Mayor's Newsletter



May 2024

Mahone Bay, NS

Interested in our Town's Heritage?

The Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia will be giving a talk on May 28th 7pm - 8pm in the Community Room at the Fire Station, 41 Hawthorn Road.



Image from a Private Collection

You will discover how to research older buildings in Nova Scotia, learn about registering a Heritage Property and determine what it means to own a Heritage Property.

This workshop is for everyone - property owners, those who maintain heritage sites and/or anyone interested in heritage preservation. This event is being hosted by the Town's Heritage Advisory Committee.

Only a Month Left to Add Trees

The Town of Mahone Bay is collecting tree data to support our Urban Forest Management Planning!



Trees are extremely important to us as individuals, and to the Town. They provide many benefits such as helping to reduce run-off, preventing coastal erosion, helping to reduce atmospheric carbon, cutting energy costs by providing our town with shade and wind-barriers, plus the benefits of added oxygen, tourism, and even food.

Explore our urban forest! Please help us record our community's trees by going to our website and checking out the Urban Forest Management page under the Projects section.

<u>Funding Announcement</u>



It's an exciting time for Mahone Bay! In April, the Honourable Susan Corkum-Greek joined Deputy Mayor Francis Kangata to announce

\$5.6-million in funding from the Province, through the Municipal Capital Grant Program (MCGP), for an infrastructure project along Edgewater Street.

This year design work will begin on a project to extend municipal services (eliminating the last of the straight pipes on Edgewater Street) enhance lighting, develop a multi-use coastal trail, and expand the Living Shoreline.

In addition to this funding announcement, the Town has confirmed \$1,722,126 in other Federal/Provincial grant funding and are waiting on Federal Government consideration of grant applications for an additional \$1,313,135 in funding for this project.

To read the press release from the Province and see the Project Brief, visit the notices page of the Town website, www.townofmahonebay.ca/ project-blogs/edgewater-street-project

Spring Flushing

Annual spring water main flushing will take place through the nights of Tuesday, May 7th and Wednesday, May 8th, from 9pm to 6am.



Check out the Water/Wastewater page of the Town's website to find out what to do before and after water main flushing.

News From the MB Museum



The Mahone Bay Museum opens for the season on June 1st and is starting the season with one of their biggest events!

For over 20 years, the Home & Garden tour fundraiser for the Mahone Bay Museum has delighted locals and visitors alike. This year is no exception. On June 8-9, this muchloved self-guided tour features homes of heritage beauty updated for today's lifestyle and blossoming gardens. As well, there is a new custom-designed home with breathtaking water views and a master gardener in-residence.

Thanks to those who generously open their homes and gardens and to our community and local business who support this event.

Tickets are \$30 each. Preview and Online Tickets available at

<u>MahoneBayMuseum.com</u>. Tickets also available at Kinburn Pharmasave, 552 Main St., Mahone Bay.

Special Collection



Monday, May 13th is spring leaf and yard waste collection day!

Leaf and yard waste can be left curbside for collection in the green bin, in paper leaf bags, and/or tied in bundles with no stick more than 3' long or 2" wide.

<u>Be Fire Safe</u>

If you enjoy sitting by an outdoor fire, be sure to check the Town of

Mahone Bay Outdoor Burning By-law to make sure that your fire pit/appliance is safe and in compliance with the local by-law. The by-law can be found on the Town's website, townofmahonebay.ca

Access Awareness Week



May 26 to June 2 is Access Awareness Week. This is an annual celebration and opportunity to raise awareness and engage people on issues around access and inclusion.

This year the theme is *Communities for All: Taking Action on Access Awareness*. To learn more visit www.nsleo.com

<u> Planting & Utility Lines</u>

As you plan your garden and landscaping this spring, keep in mind what you choose to plant near power lines.

Shorter plantings prevent the need for Town crews to trim them later.

Planting Near Power Lines



<u>EV Charging Program</u>



Do you have an EV?

We're launching a 2 year EV

Charging Program. Participants will receive a \$25 credit on their electrical bill for every month of participation.

All you need to do is supply us with your charging data each month. Your data will be used and analyzed by our Climate and Energy Department to consider new time-of-day rate structures. The goal is to incentivize resident EV owners to charge at times our local renewables are online (Ellershouse Wind Farm and the Town's Solar Garden).

