



Mayor's Seasonal Message

What an incredible launch weekend for the Season of Father Christmas in Mahone Bay!



St. James Church was alive with energy on Friday night for the tree lighting. All weekend long, Edgewater was buzzing too, filled with people soaking up the festivities. Big thanks to the construction crew for keeping entrances to the parking lots clear, and to everyone who came out to support the Trinity United Church holiday market and the bake sale at St. John's. One excited shopper told me she checked so many names off her gift list at the Mahone Bay Centre market with so many unique finds!

Thank you to all the businesses and homes in town that have decorated and are lighting up our nights. This weekend was a true testament to our amazing festival volunteers, shopkeepers, and eateries. Thank you everyone for creating real Mahone Bay magic.

Wishing you all a peaceful, prosperous, and wonderfully happy season.

Reindeer Run

The annual Reindeer Fun Run will take place on Saturday, December 6th at 6pm. This is a 3km nighttime fun run/walk.



Light up the night in your bling and costume while you rock to the tunes along Main Street. Contact Festivals of Mahone Bay to register, festivalsofmahonebay.ca.

Residents are encouraged to play music, ring bells, come out and cheer on the participants!!

Main Street will close between 5:45pm and 6:45pm. Traffic will be re-routed at this time.

Edgewater Project Update

New electrical conduits have been installed on Edgewater Street and the old lampposts are being replaced.



Thank you to the churches for leaving their outdoor lights on during this upgrade.

Pedestrians should continue to use caution when walking between the churches and the parking lots and drivers should slow down to avoid rough areas.

Road grading is scheduled for the first week of December, followed by asphalt. Because of dropping temperatures and unpredictable weather, it may be necessary to hold off on the final layer of asphalt paving until Spring. Further updates will be provided in this regard.

Thank you for your patience as paving and coastline trail improvements continue through December.

New Years Levee



Join us on New Year's Day at the Mahone Bay Legion from 11:30am - 1:30pm for the annual New Year's Day Levee. Have some snacks, chat with your neighbours, it's a wonderful community event!

Foodbank

Town Hall is collecting non-perishable items to help local families over the holidays. Please support the Mahone Bay & Area Foodbank.



Natural Christmas Tree Collection

Natural Christmas tree and greenery collection will take place on Monday, January 12th.



Once again the natural greenery from Mahone Bay will be delivered to a local farm where they will provide food and recreation for the animals. This year the delivery will be going to The Little Silly Goose Farm.

Please make sure your items are free of tinsel, wire and ornaments. Any wires in garlands must be removed as part of regular solid waste sorting.

Announcement from the Mayor

It is with regret that Mayor Lohnes-Croft announces she has reviewed and accepted the resignation of Deputy Mayor Kingsmill from his position on council. He is stepping down due to personal commitments.

On behalf of Council, the Mayor extends her heartfelt thanks to Mr. Kingsmill for his service to the Town and its citizens and wishes him well in his future endeavours.

Council formally received and accepted the resignation on November 27th and at that time, Councillor Feeney, as the councillor who received the next highest number of votes in the last election, was sworn in as Deputy Mayor.

More information on the upcoming special election will be available in the coming weeks.

Council Café - December 11

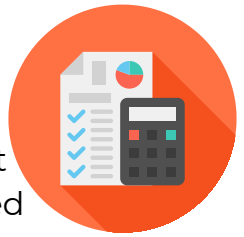
The Mayor and Council invite you to Council Café Connect at Town Hall on Thursday December 11 between 11:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.



This informal drop-in event is an opportunity to meet with some of your elected officials, chat about the topics in this month's Town Hall News, and learn more about how your local government works for you every day.

Edgewater Budget Update

The Edgewater Project budget includes the Harbour Construction contract (\$13,247,593), the CBCL contract (\$1,075,275) and other associated costs outside the main construction project.



As anticipated with such a major construction project, some costs have increased as work has progressed. These include changes in quantities due to site conditions (+\$286,613), change orders requested (+\$572,306), and other costs outside the main Harbour Construction contract (+\$460,000).

The approved 2025 - 26 project budget, reflecting costs approved to that date, was \$15,045,274, while the current estimated total cost is \$16,236,175.

Cost increases were expected because items like landscaping, fixtures, and property-related work were not yet approved or costed in the original budget. When these anticipated additions are included, the project shows an 8% increase from the original budget.

Connecting with the Town

Do you have a question for the Town?

Contact the main desk first at 902-624-8327 or email inquiries@townofmahonebay.ca. The staff that respond to queries have the best information to connect you with the right person and/or service.

