

Rate Application

For the first time in nearly 15 years, the Town of Mahone Bay is applying for a significant rate increase in electrical rates.

As we are all aware, we are experiencing a worldwide fuel price escalation, and that has trickled down to us here in Mahone Bay as the cost of energy has drastically increased. Please see the message from the Mayor on the inside of this newsletter and read the full press release on the notices page of the Town's website.

Special Election 2022

There are two candidates for the Special Election for the vacant seat on Council:

- Suzanne Lohnes-Croft
- Bryan Palfreyman

Voters will receive their voter information letter in the mail during the week of November 7th which will have information on how and when you can vote, and detailed instructions will be forwarded from the Town via Canada Post.



Tree Lighting

Friday November 25th at 6:30pm in the park across from the three churches.

Reindeer Run - Dec. 3rd

The Reindeer Run is back this year! Event organizers will be closing Main Street from 5:45 for approximately one hour for participant safety.



Traffic News

Speed limit reduced to 40km/hr

In town speed limits have been reduced to 40km/h, with the exception of Main Street, Edgewater Street, and the existing school zone by Bayview

School on Clearway Street. New speed signs will be installed in early November.



New Speed Humps to be installed



Additional speed humps are being installed on Pleasant Street and Fauxburg Road, starting this month, as a further traffic calming measure. Two speed humps will be installed on Pleasant Street: between Fairmont and Spruce Street; and between Spruce Street and Fauxburg Road.

Five speed humps will be installed on Fauxburg Road: one between Pleasant Street and Main Street with the remaining four being installed between Pleasant Street and the Bay-to-Bay trail crossing.

Leaf and Yard Waste Special Collection - November 14th

Leaf and yard waste may be put curbside for the special collection in your green bin as long as the lid closes, in heavy kraft paper bags, or branches and limbs of a maximum of 3' long and 2" in diameter may be tied or bagged in manageable bundles.



Sunday, November 6th: Time Change and change your smoke detector batteries!

Message from the Mayor

The Town of Mahone Bay received an independent consultant's report on October 21st which told Council that to balance the budget for our electric utility, we need to apply for a 34% increase in electrical rates. The impact of the global cost of oil/coal supply and rampant inflation contributes 28% of that increase. The other 6% is due to inflation-related increases in operating costs to the Town since 2008. That report will be sent to the NS Utility and Review Board (NSUARB) for consideration with an application for a rate increase.

Mahone Bay has been able to control the cost of power with energy generated by the wind farm and purchasing power on the open market which meant that there has been no significant increase in 15 years. .

The unfortunate outcome is that the Town's electric customers will be affected by this increase.

Rampant inflation and huge increases in the cost of fossil fuels that generate electricity in Nova Scotia has made the situation untenable for our Town. We will purchase electricity from Nova Scotia Power (currently the least expensive option) as of January 1st and for the next year unless the world economic situation changes and a less expensive option presents itself.

Your dilemma is fully appreciated. The majority of Council in Mahone Bay are retired persons living on a fixed pension income. We are affected by this situation too. It is being created by external, worldwide forces over which our town has no control.

Council is continuing to seek alternatives that could possibly alleviate the situation. Not unlike the challenge of COVID, it is time to stand together.

Community Logo Development Steering Team **Deadline Extended!**

We are looking for members of a Community Logo Development Steering Team to oversee the development of a Mahone Bay Community Logo.

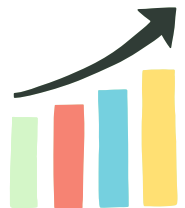


The community logo will be for the use of the Town of Mahone Bay and other parties as licensed by the Town. We are looking for up to seven members of the public to work with two members of Council appointed to this limited time steering team.

Public members may include up to two residents from a community abutting Mahone Bay. For more information on the objectives of this Steering Team and to apply, go to the Committees page on the Town website, or contact Town Hall staff.

EV Statistics

Our electric vehicle chargers have been used over 850 hours 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.

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.

Solid Waste Management Bylaw



No Plastic in the compost!



The Town has adopted an amended Solid Waste Management By-law which excludes hidden plastic

contaminants from the organics stream. This by-law bans items with waxy or plastic coating such as some disposable food containers and plastic compost liners.



Thank you!

Thank you to the organizers of this year's Scarecrow Festival. It was another beautiful display that was enjoyed by many!

Season of Father Christmas



Check out all of the program information and updates at mahonebaychristmas.com - including information on the decorating prizes of \$300 for home and business!

Winter Parking

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



Poppy Tray



Royal Canadian Legion Branch President, Mike Brown, presented Mayor Devenne with a poppy when the poppy tray was delivered to Town Hall. Poppies are available at Town Hall and in other locations around town for a donation to the Poppy Fund.

Remembrance Day 2022.

9:00am - Church service at St. James Anglican Church

10:50am - Remembrance Day Ceremony at Centotaph

Luncheon to follow at the Legion Hall on Pond Street



Watch for information about recruitment for 2023 - 24 committee volunteers!

Public Input Session



Now that the in-person gallery is open to the public again, the Public Input Session is also in-person. The 15 minutes prior to the start of regular Council meetings is an opportunity to share your opinions with Council.

Upcoming Dates

Nov 8 - Council Meeting

Nov 9 - HAC Meeting

Nov 11 - Office Closed

Nov 12 - Start of telephone & eVoting

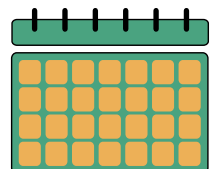
Nov 17 - Asset Management Committee Meeting

Nov 21 - Watershed Advisory Committee Meeting

Nov 24 - Council Meeting

Nov 26 - Ordinary Polling Day

Nov 28 - Policy & Strategy Committee Meeting



Sustainability Spotlight

Energy efficiency is an important component of reducing the impacts of Climate Change and our carbon footprint, as individuals and as a community, but in the midst of the current global fuel crisis we are all looking for ways to improve our efficiency. This month we are highlighting the incredible work that has recently been completed at the Mahone Bay Centre.



The Mahone Bay Centre took advantage of funding for non-profit organizations to improve the energy efficiency of their building. Over the past two years, the Mahone Bay Centre invested nearly \$400,000 in four separate projects to do just that. They expect to see a reduction in energy use of more than 60%. This in addition to a projected dramatic drop in the use of oil.

Specific projects include:

- additional insulation in the attic, which had an immediate impact on the amount of heating oil used
- installation of a geothermal project to heat the old school building in the winter and cool it in the summer
- upgrade of inefficient lighting to LED technology
- installation of heat-pumps in the newer (1961) addition



Kudos, Mahone Bay Centre, for the hard work and careful planning to be more energy efficient!

