

## Housing Survey

The Town of Mahone Bay Strategic Plan 2021-2025 and the draft Municipal Planning Strategy include goals to encourage growth and diversity in our community. These goals include increasing the number of places to live, and specifically increasing the availability of affordable places to live.

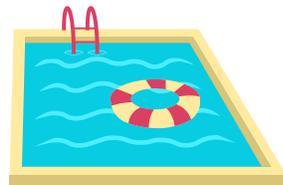


The Housing Accelerator Fund, from the Government of Canada and Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), is a \$4 billion fund to provide municipalities funding to help increase the number of places to live. To apply for this money, the Town of Mahone Bay is developing an Action Plan and we need your input.

Please take a few minutes to complete a survey and share your thoughts with us. The survey is open to residents, full-time and part-time, of the Town of Mahone Bay. Visit our Facebook page or [www.townofmahonebay.ca](http://www.townofmahonebay.ca) to find the survey link.

## Pool Survey

Mahone Bay needs a new pool. Our cherished Mahone Bay pool was built in 1969 and it's seen better days. The Town and the Mahone Bay Pool Society want to hear from you about what you think a new pool facility might have to offer. Keep an eye out for a survey that will be available soon on the Town website and Facebook page.



## Urban Forest Tree Inventory



The Town is doing an inventory of our trees! Currently we are in the data collection stage, help us record our community's trees using the new tree mapping tool on our website! Add

trees to the map and discover the species already captured. Learn about the urban forest and our plans to conserve our canopy in the projects tab on our website. Contact [climate@townofmahonebay.ca](mailto:climate@townofmahonebay.ca) with any questions.

## Bench Donation Program

We're proud to announce the launch of the Town's Bench and Tree 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!

## Tree Donation

We're working on an exciting project!

The Town is going to revitalize the old apple orchard located next to the sports field with new plantings and the addition of some seating for the public.

Would you like to donate an apple tree? Contact Town Hall to learn more.



## Message from the Mayor

June 1st at 10am our volunteer fire department received a call for assistance from those engaged in battling forest fires in Shelburne County. This fire eventually grew in size to become the largest in NS history. Hearing the call for assistance, our volunteer department responded with: Chris Wile, Donnie Hiltz, Richard Nowe, Brendon Dorey, Nick Nowe, Ray Queznel, Joel Veinotte, Felix Weissbach and Mike Briand.

Other members of the crew stayed in Mahone Bay to respond to emergency calls. The crew returned to Mahone Bay from Shelburne after midnight on June 2.

On June 3 at 7am our fire department responded to a call from Lunenburg for a structure fire. The incident was under control around 1pm. The crew returned to the fire station and were eagerly consuming a hard-earned breakfast when a call came in for the team to return to Gunning Cove. Our crew was back on the scene from 2pm until 3am the next morning. This second group consisted of: Chris Wile, Cathy Wile, Nick Nowe, Donnie Hiltz, Adam Ekins, Melissa Riley, Mike Briand along with 2 volunteer members from the Walden FD.

These volunteers are citizens of our town, fellow residents who choose to volunteer, train, and take action to protect us, our town and the property around us. In the background are their families encouraging the volunteers to do their job well, to do it safely and to come home when it is over. We owe the volunteers' family supporters an equal vote of appreciation and thanks.

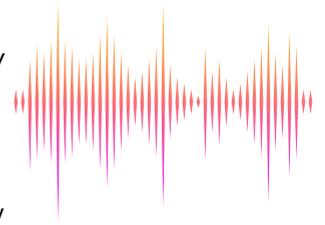
Thank you to all of our volunteer fire fighters and to the families who support them. We appreciate all that you do!!!!

If you know someone who volunteers with the Mahone Bay and District Volunteer Fire Department, say 'thank you' the next time you see them. Commit to making their job easier by being extra careful with fire and burning and smoking materials and walking in the woods. We can help the volunteers manage fire outbreaks by preventing them in the first place.



## Noise Bylaw

On June 29th Mahone Bay Town Council gave first reading to a Noise Bylaw.



The purpose of this By-law is to control levels of noise made within the Town during specified times.

A public hearing will be held on July 27, 2023 at 6:30pm in Council Chambers and on the Town of Mahone Bay's YouTube channel to receive written and verbal submissions from the public on the proposed by-law.

The by-law will be considered for 2nd reading and adoption at a meeting of Town Council on July 27, 2023, immediately following the public hearing.

Copies of the by-law are available for viewing on the Town of Mahone Bay website, [www.townofmahonebay.ca](http://www.townofmahonebay.ca).



