

## Rebecca Fisk Art Show

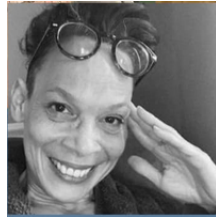
What an exciting art event!

From the 1st of October until the 29th you have the

opportunity to see Rebecca Fisk's Art Exhibit, "There is no one story of Black Girlhood."

Check with the Mahone Bay Centre for operating hours or to book an appointment.

This event is very proudly sponsored by the Mahone Bay Centre and the Town of Mahone Bay.



## HOME Program Survey

Spark Change in Mahone Bay: Join Our Survey on Local Electricity Use

We want to hear from you. Share your insights on current and future electricity use and help us shape a more sustainable future. Your input powers positive change.



Scan the QR code or type the following link to share your thoughts, <https://sprw.io/stt-9Cz2XehB4jgKdsr7BJF6Rk>

## 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 624-8327 or email [david.devenne@townofmahonebay.ca](mailto:david.devenne@townofmahonebay.ca) to set up a day and time!

## Fire Prevention Week

**A message from the Mahone Bay & District Fire Department.**



Fire Prevention Week is October 8th to the 14th this year. The Fire Department breakfast scheduled for October 8th has been postponed, please watch out for a new date!

On Tuesday, October 10th Department members will be visiting the students at Bayview Community School. There will be a Mutual Aid Parade on October 11th, starting at 7pm. Come out to cheer and show your appreciation for fire departments from Lunenburg and Queens Counties as they march, and drive apparatus, along Main St. to Kinburn St. and then back to the Firehall. There will be a second apparatus parade on Friday October 13th beginning at 7pm. Finally on Saturday, October 14th there will be an open house at the Fire Hall from 11am - 1pm, complete with free hotdogs!

Thank you to the citizens of the Town of Mahone Bay for all of your support!

## 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](mailto:inquiries@townofmahonebay.ca). The staff that respond to queries have the best information to connect you with the right person and/or service. If you phone and don't get an answer that means all lines are busy, please leave a message and you will receive a response as soon as possible.

## Message from the Mayor

Sunday, September 24th a couple hundred friends and neighbours gathered for the official opening of the Mahone Bay Community Sports Field. These comments were offered at the ribbon-cutting.

“As we stand here today it should give us cause to recall what was happening 16 years ago with this property. In his book on Mahone Bay, local author and soccer enthusiast Bob Sayer writes that in May of 2007 Mahone Bay Town Council announced the plan to use this public recreational land and green space for the construction of a residential project of unprecedented proportion. What followed that announcement was intense discussion, disagreement, and often vehement opposition to the idea of using the recreation field and woods beyond for residential development purposes.

The citizens responded by presenting an environmental study of the impact of such a project, a detailed study of other vacant lands in the town which could be used for housing purposes same and a sustainability plan that would provide the organizational mechanism to manage then vacant lands for the purpose of developing housing.

The citizens efforts had managed to create valid doubts in the decision rationale of Town Council. That decision was described as being inherently faulty it did not resonate with the citizens of the town.

Because of that opposition, council and the developer firstly agreed to re-profile the proposal. Ultimately, their focus was re-focused to other opportunities in the town. It appeared that the citizens had indeed managed to ‘Save Our Soccer Field’.

The Mahone Bay Community Sports Field you see today is the result of your municipal government and our citizens working together to provide the right development for the town. This project was made possible through the support of the Government of Canada, the Province of Nova Scotia, the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency, the Town of Mahone Bay and 20+ businesses, citizen groups and agencies in and around Mahone Bay.

Special thanks to Mahone Bay United Football Club and their enthusiastic efforts to move the project from a concept (driven by their members’ love for the game) to the reality we see now. The primary efforts of Club President Tim Merry and our own Deputy Mayor, Francis Kangata, and the supporters of MBU, have made this possible. In addition, we must also thank the Mahone Bay Center and a myriad of businesses and private partners – this could not have happened without them.”

It was my pleasure to officially declare the Mahone Bay Community Field open. Our community can take great pride in the Community Field asset which has been created and is continuing to be developed to serve the citizens of the town! Thank to all involved!



