

Mahone Bay's Asset Management Journey

What is Asset Management?

Asset management is how the Town manages infrastructure and plans investments to renew, upgrade and expand the assets used to deliver services to residents. Good asset management practices are fundamental to sustainable communities.

How we got to here?

When it comes to asset management, knowledge is key. To give our asset management program a solid basis in data the Town was fortunate to participate in Nova Scotia's Provincial Asset Management Pilot Program in 2017 which collected data on our existing infrastructure.

Town Council took two more important steps in 2019: adopting an Asset Management Policy and establishing an Asset Management Committee composed of Council and public members supported by Town staff.

Further progress was made in 2020 with funding from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Municipal Asset Management Program, resulting in the development of a series of Fact Sheets and Posters still available on the Town website.

We have continued working to improve Mahone Bay's asset management program and now in 2024 the first set of Asset Management Plans has been approved by Council on recommendation of the Committee. More Asset Management Plans for additional asset classes are expected to follow in the new year.

What's the purpose of the new Asset Management Plans?

These plans cover Mahone Bay's Water, Wastewater, Stormwater and Transportation assets. Each plan document provides an overview of existing assets and Council's management goals, introduces the concept of asset management risk and includes a risk assessment of our assets, and lays out how the Town is planning to invest in these assets over the coming 10 years.

The new Asset Management Plans can be found in the Asset Management section of the Town's website at <https://www.townofmahonebay.ca/asset-management.html>.

New Mayor & Council

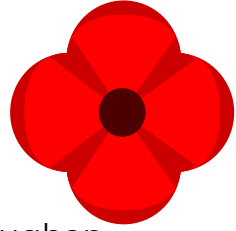
The new Mayor and Councillors elect have spent some time in orientation to meet department managers, learn more about the work and structure of municipal government and tour Town-owned facilities. Swearing in of the new Mayor and Council will occur at Council's next regular meeting, November 12th.



Mahone Bay's War Dead

Midshipman William Archibald Palmer
Corporal Charles H. Slauenwhite
Private Bruce Malcolm Cameron
Private Thomas E. Norse
Private William Enos Norse
Private Thomas Edward Hammond
Private Herbert Gladstone Reeves
Private Baxter Veinotte
Private Charles Alexander Veinotte
Private Gordon Victor Mackie
Private Clark D Thompson
Sapper Benjamin Wagner
Private Earl Alexander Rost
Private Ward Maxiner Mader
Lance Corporal William Harold Rhuland
Private Everette Wentzell
Private Emery Halliburton Rost
Private Avery Pearl Veinotte
Lance Corporal Halton Truman Dorey
Private Irwin St. Clair Adams
Gunner George Allan Veinotte
Private Russell Reginald Westhaver
Lance Corporal Dennis Jeremiah Barry
Private Avar Reginald Mader

Private Edwin Reginald Langille
QM Sgt William Leroy Joudrey
Private Murray Eisnor
Gunner Maurice Benjamin Hamm
Surgeon Lewis Nelson Morrison
4th Eng Officer Owen Havelock Vaughan
Flt Sergeant Arthur Henry Winters
Sergeant Arnold Wentworth Hyson
Private Everett Rupert James
Private Dennis Aubrey Rhuland
Private Larry Willoughby Veinotte
Private Paul St. Clair Hiltz
Private Cecil Clayton Fancy
Able Seaman B Maurice C. Wynacht
Flying Officer William Burton Ernst
Private Vernon Benjamin Ramey
Sapper Frederick Loraine Strum
Gunner William Ralph Zwicker
Corporal Robert Earl Baker
Private Frederick Morris Bruhm
Gunner Weldon Eugene Barkhouse
Private Cecil Robert Ellsworth Fancy



We Will Remember Them

Open House



Join us on Saturday, November 9th, at the Mug and Anchor, 643 Main Street, as we celebrate Mayor David Devenne's retirement from 16 years of service to the Town of

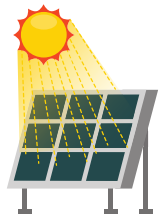
Mahone Bay.

This will be an open house event, stop by any time between 2:30 and 5:00 to say hello and congratulations. There will be complimentary finger foods and a cash bar.

Congratulations to Mayor Devenne on his retirement!

Solar Garden Tours

Stay tuned to our Notices page of our website and/or our Facebook page for details on public Solar Garden tours which will take place the morning of November 27th and the afternoon of November 28th.



Special Collection



On Monday, November 18th, leaf and yard waste may be placed curbside for special collection. Leaf and yard waste can be placed in your green cart, or in kraft yard waste bags. Branches and limbs of a maximum of 3' long and 2" in diameter may be tied or bagged in manageable bundles.