Have you registered for CodeRED, the Town of Mahone Bay's mass notification system?

The free service allows us to get emergency messages out into the community. You can register by clicking the CodeRED link on the home page of the Town's website.

## Message from the Mahone Bay Festivals Society



Welcome to "The Bay Hive" in the Founders Hall of Trinity United Church. This location is the home of the Scarecrow builders team as well as a gathering space for creative individuals.

Starting in Mid July, look for the Bay Hive Logo posted outside by the door indicating someone is in. Help in the process of Scarecrow creation or the re-styling of older ones. It will be a place to learn, teach and share ideas that go beyond Scarecrows. It will be a true Community Art Space.

Mark your calendars! The 2023 Scarecrow Festival will take place September 23rd to October 8th. There will be a vintage market, children's activities, a pie baking contest and a photography contest.

## EV Test Drive Event



We're excited to announce that Next Ride will be hosting a free electric vehicle test drive event at the Mahone Bay

Fire Hall at 41 Hawthorne Road, on Sunday, July 23rd from 10am – 4pm. Visit <https://nextridens.com> to learn more.

## Field Agreement

We're excited to announce the official partnership of Mahone Bay United, the Mahone Bay Centre and the Town in the management of the Community Sports Field. Contact the Mahone Bay Centre if you're interested in booking the field.



## Can we see your Address?

In an emergency seconds can count.

Is your civic address sign easily visible from the road? Having a blue and white reflective civic address sign could save the life of you or a family member. Contact Town Hall to order one for only \$14.



## 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.

## UPDATE - Public Input Session



At Council's May 9th meeting, the amended Council Policy was adopted. The updated policy moves the Public

Input Session to within the Council Meeting. The session will occur at 7pm after Council approves the agenda and minutes of their previous meeting(s). This is an opportunity for you to share your opinions with Council and the community.

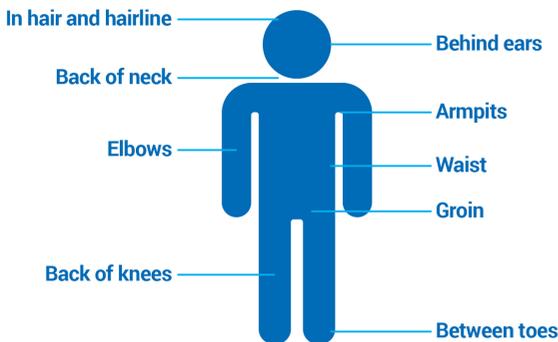
## Upcoming Meeting Dates

July 13 - Asset Management Committee  
July 21 - Special Council Meeting  
July 24 - Policy and Strategy Committee  
July 27 - Police Advisory Board  
July 27 - Regular Council Meeting

## Check for Ticks

Spring is in the air! We're all excited to get out and enjoy the spring weather but we need to remember that with the return of warm weather comes the return of ticks.

Blacklegged ticks, which often carry Lyme Disease, are very small so it's important to be diligent about checking yourself and your pets when you've been spending time outdoors. Ticks like warm places on the body, be sure to check these areas:



You can also reduce your risk by:

- ✓ Wearing long pants and long sleeves in areas likely to have ticks
- ✓ Wear light coloured clothing (it's easier to see ticks)
- ✓ Wear enclosed shoes and tuck your pants into your socks
- ✓ Walk on well-travelled paths, avoiding long grass and vegetation
- ✓ Apply insect repellents containing Deet or Icaridin

## Invitation to Serve

We still have openings for volunteers on the following committees: Asset Management Committee; Audit & Finance Committee; Heritage Advisory Committee; Police Advisory Board.

Learn more about these committees and how to apply on the Committee page of the Town's website [www.townofmahonebay.ca/committees](http://www.townofmahonebay.ca/committees)

## 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.

## Bike Safety

With warmer weather comes an increase in bicycle traffic. Bicycle safety is everyone's responsibility.



Cyclists - wear your helmet, it's the law, and watch out for pedestrians and vehicles.

Motorists - watch for cyclists, especially the young ones who are still learning

## Be Fire Safe



If you enjoy sitting by an outdoor fire, be sure to check the Town of Mahone Bay Outdoor Burning By-law to make sure that your fire pit/appliance is safe and in compliance with the local by-law. The by-law can be found on the Town's website, [townofmahonebay.ca](http://townofmahonebay.ca) and always check [novascotia.ca/burnsafe](http://novascotia.ca/burnsafe) to find out about possible burning restrictions.

## Planting and Utility Lines



Keep in mind what you choose to plant near power lines as utility crews will need to trim to keep the power lines clear.