



Message from the Deputy Mayor

Edgewater Street: A Brighter, Safer & More Beautiful Future



We are thrilled to share some exciting news about our upcoming construction project, which we are embarking on together as a community. This initiative, which promises to significantly benefit our beloved Town, is not just about improving infrastructure—it's about preserving our heritage, enhancing our natural beauty, and ensuring a vibrant future for residents and visitors alike.

One key focus of this project is improving the protection of Edgewater Street, home to Mahone Bay's iconic Three Churches and numerous homes and businesses. We are safeguarding this historic area by addressing coastal flooding and storm surge risks for generations.

This project will also create opportunities to beautify our postcard-perfect approach to Town, ensuring that Mahone Bay remains as picturesque as ever. We'll eliminate the remaining straight pipes to the harbour, improving water quality and supporting a healthier ecosystem.

For our residents and businesses, the project will support new development with utilities, including connecting Kedy's Landing to the Mahone Bay electrical distribution grid. This will pave the way for growth and innovation in our community and stimulate the local economy. The increased foot traffic and improved infrastructure will create new opportunities for businesses and enhance the overall economic landscape of our Town.

We're also prioritizing improving the pedestrian experience and safety along our waterfront with enhanced lighting and developing a multi-use coastal trail. These upgrades will make it easier and more enjoyable for everyone to explore our stunning shoreline. We'll also expand the Living Shoreline, further protecting our coast while enhancing its natural beauty.

This project is a long-term investment in our Town, reinforcing Mahone Bay as a must-visit destination for guests and a wonderful place to call home for residents. It's a commitment to building a brighter, safer, and more beautiful future for Mahone Bay, ensuring our community's security and prosperity for years.

Don't miss the open house on the project from 6:30 to 8:30 PM on Thursday, March 6th, at the Mahone Bay Legion (21 Pond St.). This will be an excellent opportunity to learn more about the project, ask questions, and share your thoughts. If you can't make it, renderings and project schedules will be available on the Town's website after the open house. Also, you can watch out for Q&As on our Facebook Page and website, email your questions to projects@townofmahonebay.ca

Colin Kingsmill

Can We See Your Address?

The Town of Mahone Bay has a Civic Address By-law which states that every property owner is responsible



to post the civic number of the property on the same side of the road as the building with that number.

Civic numbers shall be on both sides of the sign and perpendicular to the street. The numerals shall be white on reflective blue background.

The civic number shall be posted on a dedicated vertically mounted post, no further than 1m (3') from the edge of the road, and between 1m and 1.5m from the road surface.

Learn more about the Civic Addressing By-law on the Town website at townofmahonebay.ca/by-laws-policies, or contact Town Hall to order your civic address sign. They're quick and easy to order and cost only \$14!

International Women's Day Event



Join the Mayor for an International Women's Day Event hosted by Be the Peace Institute, Second Story Women's Centre, Harbour House and South Shore Sexual Health. The event takes place March 8th from 1:30pm to 5:00pm at the Lunenburg School of the Arts, 6 Prince Street, Lunenburg.

The theme of this event is "Accelerate Action". Honourable Michael MacDonald, Chief Commissioner of the Mass Casualty Commission (Retired NS Chief Justice) will be the guest speaker.

All are welcome!

Meeting with the Mayor



Do you have something you would like to discuss with Mayor Lohnes-Croft?

She's always happy to meet with residents to discuss their opinions or concerns. Meetings can be scheduled in Town Hall. Call 902-624-8327 or email suzanne.lohnes-croft@townofmahonebay.ca to set up a day and time!

Internship Opportunities



We're excited to announce that the Town of Mahone Bay is once again hiring summer interns, through partnership with the Clean Foundation.

This year we are advertising for an Urban Forest Intern and a Stormwater and Watershed Intern. To learn more about these exciting opportunities visit, townofmahonebay.ca/climate--sustainability, or contact Town Hall.

Compost Bin Liners

While compostable bags and biodegradable bags may be advertised as fully compostable, they are not. They get tangled up in equipment and contaminate curing compost piles. This adds to staff time and expense at our solid waste site.

Please consider using brown paper bags or cardboard liners instead of "compostable" bags.



Bags visible in curing compost pile



Bags tangled in grinder

Comfort Centre Volunteers

We are seeking volunteers to be the frontline staff for the Comfort Centre at the Mahone Bay and District Fire Department, 41 Hawthorn Road.



