

Town Hall News



Edgewater Project Update



**THE
EDGEWATER
PROJECT**

Friendly reminder:
road closure & easy
detour info!

A quick heads-up for locals and visitors alike, the short stretch of road between Clearland Road and the entrance to Old Edgewater Street by Trinity United Church is temporarily closed. But, no worries, the detour is quick and simple!

We've timed the alternate route between Edgewater/Clearland and Main Street, and it only takes four minutes. So, whether you're welcoming guests to town or heading out to support local shops, Edgewater, including Kedy's Landing and downtown, is open for business. You can still park right in front of the waterfront churches, just like always.

Don't let a little detour slow you down: Mahone Bay is as welcoming as ever. Just give yourself a few extra minutes and enjoy a scenic change of pace. See you downtown!

Visitor Information Centre



Being a tourist in your own town? Whether you've got friends and family visiting, or you're just embracing your inner tourist this summer, the friendly Visitor Information Centre (VIC) staff have got you covered.

The Visitor Information Centre on Edgewater Street is currently surrounded by a bit of construction : think hard hats, excavators, and the distant hum of progress. So, the VIC staff have relocated from Friday to Sunday to the freshly spruced up Michael O'Connor Memorial Bandstand in town. Stop in, say hi, and let them help you plan your perfect Mahone Bay day!

Message from the Mayor

At the Council meeting on July 31st a staff report outlining the current permitting process for sidewalk patios was received, as well as a significant volume of public correspondence expressing both support and concern for such installations.

After considering the staff report, public correspondence, and feedback gathered during Council meetings over the past month, Council passed the two motions: 1) applying the new Nova Scotia Built Environment Accessibility Standards to any new sidewalk patio applications as of July 31, and 2) writing the owner of 538 Main Street encouraging adjustments to the sidewalk patio at this location to align with the new standards.

A further staff report is anticipated in September, per Council's direction July 8th, on potential updates to the 2008 Streets & Sidewalks By-law. This report will also review other municipalities to understand 'best practices' that could be considered for Mahone Bay, over and above the institution of the new standards.

Having taken these steps, Council will not be pursuing this matter further until the actions outlined above are complete.

Fishing Dock Open!



Check out the new public fishing dock at the break-water at the Mahone Bay Marina. It even has different levels so that wee ones can cast over the rail!

Commemorative Event

On Monday, August 11th at 10:30am there will be an event commemorating the life of Elaine Mosher. This event will be held at the Jubilee Park pond, where Elaine's friends and family have donated a bench in her honour.



Invasive Species Guided Walk

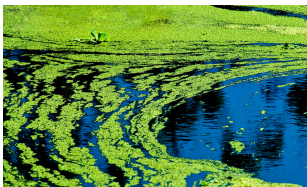
Join us for a guided walk!



The Town of Mahone Bay and the Nova Scotia Invasive Species Council will be hosting a guided walk to help residents learn about invasive species in Mahone Bay.

The walk will teach you how to identify different invasives, why they are harmful, best management practices, and tips for removal. The walk will begin at the Pond Street entrance in Jubilee Park and make its way through some of the Mahone Bay trails. This event is from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm on Wednesday, August 6th

Blue-green Algae



The warm weather season is here!! And blue-green algae season comes with it. Blue-green algae (Cyanobacteria) can

quickly show up in our lakes, rivers and ponds and can sometimes produce dangerous toxins that are potentially harmful for people, pets, and wildlife.

Even though the water may look clear, it can still be unsafe. If you see water that looks like green paint or scum, play it safe: stay out of the water and keep pets away too.

Message from MBDFD

The Mahone Bay & District Fire Department would like to say thank you to everyone who made donations during their door to door fundraising campaign.



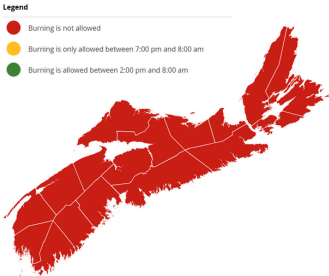
Thank you for your generosity Mahone Bay!

Upcoming Dates

- August 15 - Council Meeting (9am)
- August 18 - Office Closed (Staff Appreciation Day)

Check Before you Burn

Did you know that if you violate the daily burning restrictions you are at risk of receiving a \$25,000 fine from the province?



From March 15 to October 15, daily burn restrictions are in place to help prevent wildfires. Burning is not permitted anywhere in the province between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. because that is often when the risk of wildfires is greatest. The BurnSafe map remains red during those hours every day.

You can check daily burn restrictions via the online BurnSafe map at <https://novascotia.ca/burnsafe/> or by calling 1-855-564-2876 (BURN). Please also review the Town’s Burning Bylaw by visiting www.townofmahonebay.ca/by-laws--policies

MB Pool



Since 1969, the Mahone Bay Swimming Pool has been a place where kids learn to swim, families make memories, and confidence grows with

every splash. None of it would be possible without this group of incredible student lifeguards and instructors who bring so much energy, care, and fun to the pool in the summer!

