

Town Hall News



Message from the Mayor

Welcome to the first edition of Town Hall News!

A new Council and a new name for the monthly newsletter, which will evolve into what the new Council hopes will be part of an improved communication plan. You will notice changes which will develop over the next few months. During our first Policy & Strategy Committee meeting, there was consensus among Council members that the monthly newsletter should be representative of the extensive work that filters out from Town Hall.

This work is carried out by the capable administration, managers and staff at Town Hall and our facilities, by the direction of Council, through discussions, debate at regular meetings and recommendations from Standing Committees and external appointment committees. Staff are our indispensable partners, there to provide professional assistance and frank and fearless advice to help us make informed decisions that will benefit our community.

Since the recent Municipal Election, Council has been busy with orientations, numerous briefings, and facility tours, organized by Town administration and managers. There also was Department of Municipal Affairs training in Halifax and several regional orientations with other local municipal leaders.

I am excited about this new Council Term and thank everyone who attended the swearing in ceremony in person or virtually.

I am honoured to serve my hometown, as the second woman Mayor, and the third generation of my family to serve since the Town was incorporated. I make only one promise, and that is to do my best and for the greater good. I truly want Mahone Bay to be my forever town and yours, too. Mayors have many jobs to execute, no one person can do it all and I am fortunate to have an enthusiastic Deputy Mayor and Council to work with.

I would like to extend a very sincere congratulations and warm welcome to the three new Elected Members: Colin Kingsmill, Rebecca Twanow and Bryan Palfreyman. I look forward to your energy, enthusiasm, and fresh ideas in the Council Chamber.

A warm welcome also to the returning members: Penny Carver, Kelly Wilson and Joe Feeney. I look to your help, providing the leadership, support and guidance that is needed to continue having a cohesive and functioning Council.

Together we will strive to find common ground on the important issues facing our town, knowing that no one person can do it all and no one person knows it all. It's clear from our team building times during the council orientation sessions that we have elected members who are not afraid to roll up their sleeves and do the hard work that is required to get the results they want.

When Council succeeds, our community succeeds.

Mayor Suzanne

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Additional Committees

Council has reviewed the Town's various committees and has reinstated the Cemetery Committee and Planning Advisory Committee. Council will continue to consider opportunities to improve public participation in the Town's planning processes.

Cemetery Committee

The Cemetery Committee oversees the management of Park Cemetery and Bayview Cemetery.

Preference will be given to applicants with family members interred in Park Cemetery and/or Bayview Cemetery.

The committee generally meets quarterly, or as needed, in the daytime.

Planning Advisory Committee



As per the Municipal Government Act, the Planning Advisory Committee makes recommendations to Council on specific planning matters, such as applications for Development Agreements or amendments to planning documents. This committee works with Planning staff to review planning matters, if required, in relation to the Town's Land Use By-law and Municipal Planning Strategy.

This committee meets only when required.

Thank you!

Thank you to all the hard working volunteers who bring us our beautiful Father Christmas Festival!



Upcoming Dates

Dec 10 - Regular Council Meeting
Dec 16 - Policy & Strategy Committee
Dec 24 - Jan 2 - Office Closed

Invitation to Serve

The Town of Mahone Bay invites volunteers to serve on Committees of Council as part of our commitment to engage the community in the governance of Mahone Bay.



Why Join a Committee of Council?

- An opportunity to voice your opinions in decisions affecting your community
- Better understanding of Town operations
- Meeting like-minded people
- Make a difference in your community

What is required to be a committee volunteer?

- Regular meeting attendance
- Reading meeting packages
- Being prepared to ask questions
- Being prepared to volunteer ideas
- Willingness to share the skills and experience you have that align with committee goals/priorities

We are currently recruiting for all Town Committees and Boards as well as one external appointment:

- Asset Management Committee
- Audit & Finance Committee
- Cemetery Committee
- Climate & Environment Advisory Committee
- Planning Advisory Committee
- Police Advisory Board
- Watershed Advisory Committee
- Heritage Advisory Committee
- South Shore Public Library Board

To learn more about Town Committees and fill out an application to serve, please visit the Committees page at townofmahonebay.ca. Please direct any questions to Kelly Munroe, Town Clerk, clerk@townofmahonebay.ca or call 902-624-8327.

Natural Christmas Tree Collection

Natural Christmas tree and greenery collection will be held on Monday, January 13th.

Once again the natural greenery from Mahone Bay will be delivered to a local farm where they will provide shelter, food and recreation for the animals.

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.



2025 Dog Tags

Introducing sweet Sal, the Town of Mahone Bay's 2025 dog tag model! Sal wants to let you know that we now have our 2025 dog tags available at Town Hall.



It is mandatory in Mahone Bay to register your dog each year. Registering your dog annually ensures that we have the most up-to-date information in case we ever need to get your pooch back home.

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).

Planned Power Outage

There will be a planned power outage beginning Saturday, December 7th starting at 11pm and ending 7am Sunday morning.



This Nova Scotia Power outage is necessary so that they can carry out repairs on the Martins Brook substation.

As with all power outages please reduce your use of water and associated production of wastewater as much as possible while the power is out.

Shop Local This Holiday Season

The holidays are just around the corner, and the Town of Mahone Bay would like to encourage and remind residents of the importance of shopping locally!



By shopping locally you are not only supporting a neighbour but 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 Parking



Winter weather is here and we want to remind you that 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 the owner's expense.

Food Bank

We are now collecting items for the Mahone Bay & Area Food Bank at Town Hall. Bring in your non-perishable items to help local families over the holidays.



Reindeer Run



Saturday December 7th at 6pm.

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.

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

Main Street will be closed between 5:45pm and 6:45pm. Traffic will be re-routed around Main Street during this time.

Connecting with the Town

Do you have a question for the Town?

The first contact is always the main desk at 902-624-8327, email 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 phone and don't get an answer that means all lines are busy, please leave a message and you will receive a response as soon as possible.



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.

Off Highway Vehicles



A reminder that it is illegal to drive off highway vehicles on any street within the Town of Mahone Bay limits.

Call the RCMP to report off highway vehicles observed on Town streets, 902-634-8674.

Winter Preparedness

As winter weather approaches, we should all take some time to think about 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 to check out this great local resource.

Message from Festivals of Mahone Bay

The Festivals of Mahone Bay invite you to pick up your Father Christmas Holiday guide at local businesses.



New Year's Levee



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

Plow it Forward

A neighbour may need your help this winter and your act of kindness could save a life. Volunteer to shovel as an individual, family, or friend.

Knock on your neighbour's door and spread some care and compassion in your community.



Battery Recycling



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

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

Asset Donation Program



Have you seen the new 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.