

Town Hall News



Edgewater Project Update



**THE
EDGEWATER
PROJECT**

Due to permitting delays, and in an effort to stay on target with the Edgewater

construction schedule, Edgewater Street between Clearland Road and Old Edgewater St/Trinity United will be closed to all traffic, with no access through to Kedy's and Hwy 103 for approximately 3 weeks. Traffic from Kedy's Landing will be detoured up Clearland Road and down Clearway Street, with signage directing drivers to Edgewater via Main. During this time, there will be no through traffic on Edgewater Street from Main Street to Kedy's/Hwy 103.

We understand this is inconvenient and appreciate your patience and caution as traffic patterns temporarily shift. We have put together a detour and signage plan to ensure alternate routes and access to Edgewater are clearly marked.

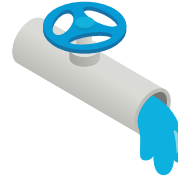
We recognize that construction is disruptive, and we are deeply grateful for your continued understanding and cooperation. We continue to work to keep traffic moving through Town, our residents and businesses feeling informed, and our visitors feeling welcomed.

Public Washroom Renovations

The Edgewater Street Public Washroom will reopen this week after extensive renovations to modernize the facility and make it accessible for all. Mahone Bay Town Council is committed to improving accessibility for all users of public property in Mahone Bay. This project is an example of that commitment.



Cross Connection Control



Did you know that every Town of Mahone Bay water service line is now required to have a dual check valve (backflow preventor) in-place at all times?

A backflow preventor stops water from flowing from your home or business back into the public water supply.

To learn more about the Town's Cross Connection Control (CCC) Program visit townofmahonebay.ca/water--wastewater. You can also email any questions to inquiries@townofmahonebay.ca or call (902) 624-8327.

Bandstand Dedication

What a wonderful time we had on the evening of the 3rd of July, celebrating the dedication of the bandstand to Michael O'Connor. There were lots of great stories about Mike from the Mayor, family and friends, and wonderful music by the Legion Swing Band.



Thank you to everyone who contributed to this project and especially to Michael O'Connor's family for their donation to the bandstand property!

Community Tree Planting Project



The Town will be hosting a drop-in information session about the Pleasant Street Planting Project on Monday, July 21 from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the the Community Room at the Mahone Bay Fire Hall.

Residents are invited to stop by to learn more about the project, ask questions, or discuss topics related to urban forestry and tree planting in Mahone Bay.

Public Statement

Mahone Bay Town Council has heard extensively from residents and business owners regarding a recent installation of a sidewalk patio in Town. We thank all those who have taken the time to share their perspectives.

Council has held several meetings on this matter, and during the July 8th Council meeting, two motions were passed to ensure a thorough review of the current permitting process and the Town's Streets and Sidewalks Bylaw:

Council directed staff to provide a report on the permitting process for sidewalk patio installations, addressing questions concerning the approval process and design guidelines and that this report be provided to the regular Council meeting on July 31st.

Council also directed staff to prepare a second report on potential updates to the 2008 Streets and Sidewalks Bylaw, including best practices from other Nova Scotian municipalities with bylaws governing sidewalk patios. The report should address the impact of sidewalk patios on pedestrian safety, accessibility, provide design recommendations aligned with Council's commitment to safety, and outline a consultation process for bylaw revision and/or development of a separate Sidewalk Café Bylaw, consultation involving the Mahone Bay Tourism and Chamber of Commerce, local businesses, and residents.

Council is committed to considering bylaw revisions before any further sidewalk patio permits are issued. We appreciate the community's continued engagement and will ensure that safety and accessibility remain at the forefront of any future decisions.

Further updates will be shared following the July 31st Council meeting.

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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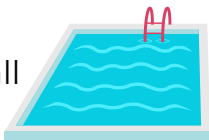
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Look for this form at the bottom of any page on our website.

Pool is Open!

Maintenance is complete and the water has been given the all clear at the Mahone Bay Pool!



The closure was due to an unexpected equipment failure, a reminder that we're doing our best to keep an aging pool running. Looking ahead, if we want a pool for future generations, a major investment is required.

