

Town Hall News



Get on Board!

The Town of Mahone Bay is excited to launch



THE
EDGEWATER
PROJECT

Get On Board Mahone Bay, a new online community hub designed to keep you connected and informed about upcoming initiatives.

Learn more on the Edgewater Project page at getonboardmahonebay.ca/edgewater-project. Here you'll find background details, the latest project updates, and answers to frequently asked questions. You can also explore a project timeline, share your ideas, and join discussions on key topics.

This site is your go-to place to stay involved, ask questions, and help shape the future of Mahone Bay.

Scarecrow Festival



Mayor Suzanne Lohnes-Croft popped in on Chair of the Festivals Committee Sylvia Jackson, who shared a peek behind the scenes at the

workshop where the magic happens!

Thanks to the creativity and dedication of so many incredible volunteers, hundreds of life-size scarecrows will line the streets and shopfronts of Mahone Bay between September 26 and October 13.

Edgewater construction pauses on weekends so the festival can shine! Churches and waterfront parking lots will stay accessible, and traffic will return to two-way on weekends. Don't miss this beloved Mahone Bay tradition.

Digital Town Hall News



Town Hall News is now fully digital! This decision has been made for fiscal and environmental reasons.

September was the last month that the Newsletter was printed and mailed. To sign up for the digital version of Town Hall News, visit the home 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 are available at Town Hall.

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CodeRED

With all of the emergencies that have been happening in Nova Scotia and beyond, we thought this would be a good time to

remind all Mahone Bay residents of the importance of signing up for CodeRED, the Town's mass alert system.

The free service allows us to get emergency messages out into the community. You can register by clicking the CodeRED link on the home page of the Town's website, or call Town Hall and we can register you.



Tree Planting Project



You may have noticed some signs up around Town in the last few weeks, that mark future planting locations, where trees will be planted, or existing tree species that we are planting more of in the future.

This project aims to increase the diversity of species and number of trees in town, as part of our urban forest management efforts. In the past couple of weeks stumps have been ground, and we've begun the fall planting of trees. This fall planting is just the beginning! We will be doing more tree planting in the spring and hope to launch a public engagement platform specific to our Urban Forest soon. In the meantime, if you have any suggestions for street trees, locations where you think trees are needed, or any comments about this exciting project, feel free to send them to climate@townofmahonebay.ca

This project is supported by funding from Growing Canada's Community Canopies, an initiative financed by the Government of Canada and administered by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

Electronics Collection

October 6th is a special solid waste collection day. On that day you can put out electronic devices for curbside collection. To find out more about special collection dates, please read the Town of Mahone Bay's Solid Waste Management By-law here, www.townofmahonebay.ca/by-laws--policies



Can we See your Meter?



Please ensure that your power and water meters are unobstructed so that staff have safe access to read and/or maintain your meter.

Fire Prevention Week



Fire Prevention week is October 5th to 11th.

This year's theme is "Charge Into Fire Safety: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home".

Any lithium-ion battery can become a fire hazard if not charged and disposed of safely. Always use the charger that came with the device or one approved by the manufacturer and always dispose of spent lithium-ion batteries properly. Spent batteries can be dropped off at Town Hall for recycling.

ABC's

You can make a difference!
Join a provincial agency,
board or commission.



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. The deadline for adjudicative applications is Tuesday, October 21, 2025, applications for non-adjudicative applications are accepted throughout the year. To learn more and apply, visit novascotia.ca/abc or call 1- 866-206-6844.

Connecting with the Town

Do you have a question for the Town? The first contact is always the main desk at 902-624-8327 or email us at inquiries@townofmahonebay.ca



The staff that respond to queries have the best information to connect you with the right person and/or service. If you don't get an answer that means that all lines are busy but please leave a message and you will receive a response as soon as possible.

Mi'kmaw History Month

October is Mi'kmaw History Month. This year's theme is A'tukwemk aq A'tukowinu'k - Storytelling and Storytellers.



This theme celebrates the power of stories in Mi'kma'kik—stories shaped by the land and waters, carried through generations, and alive with laughter, teaching, and truth. Storytelling remains a living record of Mi'kmaw science, history, and values, connecting people to each other and to the ancestors who came before.