## Scarecrow Festival



The 2023 Scarecrow Festival and Antique Fair is scheduled from September 22nd until October 10th.

There will be events in both Mahone Bay and Blockhouse. Events will include an antique fair, baking contest, baked beans and brown bread lunch and a photo contest. Tons of activities for the kiddos too.

To learn more, visit the Mahone Bay Scarecrow Festival & Antique Fair Facebook page.

## Urban Forest Management Plan

The Town of Mahone Bay is collecting tree data to support our Urban Forest Management Planning!



Trees are extremely important to us as individuals, and to the Town. They provide many benefits such as helping to reduce run-off, preventing coastal erosion, helping to reduce atmospheric carbon, cutting energy costs by providing our town with shade and wind-barriers, plus the benefits of added oxygen, tourism, and even food.

Explore our urban forest! Please help us record our community's trees by going to our website and checking out the Urban Forest Management page under the Projects section.

Have you signed up to get the Mayor's Newsletter by email? Enter your information using the prompt at the bottom of every website page at [townofmahonebay.ca](http://townofmahonebay.ca)



## Living Shoreline



Just a FRIENDLY REMINDER that if you are from Mahone Bay or just visiting us, please NO FOOT TRAFFIC on the rocks, bank, or wetland area of our Living Shoreline!

Here is WHY: First and foremost, the rocks are UNSAFE to climb or walk on at anytime! Secondly, our vegetated bank and wetland are still trying to grow and establish, they can only do so if they are not stepped on or compacted. This establishment period is CRUCIAL for the long-term survival of the plants and newly restored tidal ecosystem.

We understand that the site currently looks like a great place to spend time, but we ask that you please enjoy the site from the safety of the walking path.

Have any questions about the project? Please email [info@coastalaction.org](mailto:info@coastalaction.org)

## Sustainability Event

What a success! Thank you to everyone who took the time to take part in the South Shore Sustainability Summit!

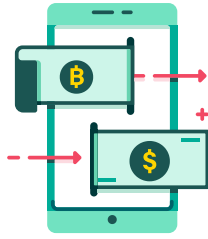


## September Meetings

- Oct 3 - Planning Advisory Committee
- Oct 9 - Office Closed
- Oct 10 - Council Meeting
- Oct 11 - Heritage Advisory Committee
- Oct 23 - Policy and Strategy Committee
- Oct 26 - Police Advisory Board
- Oct 26 - 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.



## Volunteers Needed!



We're seeking volunteers to be the frontline staff for the Comfort Centre at the Mahone bay and District Fire Department at 41 Hawthorn Road.

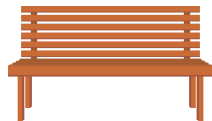
A Comfort Centre is a place where people can go for warming, cooling, electricity, washroom and other amenities during an emergency situation.

Before completing this volunteer application, please read the Town of Mahone Bay Comfort Centre Operating Procedures at The application can be found here, <https://www.townofmahonebay.ca/project-blogs>

If you have any questions, please contact Eric J. Levy at [eric.levy@townofmahonebay.ca](mailto:eric.levy@townofmahonebay.ca).

## Bench 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!

## 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.

## Right Turn Only



As of the end of August, Orchard Street, where it intersects with Main Street, has become a right turn only intersection.

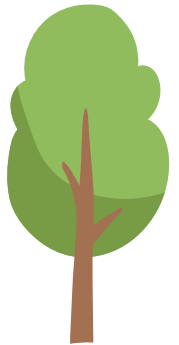
This change has been made to protect both vehicle drivers and pedestrians at Mahone Bay's busiest intersection.

## Thank You!

Thank you Mahone Bay for your patience as our hard working Public Works and Utility Staff worked tirelessly to address all of the damage caused by Hurricane Lee!

## Weekly Tree Walk

Join Lauren Clark, the Town's Climate and Energy Program Manager every Wednesday afternoon in October as she catalogues and collects data on the Town's Trees.



Keep tabs on our Facebook page, website or contact [climate@townofmahonebay.ca](mailto:climate@townofmahonebay.ca) to see which area Lauren visits next!

## 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.