

# Mayor's Newsletter

September 2018

Mahone Bay, Nova Scotia

## Welcome home, Dylan!



The Town of Mahone Bay is pleased to introduce our new CAO, Dylan Heide.

Dylan started with the Town on August 13<sup>th</sup> and has been taking

the time to get to know members of our community while settling into his new role. If you see him in Town, say hi and introduce yourself.

## Scarecrow Festival & Antique Fair September 28 – 30<sup>th</sup>



Join in the fun of the 22<sup>nd</sup> year of the Mahone Bay Scarecrow Festival and Antique Fair! Festival volunteers are hard at work on what is sure to be

another successful event. Check out <http://www.mahonebayscarecrowfestival.com/> for more information on the festival, including details about the new indoor Pumpkin Path.

## Back to school!

We remind everyone that our students are walking and biking to school again and we urge caution, especially in crosswalks.



## Speed Signs

We're happy to say that we have had a great summer with our new mobile speed signs. We have collected a lot of data on traffic speeds, directions, time of day, and other important factors

that will help inform decisions about traffic safety. We would also like to thank the RCMP for their support of this initiative through targeted enforcement.



## Lunenburg County Bus Routes

On September 10<sup>th</sup>, Maritime Bus began their new routes connecting Lunenburg County and Halifax. For information on stops, booking tickets and connecting routes go to [MaritimeBus.com](http://MaritimeBus.com) or go to the Town website at <https://www.townofmahonebay.ca/> for links to Maritime Bus and for a link to the local connector schedule.

Please note that Mahone Bay is a flag stop, which means arrangements must be made in advance or the bus will not stop in Mahone Bay.



## Thank you, volunteers!

A big thank you to the volunteers who organize and manage the Heritage Boatyard Weekend.



Mahone Bay is very lucky in our remarkable volunteers. Much of what makes summer special in our town is run by volunteers and we are grateful for their efforts. Thank you to these and many others for your dedication to the community.

## Welcome, Alan!

You may meet this fellow on the streets of Mahone Bay - Alan McMullin, our new Bylaw Enforcement Officer. Alan brings many years of experience in enforcement to his role with the Town and we're very excited to have him on our team.



## Power Outages in Mahone Bay

We've had a difficult few weeks for power outages in Mahone Bay, and there are a lot of questions about what is happening and why. The Town of Mahone Bay is proud to have one of the few remaining municipal electric utilities and very proud to say that more than 40% of the power used in Mahone Bay comes from renewable energy from our windfarm. The power that feeds our electric utility feeds into Mahone Bay on Nova Scotia Power Inc. (NSP) lines. While we do our best to maintain our electric lines in Town, if there are interferences with the NSPI lines that bring power into our substation, we have no control over those outages.

Outage causes (as reported by NSPI): August 30<sup>th</sup> – lightning strike; September 9<sup>th</sup> – tree felled on transmission line by a customer; September 11<sup>th</sup> – lightning strike; September 12<sup>th</sup> – restoring main transmission lines (following temporary fix from the previous evening); September 18<sup>th</sup> – damage to an insulator.

As a customer of NSPI we have voiced our concerns about these outages. We are also asking questions as a municipal government, representing 1000+ Nova Scotians. We don't have the answers yet, but we have heard your concerns, and we share them. We expect a presentation from NSPI at the October 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of Council.

If you experience a power outage, call the Town Office during regular business hours (Monday - Friday, 8:30 – 4:30) or the after-hours emergency line at 902-543-3251. If the outage is due to an NSPI issue, you can watch for information on restoration times online at <https://www.nspower.ca/en/home/outage-centre/default.aspx>.

## Park Cemetery



Thank you to all involved for the hard work at Park Cemetery this summer. Improvements include the installation of the new sign, graveling the roads, headstone restoration and tree

trimming. The Town is grateful for a donation for cemetery maintenance which assisted with this project.

## Flu Vaccine Clinic

Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Mahone Bay Fire Hall. Watch for more information coming soon.

## On October 1<sup>st</sup> we recognize:

International Day of Older Persons

<http://www.un.org/en/events/olderpersonsday/>

Treaty Day

<https://novascotia.ca/treaty-education/>

## Next Council Meetings

October 9<sup>th</sup> – 7pm

October 25<sup>th</sup> – 7pm

November 13 – 7pm

Council email addresses are on our website and the Mayor schedules meetings on Thursday mornings for his regular office hours.

## National Fire Prevention Week October 7-13, 2018

**LOOK for places a fire could start**

Take a good look around your home. Identify potential fire hazards and take care of them.

**LISTEN for the sound of the smoke alarm.**

You could have only minutes to escape safely. Go to your outside meeting place.

**LEARN two ways out of every room.**

Make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily and are free of clutter.

**Test your smoke alarms monthly.**

