

Natural Christmas Tree Collection



Natural Christmas tree and greenery collection will be held on Monday, January 8th.

Once again, the natural greenery from Mahone Bay will be delivered to a local farm where they will provide shelter, food and recreation for the animals.

Please make sure your items are free of tinsel, wire and ornaments. Any wires in garlands must be removed as part of regular solid waste sorting.

Volunteers Needed!



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

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

The volunteer application and the Town of Mahone Bay Comfort Centre Operating Procedures can be found at, townofmahonebay.ca/emergency-services

If you have any questions, please contact Deputy CAO, Eric Levy at eric.levy@townofmahonebay.ca.

Winter Parking



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

2024 Dog Tags

Buttercup wants to let you know that you can now pick up your 2024 dog tag at Town Hall.



It is mandatory in Mahone Bay to register your dog each year. Registering your dog annually ensures that we have the most up-to-date information in case we ever need to get your pooch back home.

Registering is quick and easy and FREE! You can stop by Town Hall and pick up your tag(s) in person, or give us a call or send an email and we can arrange to mail your tag(s).

2024 Calendars



The Town of Mahone Bay 2024 Solid Waste and Council & Committee calendars have been delivered to all Mahone Bay residents. If you would like an additional copy, please visit or contact Town Hall.

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 902-521-5650 or email david.devenne@townofmahonebay.ca to set up a day and time!



Happy New Year Mahone Bay!

Town Council and Staff wish you a happy, healthy and prosperous 2024.

Food Bank

Local food banks are happy to benefit from the generosity of the community during the holidays, but please don't forget the importance of food bank donations all year round.

Non-perishable foods and monetary donations can be dropped off or mailed to the Mahone Bay and Area Food Bank c/o The Mahone Bay Centre, PO Box 489, 45 School Street, Mahone Bay NS B0J 2E0.



View from a Plow



Please remember that snow removal equipment is very large and needs lots of

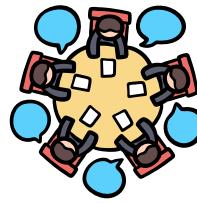
space to maneuver. In most places, plows do not have room to drive around a parked vehicle. It is also important to remember that visibility from the driver's seat of the plow is very different than that of a personal vehicle.

Plow it Forward

A neighbour may need your help this winter and your act of kindness could save a life. Volunteer to shovel as an individual, family, or friend. Knock on your neighbour's door and spread some care and compassion in your community.



Committee Members Needed



We are seeking three interested residents to serve on the newly formed Council Remuneration Committee.

This short-term volunteer opportunity is to support the 2024 municipal election, ensuring appropriate compensation for community members putting themselves forward to serve on Council.

Preference will be given to people with backgrounds in human resources, finance, compensation methodology or similar fields. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please review the Terms of Reference at townofmahonebay.ca/committees and send your expression of interest outlining your applicable background and experiences to Eric J. Levy, Deputy CAO eric.levy@townofmahonebay.ca by January 31, 2024.

Do you Have an EV?

The Town is collecting data on electric vehicles and chargers in town. We are planning to do a study, involving a few EVs, that would allow us to control when the EV is charging, ideally during off-peak hours when the electricity load is smaller, typically at nighttime. We are also looking at options to support the use of bi-directional chargers.



If this is of interest to you, please get in touch by emailing us at climate@townofmahonebay.ca or by calling 902-521-4922. We are looking for details like the make and model of your vehicle, the type of charger you use and if you would be interested in participating in a study at some point in the future.



Are you locked up and secure for the night?

Join the #9PMRoutine today and take an active role in crime prevention in your neighbourhood and community.

The #9PMRoutine is a campaign used by police agencies across North America to remind citizens to protect themselves and their property.

What do I need to do?

There are simple steps you can take to help prevent crime in your neighbourhood.

Every night at 9pm:

- Remove valuables from your vehicle and ensure it's locked and windows are closed.
- Close all garage windows and lock any garage doors, especially those leading into your house
- Keep your vehicle registration and insurance documents secure. The documents can be used to commit other crimes
- Check and lock all house doors and shut all windows
- Turn on an exterior light
- Close and lock your fence gate
- Lock your shed
- Put away bikes and toys in your yard
- Park in the garage instead of the street, if possible.

Urban Forest Management Plan

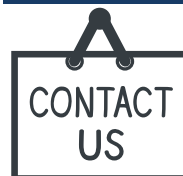
The Town of Mahone Bay is collecting tree data to support our Urban Forest Management Planning!



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, or, go directly to townofmahonebay.ca/urban-forest-management-plan. You can add your own trees to the interactive map and directly contribute to the sustainability of our urban forest!

Connecting with the Town



Do you have a question for the Town?

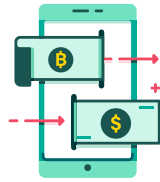
The first contact is always the main desk at 902-624-8327 or email inquiries@townofmahonebay.ca. The staff that respond to queries have the best information to connect you with the right person and/or service.

Upcoming Dates

- Jan 8 - Christmas Tree Collection
- Jan 9 - Regular Council Meeting
- Jan 10 - Climate & Environment Committee
- Jan 10 - Heritage Advisory Committee
- Jan 18 - Asset Management Committee
- Jan 22 - Policy & Strategy Committee
- Jan 25 - Police Advisory Board
- Jan 25 - Regular 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.



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.

When removing snow from your driveways and walkways this winter, please remember not to pile snow in front of your meters.

EV Charger Statistics



Our electric vehicle chargers have been used over 3,014 hours, representing over 1,471 individual charging sessions since being installed in 2021.

This is allowing visitors to take advantage of our green energy while enjoying our Town!

Winter Preparedness

As winter weather approaches, we should all take some time to look at the Emergency Preparedness website.

REMO (Regional Emergency Management Organization) has a website with great local information on how to prepare for a storm, what to do in case of emergency, and to keep you up to date in a local emergency.

Go to lunenburgremo.ca to check out this great local resource.



Seniors Care Grant

This grant helps low-income seniors with the cost of household services like lawn care, snow removal, grocery delivery, transportation and small home repairs. Seniors can also apply for help with costs associated with health care services like physiotherapy and mental health support. Grants are \$750 per household. If you qualify, you can apply until March 31, 2024. To learn more visit www.novascotia.ca



Invitation to Serve

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



Serving on a committee of Council is an excellent way to voice your opinion on a topic that is important to you.

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

Battery Recycling



Did you know that 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). Wetcell, damaged, or defective batteries will not be accepted.