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Community Profile

Town of Mahone Bay, Nova Scotia, Canada

2024

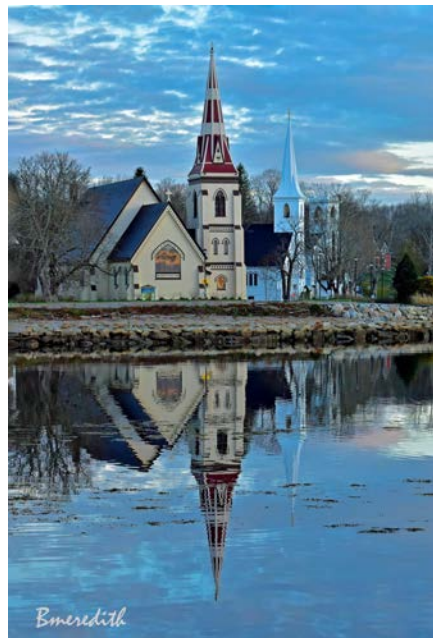


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TOWN of MAHONE BAY – INFORMATION 2024

CiB Category: Atlantic Edition – Population Category

CiB Participation History:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Bloom Rating</i>	<i>Special Mention</i>	<i>Outstanding Achievement or Other Award</i>
2024 – First year			

Population: 1064 in 2021, up from 1036 in 2016.

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Chamber of Commerce Website: <https://www.mahonebay.com/>

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Area in Square Miles: 1.20 sq. mi.

Acres of Active Recreation: Unknown

Acres of Passive Recreation: Unknown

Is there a Volunteer Coordinator? No

Judges' Prior Year Suggestions: Not applicable – this is Mahone Bay's first year with CiB.





Welcome to the Town of Mahone Bay, our charming village nestled between forested hills and a sheltered Atlantic inlet. During your visit, you will see sights that are likely familiar, such as the three churches, colourful heritage buildings and the harbour filled with watercraft. But we hope to take you beyond what this town *looks* like and give you a taste of what our community *feels* like - the energy, creativity and resourcefulness that bubble up from our past and infuse the present, an energy that has caused more than one casual visitor to make this town home.

With less direct colonial oversight than neighbouring communities, this town emerged rather more organically, evincing a distinct personality. Early settlers were farmers and shipbuilders, so forests became pastures, shipyards appeared along the shoreline, and mills popped up along the rivers. The settlement grew alongside these industries and was shaped by their presence. As times changed, so did the town. The ocean reclaimed wharves, forests replaced

fields, a hilltop Academy replaced the school house on the shore.

The collective spirit of the past is woven into the fabric of our present-day town. There is more going on here than should be possible in a town this size, but local residents, community organizations, the [Mahone Bay Tourism and Chamber of Commerce](#) and Town officials work together to make things happen. During your visit you will see the [Mahone Bay Heritage Boatyard](#) at our [public marina](#), which grew out of the Wooden Boat Festival; the [Mahone Bay Centre](#), a community-run space that brought new life to the 1914 Academy decommissioned in 2000; and the ongoing [Living Shoreline Project](#), a town/community project combatting coastal erosion while enhancing the beauty of the Town. You will also see public gardens tended by the [Mahone Bay Garden Club](#), a community garden run by [Coastal Action](#), butterfly gardens, trees planted for the Town's centenary, and a community orchard that's being revitalized by the Town and

volunteers. The Communities in Bloom committee is itself a microcosm of this collective spirit having grown spontaneously out of community connections and representing every facet of Mahone Bay. Working collaboratively is how this community works.

We offer you this [short video](#) depicting less familiar features of Mahone Bay that make this community a special place to live.

The Town punches above its weight. We own our [electric utility](#), generating more than half of our energy from renewable sources, thanks to a new solar farm and co-ownership of [AREA](#), a

consortium of three non-contiguous towns. The Town has enacted a greenhouse gas reduction plan, is developing an urban forest management plan, and partners in the Municipal Joint Services Board whose services include management of municipal waste, composting and recycling.

As we face a future shaped by climate change, we are strengthening our community's collective resilience. The Town supports the Mahone Bay Adaptive and Resilient Community (MBARC) initiative, to engage the community's spirit of creativity and collaboration, and to foster the resilience we'll need to thrive in the future.

We love the beauty around us and welcome you to enjoy it.



