

# Mayor's Newsletter

July 2018

Mahone Bay, Nova Scotia

## We know we're beautiful...

### Aquatic Garden

Just across the footbridge off Kinburn Street, the Aquatic Garden offers a special place to sit and enjoy the scenery. In addition to the two gorgeous lily ponds and the chemical-free butterfly garden (thank you Mahone Bay Garden Society!), if you're patient you may see one of our resident turtles.

The ponds in the Aquatic Garden have recently had a check-up and we are pleased to say that we have learned that they are healthy and productive with natural animal life.



## ... and we're fun!

### Mahone Bay Swimming Pool



Check out the great new programs at the Mahone Bay Swimming Pool this year. Public swims, lessons (private and group lessons) and even Aquafit Saturdays from 12:00 – 12:45.

For more information check out [www.mahonebaypool.com](http://www.mahonebaypool.com) or call 902-624-6193.

### Heritage Boatyard Weekend

From August 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> join in the fun of three days messing around in boats! For more information on the weekend visit

<https://www.mahonebay.com/heritage-boatyard>.



Check out [www.mahonebay.com](http://www.mahonebay.com) for lots more great things to do in Mahone Bay this summer!

## Remember your helmet!



Helmets are the law for everyone on a bicycle, skateboard or scooter! Properly fitted helmets must be worn with the chin strap fastened.

## Thank you, volunteers!

Thank you to the many volunteers who helped make the 2018 Home and Garden Tour a great success. This annual event is an important event for the Mahone Bay Founders' Society and draws a large number of people to celebrate the beauty of Mahone Bay.



## Big Book Sale



Volunteers at the Mahone Bay Centre are hard at work sorting books for the Big Book Sale in October. Donations of all sorts of books are accepted, but please not magazine, theses, text books, self-help books or VHS videos.

## You have been spotted!

Thank you to everyone who has taken us up on the challenge to make Earth Day Every Day in Mahone Bay. We have seen residents collecting litter as they walk and we are so happy to see that our residents are committed to keeping our Town clean.



## Garbage Goes in the Clear Bag

We hear from our solid waste collection contractors that Mahone Bay residents are fantastic at sorting garbage and they are using very few of the rejection stickers!

### REJECTION

Garbage goes in clear, colourless bags.

Households and businesses are allowed one black or tinted bag during each collection.

Questions? Please call (902) 521-8892 or visit [www.communityrecycling.ca](http://www.communityrecycling.ca)



Well done, Mahone Bay!

## Grants to Organizations

As part of the Town of Mahone Bay budget process, Council receives requests for grants to organizations. Grants are approved based on a number of reasons, including money available in the budget.

As part of the 2018/19 Budget process, the following grants were approved:

Organization	Amount
Bayview School (Bayboo & Yearbook)	\$ 100
NOW Lunenburg County	\$ 500
South Shore Senior Safety	\$ 545
Bay to Bay Trail Association	\$ 1,000
Mahone Bay Museum	\$ 8,040
Mahone Bay Swimming Pool (Operations)	\$ 10,000
Mahone Bay Swimming Pool (Capital)	\$ 30,000
Mahone Bay Home and Garden Tour	\$ 500
South Shore Tourism	\$ 350
Visitor Information Center	\$ 7,585
Festivals and Festival Advertising	\$ 1,450
Heritage Boatyard Weekend	\$ 300
Mahone Island Conservation Assn.	\$ 1,000
<b>Total Grants</b>	<b>\$ 61,370</b>

Council has recently passed a new Grants to Organizations Policy. With the new policy, all grant applications must be received prior to March 31<sup>st</sup> each year and there are standard forms to be used with each application and for follow up.

If you have questions about grants to organizations, please contact Town Staff at [clerk@townofmahonebay.ca](mailto:clerk@townofmahonebay.ca) or by phone at 902-624-8327.

## Low-Income Tax Exemption

Watch for details on the Low-Income Tax Exemption in your final tax bill which will be issued July 31<sup>st</sup>.

## HomeWarming



Efficiency Nova Scotia offers the HomeWarming program for Low-Income homeowners. For those that qualify, the HomeWarming program provides a comprehensive energy audit and works with homeowners to identify energy

efficient upgrades that make the most sense for the homeowner. Then the team takes care of managing sub-contractors to have the upgrades completed **at no cost to the homeowner**.

For more information on the HomeWarming program, call toll free 1-877-434-2136 or visit <http://homewarming.ca/>.

## Dog Bylaw



A reminder that dogs in Mahone Bay are to be kept on a leash and under the control of a person at all times when not on private property.

If you have lost your dog or you have concerns about the bylaw, please contact the Animal Control Officer at 902-277-0017.

## Food Bank

A reminder that there is a donation box is at Town Hall to collect school supplies, healthy nut-free snacks for lunches and non-perishable goods to help families who struggle with the financial burden of back to school.



## Connect with Council

We would love to help you connect with the Mayor and Council. Council email addresses are posted on the Town website, and you are always welcome to ask us at Town Hall.

## Next Council Meetings

September 11<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 pm  
September 27<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 pm