Message from the Mayor

The municipal election of 2024 is a matter of record books and Mahone Bay is about to swear in the new Mayor and councillors who will provide direction to the town until October of 2028. The new Mayor, Suzanne Lohnes-Croft, and six councilors will be sworn in at Council on Tuesday Nov 12. Simultaneous with the appointment of the new council will be the end of the current one.

I will resign from council just before the new group begins. I have spent eight years as Deputy Mayor and the last eight years as Mayor. Prior to that I was a member and Chair of the Wooden Boat Society for fourteen years. It is with a certain degree of satisfaction that I take my leave. And I must express my thanks to the many citizens who were involved.

I am thankful for all the support I received over the years. The members of the various committees worked diligently to provide beneficial results to our town. Working with other mayors and citizens in Lunenburg County proved key to achieving the goals set for the Alternate Resource Energy Association, the Lunenburg County Joint Services Board, the Regional Emergency Management Organization, other joint committees focusing on Accessibility, Racism and Inclusion in Lunenburg County.

One of the outcomes that I am particularly proud to have been associated with is the acquisition of our new fire hall. The building we had been using was woefully inadequate for an active fire department in 2024. Along with the new fire hall, there is a new community hall. We've also been busy acquiring up-to-date equipment that our volunteer firefighters need to do their job effectively and safely. One of the coincidental benefits is a newly reinvigorated Volunteer Fire Department with new members seeking to become part of the team. We support them so they can support us and I thank them for that support.

As is the case with everyone who chooses to offer in an election it is the citizens of the municipality who choose to vote for that individual. The public does not ask someone to take the job on council rather the candidate asks the citizen to choose them. No candidate is forced into the role...most do it as a personal recognition of a want to give back to the community. My time on council is no different. I asked for the opportunity and luckily the citizens of our town said yes and I do appreciate their support and their patience and their acceptance of my actions and those of the members of my council. The members are only able to do what the consideration of the public allows us to do. I would hope that the citizens will continue to support the new council and mayor with the same understanding, patience and enthusiasm they showed me. I know the new council will be actively seeking to address their concerns as our town moves forward to the future.

I thank the Town staff for their support every day. The Town Hall staff inside and out, public works, financial management, administration staff, everyone gives 100% every day. It is because of their efforts that citizens receive such a high level of quality service.

I thank my wife, Julie for giving of her time to support me in my work on council. Meal time was quite often changed at the last minute to accommodate council business. Frequently there was 3,4,5 or more meetings that required my attention weekly. Our home schedule had to be built around them. Julie kept me focused, on track and on time.



Winter Parking



Now that it's November, we want to remind you that vehicles that obstruct snow clearing and/or winter road maintenance are in violation of the Motor Vehicle Act and are subject to being ticketed or towed at the owner's expense.

Fall Flushing

Fall water main flushing will take place in late November. Keep a look out for information soon, as always, you will receive a notice in your mailbox with more information. You will also find details on the Town's website and Facebook page.



Food Bank



Mid November we will start collecting items for the Mahone Bay & Area Food Bank at Town Hall. Bring in your non-perishable items to help local families over the holidays.

Poppy Tray

Royal Canadian Legion Branch President, Mike Brown, presented Mayor Elect, Suzanne Lohnes-Croft with a



poppy tray to be placed at Town Hall. Poppies are available at Town Hall and in other locations around Town for a donation to the Poppy Fund.

Remembrance Day



This year's Remembrance Day Ceremony will begin at 10:40am at the Cenotaph. The ceremony will be followed by a luncheon at the Mahone Bay Legion on Pond Street.

Message from CiB

Our participation in Communities in Bloom was a celebration of Mahone Bay's beauty, of its wonderful people, of its events, resources, and achievements.



We will nurture and grow this year's positive communal energy to participate again in 2026.

Thank you!



A big thank you to the Festivals of Mahone Bay group for all their hard work organizing the 2024 Scarecrow Festival!

Winter Preparedness

As winter weather approaches, we should all take some time to look at the Emergency Preparedness website.



REMO (Regional Emergency Management Organization) has a website with great local information on how to prepare for a storm, what to do in case of emergency, and to keep you up to date in a local emergency.

Go to lunenburgremo.ca to check out this great local resource.

Asset Donation Program



Have you seen the new monument at the entrance to Jubilee Park? This monument was designed and created by local artist Lukas Lange.

People who donate trees as part of the Town's Community Asset Donation Program will have an inscription placed on the monument in recognition of their donation.