A few of the people who make things happen in Mahone Bay

Community Appearance



On arrival from the east, one crosses the Mush-a-Mush River, which was crucial to the lumber mill and shipbuilding history of the town. Passing [Kedy's Landing](#), a provincially registered heritage property, one sees the sweep of the harbour, with the iconic three churches, proud beacons at the head of the bay. Just ahead, the new white picket fence surrounding Bayview Cemetery heralds the fact that Mahone Bay honours its history, its green spaces, and its appearance.

Next is the brightly coloured [Visitor Information Centre](#) (the VIC) with its new garden honouring the local Indigenous community. Further ahead can be seen three flagpoles with the flags of Canada, Nova Scotia, and the Grand Council Flag of the Mi'kmaq Nation.



Across the bay, the recently upgraded [Michael O'Connor Memorial Bandstand](#) is visible, evoking both a sense of history and of contemporary community life.



Community Appearance

Citizens pick up litter, businesses attend to curb appeal. The Town removes graffiti and repairs problems as detected, and has installed many trash containers throughout town, including Stoop 'n Scoop bins.



More information on the Town's policies for supporting community appearance can be found via these links: [Signage policy](#); [Mahone Bay Parks By-law](#); [Streets & Sidewalks By-law](#); [Snow & Ice Control Policy](#); as well as in the [Municipal Planning Strategy](#) and [Land Use Bylaw](#) which were updated in 2024.

Maintaining green spaces can be a challenge for a tiny municipality, a challenge that Mahone Bay has often addressed by collaborating with community groups. Examples include the Town's partnership with the [Mahone Bay United Soccer Club](#) to develop and maintain the community sports field behind the [Mahone Bay Centre](#), the collaboration with a group of parents to build a natural play area, the installation shared with the [Chamber of Commerce](#) of an accessible picnic table at the VIC, supporting the [Mahone Bay Garden Club](#) in tending gardens on municipal property, and offering a [bench or tree sponsorship/donation](#) program.



(Top Left) Mahone Bay Garden Club, November clean-up at Town Hall. (Top Right) Natural play area at the Tot Lot.
(Centre) Tourbus visitors taking in the harbour view on one of our many public benches.

Environmental Action

Municipal Involvement

The Town has been recognized by the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities with two Municipal Environment Stewardship Awards – in 2017 for the [AREA wind farm at Ellershouse](#), and in 2023 for the tri-Town [solar garden projects](#). These awards reflect the Town's early recognition of the risks posed by climate change, its persistent efforts to protect the environment and to reduce greenhouse gas production, its intention to promote a sustainable, healthy future for the community, and its focus on adaptation as well as mitigation.



(Left) The Mahone Bay Solar Garden - producing energy since January 2024.
(Right) Ellershouse Farm wind turbine.

Background:

- 2013 – Council adopted the Town's [Municipal Climate Action Plan](#)
- 2014 – [Windfarm](#) built in Ellershouse by a consortium of three towns
- 2016 – [Flood Prevention & Shoreline Enhancement Plan](#) (now being actioned)
- 2019 – Council recognized climate change emergency by resolution of Council
- 2021 – [Green House Gas Reduction Action Plan](#) adopted by Council
- [2021-2025 Municipal Strategic Plan](#): Environmental Leadership is a Strategic Goal
- 2022 – The Town hired a Climate & Energy Manager

2024 [Municipal Planning Strategy](#) and [Land Use By-Law](#)

- Vision for the next 10 years reflects the understanding that we are shaped by our relationship to the natural environment and foresees the Town becoming a leader in climate change mitigation and proactive adaption to the climate crisis.
- Establishes a Coastal Flood Risk Map identifying lands that are at risk of flooding from sea level rise and storm surge and specifying that the finished floor area of any new habitable development and all central mechanical systems in the building must be 3.5 meters above the ordinary high-water line.
- Identifies the principal watercourses in Town, acknowledges that they provide critical environmental services, and prohibits development within ten (10) horizontal metres of the ordinary high watermark.
- Commits to continued development of storm water and wastewater management.

Environmental Action

Electricity:

- Town has its own Municipal Electric Utility (MEU)
- Town is part owner of [AREA](#) (Alternate Energy Resource Authority) a municipal partnership that runs the Ellershouse Windfarm, a source of renewable energy that sup Environmental Action plies power to the other AREA partners, the Towns of Antigonish, Berwick, and Mahone Bay, as well as our fellow MEU, Riverport Electric Light Commission. The Town's partnership in AREA means cleaner energy for Mahone Bay residents and businesses, and additional revenue for re-investment in capital projects serving the community.



