

Feedback Requested!

Town Council has put together the public input we have gathered over the last few years to build a draft Town of Mahone Bay 2021-2025 Strategic Plan.



The Strategic Plan defines the goals of Council (2021-2025) and serves as the basis for capital and operational plans.

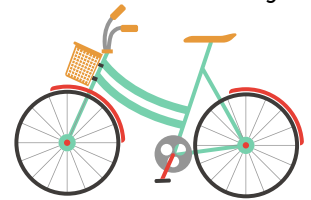
We want to know what you think about the plan. You can read the draft on the Town website under **Plans and Reports and Studies** on the Council tab.

You can find the zoom link on the Town website to participate in the Public Information Meeting to present and review the draft 2021-2025 Strategic Plan on Monday, May 3rd at 7pm.

A Public Hearing will be held on Monday, May 10th at 7pm for Council to receive comments from the Public on the draft Strategic Plan. The Public Hearing will be live streamed on the Town YouTube page. Please contact Town staff if you would like to submit a comment to the public hearing or to participate in the virtual meeting.

Community-Wide Bicycle Route

We want your help to develop an actionable project as part of our goal of a community-wide bicycle route. We want to know **what is important to you**. What would be a really good idea? What have you noticed when you bike around town?



Step 1: Read the ideas that have already been suggested to the Town

in the Bicycle NS Bikeway Concept Designs Report & Transportation Plan Report (under Plans, Reports and Studies on the Council tab of the Town website)

Step 2: Complete the Community-Wide Bicycle Route survey at <http://bit.ly/bicyclesurveyMB>

Step 3: Watch our website and Facebook for information about more opportunities to participate including a public session in June.

New Intersection!

Weather permitting, the new intersection at Clearway Street and Main Street will be in place mid-month. Watch for those new stop signs!



This is the first of a number of planned transportation improvements this season.

For everyone's safety, please avoid Town Hall during construction. The Town's outdoor drop-box has been temporarily moved to the Mahone Bay Fire Hall at 184 Kinburn Street.



A Message from the Mayor

The third wave of COVID 19 is here and Nova Scotians are finding ways to adapt to yet another lockdown. We are still advised to:

- maintain 2 m social distance;
- Frequent hand-washing and sanitizing;
- Use of face masks inside and outside;
- Limit gatherings to 5 people or less;
- STAY the BLAZES HOME!!!

You do not have to face the foe alone. There are many resources available to assist you:

Government of Canada:

<https://canada.ca/coronavirus>

Or the info line 1-833-784-4397 (toll-free)

In, Nova Scotia you can contact

www.novascotia.ca/coronavirus

For COVID-19 testing and online booking, visit

<https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/symptoms-and-testing/>

The Mental Health Provincial Crisis Line is available 24/7 by calling 1-888-429-8167

For a non-crisis mental health or addiction call Community Mental Health and Addictions at 1-855-922-1122 (toll-free)

Kids Help Phone is available 24/7 by calling 1-800-668-6868 (toll-free)

For help or information about domestic violence 24/7, call 1-855-225-0220 (toll-free).

Keep aware of changes to restrictions that are designed to protect us from the effects of COVID – 19!


David W. Devenne
Mayor

Civic Addressing By-law

Can we see your address?

**In an emergency, seconds can count.
Make sure your civic address is visible
from the street.**

The Town of Mahone Bay has a Civic Address By-law which states that every property owner is responsible to post the civic number of the property on the same side of the road as the building with that number.

Civic numbers shall be on both sides of the sign and perpendicular to the street.

The numerals shall be white on reflective blue background.

The civic number shall be posted on a dedicated vertically mounted post, no further than 1m (3') from the edge of the road, and between 1m and 1.5m from the road surface.

Learn more about the Civic Addressing By-law on the Town website at townofmahonebay.ca/by-laws-policies.

Leaf and Yard Waste Collection

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



Remember the Special Leaf and Yard Waste Collection on May 10th.

Mahone Bay United



Check out the Mahone Bay United website www.mahonebaysoccer.com/ play to learn how you can enjoy spring soccer in Mahone Bay!

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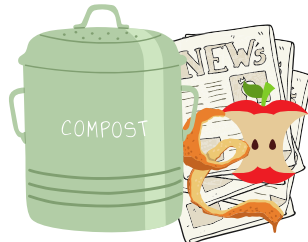


The Mahone Bay Museum is hosting their first annual online ART auction. The online auction will be held May 13 -16, 2021.

Check out mahonebaymuseum.com for more information.

Say NO to Plastic Compost Bags

You know those plastic compost bags that are sold as "decomposable"? They really aren't.



Plastic compost bags jam (and break) machines at the Waste Facility and take many years to break down.

If you want to have something inside your kitchen composter, try a paper bag, newspaper, or even a cereal or cracker box. Large paper bags are also available to line the compostainer.

Electronic Newsletter

Have you signed up to get the Mayor's Newsletter by email?

Enter your information using the prompt at the bottom of every website page.



Volunteers Needed

The Town is still looking for volunteers on the Heritage Advisory Committee and the Police Advisory Board.



Learn how to apply to the committees by checking out the Committees page under the Council tab on the Town website.

ABCs

Associations, Boards & Commissions

The Province of Nova Scotia has over 150 ways to volunteer, join an agency, board, or commission which allows you to help shape our province while supporting what matters to you.

Applications are now open. To learn more and apply, visit novascotia.ca/abc or call 1-866-206-6844.



Hot tip: one of the positions available is for a provincial appointment to the Town of Mahone Bay Police Advisory Board.

Important Dates

*Council and Committee meetings continue to take place via videoconferencing due to Covid-19. Watch the livestream on the Town of Mahone Bay YouTube channel.

May 3rd - Strategic Plan Public Information Meeting

May 10th - Leaf & Yard Waste Special Collection

May 10th - Strategic Plan Public Hearing

May 11th - Council Meeting

May 12th - Heritage Advisory Committee

May 20th - Asset Management Committee

May 24th - Office Closed

May 27th - Council Meeting

May 31st - Policy & Strategy Committee

Leading the way in safe and responsible energy.

LEADING IN RENEWABLES

A joint venture with Berwick and Antigonish, the 10-turbine AREA wind farm in Ellershouse supplies much of our power needs. In 2020 the Town's supply exceeds 60% renewable and with the planned community solar garden we're hoping to add an additional 12-18%.

REDUCING GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

The Town is planning for the future, not just ensuring a reliable supply of clean energy, but also helping residents to make smart decisions on how they use it. Heat pumps, electric vehicles, every choice makes a difference.

OUR CREW

Mahone Bay owns its own lines and has a dedicated crew on call to keep the lights on. We work closely with the Riverport Electric Commission and other municipal utilities. Residents are kept informed about outages using the Town's CodeRED alert system.

Mahone Bay can set a powerful example.

Our electrical utility proudly serves over 750 customers in Mahone Bay and area and has done so since 1919. Over the past 100 years we've worked together to build a modern system that's efficient, affordable and resilient. We are leading the way to a green future with renewable energy and new programs to help residents cut carbon emissions and reduce their energy bills.

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