A Comfort Centre is a place where people can go for warming, cooling, electricity, washrooms and other amenities during an emergency situation. The Town must develop a roster of volunteers who would be willing to set up and operate the Comfort Centre if needed. Fire Department members need to be available for emergency response, so we need additional volunteers to be sure the centre can open.

To read the Town of Mahone Bay Comfort Centre Operating Procedures and fill out the volunteer application, visit the Emergency Services page on the Town's website.

Please direct any questions to Eric Levy, Deputy CAO by calling Town Hall or emailing eric.levy@townofmahonebay.ca

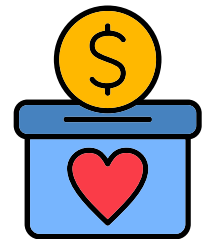
Program Development



The Town of Mahone Bay is in the midst of creating a program that will provide financial assistance to community recreational and cultural organizations in Town to support the participation of children and youth from Mahone Bay who, due to lack of funds, are not able to participate in these activities. The program will have the goal of supporting organizations removal of financial barriers to ensure all children and youth have an opportunity to participate.

If you work with a recreational or cultural organization with programming for children or youth, and you'd like to participate or have insights to offer in planning such a program, please contact Eric Levy at eric.levy@townofmahonebay.ca.

Grants to Organizations



Mahone Bay Town Council will soon begin their annual budget deliberations. Part of these discussions will include a review of applications for Grants under the Town's Grants to Organizations Policy. To learn more about this policy visit the Bylaws + Policies page of the Town website. Deadline to apply is March 31st.

2025-26 Budget Deliberations



Council will start their annual budget deliberation process in April. Budget meetings will be live streamed on the Town's YouTube Channel.

Where Do You Get Your Info?



Town staff are always happy to answer your questions!

There are so many ways to reach out. Call the Town Office, send an email or contact us through Facebook.

Dogs on Leash

Are you ready for a nice winter walk with your pooch? Do you have a leash? Are you prepared to stoop and scoop?

Leashes and cleaning up behind pets is the law in Mahone Bay.



Upcoming Dates

Mar 6 - Edgewater Project Open House
Mar 11 - Council Meeting (9am)
Mar 12 - Climate & Environment Committee
Mar 12 - Heritage Advisory Committee
Mar 14 - Cemetery Committee
Mar 20 - Asset Management Committee
Mar 21 - Pre-Budget Meeting
Mar 24 - Policy & Strategy Committee
Mar 27- Council Meeting (7pm)




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.

Seniors Care Grant



This grant helps low-income seniors with the cost of household services like lawn care, snow removal, grocery delivery, transportation and small home repairs. Seniors can also apply for help with costs associated with health care services like physiotherapy and mental health support. Grants are \$750 per household. If you qualify, you can apply until March 31, 2024. To learn more visit novascotia.ca, or contact the MLA's office.

Home Heating Rebate

The Province of Nova Scotia offers a  rebate through their Heating Assistance Rebate Program to help low-income Nova Scotians with the cost of home heating. For more information visit, novascotia.ca/apply-heatingassistance-rebate-heating-assistancerebate-program

Winter Parking



Winter weather is here and we want to remind you that vehicles that obstruct snow clearing and/or winter road and parking lot maintenance are in violation of the Motor Vehicle Act and are subject to being ticketed or towed at the owner's expense.

Volunteers Wanted

Are you looking for a way to serve your community? The Mahone Bay & District Fire Department is always on the lookout for new members to join their ranks and offer an invaluable service to the community.



There is also a junior fire department for youth ages 12 to 18. This is a great opportunity and introduction to firefighting and an exciting way to learn new skills. To learn more about the work of the Department or to find out how to join, send an email to mbdfd.admin@townofmahonebay.ca

Winter Preparedness



With all of the wintery weather we've been experiencing lately, it's a great opportunity to

remind everyone to take some time to look at the Emergency Preparedness website.

REMO (Regional Emergency Management Organization) has a website with great local information on how to prepare for a storm, what to do in case of emergency, and keeps you up to date in a local emergency.

Go to lunenburgremo.ca, or the Lunenburg REMO Facebook page, to check out this great local resource.

Have you signed up for the electronic version of the Mayor's Newsletter? Signing up is easy, just scroll to the bottom of the homepage at townofmahonebay.ca

