

October 2024

Mahone Bay, NS

2024 Municipal Election



On October 19th, The Town of Mahone Bay will be holding an election to select a Mayor and 6 Councillors with an advanced voting period from October 10th to October 18th.

Below is a summary of important information for voters to prepare to cast their ballot!

Who are the Candidates?

The race for Mayor has two candidates: Suzanne Lohnes-Croft and Tony Sampson.

The candidates for Council are Penny Carver, Aaron Collery, Joseph Feeney, Colin Kingsmill, William Lewis, Richard Nowe, Bryan Palfreyman, Rebecca Twanow, and Kelly Wilson.

To learn about each candidate's platform and positions on Town issues, you can stay engaged with their individual social media, contact them to ask questions, or attend events around Town that various organizations and candidates have been holding.

Voting Method

This year's voting will be done online or by telephone through Intelivote Systems Inc – the same platform as the 2020 election and 2022 by-election.

Voters will receive a voter instruction letter by October 10th. If you do not receive your instructions by October 10th, please contact Kim Boutilier, Revising Officer at kim.boutilier@townofmahonebay.ca or 902-624-8327.

Advanced polling runs from October 10th to 18th. During the advanced polling period and election day, a Voter Help Centre will be set up at Town Hall for those who would like assistance with the telephone/online system. The Voter Help Centre will be available at regular business hours – 9am to 4pm, Monday to Friday except weekends and holidays. On election day, October 19th, staff will be available to help from 8am to 7pm.

The Voter Help Centre will be on the second floor of Town Hall. Please use the side entrance facing the EHS garage. That door only opens by using the accessible door buttons. There will be signage posted to guide you.

Have Questions?

If you have any questions about the upcoming Town of Mahone Bay election or the CSAP election, please contact us at election@townofmahonebay.ca or visit our website: <https://www.townofmahonebay.ca/2024-municipal-election.html>

Capital Projects

The Town Council has made Stormwater Management a top priority for the Town of Mahone Bay in 2024. Learning from the major rainfall events in 2023, the 2024-25 budget included additional funding for stormwater management infrastructure improvements throughout the community (with many more projects planned for future years). These projects are supported by the new Infrastructure Charge dedicated to stormwater management infrastructure, leveraged with funding from external sources including Provincial and Federal contributions.

You'll have seen some stormwater management infrastructure projects getting underway around the community in recent weeks, with extensive ditching and culvert upgrades taking place in various locations. In particular, the culvert on the unnamed watercourse running under Wye St. – which washed out in last-year's rainfall events – was replaced and upgraded for future storms.

We're pleased to announce that the Fairmont – Pine Grove Stormwater Diversion Project will be getting underway this month as well, which will improve management of stormwater in the area of the intersection of Fairmont and Pine Grove Streets, addressing ongoing stormwater management issues long-experienced by residents in this area. Project work will be underway through October and November, with traffic control anticipated. This project has received funding from the Nova Scotia Government under their Provincial Capital Assistance Program for Municipalities.

Stay tuned for further stormwater management infrastructure improvements in 2025!



New Box Culvert on Wye Street



Ditching and
Armouring on
Clearland Road



Diagonal Cross
Culvert on Fauxburg
Road

Solar Garden Corridor Planting

Planting has been completed in the transmission line corridor from the Solar Garden to Fauxburg Road. This project was made possible by the Clean Foundation's Thriving Forests Program, who planted 2,129 native trees to replace the approximate 1,200 trees that were cut down to establish the corridor.



Maple



Oak



Spruce

Hemlock Woolly Adelgid

The Town is taking action against Hemlock Woolly Adelgid, an invasive pest that kills hemlock trees at a rate of 95% within 4-15 years by treating the ones on Town owned property, starting with Jubilee Park. If you see flagging tape around trees in the park, please do not remove it, these have been put in place by Atlantic Tree Solutions, a company that we have hired for the treatment of our trees.



We realize that there are many private property owners in town that have hemlocks which need protection. You can reach out to Atlantic Tree Solutions at arbteam@atlantictreesolutions.ca, to have your trees assessed.

Please forward any questions about the Town's treatment program to climate@townofmahonebay.ca.

