

# Mayor's Newsletter

October 2021 Mahone Bay, NS

# Mahone Bay Has a New One Way Street

On September 29th Cherry Lane became a one way street. Traffic enters Cherry Lane from Main Street.



across from Suttles and Seawinds and The Quinlan, and exits onto Parish Street or Orchard Street.

We thank you all for your cooperation and patience as we make this change for the safety of both residents and motorists.

# <u>Draft Local Improvement By-</u> law Defeated



Thank you to the citizens of Mahone Bay who shared their thoughts regarding the draft Local Improvement By-

law. To update everyone who has been following this issue, Council voted not to proceed with the by-law at their September 14th meeting. We appreciate everyone that took the time to engage with Council on this issue.

# <u>Utility Line Tree Maintenance</u>



A reminder that tree trimming around utility lines will continue in October. Crews have been working on some larger projects but they will be resuming their annual maintenance.

#### Fall for Mahone Bay

#### The Scarecrow Festival with a new twist!

The new twist is to put the scarecrow ownership in the hands of the business community and private citizens of the town.

Organizers are encouraging the business community and private citizens to display their scarecrows September 24th through October 12th, renaming the event Fall for Mahone Bay.

Email info@mahonebayscarecrowfestival.com with any questions.

#### Connecting with the Town

Do you have a question for the Town? The first contact is always the main desk at 902-624-8327.



The staff that respond to queries have the best information to connect you with the right person and/or service. If you don't get an answer that means that all lines are busy but please leave a message and you will receive a response as soon as possible.

#### **Special Collection**

Special waste collection of wood and metal is scheduled for Monday, October 4th.



To learn about what can be put out for this special collection, please review the Solid Waste Management By-law at www.townofmahonebay.ca or call 902-543-2991.

# Want to Learn More About Your Municipal Government?



Attend a virtual Council meeting. Our Council meetings are livestreamed on the Town YouTube Channel.

If you miss the meeting, you can watch the recording

at your leisure.



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The Mayor's Newsletter comes via



Canada Post, but you can also sign up to receive newsletters by email, you can find them on facebook, or you can find them on our website.



Read the notices section on our website, read bylaws and policies (including drafts), learn about upcoming meetings

as well as lots of information about our different departments.

Join a committee. The Town has multiple committees which involve volunteer members of the community.





Watch the Town notice board at the Post Office.

Watch the Town's Facebook page.



#### And ask us if you have questions:



902-624-8327



clerk@townofmahonebay.ca

### Town Hall Is Open!

Town Hall reopened to the public in September. After significant renovations, our beloved building is now safe for staff and visitors.



If you come to see us, please take note and follow the directional signage for entering and exiting the building. Our new hours are 9am - 4pm.

#### Poppy Trays



Branch 49 of the Royal Canadian Legion would like to provide an opportunity for businesses in town

to place a small poppy tray in their establishment during the two weeks leading up to Remembrance Day. If interested, please contact Mike Brown at 902-220-8967 to make arrangements.

#### Welcome Martha!

Please join us in welcoming the Town of Mahone Bay's newest staff member. Martha Horsman is filling the role of Climate & Energy Program Manager.



Martha is currently working towards a Master of Science in Applied Geomatics, and possesses an Advanced Diploma in Geographic Sciences, and a Bachelor of Environmental Studies.

Martha is passionate and knowledgeable about conservation and environmental issues and has worked with several local non-profit organizations in the past.

Martha is thrilled to be working with the Town of Mahone Bay and apply her passion and skills to climate change mitigation projects.

#### Volunteers Needed

The Town of Mahone Bay is seeking volunteers for the Town's Police Advisory Board and Asset Management



Committee. The Province of NS is also seeking a Provincial appointment to the Town's Police Advisory Board.

Learn how to apply to the committees by checking out the Committees page under the Council tab on the Town website.

To learn more about Provincial appointments and how you can apply, visit novascotia.ca/abc or call 1-866-206-6844.

#### **Public Information Meeting**

A Public Information Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 7, 2021 at 7:00pm at the Mahone Bay Legion on Pond Street.



The purpose of the meeting is to provide an opportunity for the public to obtain information and discuss the request received by Council to enter into a Development Agreement for property at and adjacent to 66 Clairmont Street. For more information check the Town website.

#### FREE Curbside Giveaway Weekend

The annual curbside giveaway weekend will be held on October 2nd & 3rd.



Put out your unwanted household items at the curb during Curbside Give Away Weekend instead of discarding them. It's a great way to reduce the amount of garbage ending up in the landfill, while allowing someone else to find something new!

## **Public Hearing**





On September 27, 2021, Council passed first reading of a By-law to Repeal the Town of Mahone Bay Dangerous/Unsightly Buildings By-law.

It has been proposed that the Dangerous/Unsightly Building By-law be repealed primarily because the Municipal Government Act provides the same authority.

A public hearing to receive comments from the public on this by-law to repeal will be held at 6:30pm on October 28th. If you would like to submit your comments please contact Town Hall.

# **Public Input Sessions**

As part of the Town's Council Policy, 15 minutes have been added ahead of each council meeting. If you have a question or concern that you would



like to voice to Council, this is an excellent opportunity to do so. The link to the session is available 3 business days prior to the meeting, it can be found on the Town's Facebook page and website.

#### **Upcoming Dates**

Oct 2&3 - Free Curbside Giveaway Weekend

Oct 4 - Special Collection - Wood & Metal

Oct 7 - Public Information Meeting

Oct 11 - Office Closed (Thanksgiving)

Oct 12 - Council Meeting

Oct 13 - Heritage Advisory Committee

Oct 21 - Asset Management Committee

Oct 28 - Police Advisory Board Meeting

Oct 28 - Public Hearing

Oct 28 - Council Meeting



#### Fresh water, thanks to our pipes, plants, and people!

From the Oakland Lake watershed just outside of town limits, to our state-of-the-art treatment plant, through over 10km of water mains, to our faucets and taps: why buy a bottle when the highest quality water's at hand? Our drinking water infrastructure is something we all built together, and something we can all be proud of! Your utility payments – with support from provincial and federal governments – help keep it that way!



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