Sewage:

- All sewage ran untreated into the harbour until the Town built a sewage treatment facility in 1994.
- Federal and provincial grants are in place for remediation work in 2025 which will eliminate the few remaining straight pipes on Edgewater Street.
- Storm water and sewage separation work is ongoing on many streets.

Drinking Water:

- A Class II water treatment facility treats water pumped 3 km from Oakland Lake with UV light and chlorine. Certified staff conduct continuous monitoring and testing for TC & E. coli, Alkalinity, Hardness, Iron Aluminum, TTHM, HAA, Lead and other substances.

Greenhouse Gas Reduction:

- [GHG Reduction Action Plan](#) is in place and being actioned.
- [Climate & Environment Advisory Committee](#), established under the GHG Reduction Action Plan, advises Council
- Council approved formation of Climate & Environment sub-group to foster climate adaptation: MBARC = Mahone Bay Adaptable & Resilient Community
- Energy efficient street lights are installed throughout town
- 8 EV charging stations installed throughout town
- GHG Reduction Action Plan offers Home Smart programs
- Active Transportation Report – 2019: [Blueroute Hubs Bikeway Project in Mahone Bay](#) is underway.
- Town Hall renovations included many GHG reduction features
- New Fire Station was built to net zero standards.



Shoreline Protection:

- 2016 Flood Prevention & Shoreline Protection Report led to the [Living Shoreline Project](#), started in 2022 and currently partially completed, with anticipated completion in 2025.
- Pedestrian/bike trail will be included in the shoreline project for active transportation.

Environmental Action

Waste Management & Reduction:

- Partners in operating the Lunenburg County Recycling Facility via the [Municipal Joint Services Board](#)
- High level of citizen participation in recycling and sorting at source
- Town donates Christmas tree collection to a local goat farm
- Batteries can be dropped off at Town Hall



Regulations: [Outdoor Burning By-law](#); [Sewer Discharge By-law](#); [Solid Waste Management Bylaw](#)

Institutional Involvement

- The new Long-Term Care Facility preserved as many trees as possible on construction site after consulting with [Talking Trees](#), a community group advocating to protect trees.
- The [Mahone Bay Centre](#) recently installed a geothermal system and heat pumps for heating and cooling the building.
- The [Civic Marina](#), operated by The Wooden Boat Society, has a grey and black water pump-out station for pleasure craft and will soon be seeking Blue Flag designation.
- [Bayview Community School](#) partnered with a local ecological restoration business, to create a micro Acadian forest with an outdoor classroom.

Community Involvement

- There are 11 [Butterflyway Rangers](#) registered within Mahone Bay
- A growing number of gardens are being re-wilded.



(Left) Even the sidewalk median features a pollinator garden.
(Centre) A commitment to wildlife and earth friendly gardening methods.
(Right) The ARK creates safe havens for nature.

Heritage Conservation

HERITAGE CONSERVATION – NATURAL

Municipal

The municipality actively promotes stewardship of its natural resources through its strategic plan, its bylaws and policies, as well as its Asset Management and Climate & Environment Advisory Committees. The updated 2024 [Municipal Planning Strategy](#) and [Land Use Bylaw](#) have strengthened regulations regarding protection of shorelines, wetlands, and waterways, and introduced a new Conservation Zone and Flood Risk Map. The Town has had a long-standing Open Shoreline Zone in its planning documents protecting the view plane. It has dedicated land for the revitalization of a heritage orchard and is working with private land owners to address collapsing armour walls on the centrally-located Ernst Brook.

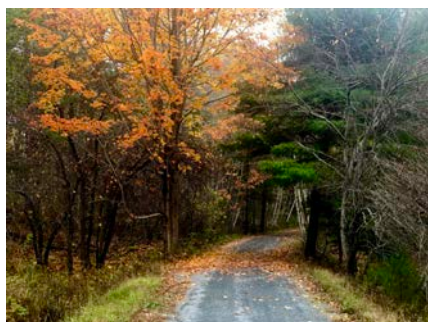
As highlighted elsewhere, the Town is actively collaborating with [Coastal Action](#) to rehabilitate the Edgewater Street shoreline with the [Living Shoreline Project](#).



The site of the new [Solar Farm](#) was planned deliberately to avoid disturbance of wetlands.