Garbage Bag Limits



October 1st marked the 10 year anniversary of Mahone Bay's clear garbage bag program. Since then, recycling and composting has increased, and we have kept waste collectors and inspectors a lot safer.

As a reminder, all garbage is to be placed into a clear, transparent bag, free from colour. Each household/business is allowed up to six (6) bags of garbage, per green week collection. One of those bags may be a black, green, or white bag for privacy items such as bathroom, hygiene, and pet waste. Privacy bags are inspected periodically to ensure compliance with sorting rules.

Download the free R6RECYCLES waste app or visit: www.region6swm.ca

Community Asset Donation



We have relaunched our Community Asset Donation Program!

This is an opportunity for individuals and/or organizations to make a donation of a bench, picnic table or tree, these donations are eligible for a tax receipt.

The purpose of the Program is to provide a means to recognize a person or organization through a lasting tribute. The contributions to this program will also benefit the parks, urban forest, greenspaces, the natural environment and the community as a whole. Visit our website, send an email to clerk@townofmahonebay.ca or call Town Hall at 902-624-8327 to learn more.

Tree Donation Monument

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.

Dog Tags



Buttercup wants to let you know that it is important to register your furry friend each year.

It is mandatory in Mahone Bay to register your dog annually.

Registering is quick and easy and FREE! You can stop by Town Hall and pick up your tag(s) in person, or give us a call or send an email and we can arrange to mail your tag(s).

Upcoming Dates

October 10 - Advance Polling Begins

October 14 - Office Closed (Thanksgiving)

October 19 - Election Day

Message from the Three Churches Foundation



The Silent Doodle Auction Gala will be held noon-9 pm on Saturday, October 26th at the Mahone Bay Centre. Celebrities (authors, artists, performers, even an astronaut and race driver) have provided doodles and other items. Free viewing and bidding noon-6pm. Ticketed Gala 6pm-9pm with hors d'oeuvres, music by Haig Baylerian, cash wine bar and live auction. See threechurchesfoundation.ca

Volunteers Needed

We're seeking volunteers to be the frontline staff for the Comfort Centre at the Mahone Bay and District Fire Department, 41 Hawthorn Road.

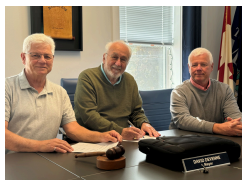


A Comfort Centre is a place where people can go for warming, cooling, electricity, washrooms and other amenities during an emergency situation.

To read the Town of Mahone Bay Comfort Centre Operating Procedures and fill out the volunteer application, visit the Emergency Services page on the Town's website, townofmahonebay.ca.

Please direct any questions to Eric Levy, Deputy CAO by calling Town Hall or emailing eric.levy@townofmahonebay.ca

Marina Agreement



The license agreement with the Mahone Bay Wooden Boat Society for the operation of the Civic Marina has been renewed for another 5 years. Quote from the Wooden Boat Society " We look forward to continuing to make the property a welcoming space for all. Each year we have attracted a significant number of boaters who really enjoy their visit to our lovely harbour and town."

A Toilet is Not a Trash Can

Just because something says it can be flushed, doesn't mean It should be flushed!



Many items we use on a daily basis like wipes and personal hygiene products cannot go down our toilets or drains. Flushing these items can cause damage to the wastewater treatment system and may potentially cause sewer backups in your home.

The wastewater treatment system is designed to treat and process wastewater from our homes and businesses. The process breaks down the waste so it can be filtered and removed before the disinfected water is returned to the environment. These items DO NOT break down and present a threat to the functioning of the system. They can cause blockages, increased maintenance, equipment malfunctions and can even contribute to environmental spills and overflows. These items should be disposed of properly in the garbage and/or green bin where they cannot damage our wastewater treatment system.

Waste Reduction Week



On Thursday, October 24th we will be hosting, jointly with Region 6 Solid Waste Management, a Repair Cafe, in celebration of Waste

Reduction Week. The event will take place from 1pm - 4pm at the Mahone Bay Centre. Follow the Town's Facebook page or visit the notices page of our website

A Repair Cafe is a place where you can learn how to live a more sustainable life by learning how to fix broken items rather than replace them.