



TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA

May 11, 2021

7:00 p.m.

YouTube Live

Call to Order

1 Approval of Agenda

2 Minutes

2.1 Regular Meeting – April 29, 2021

3 Presentations

3.1 John Davis, Clean Ocean Action Committee – Georges Bank Moratorium

4 Correspondence – Action Items

4.1 Sue Bookchin and Derek Wentzell – Concerns regarding Ernst Brook

4.2 Talking Trees and Concerned Citizens – Nursing home construction site

5 Correspondence – Information Items

5.1 Mayor Amanda McDougall, NSFM – 12 Months' notice from the Province

5.2 Erin Donovan – Concerns regarding nursing home build

5.3 NSFM – Monday Memo – May 3, 2021

6 Staff Reports

6.1 Staff Report to Council – May 11, 2021

6.2 Staff Report – PAA Pilot Project

6.3 Staff Report - Draft Wildlife Feeding By-law

6.4 Report of the Clerk – Draft Town of Mahone Bay 2021 – 2025 Strategic Plan

6.5 Staff Report – Fairmont Service Extension

6.6 Staff Report – Plan Mahone Bay Engagement Phase 2

6.7 Staff Report – Water System Losses

7 Council Items

7.1 Councillor Carver – Trees at Mahone Nursing Home Build

8 Committee Reports

8.1 Heritage Advisory Committee – Draft Minutes – April 14, 2021

8.2 Policy & Strategy Committee – Draft Minutes – April 26, 2021

8.3 Police Advisory Board – Draft Minutes – April 29, 2021

8.3.a RCMP Quarterly Report Q4

8.2 Lunenburg County Senior Safety Monthly Report – April 2021


9 New Business

10 Closed Session

10.1 MGA 22(2)(a) - acquisition, sale, lease, and security of municipal property

10.2 MGA 22(2)(c) - personnel matters

10.3 MGA 22(2)(e) - contract negotiations



The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Thursday, April 29 at 7:00 p.m. via video conference and broadcast via YouTube live.

Present:

Mayor D. Devenne
Deputy Mayor F. Kangata
Councillor A. Burdick
Councillor P. Carver
Councillor J. Feeney
Councillor R. Nowe
Councillor K. Wilson
CAO, D. Heide
Town Clerk, M. Hughes

Gallery: online

Land Acknowledgement

Let us begin by acknowledging that we are gathered today in Mi'kma'ki. The ancestral, present and future territory of the Mi'kmaw people. Today, we gather with the intent followed by the living Peace and Friendship Treaties - with respect, cooperation and coexistence.

1. Agenda

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Nowe, "THAT the agenda be approved as presented." **Motion carried.**

2. Minutes

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Nowe, "THAT the minutes of the April 13, 2021 regular meeting of Council be approved as presented." **Motion carried.**

A motion by Councillor Burdick, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT the minutes of the April 19, 2021 special meeting of Council be approved as presented." **Motion carried.**

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Nowe, "THAT the minutes of the April 22, 2021 special meeting of Council be approved as presented." **Motion carried.**

3. Presentations

Chief Connor Veinot - MBDVFD

Mahone Bay and District Volunteer Fire Department Chief Connor Veinot presented the Department's Quarterly Report to Council. Chief Veinot noted that five members of the Department have recently been trained as Medical First Responders and that retired bunker gear has been donated to a fire department in Victoria County.

4. Correspondence – Action

No agenda items.

5. Correspondence – Information Items

5.1 NSFM – Monday Memo – April 12, 2021.

5.2 Jane Raeburn & Bob Youden, MADE for Nova Scotia – 544 Main Street.

5.3 NSFM – Monday Memo – April 19, 2021.

5.4 John Davis, Clean Ocean Action Committee – Georges Bank Moratorium.

5.5 AMANS/HRM – Federal Budget 2021/22 Briefing Note.

5.6 CAMA – Long Service Recognition Awards.

5.7 MB Legion Swing Band – Improvements at Michael O'Connor Memorial Bandstand.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Burdick, "THAT the Town of Mahone Bay send a letter of thanks to the Mahone Bay Legion Swing Band for their generous donation." Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Nowe, "THAT the letter from MADE for Nova Scotia be forwarded to the membership of the Town of Mahone Bay Planning Advisory Committee for their information." Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Wilson, "THAT a letter of congratulations be written to recognize Mr. Heide's ten years' service as a Chief Administrative Officer." Motion carried.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Burdick, "THAT MADE for Nova Scotia be invited to brief Council on their plans in respect to affordable housing in an open discussion." Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Feeney, "THAT the correspondence, numbered 5.1 – 5.7 be received and filed." Motion carried.

6. Staff Reports

6.1 Council Report

Council received the Staff Report for April 29, 2021.

A motion by Councillor Burdick, seconded by Councillor Feeney, "THAT Council receive the Staff Report for April 29, 2021 as presented." Motion carried.

7. Council Items

7.1 2021 COVID-19 Staff Appreciation Day

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Burdick, "THAT Council write a letter to each member of staff to thank them for their service to the citizens of Mahone Bay during the pandemic, and that staff be given a day off in appreciation."

Motion carried.