The Town is proud of the Aquatic Garden, which is the remnant of an 18th Century dam and millpond on the Ernst Brook.

The Town makes an annual donation to the [Bay to Bay Trail Association](#), the volunteer group that maintains the trail running from Mahone Bay to the Town of Lunenburg.



Heritage Conservation

HERITAGE CONSERVATION – NATURAL

Institutional

The owners of the new Long-Term Care Facility collaborated with the Town and consulted with concerned local residents regarding mitigation of storm water run-off into the Ernst Brook.

Community



The [Mahone Islands Conservation Association](#) (MICA) is not strictly a town organization, but it is very local, and many town residents are actively involved. The MICA Mission is, *“To protect and conserve the natural environment of the islands and shoreline of Mahone Bay, and the traditional, social and recreational opportunities valued by its various communities.”*

The two local trails are maintained by dedicated volunteer groups.

A local group of committed citizens developed an [orienteering map](#) of Jubilee Park.

[Coastal Action](#) has regular children’s programming at Bayview Community School and at the Mahone Bay Centre focused on the environment.

Heritage Conservation

HERITAGE CONSERVATION – CULTURAL

Municipal

The historic ambiance and ‘persona’ of Mahone Bay are treasured by those who live, govern, work, and visit here. The Town’s Heritage Advisory Committee advises Council on potential heritage registration or deregistration of properties according to the [Heritage Property Bylaw](#), reaches out regularly to property owners to stimulate interest in the possibility of heritage registration, and offers public information sessions at least once annually. The Heritage Advisory Committee reserves two seats for representatives of the [Mahone Bay Museum](#).

There are [20 municipally registered heritage properties](#) in the town, including Town Hall, plus one provincially registered property at [Kedy’s Landing](#). The Town provides small [conservation grants](#) to owners of registered heritage properties, and retains a [Heritage Researcher](#).



(Left) Mayor Devenne unveils the registration plaque in 2019. (Middle/Right) The George Zwicker homestead, one of the oldest homes in town, now a registered heritage property.

The Town maintains two cemeteries, which reflect the value of green spaces as well as the town’s rich history. [Bayview Cemetery](#), a municipal registered heritage property originally known as the Burying Ground at Mush-a-Mush, is valued in part for its gravestones with German inscriptions dating from the late 1700’s. Citizens initiated and carried out a [mapping project](#) of the gravesites in Bayview Cemetery. Park Cemetery, dating from 1909, is the resting place of many prominent townsfolk and its maple-lined avenues are a favourite place to stroll



(Left) Bayview Cemetery with accessible picnic table (Middle) Bayview Cemetery.
(Right) One of the earliest headstones in Bayview Cemetery, Ana Catherine Zwicker, d. 1780.

Heritage Conservation

HERITAGE CONSERVATION – CULTURAL

The Town funded the installation of interpretive history panels throughout town and provides grants to the [Mahone Bay Museum](#). The Town also waives the Museum's property taxes to support its work interpreting the community's history, including many children's activities. The Town also supports the ever-evolving sense of contemporary community culture with financial contributions to the recently formed [Heritage Boatyard Co-op](#), [Three Churches Foundation](#), and several annual festivals.¹



After extensive public engagement, the Town's 2024 [Municipal Planning Strategy](#) and [Land Use Bylaw](#) have expanded the boundaries of the architectural protection zone and have updated building standards within that area.²

Businesses, Institutions, and Community

Community members, institutions, and businesses also take pride in honouring the town's heritage.

This pride takes many forms. For example, the [Mahone Bay Museum](#) showcases the town's history with exhibits that tell stories about the European settler families whose descendants populate this area of the South Shore. The museum is housed in a registered heritage property and features hand-painted ceilings in two rooms. The Museum collaborates with the Town of Mahone Bay to create interpretive signage about the history of the Mi'kmaq, settler families, the ship building industry and the Town hall.

Susan Corkum-Greek, MLA and Premier Tim Houston joined Museum Chair Anne Palfreyman and Lyne Alain, Museum Manager and Curator to award funding to the Museum through the Community Museum Assistance Program, June 22, 2024.



¹ <https://www.mahonebay.com/events-festivals> and <https://www.facebook.com/FestivalsofMahoneBay/>

² See the new [Land Use Bylaw](#) for incentives for owners of registered heritage properties on p.33, and the new Architectural Control area on p.16.

