

Mayor's Newsletter

August 2017

Mahone Bay, Nova Scotia

Road Reconstruction 2017 Update

Work crews are making great progress on Pleasant Street and we will soon see crews at work on Clairmont Street.



Pleasant Street:

Water mains, sewer mains and storm sewer have been replaced from Main Street to School Street – crews are now at work between School Street and Fairmont Street. A temporary gravel road surface is in place.

The sidewalk will be replaced from Main Street to School Street, widened from School Street to Fairmont Street and a sidewalk will be put in between Fairmont Street and Fauxburg Road

Clairmont Street

Contractors are starting preparations to install temporary water service to those water utility customers who will be affected by the work on the water mains.

We expect digging to start on Clairmont Street by mid-August. This will have a big impact on travel through Town. Dexter Construction has traffic barricades staffed to help redirect detoured traffic.

Thank you to everyone for your patience – we have had fantastic cooperation from residents. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Town Hall and we will do our best to answer your questions.

Parking in the Summer of 2017

We all know that parking can be tight in our beautiful little Town, and even more so when we welcome guests from all over the world. We ask everyone to think about parking when making plans in town during construction.

Taxes 2017/18

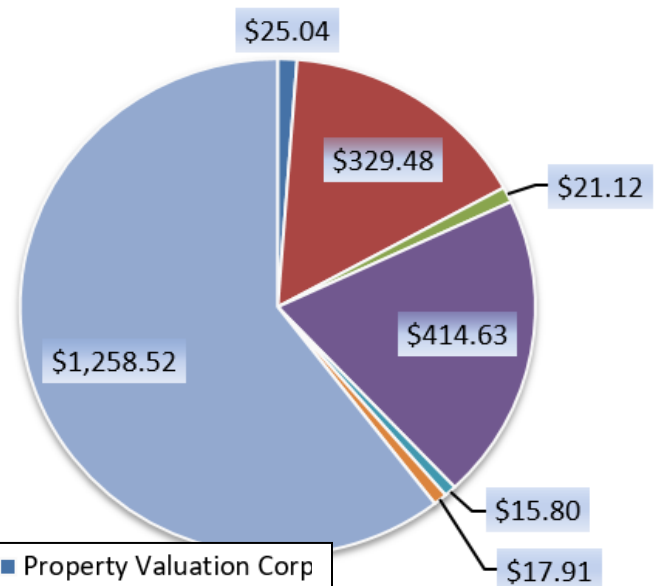
Town Council met in July to approve operating and capital budgets for the Town and its utilities and set tax rates for 2017/18.

The residential tax rate is \$1.19, the commercial tax rate is \$2.98 and the seasonal tax rate is \$2.24 per \$100 of assessment.

Our Capital Budget is \$2,668,658 for the current year.

2017 Taxes on \$175,000 Home in Mahone Bay

Total = \$2,082.50



The graph above shows what taxes pay for using a total of \$2,082.50 as an example.

For a copy of the Town's 2017/18

Operating Budget, go to our website at:

<https://www.townofmahonebay.ca/administration.html>

Mahone Bay Heritage Boatyard Weekend



The Mahone Bay Heritage Boatyard Weekend, hosted by the Mahone Bay Wooden Boat Society, will be taking place from August 4th – 6th.

For more information go to <https://www.facebook.com/MBHeritageBoatyardWeekend>

Grand Openings!

Mahone Bay Natural Playground Saturday, August 5th starting at 10am.

The ribbon cutting will be held at 10:15am but stay for old-fashioned games and crafts offered by the South Shore Waldorf School. There will also be face painting, BBQ and snacks... and of course lots of fun to be had on the brand new Natural Playground!

Mahone Bay Tennis Courts Saturday, August 5th at 11am

The ribbon cutting will be at 11am and there will be refreshments and demonstrations by the great group of people of all ages who enjoy the Tennis Courts.

These projects were made possible with funding received from the Canada 150 Grant Program, the Recreation Fund Grant, the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg and the Town of Mahone Bay. A very special thank you to the many individuals and businesses who made donations and volunteered their time to these projects.



The Mahone Bay Legion Swing Band is at the Bandstand every Thursday night, starting at 7pm.

Be sure to drop by for this special summer treat!

Crosswalk Flags

Have you seen the crosswalk flags at the crosswalk on Main Street at Pleasant Street? Thank you to the members of the group who came forward to act as trustees for this crosswalk. We are now working with another group to act as trustees for the crosswalk at Main Street and Clearway Street.



If you are part of a group willing to act as crosswalk trustees, we are still looking for trustees for the crosswalk on Pleasant Street at Main Street.

If you are interested in learning more about becoming crosswalk flag trustees, contact Maureen at clerk@townofmahonebay.ca or call 902-624-8327.

Ellershouse Windfarm – Phase II

On June 27, 2017 Phase II of the AREA Windfarm celebrated a grand opening!

The Towns of Mahone Bay, Berwick and Antigonish created AREA (Alternative Resource and Energy Authority) to supply renewable energy to their electric utilities. With seven turbines now creating green energy, Mahone Bay Electric Utility customers are already benefitting from a portion of their power being supplied by the windfarm. The windfarm helps AREA partners and customers, including Mahone Bay, stabilize rates and stay ahead of green energy targets.

