

Mahone Bay is building a new Fire Station!

IMPROVED RESPONSE TIMES

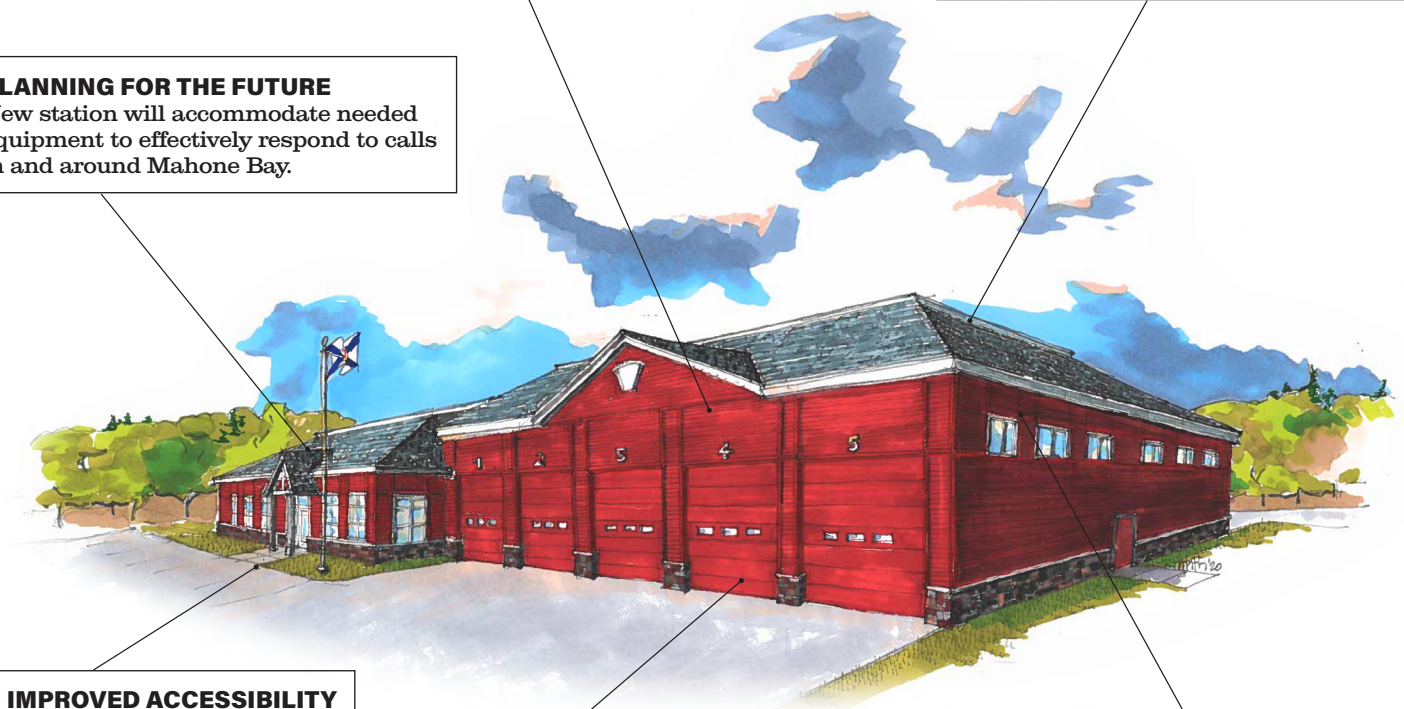
New station will feature appropriately sized bays and turning apron, meaning quicker response times.

IMPROVED SAFETY

New station will be designed with volunteers in mind, eliminating safety hazards to improve safety for MBDVFD members.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

New station will accommodate needed equipment to effectively respond to calls in and around Mahone Bay.



IMPROVED ACCESSIBILITY

New station will meet new Provincial physical accessibility requirements.

EMERGENCY CAPACITY

New station will be built to serve as comfort center for Mahone Bay and area residents during emergencies.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

New station will be energy efficient, fully electric and supplied with renewable energy by our local Mahone Bay electric utility.

*Concept sketch, Roscoe Construction Ltd.

Project Summary

The Mahone Bay and District Volunteer Fire Department (MBDVFD) has served and protected the residents and businesses of Mahone Bay and the surrounding area for nearly a century and with the announcement of a new Fire Station the Mahone Bay Town Council is taking the necessary steps to ensure our valued volunteers are able to continue to provide our community with effective fire protection services for the next hundred years.

The Mahone Bay and District Volunteer Fire Department (MBDVFD) services between 3500-4000 residents in and around Mahone Bay and responds to approximately 90-100 calls per year. Currently, MBDVFD operates out of a 2-bay fire station located at 184 Kinburn Street (erected in the 1960's) which also serves as a community hall facilitating

local events, such as bingo, fundraisers, and craft fairs.

The goal of this project is to construct a new Fire Station on Hawthorne Road, adjacent to the existing fire station located on Kinburn Street. The new Fire Station will have 5 bays, a kitchen, meeting room, offices, and washrooms. The new Fire Station will be built to last, and to address numerous identified deficiencies with the current station.

On September 8th, 2020 the Mahone Bay Town Council awarded the contract to design and build the new Fire Station to Roscoe Construction Limited for a value of \$3,387,446 (HST excluded). The target opening for the new station is November 2021, coincident with MBDVFD centennial celebrations.

2008

Town Council identifies long term need to replace 50+ year-old station.

2018

Council engages with MBDVFD and reviews similar fire stations.

2019

Council approves annual budget including Fire Station Project.

FALL 2019

Fire Station Project announcement and Open House.



Project Financials

- We currently estimate Fire Station project costs at \$3,709,263 (we have received approval of the minister to borrow up to \$4,456,600 from the Municipal Finance Corporation (MFC) for the project);
- Based on MFC's most recent debenture, at 30 years the loan interest is estimated at 2.3%, bringing total costs to \$4,754,217;
- Paying over 30 years, that's an average of \$158,474 / year;
- Council plans to cover 50% from existing funds, having strengthened capital funding streams in recent years to make such a project possible;
- We still need to raise 50% from fire rates in the Town and fire service area, which will take effect over the next several years.

Visit the recently renovated
Town of Mahone Bay website
www.townofmahonebay.ca
for additional updates on the project,
notices of public events, etc.

The Mahone Bay & District Volunteer Fire Department (MBDVFD) has also reached out to the Town Council to propose a Community Hall project to replace the current community hall at the fire station.

MBDVFD proposes using fundraising revenues to cover loan interest and principal payments for the Town's portion of the Community Hall Project (subject to confirmation of external funding), which would in turn improve MBDVFD fundraising capacity by hosting bingo nights and other MBDVFD / community events.

On September 8th, 2020 Council approved an application to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) for funding (40% federal, 33% provincial) to replace the community hall at the current fire station with an energy efficient extension on the new station.

FEB 11, 2020

Council awards project management contract to Vigilant Management Inc.

SEPT 8, 2020

Council awards Fire Station design-build contract to Roscoe Construction Inc.

FALL 2020

Design

SPRING 2021

Construction Start

FALL 2021

Construction End

NEXT STEPS:

***Concept site plan, Roscoe Construction Ltd.**