HERITAGE CONSERVATION – CULTURAL



The [Three Churches Foundation](#) is dedicated to preserving the heritage streetscape along Edgewater Street that features [Saint James Anglican Church](#), [St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church](#), and [Trinity United Church](#). All three churches are municipally registered heritage buildings and their collective beauty is recognized world-wide. Another registered heritage property, the [United Baptist Church](#), located on Maple Street a distance away from the main thoroughfares, has made extensive repairs recently. At the Central crossroads, [Calvary Crossroads Church](#), originally a

Presbyterian Church building, recently refurbished its exterior.



The [Mahone Bay Heritage Boatyard](#) implemented two major projects with business sponsorship - the installation of seven heritage shipbuilding interpretation panels, and hanging silhouette images of wooden ships along Main Street.

A local brewery evokes a sense of history with its annual modern-day Soapbox Derby. A local manufacturing company, located on the site of the original Ernst Shipyard founded in 1888, recently donated a fiberglass [Paceship yacht](#) to the [Heritage Boatyard Co-op](#) to honour the last phase of shipbuilding on that site. (1888 Ernst wooden ship-building yard – 1975 last Paceship). Another business owner lovingly maintains a sunken garden beside her business in the boulder foundation of a home that disappeared long ago.



[The Mahone Bay Centre](#) (MBC), built in 1914, is a registered heritage property. The community centre was founded by citizens when the former Mahone Bay School was decommissioned in 2000. Operated by a volunteer board and two staff, the MBC has been a cultural hub of the community for 24 years and counting.

HERITAGE CONSERVATION – CULTURAL

Although it does not have a dedicated Recreation Department, the Town supports a recreational culture through collaborative ventures, including financial support, with community groups. Examples of such collaboration are seen in the [Mahone Bay Tennis Club](#), [the Mahone Bay Pool](#), and the [Mahone Bay Softball Field](#) where activities are all managed by volunteer groups on town-owned property. The [Mahone Bay United Soccer Club](#) (MBU) is another community recreation group partnering with the Town. MBU is building on the town's long soccer tradition by managing the town-owned Community Sports Field and offering affordable recreational and competitive soccer programs for all ages.



(Top Left) Mahone Bay Tennis Club. (Top Centre) Mahone Bay Community Sports Field.

(Top Right) Mahone Bay United Soccer Club, MBU (Bottom Left) Mahone Bay Pool.

(Bottom Centre) "Hi Neighbour" Community Potluck at MBC.

(Bottom Right) Community members celebrating arrival of new firetruck by pushing it into the new Fire Station.

HERITAGE CONSERVATION – CULTURAL



There is no public library in Mahone Bay but the Town provides an annual subsidy to the [South Shore Public Libraries](#) to support the weekly visit from the Bookmobile, a full-service library on wheels.

The [Mahone Bay Legion Branch 49](#) also provides a venue for recreation, hosting a wide variety of community functions – holding monthly community breakfasts, catering organizational banquets, and providing space for such functions as exercise classes, public meetings and election polls. Members of the Legion also maintain the [Cenotaph](#), a historical feature that is emblematic of the town's history, located at the geographical and spiritual centre of town.



Tree Management

Municipal

The Town included several clauses to protect the tree canopy in its [2024 Municipal Planning Strategy](#) (MPS) and [Land Use By-law](#) (LUB) which also provides for the Town to develop a new Tree By-law. The Town is in the process of developing an [Urban Forest Management Plan](#).



(Left) Trail in Jubilee Woods. (Centre) Folks learn about pruning and grafting apple trees at the Town's Heritage Apple Orchard community event. (Right) Dr. David Maxwell demonstrating apple grafting at an event organized by the Town of Mahone Bay, May 2024.



Recently increased interest in tree protection dates from 2014 when two citizens advocated for more maintenance and conservation activity. Trees have been increasingly highlighted in successive strategic plans and were a significant feature of the Town's 2019 centenary celebrations when the Town supported the Talking Trees project, 100 Trees for 100 Years, resulting in 112 new trees being planted and mapped.

At the invitation of a group of local citizens known as '[Talking Trees](#)', Town officials met with an expert in urban tree management several times in 2020 -2022. In 2023, the Town commissioned a [Tree Assessment Report](#), and conducted a [Tree Inventory](#) in 2023-24.



Tree Management

The Town received a presentation in February 2024 promoting the [Fire Smart Program](#) to minimize the risk of wildfires.