To learn more about Mi'kmaw History Month, visit mikmaghistorymonth.ca.

Resilience of Local Businesses



This September, Edgewater from Parish to Main reopened with a fresh basecoat of asphalt and upgraded sidewalks. Storefronts have been dusted

and Edgewater's shops are ready to welcome you: Please support the local businesses on this stretch and at Kedy's Landing that stayed resilient throughout summer construction!

Underground water upgrades continue between Parish and Clearland Road, with a final topcoat of asphalt planned for all of Edgewater once the project is complete.

Upcoming Dates

October 6 - Special Collection (electronics)
October 8 - Heritage Advisory Committee
October 13 - Office Closed (Thanksgiving)
October 14 - Council Meeting (9am)
October 16 - Asset Management Committee
October 27 - Policy & Strategy Committee
October 30 - Police Advisory Board
October 30 - Council Meeting (7pm)

Volunteer Summit

Join other local volunteers for a day of interactive work-shops and group sessions, keynote speaker, networking opportunities, lunch, door prizes and a chance to win \$500 for your organization!

When? Saturday, November 8, 8:30am-4:00pm
Where? NSCC, Bridgewater

Visit www.modl.ca/volunteersummit.ca for more information. Questions? Call 902-275-3490 or email recreation@chester.ca.

Seeking Volunteer Treasurer



Since 1969, the Mahone Bay Pool has been where kids learn to swim, families make memories, and people of all

ages get in some exercise.

Each summer, our awesome student lifeguards and instructors bring the fun, but behind the scenes, the Pool Society needs a new Treasurer to keep things floating smoothly! Think you can handle the finances - budgets, records, statements, all that good stuff? We'd love to hear from you at projects@townofmahonebay.ca. Bonus: If being part of a fun, community-spirited volunteer Board isn't enough... how about a free summer swim membership for your household?

Shoreline Protection & Green Spaces

Shoreline upgrades are shaping a stronger, greener waterfront. New infill and embankment work is well



underway to protect the coastline and create a one kilometer raised trail linking Kedy's Landing to downtown. The Living Shoreline will extend the wildlife corridor along the water's edge. Soon you'll be able to stroll, roll, or cycle Mahone Bay's stunning harbour view! A community landscaping committee has provided Council with a landscaping plan for Edgewater with new and improved green spaces, with planting set for Spring 2026.





MANDATORY WATER RESTRICTION ORDER

Voluntary Conservation Measures Advance to Mandatory Water Restrictions Effective Immediately:

Because of very little rain and low water levels in the Oakland Lake watershed, and no substantial rain forecast to replenish our water supply, the Town of Mahone Bay is putting a mandatory water restriction in place for residents on Town water.

What is restricted:

- Using garden hoses or sprinklers to water lawns, flowers, or trees
- Bathing or washing pets outdoors
- Washing driveways, decks, siding, or vehicles
- Filling swimming pools or hot tubs

Exception: You may water edible gardens (with a watering can) between 6 p.m. and 8 a.m. when it will do the most good.

Anyone who breaks these rules may get a fine or have their water service suspended, in accordance with the Water Conservation Directives in the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board Orders for Mahone Bay.

Any questions or concerns, contact By-law Enforcement Officer, Alan McMullin:
alan.mcmullin@townofmahonebay.ca or phone 902-624-8327.

After two months of encouraging voluntary conservation, we haven't seen much change. We know that shifting habits can be hard and appreciate your cooperation. These restrictions stay in place until further notice.

SOME HOME-BASED MEASURES ALREADY PRACTICED BY COMMUNITIES ON WELLS ARE NOW REQUESTED OF THOSE ON MUNICIPAL SERVICES ACROSS NOVA SCOTIA:

- If it's yellow, let it mellow. Each flush can use 6–26 L of water, depending on your toilet.
- Shorten your showers. Reduce how often and how long you shower.
- Turn off the tap when not in use. For example, when brushing teeth, shaving, or washing your face.
- Wash only full loads of laundry and dishes.

Stay up to date on Mandatory Water Restrictions by signing up for CodeRED. Visit the home page at townofmahonebay.ca to sign up today!