

Mayor's Newsletter



September 2024

Mahone Bay, NS

2024 Municipal Election



This fall is election season! On October 19th, the towns and municipalities across Nova Scotia will be holding elections. In Mahone Bay, residents will cast their votes to select a Mayor and 6 Councillors. Below is some important information:

Interested in Running for Council?

Nomination packages are now available on our website or at Town Hall. Nomination day is September 10th, and early nominations can be made by appointment from August 29th-September 9th. The last day to withdraw your nomination is September 11th. If you have any questions, please reach out to election@townofmahonebay.ca.

Conseil scolaire acadien provincial (CSAP) Elections - Along with the Town's municipal elections, the Conseil scolaire acadien provincial (CSAP) is also holding their school board elections. Lunenburg and Queens Counties will elect one person to be a member on the CSAP school board. For more information contact Leah Zinck, Returning Officer, MODL, 902-530-6652 or email elections@modl.ca.

List of Electors - It is important to also be sure that you are on the list of electors; it makes things a lot easier to confirm this prior to voting day! Forms have been mailed to all residents of the Town seeking information on persons eligible to vote in the upcoming election. We encourage all households to complete and return those forms to the Town Hall. If you have not received this form, please contact the Revising Officer at the information below as soon as possible. Residents may make corrections and/or additions to the List of Electors by contacting the Revising Officer, Kim Boutilier by telephone (902-624-8327), e-mail (kim.boutilier@townofmahonebay.ca), or in person at the Town Hall. The last day for revisions is September 6th.

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 should receive a voter instruction letter by October 10th, If you do not receive your instructions by October 10th, please contact election@townofmahonebay.ca as soon as you can to get that sorted out. Advanced polling runs from October 10-18, during the advanced polling period, up to and including election day, voters will be able to vote online or by telephone. A polling place will also be set up at Town Hall for those who would like assistance with the telephone/online system.

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 the website: townofmahonebay.ca/2024-municipal-election

National Tree Day Event



Mark your calendars!

A celebration will be held for National Tree Day on Wednesday, September 25th at the

Community Orchard. Thank you to those donors who contributed to this wonderful Town project, there is still space for a few more tree donations, contact Town Hall to learn more. The Community Orchard is next to the Community Sports Field, adjacent to the Mahone Bay Centre (45 School Street). More details about the event will be posted on our Facebook page and website (townofmahonebay.ca) in the coming weeks.

Up!Skilling Festival



Join Transition Bay and the Town of Mahone Bay for an all day UP!Skilling event, happening October 5th, 8:30am - 4:00pm at the Mahone Bay Centre.

This event will help you get back to the basics. Learn how to save money, be more resilient and sustainable, and build relationships with your neighbours. Learn from "Skillers" who will teach you about things like sewing, fermentation, living off grid, hot water bath canning and so much more.

To learn more & register visit the Events page at transitionbay.ca.



Be Fire Safe



If you enjoy sitting by an outdoor fire, be sure to check the Town of Mahone Bay Outdoor Burning By-law to make sure that your fire pit/appliance is safe and in compliance with the local by-law. The by-law can be found on the Town's website, townofmahonebay.ca

Fisher's Memorial Service



The Fishers' Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, September 8th at 2pm on the Lunenburg Waterfront.

This ceremony is an annual event in honour of those who have lost their lives while pursuing their livelihood in the fishery.

Back to School

And summer break is a wrap!



As students return for the 2024/25 school year we just want to remind everyone to watch for walkers, bikes and buses.

Join the MBDFD!

Are you looking for a way to serve your community? The Mahone Bay & District Fire Department is always on the lookout for new members to join their ranks and offer an invaluable service to the community.



There is also a junior fire department for youth ages 12 to 18. This is a great opportunity and introduction to firefighting and an exciting way to learn new skills.

To learn more about the work of the Department or to find out how to join, send an email to mbdfd.admin@townofmahonebay.ca

Rum Runners Relay



The Rum Runner's Relay will be held Sunday, September 29th. The relay begins in Lakeside and ends in Lunenburg.

On the 29th we ask that all drivers be extra cautious and watch out for runners along the edges of our streets and roads.