To learn more, visit townofmahonebay.ca/climate-sustainability.html or contact climate@townofmahonebay.ca

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<u>Thank You!</u>

A big thank you to the Mahone Bay Garden Club volunteers for, once again, making Mahone Bay's gardens look so beautiful!



<u>Centennial Book</u>



March 31st was the Town of Mahone Bay's 105th anniversary!

Have you read 100 Years and Counting? This book was a Centennial project completed

five years ago and tells the story of the Town of Mahone Bay from 1919 to today (well, to 2019).

Copies are available for purchase at Town Hall!

Senior Safety Academy



The New Ross Family Resource Centre will be hosting The Lunenburg County Seniors'

Safety Program's Seniors Safety Academy in the afternoons from April 10 - May 15.

There will be presentations on scam/fraud prevention, home safety, fall prevention and much more.

Call 902-689-2414 to register.

Message from CiB

The Mahone Bay Communities in Bloom team would like to encourage everyone to participate in the National



Communities in Bloom Clean Up Campaign. Please keep in mind the need to protect pollinators/butterflies when cleaning up your garden beds.

The Town of Mahone Bay special leaf and yard waste collection takes place on Monday, May 13th.

Let's all work together to get our community ready for the summer.

<u>EV Stats</u>

Our electric vehicle chargers have been used over 3,801 hours since being installed.



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.



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, or call Town Hall and we can register you.

Public Input Session

Did you know that there is a 15 minute Public Input Session during each Council Meeting? The session starts right after Council approves the agenda and minutes of their previous meeting(s).

This is an opportunity for you to share your opinions with Council and the community.

<u>Upcoming Dates</u>

May 7 - Planning Advisory Committee May 8 - Heritage Advisory Committee May 10 - Special Council Meeting (Budget) May 13 - Leaf & Yard Waste Collection May 13 - Watershed Advisory Committee May 14 - Council Meeting May 16 - Asset Management Committee May 20 - Office Closed (Victoria Day) May 27 - Policy & Strategy Committee May 30 - Council Meeting

Office of the Mayor

Emergency Preparedness Week



Emergency Preparedness week is May 5 - 11. Everyone has a role to play in an emergency. Emergency Preparedness

Week is an opportunity for you to take action to ensure you are prepared to protect yourself, your family and your community during an emergency. This year the theme is Be Prepared. Know Your Risks. The intent of the theme is to encourage understanding of risk in your area and learn what actions can be taken to protect yourself and your family.

Are you prepared to shelter in place for 72 hours? The steps to preparedness are:

<u>Know the Risks</u>

What are the potential risks to your household and property?

<u>Make a Plan</u>

Every household needs an emergency plan. It will help you and your family know what to do in case of an emergency.

<u>Build/Get a Kit</u>

You can prepare for potential hazards by having a plan in place to deal with the anticipated impacts of an event. Having your plan and emergency kit prepared in advance is the best way to support your family and pets.

Another way to be prepared is to sign up for CodeRED, the Town's mass alert system. It's a great way to get info from the Town during an emergency or a service disruption. Visit the Town's website or call Town Hall to get set up.

Take some time during Emergency Preparedness week to visit the Emergency Services page on our website and Iunenburgremo.ca for lots of info and tips.

Message from Festivals of MB



The Signature Festivals of Mahone Bay have started creating new Scarecrows. Come visit us at the Bayhive at Trinity United Church on Thursdays or by chance, more regular hours

will be announced soon.

Think of us when Spring Cleaning your closets and donating. We will pick up your unwanted items and pass along any items we cannot use. Come find ,or make, some new friends. Reach out to us at <u>festivalsofmahonebay@</u> gmail.com.

Access to Meters

Please ensure that your power and water meters are unobstructed so that staff have safe access to read and/or maintain your meter.



When thinking of planting trees and putting in gardens this spring, please make sure that nothing is planted in front of meters. Off leash dogs can also impede staff's ability to safely conduct meter readings.

<u>Dog Tags</u>



Buttercup wants to let you know that it is important to register your furry friend each year.

It is mandatory in Mahone Bay

to register your dog annually. Registration ensures that we have the most up-to-date information in case we ever need to get your pooch back home.

Registering is quick and easy and FREE! You can stop by Town Hall and pick up your tag(s) in person, or give us a call or send an email and we can arrange to mail your tag(s).