Council Cafe Dates

Mark these upcoming dates on your calendar and schedule your "coffee break" with us! All Cafe's are from 11am - 12 noon.

December 11th	March 12th
January 15th	April 9th
February 12 th	



Christmas shopping support local

The Town of Mahone Bay would like to encourage and remind residents of the importance of shopping locally!



By choosing to purchase locally, you are not only supporting a neighbour, but are also reducing your carbon footprint. Online shopping typically results in more packaging and more than twice the amount of CO2 emissions as traditional shopping.

Let's all do our part to help make this Christmas a green one!

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.

Winter Parking

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 owner's expense.

SIGN UP TODAY

Have you signed up for the electronic version of Town Hall News? This will ensure you will never miss an edition as it will be emailed directly to you. Signing up is easy, just scroll to the bottom of the homepage at townofmahonebay.ca and enter your email address, or send a request to clerk@townofmahonebay.ca

REMO Presentation

Join our Regional Emergency Measures Organization and Lunenburg County Seniors' Safety Program as they host a presentation on emergency preparedness.



This FREE event will take place at the Mahone Bay Firehall on December 11th beginning at 10:30am and ending at 12noon. Learn from REMO staff about keeping your home safe in an emergency. Coffee and snacks will be provided, registration is not required.

NS Human Rights Week



HUMAN RIGHTS

Human Rights Week, December 3 - 10, invites us to deepen our understanding of accessibility, racial equity, gender inclusion,

safer communities, and the ongoing impact of systemic discrimination. We continue to see harmful, divisive ideas shared publicly, especially online, making respectful dialogue more difficult and more essential than ever.

This week, our Town staff participated in training on new anti-harassment legislation, sparking meaningful conversations about how we can strengthen human rights within municipal work and in the communities we serve.

We share a commitment to building safe, welcoming spaces where everyone feels a sense of belonging and is encouraged to participate. When we do this, we shape a kinder society and teach our children compassion.

There is always room to do better. Let's start now.

Upcoming Dates

December 9 - Council Meeting (9am)

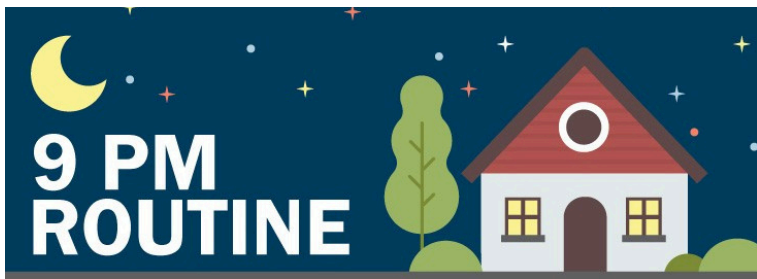
December 10 - Heritage Advisory Committee

December 11 - Council Cafe

December 11 - REMO Presentation

December 18 - Asset Management Committee

December 24 - Jan 2 - Office Closed



Are you locked up and secure for the night?

Join the #9PMRoutine today and take an active role in crime prevention in your neighbourhood and community.

The #9PMRoutine is a campaign used by police agencies across North America to remind citizens to protect themselves and their property.

What do I need to do?

There are simple steps you can take to help prevent crime in your neighbourhood.

Every night at 9pm:

- Remove valuables from your vehicle and ensure it's locked, windows are closed.
- Close all garage windows and lock any garage doors, especially those leading into your house
- Keep your vehicle registration and insurance documents secure. The documents can be used to commit other crimes
- Check and lock all house doors and shut all windows
- Turn on an exterior light
- Close and lock your fence gate
- Lock your shed
- Put away bikes and toys in your yard
- Park in the garage instead of the street, if possible.



Watch for the Town of Mahone Bay 2026 Solid Waste Collection and Council & Committee Meeting Calendars in the mail!

Don't Flush

Just because it 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.

These items should be disposed of properly in the garbage where they cannot damage our wastewater treatment system.

Can we See Your Meter?



And just like that we're talking about winter!

Please ensure that your power and water meters are unobstructed so that staff have safe access to read and/or maintain your meter. When removing snow from your driveways and walkways this winter, please remember not to pile snow in front of your meters.

Invitation to Serve



We currently have openings for volunteers on the Asset Management Committee and Heritage Advisory Committee.

Serving on a committee of Council is an excellent way to voice your opinion on a topic that is important to you.

To learn more about these committees and how to apply, visit the Committees page of the Town's website townofmahonebay.ca/committees.

www.getonboardmahonebay.ca

Join our new community engagement platform and have your say on prioritized projects, bylaws and policy development shaping our Town.