

Public Information Session

Property Assessment

Monday, November 19th

6:30pm

Mahone Bay Fire Hall

Members of the public are invited to attend a session with property assessors from PVSC (Property Valuation Services), the not-for profit organization that provides assessments for all properties in the province of Nova Scotia. Learn more about how assessments are completed and how that affects the taxes you pay.

Light refreshments will be provided as well as an opportunity to ask your questions about property assessment.

You're invited!

Town Hall Drop-In

Friday, November 23rd

Noon – 3pm

493 Main Street

We invite you to join us at Town Hall on Friday, November 23rd. Stop in and meet the new CAO, ask questions, see Town Hall, share some refreshments and chat with staff and other residents interested in what we do.

Winter Parking Ban



The Town of Mahone Bay follows the winter parking ban in accordance with Section 139 of the Motor Vehicle Act. Vehicles obstructing winter maintenance, during or after a snow storm, will be ticketed or towed away at the owner's expense.

Tree Lighting and Festival Opening Celebration

Friday, November 23rd at 7:00pm

Join us at the Town Christmas tree on Edgewater Street.

Musical celebration at St. James Church following the tree lighting ceremony – fun for all the family!



**Schedule a time to Meet the Mayor One-on-One
on Thursdays by appointment
Call Town Hall to schedule**

Mayor's Newsletter

November 2018

Mahone Bay, Nova Scotia

Municipal Awareness Week Special Edition

The week of November 19 – 23, 2018 has been designated as Municipal Awareness Week, a week to promote public awareness of the role of municipal government in our daily lives.

The Role of Council

- Establish long-term strategic plans for the Town
- Participate in budget planning
- Adopting by-laws, policies and resolutions
- Making decisions regarding services to the community and the contracts involved
- Ensuring the accountability and transparency of the operation of the Town

Council governs as a whole – each member of Council brings their voice and their vote to the process.

The Role of an Individual Councillor

- Responding to community and citizen concerns
- Being aware of issues in the community and bringing them to the Council table
- Keeping citizens informed of municipal issues
- Attending and participating in meetings – this includes Council, committees of Council, and committees of external organizations and partnerships
- Arriving at meetings informed and prepared



How can you get involved?

- Attend a Council meeting
- Attend public hearings
- Join a committee of Council
- Talk to a member of Council about what they do: what they like about being on Council; their biggest challenges; how they manage their time; and what advice they would offer someone considering running for Council.



The next municipal election will be in 2020; would you consider running for Council? Ask us about how to add your name to the ballot!

Watch your mail for Committee Recruitment Forms!



Mahone Bay Committees of Council serve for two-year terms, and you'll soon find committee application forms in your mailbox for the 2019-2020 term.

We want to know what you think!

What would you like to know more about? What would encourage you to be more active in municipal government?

The Town of Mahone Bay will be using surveys to identify and respond to residents' issues. Please take a couple of minutes to participate in our first survey by clicking on the link on our website at <https://www.townofmahonebay.ca/>

Town residents who wish to be entered into a random draw for a \$100 gift card will be able to enter their name and contact information. The draw will take place on December 3, 2018.

Town Infrastructure

Water Treatment



The Mahone Bay Water Utility pumps water from Oakland Lake to the Water Treatment Facility on Zwicker Lane.



The water treatment plant was designed to be able to produce 980m³/day; in 2017 the plant produced a total of 182,587m³ of treated water to the Town of Mahone Bay.

Sewage Treatment



The Town of Mahone Bay owns and operates a wastewater collection and treatment system consisting of sewer main, lift stations and an aerated lagoon. Town staff operate all facilities in compliance with federal, provincial and municipal legislation.

Comfort Stations/Public Washrooms

The Town operates two Comfort Stations: on Edgewater Street and at the public wharf. The Comfort Stations are open to the public from May to October.



Cemeteries



The Town of Mahone Bay operates Park Cemetery off of Kinburn Street and the historic Bayview Cemetery, on Edgewater Street.

In 2017 Town staff completed a project in partnership with a dedicated group of volunteers to host a digital map of Bayview Cemetery on the website.



Mahone Bay Electric Utility



The Mahone Bay Electric Utility has a partnership with Riverport Electric Commission to provide electric services to both communities. We share resources and our staff work together to support our utilities, which are two of the remaining five

municipal electric utilities in the province of Nova Scotia.

The Towns of Mahone Bay, Berwick and Antigonish are owners of AREA, the Alternative Resource Energy Authority, which owns a windfarm in Ellershouse, Nova Scotia. The Mahone Bay Electric Utility receives more than 40% of our electricity from the renewable energy supplied by our windfarm.



The Bandstand



The Mahone Bay bandstand is a frequent venue for entertainment, summer concerts, weddings and pictures. The 2018 renovations planned for the bandstand have been delayed due to unavoidable scheduling

issues, but we hope to see it spruced up for 2019 so it can continue to be a treasured part of our shoreline

Community Infrastructure



The Town of Mahone Bay leases the **Visitor Information Centre** to the Mahone Bay Tourism and Chamber of Commerce, which staffs and operates the Visitor Information Centre for the Town.

The Town leases the **Municipal Wharf** to the Mahone Bay Wooden Boat Society which operates the Civic Marina and maintains the Comfort Centre on the wharf.



Recreation



even the recent resurfacing of the courts.

The **Mahone Bay Tennis Courts** are owned by the Town and overseen by the Mahone Bay Tennis Club, a volunteer organization that manages scheduling, lessons, special events and fundraising for programming and

The **Mahone Bay Pool** is also run by a not-for-profit, volunteer organization, the Mahone Bay Pool Society. These volunteers oversee staffing, lessons, programming and fundraising. Over the last two years major capital projects have been completed at the pool with the replacement of the underground pipes and the replacement of the pool liner.



Jubilee Park hosts a ballfield, two playgrounds, a pond and a system of wooded trails. Recent additions to the park include a permanent orienteering course and a new natural playground, both volunteer initiatives.

Fire Department



The Mahone Bay and District Fire Department provides Fire and Emergency Services to the Town of Mahone Bay as well as to Mader's Cove, Oakland and Clearland. Like other Fire Departments in

Lunenburg County, Mahone Bay is a part of the Mutual Aid agreement in which departments assist each other in case of large-scale emergencies by sharing first responders and physical resources among departments to optimize service delivery.

Streets and Sidewalks



Unlike the larger rural municipalities, as a Town, Mahone Bay maintains all of our streets and sidewalks. This means patching, paving, painting and plowing.

Winter maintenance is performed with a 5-tonne truck outfitted with a plow and salt-spreader, a 1-tonne truck outfitted with a plow and a salt-spreader and a skid steer which is used to salt and clear snow from the sidewalks.