Businesses & Institutions

The new Long-Term Care facility preserved as many trees as possible on its construction site in consultation with Talking Trees (see Community section below). Many Mahone Bay institutions, community groups, and citizens planted 112 trees during the Centenary tree-planting project.



(Left) 2022, a new tree is planted beside the Duck Pond in Jubilee Park. L-R: Mayor Devenne, Melissa Labrador, Valerie Hearder. (Centre) Community members planted new trees. (Right) Sample tree marker.

Community

[Talking Trees](#) (TT) is a small group of residents that began advocating in 2014 for the protection of the tree canopy and to encourage replanting of trees. Acting as an informal advisor to the Town on issues related to the care of our urban forest, TT has advocated for a tree protection by-law covering private and public property. In an effort to raise awareness of stewardship of the canopy, TT proposed and organized a centennial project – 100 Trees for 100 Years – when citizens and Town planted 112 trees for the next 100 years. TT was also responsible for inviting an urban forestry expert to town to discuss Mahone Bay's trees and, in part, for the Town using trained arborists for any major tree work.



Landscape

Municipal

The Town's Public Works Department maintains grounds and plantings at Town properties including public parking lots, the [Visitor Information Centre](#), the Bandstand, and the Town Wharf, as well as the trees, [trails](#) and playgrounds in Jubilee Park. It is noteworthy that the land for Jubilee Park was donated by the Women's Institute and opened on July 1, 1927. It has been a treasured and protected feature of the community for almost a century.

The forested hillsides and wetlands within the park provide a valuable drainage system and sponge to absorb water run-off. Water drains into the 'Duck Pond' before flowing through a culvert into Ernst Brook.

The Town has had accessible washrooms for more than a decade and recently conducted an accessibility assessment with the Lunenburg County Accessibility Coordinator to identify desirable accessibility upgrades.

New wayfinding signage was installed throughout town in 2021 after extensive community consultation regarding colours, fonts, and designs.



Businesses & Institutions

[The Mahone Bay Tourism & Chamber of Commerce](#) (MBTCC) initiated the placement of huge driftwood “monsters” at various sites in town, much to the glee of passers-by of all ages. The Chamber, in consultation with members of the nearby Acadia First Nation, also installed a new garden with an Indigenous theme at the Visitor Information Centre.



Nearby are two special crosswalks. One is the Seven Feathers design which the [Saint James Anglican Church](#) asked the Town to install to honour the Indigenous community. The crosswalk is solid orange with seven white feathers representing the seven Indigenous teachings of respect, humility, bravery, honour, love, wisdom, and truth. The other crossing has a Pride theme with its multi-coloured stripes and was installed at the request of [St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church](#).
(Right) Mayor David Devenne and Rev'd Dr. Patti Brace

Landscpe

Community

Homes and businesses are festooned with seasonal decorations in the autumn through winter in association with the [Scarecrow](#) and [Season of Father Christmas](#) Festivals hosted by the [Signature Festivals of Mahone Bay Society](#).



A favourite feature of the Christmas festival is the Reindeer Fun Run, when hundreds of people of all ages sporting red noses, sparking lights and Christmas regalia, have a loud warm-up before their 3 km run through central Mahone Bay.



[The Mahone Bay Museum](#) presents a [Home and Garden Tour](#) every June when gardens are spectacular. This year more than 300 people toured the six sites with the support of 90 volunteers.

With the community becoming aware of the newly created Communities in Bloom group in Mahone Bay via social media, we've seen a great deal of interest and support for this newest community initiative.

Plant and Floral Displays

Municipal

The Town provides materials and occasional heavy-duty assistance to the [Mahone Bay Garden Club](#) as they develop and maintain gardens on Town property. Their plantings may be found in front of Town Hall, at the Aquatic Gardens, and at two sites on the Edgewater waterfront, including the Peace Garden opposite the Anglican Parish Hall. The Public Works Department maintains plantings at the Bandstand, Town Wharf, and beside the public areas along Edgewater Street.

The Town has shared the cost of public planters with the [Mahone Bay Tourism and Chamber of Commerce](#) (MBTCC) for many years. On National Tree Day in 2023, the Town initiated the rejuvenation of an old apple orchard abutting the Community Sports Field at the [Mahone Bay Centre](#). New apple trees were planted, paths were laid out and sites marked for benches. Development of the orchard continued in May 2024 with a local expert in heritage apples providing a workshop in pruning, espalier techniques and grafting.

