

Mayor's Newsletter

June 2023

Mahone Bay, NS

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 next to a sidewalk and would be interested in hosting a bench?

Check out our website or contact Town Hall for more information!

Congratulations Karen!



We're proud to announce that Karen Pinsent is Mahone Bay's 2023 Representative Volunteer!

Karen Pinsent is well known in Mahone Bay for her many years of

tireless volunteer service. As a long-time member of the Mahone Bay Tourism and Chamber of Commerce, she has spearheaded fundraising initiatives to beautify Mahone Bay and helps to organize the events that bring visitors to our town.

Karen is also active with the Three Churches Foundation, which works toward protecting the future of Mahone Bay's most iconic landmark, and volunteers organizing fundraising events for the Mahone Bay Museum, which works toward preserving our history.

Thank you to Karen for her hard work and dedication to our town!

Bike Day in Mahone Bay



Come join us for Bike Day on Saturday June 17th! Bicycle Nova Scotia will be present and will be hosting quided bike rides around Mahone Bay that highlight our

active transportation infrastructure and the Bay to Bay Trail.

If you're someone who commutes by bike (or would like to), attend the 3-hour Commute by Bike workshop with Meghan Doucette. Spots are limited so email her at meghan.k.doucette@gmail.com to register and for more information.

Urban Forest



Join us for a public engagement session with Peter Duinker to discuss development of a Mahone Bay Urban Forest

Management Plan and a new Natural Assets Map.

This session will take place on May 31st at 7pm in the Community Room at the new Fire Station.

Tree Donation

We're working on an exciting project!

The Town is going to revitalize the old apple orchard located next to the sports field with new plantings and the addition of some seating for the public. A big thank you to Dr. David Maxwell for donating the first 5 apple trees! Would you like to donate an apple tree? Contact Town Hall to learn more.



Walk YOUR Way for Autism NS

Walk YOUR Way for Autism Nova Scotia is an annual event to raise awareness and funds for programs and services for the autism community across the province. To learn about how you can take part, visit www.walkyourwayforautism.ca.

Elder Abuse Awareness Day

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is marked each year on June 15th and is internationally recognized by the UN, 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

Purple Week is Here!

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.



Invitation to Serve

We still have openings for volunteers on the following committees: Asset Management Committee; Audit & Finance Committee; Heritage Advisory Committee.

Learn more about these committees and how to apply on the Committee page of the Town's website www.townofmahonebay.ca /committees

Home and Garden Tour



The Mahone Bay Museum's Home and Garden Tour is back to in-person house tours! This event is scheduled

for the weekend of June 10th - 11th.

Purchasing tickets for this event is a great way to help support our local museum! Contact the museum directly for more information, www.mahonebaymuseum.com

Congratulations Class of 2023!

Congratulations to the class of 2023 from Mahone Bay Town Council and Staff!



<u> Plan Mahone Bay</u>



On June 26th at 7pm at the new fire station,we will be hosting a second public engagement session on the new draft Municipal

Planning Strategy and Land Use Bylaw.

These documents are available for review on the Plan Mahone Bay website, www. planmahonebay.ca.

CodeRED[™]

Have you registered for CodeRED, the Town of Mahone Bay's mass notification system?

The free service allows us to get emergency messages out into the community. You can register by clicking the CodeRED link on the home page of the Town's website.

<u>Message from the Community</u> <u>Logo Steering Team</u>



Thanks to everyone who submitted their survey responses concerning the Town's logo.

We are excited to move forward with a logo featuring the iconic three-chruces, which stood out as the most preferred option among survey respondents.

The next step is to receive possible logo designs. We are on our way to creating a logo that will best serve the community, and look forward to holding a public session when we are ready to share the draft designs

Donations 2022

The Town extends its deepest gratitude to those who made generous donations to the Mahone Bay & District Fire Department and Bayview Cemetery in 2022:

Julie Montford Sheila Langille Mahone Bay Area Lions Club Carla Storey Carolyn Fox Dale Arenburg Terry Robar Brenda Laird Lynda Bottoms George Thomas C. Ernst Oak Island Inn Joan Nickerson James Doig **Brenton Aulenback** Linda McConnell Heidi Pearson Felix



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 year, 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.

<u>Mahone Bay Pool</u>

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



Go to mahonebaypool.com for information about 2023 events and to learn about exiting volunteer opportunities.

<u> UPDATE - Public Input Session</u>



At Council's May 9th meeting, the amended Council Policy was adopted. The updated policy moves the Public

Input Session to within the Council Meeting. The session will occur at 7pm 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 Meeting Dates

June 6 - PAC Meeting June 7 - Climate & Environment Committee June 9 - Cemetery Committee June 13 - Regular Council Meeting June 14 - Heritage Advisory Committee June 15 - Asset Management Committee June 26 - Policy & Strategy Committee June 29 - Regular Council meeting

Office of the Mayor

Check for Ticks

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.

Blacklegged ticks, which often carry Lyme Disease, are very small so it's important to be diligent about checking yourself and your pets when you've been spending time outdoors. Ticks like warm places on the body, 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

Flower Baskets

The folks at the Mahone Bay Tourism and Chamber of Commerce are once again preparing a plan for flower baskets on Main Street. Basket sponsorships are available through the Chamber at www.mahonebay.com



Festivals of Mahone Bay

The following is a message from a new organization in Mahone Bay:

The Festivals of Mahone Bay is the name of the combined Scarecrow Festival and Father Christmas festival. Our new permanent home is at Trinity United Church.



Currently we are looking for donations of clothing for Scarecrows. Our organization is non profit so any donations are most welcomed. Any items not used will be passed on to other charities. Please contact us to arrange a pick up of any donations, be it cash or bell bottoms. Contact us at

Festivalsofmahonebay@gmail.com

Be Fire Safe



If you enjoy sitting by an outdoor fire, 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. The by-law can be found on the Town's website, townofmahonebay.ca

<u>Planting and Utility Lines</u>



Keep in mind what you choose to plant near power lines as utility crews will need to trim to keep the power lines clear.