



Town of Mahone Bay Accessibility Plan

The Town of Mahone Bay is establishing public accessibility standards as part of their requirements under the Province of Nova Scotia Built Environment Accessibility Standards Regulations.

Snow and ice control

The Town of Mahone Bay must have a snow and ice control plan for our pedestrian facilities to comply with the Province of Nova Scotia's Built Environment Accessibility Standard Regulations. Prior to this requirements, the Town enacted the *Snow and Ice Control Policy* in 2022. If you want to find more information about our snow and ice control policies, you can find them on the Town of Mahone Bay website.

What does this plan apply to?

Pedestrian facilities include municipal sidewalks and crosswalks owned and maintained by the Town only. This does not apply to road, shoulder, trails, and related infrastructure owned and maintained by other entities. Some examples of applicable municipal infrastructure include:

- The Bay to Bay and Dynamite trail crossings:
 - Fauxburg Rd
 - Hawthorn Rd
 - Park St
 - Kinburn St
 - Main St
 - Long Hill Rd
 - Clearway St
 - Clearland Rd

- Town sidewalks
 - Main St
 - Clearway St
 - Pleasant St
 - Fairmont St
 - Maple St
 - School St

- Edgewater St
- Old Edgewater St
- Clairmont St

When do we take action to manage snow and ice?

When the Town decides that conditions are dangerous because of winter weather, such as freezing rain, sleet, snow, etc, we will:

1. Clear streets starting with Main Street and in the order prescribed in policy based on street use
2. Clear sidewalks using sidewalk plows starting with Main St and finishing at Clairmont St in the order prescribed in policy.
3. Clear any other Town facilities like parking lots, Priority Town Infrastructure Facilities.
4. Clear around fire hydrants, pedestrian buttons and associated curb cuts with skid steers or by hand with shovels as required.

The Town prioritizes snow removal based on the following, with more information in the *Snow and Ice Control Policy*

- Class I Streets
- Class II Streets
- Class III Streets
- Public Parking Areas
- Sidewalks
- Priority Town Infrastructure Facilities
- Trail Parking Areas
- Snow Removal Operations
- Fire Hydrants – As required
- Park Cemetery – As required

How can residents learn more or ask questions/provide feedback? (links to appropriate places below)

- Learn more about our snow and ice control processes from www.townofmahonebay.ca
- Give feedback about this plan.
- Tell someone about a snow and ice control problem. Contact us on at inquiries@townofmahonebay.ca
- Ask Public Works a question. inquiries@townofmahonebay.ca

Maintenance of parking areas

The Town of Mahone Bay must have a plan that tells the public how we make sure accessible parking in parking areas owned and managed by the Town are

maintained. This is to comply with the Province of Nova Scotia's Built Environment Accessibility Standard Regulations.

What does this plan apply to?

This plan applies to parking lots at buildings and outdoor spaces that are owned and/or managed by the Town include:

- Mahone Bay Town Hall Parking Lot
- Fire Hall Parking Lot
- Community Centre Parking Lot
- Aquatic Gardens Parking Lot (Clairmont St)
- Jubilee Park Parking Lot
- Tennis Court Parking Lot
- Base Ball Field Parking Lot
- Edgewater St Parking Lots
- Parish St Parking Lot

What will we do to maintain the accessible parking?

Every spring, Public Works will assess the accessible parking and decide what maintenance is needed. The assessment will include:

- Accessible parking signage and line and symbol painting so it is clear where to find accessible parking spaces
- The parking area surface (for example, asphalt, gravel) to make sure it is in good condition
- The pathways that people use to get to and from accessible parking spaces in the parking area safely.

Town staff visit parking areas frequently. If they are aware of a problem with the accessible parking, it will be repaired as soon as possible.

How can residents learn more or ask questions/provide feedback? (links to appropriate places below)

- Give feedback about this plan.
- Tell someone about an accessibility problem at a Town owned parking lot.
- Ask Public Works a question.
Town's Website or inquiries@townofmahonebay.ca

Plan for accessible entrance

The Town of Mahone Bay must have a plan that tells the public how we make sure barrier free entrances to our buildings stay accessible. This means the entrances are clear and any power door operators are working. We must do this to comply with the Province of Nova Scotia's Built Environment Accessibility Standard Regulations.

What does this plan apply to?

This plan applies to accessible entrances at our buildings, including:

- Mahone Bay Town Hall
- Fire Hall
- Community Centre

What will we do to make sure the entrances stay accessible?

Town staff, generally Department of Public Works, will check accessible entrances as follows:

Building	Entrance	Frequency
Mahone Bay Town Hall	Front entrance (Main St.) and East and West entrance	Daily
Fire Hall/Community Centre	East and West entrances	Weekly and when open

What happens when there is a problem with the accessible entrance?

If we find there is a problem with the accessible entrance to one of our buildings, we will:

1. Take action to make them accessible again. This might mean moving an object or changing a door setting.
2. If we can't fix the problem, we will install a sign and post it publicly at www.townofmahonebay.ca and <https://www.facebook.com/TownofMahoneBay> as well as information about a different accessible entrance or another way to reach us until we can fix the problem.

How can residents learn more or ask questions/provide feedback? (links to appropriate places below)

- Give feedback about this plan.
- Tell someone about an accessibility problem at a Town building entrance.

Town Website or inquiries@townofmahonebay.ca