Business & Institutions



With financial support from the Town, the [Mahone Bay Tourism and Chamber of Commerce](#) (MBTCC) manages the sidewalk planter program, and individual businesses may sponsor the cost of planters near their premises. This year, the Chamber purchased 20 large self-watering pots that can be used annually for seasonal decorations.



The [Mahone Bay Centre](#) has attractive foundation plantings at the front and rear entrances, and also planted several trees during the centenary tree planting project.

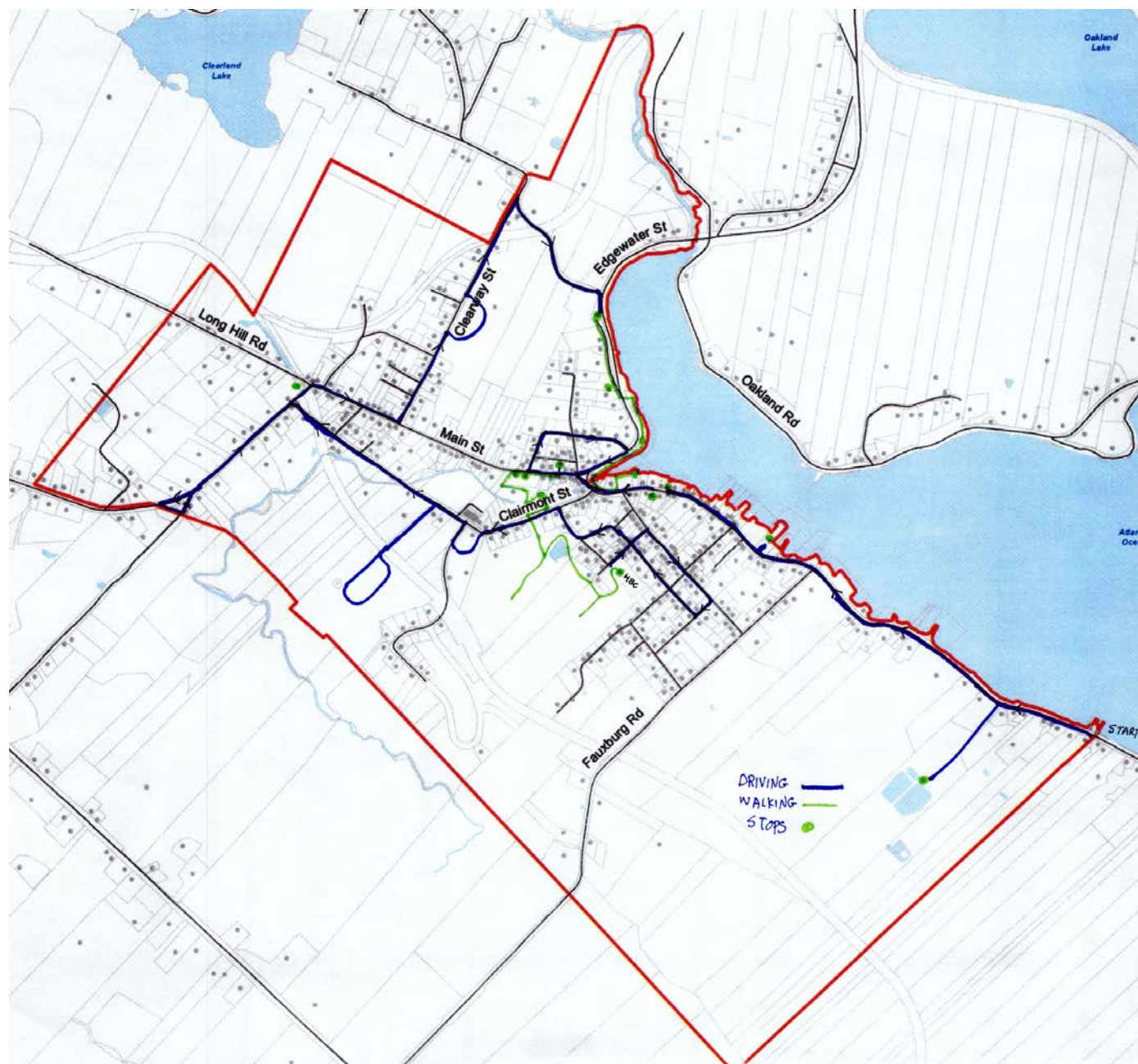
Several businesses and churches in central Mahone Bay have created stunning gardens. One restaurant owner has created a shaded sitting and eating area beside a brook behind his building where everyone, not just customers, is invited to enjoy the natural setting and vibrant rock gardens.