This pool isn’t just about swimming, it’s a launchpad for youth leadership, training, and community spirit. The energy is fresh, but our pool facility is old and needs replacing. We’re dreaming about a new aquatic facility for Mahone Bay: check out plans at townofmahonebay.ca/new-pool

Want to help make it happen? Let’s chat! Email us at projects@townofmahonebay.ca.

Town Hall News Going Digital



We're excited to announce that Town Hall News will be going fully digital! This decision has been

made for fiscal and environmental reasons. September will be the last month that you will receive the newsletter in your mailbox. To sign up for the digital version of Town Hall News, scroll to the bottom of any page of the Town's website and enter your email address in the form. Having trouble finding the form? Give us a call at 902-624-8327 or email clerk@townofmahonebay.ca

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Volunteers Needed!

In the months of July & August, our Water Utility will be conducting its annual Lead Sampling Program, testing the homes of 10 volunteers, to meet Health Canada testing requirements. Lead is not a concern with the water that comes from the water treatment plant but if you own an older home, there could be some lead in your pipes, fixtures, etc.



Volunteer to have your water sampled and the test results will be shared with you. Contact inquiries@townofmahonebay.ca or call 902-624-8327 to sign up!

Invasive Species Corner



European privet is a lesser known invasive, that poses just as much threat as the infamous Multiflora rose.

Like the Multiflora rose, European privet thrives in places where it can quickly take over to form a dense thicket. Disturbed areas near roads or paths, fields, and flood plains are especially susceptible to an infestation of privet.

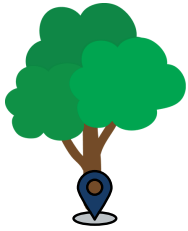
As the name suggests, European privet is native to central and southern Europe, as well as parts of the UK, Africa, and Asia. Privet was likely brought here to be used as a garden hedge species, but now it has invaded natural areas and poses a big threat to native species by outcompeting and eventually killing other plants.

Privet can be identified by its shiny dark green leaves. Leaf pairs grow on opposite sides of the twig, shaped as a narrow oval with smooth edges, sometimes occurring with a pointed tip. European privet blooms small four lobed flowers in mid-summer. Privet produces small round berries that are glossy black in colour, and not edible to humans.

Small infestations of European privet can be removed by hand pulling and digging up roots. Medium to large infestations can be controlled through a combination of cutting and herbicide applications. This method is most effective in late summer to early fall unless the herbicide application directions indicate differently. Privet cuttings should be discarded in bags and taken to the landfill or disposed of in a controlled burn (following burn ban restrictions), other disposal methods may pose risk of new growth.

If you have any questions about European privet or any other invasive species, please reach out to us at climate@townofmahonebay.ca

Mahone Bay's Urban Forest



Town staff and community members have been working to create a digital map of all the trees in Mahone Bay. Urban trees offer many benefits, they improve air

quality, provide shade, and help manage stormwater. We encourage community members to contribute data about the trees on their own properties to help build a more complete picture of our town's canopy.

You can access the map at ca.pg-cloud.com/mahonebayns or scan the QR Code below. Reach out to us at climate@townofmahonebay.ca if you have any questions. Every tree counts!



Tree Donations - Park Cemetery



Have you seen the new Park Cemetery Sign?

There are some changes happening in Park Cemetery. Staff have

begun the process of opening up a new section, lots will be available to purchase soon. In this new area, trees will be planted by donation. If you're interested in donating a tree to Park Cemetery, please contact Town Hall or visit townofmahonebay.ca/community-asset-donation-program or contact Town Hall

Message from MB Museum

The Mahone Bay Museum is organizing a weekly kids activity every Saturday between 12:00 to 4:00 pm.

Led by our Public Programmer, Carys Duffie, each session features a different hands-on historical craft.

Admission to the museum is free and colouring pages will be available for younger children. All ages are welcome to enjoy the museum while kids take part in the activities.



Meeting with Minister



Minister of Energy Trevor Boudreau and his staff were invited to a tour of the

Ellershouse Windfarm, followed by a meeting at the Ellershouse Community Centre (following on a meeting with the AREA mayors in Halifax earlier this summer). The AREA Mayors highlighted the benefits of municipal electrical utilities and alignment between AREA and Provincial priorities. Municipal utilities face a tremendous regulatory burden, and the mayors are seeking Provincial Government intervention to reduce the red tape.

Battery Recycling

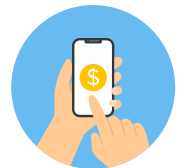


Did you know that that Town Hall is now a recycling drop off location for used batteries?

Bring us your rechargeable and single-use batteries (weighing 5kg or less each). Wetcell, damaged, or defective batteries will not be accepted.

Paying by E-transfer

Please remember when sending an e-transfer payment to the Town, we need information on who is making the payment and what it is for. This information should be added to the message section when completing your transfer. Without this information we might not be able to apply your payment to your account.



Purple Week Ending



And just like that, we're nearing the end of purple week waste collection. Purple week takes place in summer months, it's a time when you can put your compost out every weekly collection day. The last purple week pick up will take place on August 20th.