

October 2022

Mahone Bay, NS

## Open to the Public Again!

Council Chambers is now open for the public to attend Council meetings.



Meetings will continue to be live-streamed on the Town's YouTube channel but there is now an option to attend meetings in person.

## Fire Prevention Week

The week of October 9th - 15th is Fire Prevention Week and this year's theme is "Fire Won't Wait. Plan Your Escape." Be sure to have two escape routes planned and practice your route!



We extend a special thank you to the men and women who volunteer as a part of the Town's volunteer fire department.



## 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 as you will receive a response as soon as possible.

## Fiona Clean-up

Residents of Mahone Bay can drop off tree limbs and branches at the Community Recycling Centre, 908 Mullock Road in Whynott's Settlement, free of charge until October 17th.



## Special Election

We're having an election, Mahone Bay!



By now you should have received a notice in the mail asking for you to return your information for the voter's list to the office by October 19th. This information ensures that we have the most accurate information for the election.

### Important Election Dates:

Oct. 19th - List of Electors Info Deadline  
Oct. 21 - Beginning of Nomination Period  
Nov. 1st - Nomination Day  
Nov 12 - 26th - Phone or online voting  
Nov 19th - Advance Poll  
Nov 22nd - Advance Poll  
Nov 26th - Ordinary Polling Day

As in the 2022 Municipal Election we will be conducting this election using phone or online voting. In the days to come we will send out detailed instructions on how that process works, and we will have Election Staff available to assist, both for those who choose to vote from home and those who come out for a Polling Day.

As we gear up to welcome a new member to Council, we extend our thanks to former Councillor Alice Burdick: you served Mahone Bay faithfully and with an open mind and you will be missed around the Council table.

For more information on the election contact Election staff at 902-521-0209 or [election@townofmahonebay.ca](mailto:election@townofmahonebay.ca).

## QE II Platinum Jubilee Medal



We are proud to share the news that Councillor Richard Nowe was awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal on October 1, 2022.

This award was created to mark the 70th anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II's reign to honour significant contributions and achievements; to be eligible for the medal, recipients must be shown to have made a significant contribution to their community.

Councillor Nowe is a longtime volunteer in our community: he has volunteered on the Fire Department for almost 50 years; he is a long-standing member of the Mahone Bay and District Lion's Club; he works with the Mahone Bay Food Bank; he was a founding member of the Mahone Bay Saint John's Ambulance Brigade; a member of the (first responders) Critical Incident Stress Management Team; as well as a volunteer with Little League Baseball and the Scouting movement.



## Community Logo Development Steering Team **Deadline Extended!**

We are looking for members of a Community Logo Development Steering Team to oversee the development of a Mahone Bay Community Logo.



The community logo will be for the use of the Town of Mahone Bay and other parties as licensed by the Town. We are looking for up to seven members of the public to work with two members of Council appointed to this limited time steering team.

Public members may include up to two residents from a community abutting Mahone Bay. For more information on the objectives of this Steering Team and to apply, go to the Committees page on the Town website, or contact Town Hall staff.

## Natural Asset Inventory Project

We've been so happy to have had the chance to work with GIS Technician Jacob Albury this summer, and we're delighted with the information that he has captured.



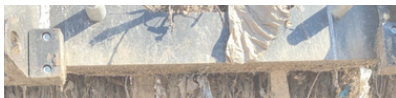
Jacob's projects included mapping Park Cemetery as well as the natural assets in Mahone Bay, including wetlands and trees. This information is an important component in the long-term planning for the Town.

## EV Chargers & Tickets



Reminder - the Electrical Vehicle charger 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.

## Solid Waste Management Bylaw



**No Plastic in the compost!**



The Town has adopted an amended Solid Waste Management By-law which excludes hidden plastic

contaminants from the organics stream.

This by-law is effective November 1, 2022 and bans items with waxy or plastic coating such as some disposable food containers and plastic compost liners.

## EV Statistics

We're so excited by how much use our electric vehicle chargers have been seeing!



Our EV chargers have been used over 810 hours since being installed last winter. This is allowing visitors to take advantage of our green energy while touring the Town! You can find these chargers located at Town Hall, Clairmont Street (by the Pharmasave), Main Street (at Clearway), the Mahone Bay Centre, the Mahone Bay Civic Marina, and the new Fire Station.

## Community Solar Garden

On site work included enhancing the stormwater management in advance of the Fiona storm system with additional "rip rap" (large stones) and hay bales. We're happy to say that these extra measures were effective.



The fence installation is now complete and solar modules and inverters have been delivered to the site. Steel pile (foundations for the solar panels) installation is expected to be completed this month and the final civil inspections will take place in October.

## Municipal Boundary Review



Thank you to everyone who participated by sharing their comments on size of Council and polling districts. Having

heard from the community, Council will make their application to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board (NSUARB) for a Council made up of six Councillors based on the following reasons:

- to ensure adequate diversity of perspectives and representation that reflect the community
- to ensure effective distribution of increasing workload demands faced by Council
- to foster ease of access and communication for elected officials with community members

Council will also apply for Mahone Bay to remain undivided by polling districts.

The next step in this process is for the NSUARB to schedule an independent public hearing in our community; the Town will help spread information about that hearing when we learn the details from the NSUARB.



## Public Input Session



Now that the in-person gallery is open to the public again, the Public Input Session is also in-person. The 15 minutes prior to the start of regular Council meetings is an opportunity to share your opinions with Council.

## Upcoming Dates

Oct 13 - HAC Meeting

Oct 19 - Elector Information Update deadline

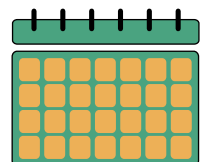
Oct 20 - Asset Management Committee

Oct 24 - Policy & Strategy Committee

Oct 27 - PAB Meeting

Oct 27 - Council Meeting

Nov 1 - Nomination Day





# Sunny with 100% chance of green.

Mahone Bay Electric Utility customers can participate in solar without needing suitable roof space. Following on the very well attended open house in the Fall of 2021 the Town of Mahone Bay is proud to host another OPEN HOUSE to discuss the progress we have made in construction and the path towards operation of the facility. To be entered into a draw for a prize, please submit your questions to: [talktous@community-solar.ca](mailto:talktous@community-solar.ca)

YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN US AT: 41 HAWTHORN RD  
**MAHONE BAY FIRE STATION (COMMUNITY HALL)**  
**WEDNESDAY OCT 19TH | 5-8PM (DROP IN)**  
**1-877-849-0944**



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