines will be moved underground to improve safety of the field for all users. A new accessible walking track around the outside of the field is also planned as part of this project, to encourage outdoor recreation for all.

This work will impact the use of the sports field this year but we look forward to much improved playing conditions for the future.

Solid Waste Management By-law



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.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the class of 2022 from Mahone Bay Town Council and Staff!



Mahone Bay Pool



It's official! The Mahone Bay Pool will be open to the public on June 30th!

Go to mahonebaypool.com for information about 2022 events and to learn opportunities about exciting volunteer opportunities.

Important Message

The Lunenburg County Seniors' Safety Program wants to share with you this important message:

Many seniors rely on their monthly Guaranteed Income Supplement from the NS Gov't just to get by. If you did not file your tax return by April 30th or if by the end of June you don't give CRA info about your income your income supplement could be impacted. If you notice a pension reduction and are not sure why please reach out for help by contacting the FREE Volunteer Tax Clinic at 1-855-516-4405

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 138 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.

Thank you!

A big thank you to the Mahone Bay Garden Club! Once again, they've outdone themselves getting the Town's gardens ready for summer.

We are so fortunate to have such a hard working group of volunteers!



Do you have a green thumb? The Garden Club is looking for volunteers to add to their team.

Strawberry Shortcake



The Three Churches Foundation is planning a Strawberry Shortcake event.

It will take place on the front lawn of St. James Anglican church on Canada Day. More information will be provided on the Three Churches Foundation Facebook page.



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

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 something 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

June 1 - Climate and Environment Committee
June 8 - Heritage Advisory Committee
June 14 - Council Meeting
June 27 - Policy & Strategy Committee Meeting
June 30 - Council Meeting