



Congratulations!

Join us in congratulating Jenny Sandison, Mahone Bay's 2025 Representative Volunteer!

Jenny has been a dedicated force in our community for decades. In 1999, she helped establish the Mahone Bay Garden Club, which continues to care for the beautiful public gardens throughout our town. Since 2016, Jenny has served as the club's President, organizing the annual plant sale with proceeds going towards the ongoing beautification of Mahone Bay. In 2024, Jenny joined the Communities in Bloom initiative and played a significant role in Mahone Bay receiving the national award for Community Involvement—a testament to the hardworking volunteers in our community. Jenny also shares her talents with St. James Anglican Church, where she creates stunning floral arrangements using blooms from her own garden.

Thank you, Jenny, for your tireless work and commitment to making Mahone Bay a more beautiful place to live!

Time Limited Parking



In order to ensure that many people can visit businesses in the Town's Commercial Core in the run of a day and make drop off and pick ups safer at Bayview School, the Town has instituted parking limits on a section of Main Street (2 hour time limit) and on a section of Clearway Street (15 minute time limit). The 2 hour time limit in the Commercial Core will be in effect only during peak season.

Town & Chamber



Mayor Suzanne Lohnes-Croft and Chair Michael Broley of the Mahone Bay Tourism & Chamber of Commerce (MBTCC) have kicked off a series of "pop-ins," stopping by to greet and support our town's thriving business community. Recently, they caught up with Eilidh MacDonald of Pearl's Vintage & Thrift and Jennah Barry of Famous Town Pie Shop located at 16 Orchard Street. Stay tuned as the Mayor and Mike continue their visits to local favorites. You never know where they'll pop in next!

Edgewater Project & Accessibility

In 1987, driven by a dream of a world without barriers where people of all ages can achieve their full potential, Rick Hansen



and his team wheeled through 34 countries sparking a global movement to create a world accessible to everyone. Inspired by Rick's journey, 39-years ago Nova Scotia was the first province in Canada to champion Access Awareness Week.

Enhancing accessibility is a priority for Mahone Bay and the Edgewater Project is inclusive by design. With major accessibility infrastructure upgrades, the Edgewater Project includes an installation of a paved multi-use coastal trail with new lighting and underground power to accessible green spaces, picnic and parking areas. The Town is also moving ahead with renovations to the Edgewater Street Public washrooms to modernize and further improve accessibility. Mahone Bay is building community by creating access for all.

Budget Update



THE BUDGET IS ON ITS WAY

We're almost at the end of this year's budget process. Your Town Council has now finished five budget meetings, more than 15 hours in total, and the final version of the draft budget will be reviewed at the regular Council meeting on June 10th. These meetings are available to watch on the Town's YouTube channel.

Council has been focused on developing operating and capital budgets for the Town, as well as the Water Utility and Electrical Utility. These budgets help show where we are financially and where we're heading in the future.

"The budget process has been informative and rigorous, and we believe it's led to a solid, forward-looking plan for our town. This year's budget also represents more than \$10 million in external funding secured by our team, a major investment in the future of our beautiful town and the improvements that matter most to our community," says Mayor Lohnes-Croft.

We've also been working closely with Town staff to make the budget documents clearer and easier to understand. We want the process to be as open and transparent as possible, and we expect to keep improving how we share this information with you in the years to come.

Thank you for staying informed!

Message from MBDFD

Our Mahone Bay & District Fire Department will be canvassing door to door for donations to the department during the evenings of June 23rd to the 25th.



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

If you or someone you know would still like a paper copy, copies will be available in a dispenser outside of Town Hall.

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Message from the MB Museum

Home & Garden Tour



Join us for a fun-filled weekend exploring the beautiful homes and gardens of Mahone Bay. Get inspired by the creativity and beauty of local historic architecture and landscaping. This year's tour is self-guided, offering you the flexibility to explore at your own pace and fully immerse yourself in the stunning properties across Mahone Bay.

