

Open to the Public Again!

Starting this month, Council Chambers will be open for the public to once again attend Council meetings in person.



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

Firehall Grand Opening



The open house for our new Firehall on August 20th was a great success! Thank you to everyone for attending and thank you to the Mahone Bay and District Fire Department for your hard work and dedication.

EV Statistics

Visitors are charging up in Mahone Bay this summer!



Our electric vehicle chargers have seen over 594 hours of use 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.

Back to School

We're all excited to see staff and students back as the 2022/2023 school year begins.



A reminder to watch for an increase in pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular traffic.

Scarecrow Festival



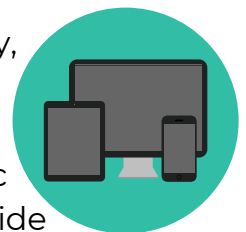
Get your scarecrows ready for the Mahone Bay Scarecrow Festival!

Decorate your yard with your own scarecrows from September 23rd to October 10th.

Create your own scarecrow, collaborate with your neighbour, or even do a themed street! The Scarecrow Festival organizers want you to join them to bring the 2022 Scarecrow Festival back in a new way.

Special Collection

Mark your calendars! Monday, September 19th is a special solid waste collection day. On this day up to 3 electronic devices can be placed curbside for pick up.



Rum Runners Relay



The Rum Runners Relay will be held on Saturday, September 24th. The relay begins in Hatchet Lake and ends in Lunenburg.

On the 24th we ask that all drivers be extra cautious and watch out for runners along the edges of our streets and roads.

Message from the Mayor

Council has attended several special meetings in July and August where development of the town's "solar garden" at The project is being constructed on Town land adjacent to the sewage treatment plant, high on a hill and isolated from most of the town.

The intent of this project is to further reduce the town's reliance on electricity currently generated through the burning of fossil fuels. This project will help us attain our carbon footprint reduction targets to reduce climate warming. It will also mitigate the impact of fluctuations in the commodities market that affect the price of electricity generated from fossil fuels.

Members of Council have no personal connection to any of the engineering firms engaged to plan for the installation of the systems, the firms contracted to do the work on-site, or the law firms we have been using to ensure that the legal requirements have been met as defined by federal, provincial, and municipal legislation.

The output of the solar installation will be available for the clients of the Mahone Bay Electric Utility. The solar power will be combined with the output of the wind farm in Ellershouse so that 60% of our electricity is environmentally sustainable and immune to a portion of the price variations wrought by changes in the market costs of fossil fuel generated electricity.

All decisions of Council are considered and made in pursuit of 'what is best for the town as a whole'.

If you would like to meet with me and chat, call 902 521 5650.

Thank you.


David W. Devenne
Mayor

Sustainability Spotlight

Fresh Fern Cleaning Company is a professional cleaning service company based in Mahone Bay. It offers commercial and



residential services. This business has also actively taken steps to reduce its environmental footprint by:

- Utilizing and providing all natural and hand-made in-house cleaners as well as using eco-friendly tools
- Continuously working on ways to reduce chemical and plastic waste output

Community Logo Development



We're seeking committee members for the Community Logo Development Steering Team.

To learn more about this committee and find the application form, visit the Town's website.

Fisher's Memorial Service

The Fishers' Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, September 11, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. on the Lunenburg Waterfront.



The ceremony is an annual event in honour of those who lost their lives while pursuing their livelihood in the fishery.

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.

Climate Project Survey

Thank you to everyone who took the time to speak with Patrick and/or submitted their ballot with information on reducing the environmental impact of your household.



Congratulations to Kelly Redden who entered the draw for participants, and won a solar-powered power bank!

In case we missed you, an online survey is now available until the end of September. This survey is specifically for residents and businesses in the town of Mahone Bay as the data gathered is used to help us develop an ongoing picture of our community's greenhouse gas emission footprint.

We will have another draw when the online survey closes!

Community Solar Garden

Grading and grubbing (that is levelling the land and removing the stumps, roots and debris remaining after community members collected wood from the community solar garden site) has now completed and the contractors are putting up the fence surrounding the site. Contractors and project managers are now making plans for plantings which will also be part of long-term storm water management. This month we will see components being delivered to the site to prepare for installation of the panels.



Curbside Giveaway Weekend

FREE Curbside Giveaway Weekend is coming up October 1st and 2nd! This is a great time to get rid of clutter or things you don't use anymore. Put items curbside that weekend for others to take and put to use.



Municipal Boundary Review

This is about your representation at the Council table.



The Municipal Boundary Review is a process conducted every eight years in which the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board requires that municipal councils submit an application for the size of Council.

Council has declared their preference for a Council comprised of six Councillors plus a mayor. Their final decision will be made following the period of public consultation, but this preference is to stimulate conversation in the community. What do you think? Is this the right size for Mahone Bay?

Share your thoughts!



Thank you to everyone who joined us on September 7th for a public discussion about the size of Council.



Your input is important to this process and we want to know what you think.



Look for the special new page on our website about the Municipal Boundary Review Process and the job of a Councillor



Please take the time to review the information on our website and send us your comments to be a part of the consideration of this decision.

Submissions must be received no later than September 19, 2022.

Community Solar Garden Open House Coming in October!

Watch for more information on our next Open House to talk about the Community Solar Garden Project.

To help us prepare, before the Open House, please send your questions to:

talktous@community-solar.ca

so that we can make the best use of your time at the Open House. We will be holding a random draw for those who share their questions with us.

Drop in between 5 - 8pm to join us for a cup of coffee or tea and a light snack while you have the opportunity to get the straight facts about this exciting project.

Be sure to stay up to date on the Community Solar Garden page on the Town's website for the latest information as it is available.



COMMUNITY SOLAR GARDEN PROJECT

Look for this tab on our home page to learn more about the Community Solar garden project and stay up to date on progress.

New flags on the waterfront



Our flagpole on the Edgewater Street waterfront will soon be upgraded, and joined by both a Nova Scotia and Mi'kmaw Grand Council Flag.

We would like to say a special thank you to our neighbours at the Acadia First Nation for their consultation on flags.

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Solid Waste Management Bylaw



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. Watch for more information to come.

Natural Asset Inventory Project

You may have seen our Data Collection Technician, Jacob, and his distinctive backpack around town.



The Town was happy to receive a grant from the Province Of Nova Scotia, Community Works Program to develop a Natural Assets Inventory. Jacob is a geomatics graduate and has been gathering data on wetlands, watercourses, as well as collecting GIS points and condition information for an inventory of Town trees.

The data gathered from this project will provide the Town with improved information on the natural features of our town, and assist with future Asset Management and long-term planning.

Upcoming Dates

Sept 13 - Council Meeting

Sept 14 - HAC Meeting

Sept 15 - Asset Management Committee Meeting

Sept 15 - Audit & Finance Committee Meeting

Sept 16 - Cemetery Committee Meeting

Sept 26 - Policy & Strategy Committee Meeting

Sept 29 - Council Meeting

Sept 30 - Office Closed, National Day for Truth & Reconciliation