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

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, q-tips, dental floss and sanitary 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.

FREE Curbside Giveaway

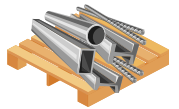
Free Curbside Giveaway Weekend is coming up



September 14th & 15th! This is a great time to get rid of clutter or things you don't use anymore. Put items curbside that weekend for others to take and put to use.

Wood and Metal Collection

Immediately following FREE Curbside Giveaway Weekend is a special collection day for metal &



wood. On Monday, September 16th place wood and metal items out for collection. To learn what can and can't be put curbside visit www.townofmahonebay.ca or get in touch with Town Hall.

Short Term Rentals

There are new Town and Provincial requirements for Short Term Rentals in Mahone Bay. All Short Term Rentals in Mahone Bay require a Development Permit and must provide this to the Province by September 30th to be entered into the Short Term Rental registry. You can apply for a Development Permit at Town Hall. If you have questions concerning the new requirements or permitting process you can contact the Town's Development Services (provided by the Municipality of Chester) by email at development@chester.ca or by telephone at 902-275-2599.

Upcoming Dates

Sept 10 - Council Meeting
Sept 11 - Heritage Advisory Committee
Sept 13 - Cemetery Committee
Sept 19 - Asset Management Committee
Sept 23 - Policy & Strategy Committee
Sept 26 - Council Meeting
Sept 30 - Office Closed (National Day for Truth & Reconciliation)

Message from the Festivals of MB



Join in the festive spirit of the Scarecrow Festival! Snap selfies with straw buddies, bake a pie to win fabulous prizes. Don't miss out. Our community events are packed with fun! There's

something for everyone, no matter your age.

Come join the excitement! Follow FestivalsOfMahoneBay on Facebook and Instagram. Contact us at festivalsofmahonebay@gmail.com

Message from Three Churches

Foundation

Doors Open for Churches - The Three Churches will take part in the program



of the Heritage Trust Nova Scotia (see htns.ca). Doors will be open 1 - 4pm on September 28th & 29th for tours. A virtual tour will also be available on the Facebook page [DoorsOpenForChurchesNS](https://www.facebook.com/DoorsOpenForChurchesNS)

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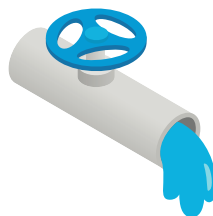
Foundation



Doodle Auction in Support of Three Churches (Heritage) Foundation - Put it in your calendar! The Silent Doodle Auction Gala will be held noon - 9pm on Saturday October 26 at the MB Centre. Celebrities (authors, artists, performers, even an astronaut and a race driver) have provided doodles and other items. The sale will be by silent auction (bid early, and bid often!). Music by Haig Beylerian; refreshments and hors d'oeuvres available. See threechurchesfoundation.ca for more information.

REMINDER: If you have been invited to provide a doodle, and are still thinking about it, NOW is the time to put pen to paper and get it submitted.

Cross Connection Control



The Town's Water Utility is excited to announce that we have launched a CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL PROGRAM to help protect

the public drinking water system, and its users.

Many communities in NS have put in place Cross-Connection Control (CCC) Programs to safeguard their water systems from water flowing backwards into the public water system, which presents a risk of contamination, as well as a potential risk to your property's water system. This safeguard is achieved through the installation of backflow preventers.

CCC Programs are generally supported by water use bylaws, and/or utility regulations mandating that backflow prevention devices are installed and maintained to prevent backflow of potentially hazardous substances into the water supply. Programs typically monitor the installation, maintenance, and field testing of backflow preventers within a distribution system. CCC Programs are an important part of a multi-barrier approach to protecting safe drinking water.

The Town's Water Utility is partnering with BSI Online to help us launch our new CCC Program. BSI Online will be maintaining an organized database of water customers with backflow preventers and ensuring these are kept up to date with the current testing requirements.

If you would like to learn more about CCC Programs please visit; www.townofmahonebay.ca/water--wastewater, or contact Town Hall by emailing inquiries@townofmahonebay.ca or calling (902) 624-8327.