Dates: Saturday, June 7th & Sunday, June 8th
Time: 10 am to 5 pm.

For more information please contact info@mahonebaymuseum.com or 902-624-6263.

Congratulations Class of 2025!

Congratulation to the class of 2025 from Mahone Bay Town Council and Staff!



Smile Cookie Campaign

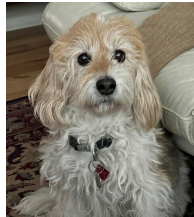


We're excited to announce that Mahone Bay's Tim Hortons Smile Cookie Campaign raised over \$3,900 this year!

The proceeds from this year's campaign will be donated to the Town's fundraising efforts for a new pool! Thank you to the Mahone Bay Tim Hortons and thank you to everyone who bought Smile Cookies!

Dog Tags

Does your pup have a dog tag? 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).

Purple Week Begins



June marks the beginning of purple week for the summer.

During purple week (check your solid waste calendar) you can put your composter out for collection every week on collection day. You can also put out paper leaf collection bags and bundles of twigs.

Upcoming Dates



June 10 - Council Meeting 9am
June 11 – Heritage Advisory Committee
June 13 - Cemetery Committee
June 19 - Asset Management Committee
June 23 - Policy & Strategy Committee
June 26 - Council Meeting 7pm

Invasive Species Corner



Hemlock Woolly Adelgid or HWA, is a small aphid-like insect that causes the decline and death of Eastern Hemlock trees. They lay clusters of eggs in

white woolly sacs. Eastern Hemlock trees are native to eastern North America and are a dominant species that are found in old growth forests. They are one of the longest-lived trees in our part of the world and can live up to 800 years.

HWA kills the tree by feeding on the base of the needles, which results in needle loss, foliage thinning and tree death. They can kill a hemlock tree within just 4 years of initial contact and have a 90-95% mortality rate. Although the insect has not yet been found officially within the town, it is in Bridgewater.

The Town recently had hemlock trees in Park Cemetery and Jubilee Park treated so that they are protected from the pest. It is recommended that those who have hemlocks and who wish to retain them, get their hemlocks assessed and treated as soon as possible.

For more information, contact Lauren Clark at climate@townofmahonebay.ca



Tree Donations



Have you seen the 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. Contact Town Hall to learn more.

Stormwater Management Bylaw

Did you know that Mahone Bay has a new Stormwater Management By-law? Residents can review regulations regarding the management of stormwater on private and public properties to prevent flooding, environmental harm, and disruption to the town's drainage systems. We encourage all residents to take a look when they get the chance! The bylaw can be found on the Town's website. There are many simple steps homeowners can take to protect their homes against flooding, including the removal of debris from storm drains, culverts and eavestroughs. Consider adding a rain barrel or extending your downspouts.



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—thanks for pitching in!



Have you registered for CodeRED, the Town of Mahone Bay's mass notification system? You can register by clicking the CodeRED link on the home page of the Town's website or by contacting Town Hall.

Associations, Boards & Commissions

You can make a difference!



The Province of Nova Scotia has over 150 ways to volunteer, join an agency, board, or commission which allows you to help shape our province while supporting what matters to you. Applications are now open. To learn more and apply, visit novascotia.ca/abc or call 1- 866-206-6844.

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

FireSmart Info Session

Residents are invited to the Community Room in the Fire Hall on Tuesday June 24th at 7pm for a community information session about wildfire prevention with Ken Cox, the Nova Scotia Wildfire Prevention Officer and community member Craig Stewart.



Elder Abuse Awareness Day



CANADIAN NETWORK for the PREVENTION of ELDER ABUSE

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is marked each year on

June 15th and is internationally recognized by the UN, acknowledging the significance of elder abuse as a public health and human rights issue.

To educate yourself on elder abuse and find resources, visit the Canadian Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse at www.cnpea.ca