Residential & Community

The [Mahone Bay Garden Club](#) maintains several public gardens in town and holds monthly meetings for its many members with speakers and occasional field trips. They have adjusted their plantings to feature deer-resistant plantings which means lots of daffodils but no tulips in early spring, and progressively fewer daylilies.

Pollinator and re-wilded gardens are becoming more popular in town with many people planting swamp milkweed, butterfly weed and other plants attractive to pollinators.

Map of CiB Judges Tour of Mahone Bay



Itinerary for CiB Judges, July 8th - 10th, 2024

Date	Location/Activity/Representative	Duration
8 July	ARRIVAL DAY	
4:30 – 6:30 pm	Meet & Greet – Private home • CiB-Mahone Bay Committee members	2 hrs
9 July	TOUR DAY	
8 am	Driver, Veryan Haysom, & Guide, Penny Carver, meet judges near Town boundary to start tour.	5 min
8:05 – 8:15	View Solar Garden, Town welcome sign,	10 min
8:15 – 8:50	Municipal Wharf: • Gregg Little – Mahone Bay Marina Society • Peter Redden & David Houston – Heritage Boat Co-op	35 min
8:50 – 9:05	Mahone Bay Museum: • Anne Palfreyman – Chair, Mahone Bay Founders Society • Lyne Allain – Museum Curator	15 min
9:05 – 9:20	Amos Pewter – Economusee, gardens, and waterfront • Max Sheehan - Proprietor	15 min
9:20 – 9:30	Driving Tour #1 via back streets to Town Hall	10 min
9:30 – 10:30	Town Hall • Town officials TBA	60 min
10:30 – 10:45	Walking Tour #1 – business gardens, Aquatic Garden • Jenny Sandison – Chair, MB Garden Club • Vicki Bardon – MB Festivals, Owner of Suttles & Seawinds	15 min
10:45 – Noon	Walking Tour #2 – Jubilee Park, playground, swimming pool, ball field, duck pond, old growth forest, community sports field, heritage apple orchard, Old School woods, Community Garden, Mahone Bay Centre. • Guides: Val Header & Veryan Haysom • Mahone Bay United soccer program representative TBA	60+ min

12:00 – 1:15	LUNCH at the Mahone Bay Centre • Dave Stephens – Chair, MBC Board • Kelly Bent – Administrator, MBC • Allison Melnick – MBC Board (Communications), CiB-MB • Jeff Frampton – MBC Board (Infrastructure) • Barb Feeney – Secretary, MBC Board • Penny Carver – MBC Board member 2001-2006 • TBA – MBC community member	75 min
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	AFTERNOON TOUR	
1:15 – 1:45	Driving Tour #2 – Streets & gardens, new Fire Station, tennis courts, new Nursing Home, trail system map (stop), Bayview School & outdoor classroom • Merrillynn Swinemar-Wilson – Bay to Bay Trail Society • Lyn Fleck – Bay to Bay Trail Society	30 min
1:45 – 2:15	Visitors Information Centre (the VIC) & Bayview Cemetery • Christine DeCouto – Chair, MB Tourism & Chamber of Commerce • Mike Broley – Vice Chair, MBTCC • Cllr. Joe Feeney – Chair, Town Cemetery Committee and Heritage Advisory Committee.	15 min
2:15 – 2:40	Trinity United Church • Karen Pinsent – Signature Festivals of MB, CiB-MB - o Sylvia Jackson – Bay Hive (Scarecrow making) - o Cathy Gaudet – Bay Hive - o Janine Smith – Bay Hive • Scott Tanner – Three Churches Foundation	15 min
2:40 – 3:15	Walking Tour #3 – Waterfront path, Living Shoreline, the Teazer flagship craft shop, public washrooms, Peace Garden, Cenotaph, central business area, Michael O’Connor Memorial Bandstand. • Penny Carver – Guide • Jordan Veinot – Coastal Action, Climate Change Team Lead	35 min
3:15	End of tour	
3:15 – 3:20	Veryan & Penny take judges back to their car at start point of tour.	
3:20 – 7:00	Judges’ Break	
7:00 –	DINNER with CiB committee, presenters, volunteers, and guests	
July 10	DEBRIEFING DAY	
9:00 am	Private home • CiB-MB Committee members	



We love the beauty around us and welcome you to share it!