And great news: The Mahone Bay Pool will be offering free lane and public swims through the rest of July. If you've already purchased a summer-long membership, you'll receive credit for July, and if you've yet to buy yours, now's the time to buy, with no charge for the month of July.

Funding Announcement

On Friday, July 4th we celebrated two major boosts to the Edgewater Street Project!



Thanks to the Government of Canada's \$928K investment through the Natural Infrastructure Fund (NIF), awarded jointly to the Town of Mahone Bay and Coastal Action, we're scaling up climate resilience with living shorelines including a raised vegetated bank, a nearshore breakwater and tidal wetland. The announced \$921K contribution from the Province of Nova Scotia's Growth and Renewal for Infrastructure Development Program (GRID) will be invested in water and wastewater upgrades.

Huge thanks to MP Jessica Fancy-Landry, MLA Susan Corkum-Greek, and Coastal Action's Amanda Montgomery and Jordan Veinot for helping move this vision forward. Together, we're building a stronger, more resilient Mahone Bay.

Photograph: From left to right, Jordan Veinot, MP Jessica Fancy-Landry, MLA Susan Corkum-Greek and Mayor of Mahone Bay Suzanne Lohnes Croft in front of the Michael O'Connor Memorial Bandstand.

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

Norway maples are a popular choice when it comes to planting ornamental trees, but did you know they are considered invasive? They are deciduous trees with large maple leaves. Leaves can vary in colour but are most commonly green or dark red.



Norway Maple Leaf

Norway maples are commonly planted in urban areas, due to their large canopies and their aesthetic qualities, however they have very brittle branches that commonly break off in the wind. The crimson maple is a variety of Norway maple with dark red leaves. Due to the red colour of its leaves the crimson maple is often mistaken as a red maple, which is a native species.

Despite its attractive qualities, Norway maples pose a real threat to native biodiversity. Norway maples are fast growing with a densely packed and shaded canopy. They can outcompete native wildlife with a widespread network of shallow roots that emit chemicals toxic to other species. In extreme cases, the lack of ground vegetation can be so strong that soils begin to erode. Although this may not be a big concern in urban areas, once these trees access wild areas, they can take over rapidly through the spread of seedlings.

When planting a tree, it is important to do your research and know what you are planting before it goes in the ground. Make sure you are aware of the impacts that species may have and determine a management plan for your tree.

Think before you plant!

Upcoming Dates

July 17 - Asset Management

July 17 - Audit & Finance Committee

July 28 - Policy & Strategy Committee

July 31 - Police Advisory Board

July 31 - Council Meeting 7pm

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.

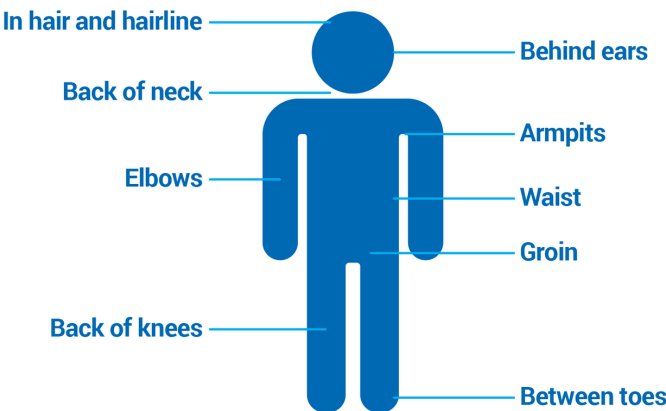


Tick Safety

Summer is here! We're all excited to get out and enjoy the warm weather but we need to remember that with the return of warm weather comes the return of ticks.

Nova Scotia has many types of ticks but the one of most concern for the spread of Lyme Disease is the blacklegged tick.

Blacklegged ticks are very small so it's important to be diligent about checking yourself and your pets whenever you've been spending time outdoors. Ticks like warm places on the body so be sure to check these areas:



You can also reduce your risk by:

- ✓ Wearing long pants and long sleeves in areas likely to have ticks
- ✓ Wear light coloured clothing (it's easier to see ticks)
- ✓ Wear enclosed shoes and tuck your pants into your socks
- ✓ Walk on well-travelled paths, avoiding long grass and vegetation
- ✓ Apply insect repellents containing Deet or Icaridin to exposed skin and clothes