8. Committee Reports

8.1 Asset Management Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the April 22, 2021 meeting of the Asset Management Committee.

9. New Business

No agenda items.

10. Closed Session

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Councillor Feeney, at 7:59 pm to go into Closed Session to discuss personnel matters and contract negotiations as permitted by the Municipal Government Act section 22(2)(a) and (e) respectively.

Motion carried.

Council returned to open session at 9:29 pm.

Business Arising from Closed Session

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Wilson, “THAT Council approve the change order respecting lockers as a component of the Fire Station project.”

Motion carried.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Nowe, “THAT Council approve the proposed gravel treatment for Area B at the parking lot next to the new Fire Station.”

Motion carried.

Council adjourned upon motion at 9:32 pm.

TOWN OF MAHONE BAY

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Mayor, David Devenne

Clerk, Maureen Hughes

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Clean Ocean Action Committee

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February 24, 2021

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Re: the upcoming review of the Georges Bank Moratorium

Good Day, Mayor Devenne,

We are writing to request your assistance in securing the critically important renewal of the Moratorium on oil and gas exploration on Georges Bank. The decision on whether the Moratorium will be renewed is to be made by December of 2022 but the review process is now being defined in both Halifax and Ottawa and the oil and gas industry already has lobbyists working. Much will be happening over the next 18 to 20 months and we need to have our views forcefully presented as the Georges Bank Moratorium review process is being defined.

Since the first moratorium in 1987 Georges Bank has generated billions of dollars in Lobster, Scallop and Groundfish landings. It is an economic mainstay which we cannot allow to be put at risk. The Bank remains the most important spawning, nursery and fishing ground and the solely most important economic generator for our coastal communities on the South and South Western Shores.

The fact that Georges Bank is the richest, multi-species fishing ground in North America is no accident. A strong clockwise circular current or Gyre surrounds the Bank holding fish spawn, larval lobster and scallop, along with important nutrients safely up on the shallow water of the Bank. At the same time the slow moving Labrador current moving Southwest at the base of the Scotian Shelf enters the deep canyons on the Northeast of the Bank creating an upwelling of cold water which mixes nutrients vertically in the water column. These important attributes,

which make Georges so productive, also make the Bank exceedingly susceptible to hydrocarbon pollution. We cannot allow even small amounts of oil to be spilled on Georges, the impacts would be disastrous. Below is a table showing spawning times by species on Georges Bank.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Cod	•	•	•	•	•	•						
Haddock		•	•	•	•	•						
Pollock	•	•	•							•	•	•
Winter Flounder			•	•	•	•						
Yellowtail Flounder			•	•	•	•						
Hallbut	•	•	•	•	•	•						
Red Hake					•	•	•	•				
Silver Hake					•	•	•	•	•	•		
Atlantic Mackerel				•	•	•	•					
Skate	•					•	•			•	•	•
Sea Scallop							•	•	•	•		
Cusk			•	•	•	•						
Lobster						•	•	•	•	•		

SOURCE: Adapted from Minerals Management Service, 1983

There is no time or place for an oil spill on the Bank and it falls to us to make certain that it is protected and that the Moratorium is continued.

There are two additional points that should be noted. The first is that Georges Bank is not a deep water "Offshore" play which requires expensive semi-submersible rigs and 2,000 meters of drill depth. Georges is shallow water, with drill sites at 5 to 60 meters in depth. Here you can use much less expensive "Jack Up" platforms.

The second point is that oil prices have rebounded dramatically since their low point in March and prices are expected to continue to rise. Prices are now in the \$55 per barrel range. Georges would be exceedingly profitable at that price.

We have two requests:

1. That a letter go from Council to:

Emily Lutz, President
 Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities
 1809 Barrington Street, Suite 1304
 Halifax, Nova Scotia
 B3J 3K8

councillor.lutz@countyofkings.ca;

Requesting that the Federation of Nova Scotia Municipalities consider and pass the following resolution at their next annual meeting:

Renewal of Georges Bank Offshore Oil & Gas Exploration and Drilling Moratorium

Whereas:

- 1. The renewable fishery resources on Georges Bank are critically important to the social and economic wellbeing of Nova Scotia's coastal communities.*
- 2. Georges Bank has strong and persistent circular currents and persistent upwelling in the water column which make the Bank remarkably biologically productive but which also make the Bank much more susceptible to hydrocarbon pollution*
- 3. Georges Bank is vitally important to the seafood industry, being the largest private sector employer in the Province of Nova Scotia, generating more than 25,000 direct jobs and over 2 billion dollars in exported value each year,*
- 4. The moratorium on exploration and drilling for oil and gas on Georges Bank is due to expire on December 31, 2022;*

And Whereas:

The Minister of Energy and Mines is on record as stating that the Province intends to extend the moratorium beyond 2022;

The Federation of Nova Scotia Municipalities stands in support of Extending the Moratorium on oil and gas exploration on Georges Bank for a further period of at least ten full years, namely, December 31, 2032, if not permanently.

2. That letters go out to:

The Honorable Chuck Porter, Minister
Nova Scotia Energy and Mines
Joseph Howe Building
1690 Hollis Street
PO Box 2664

Halifax, NS B3J 3P7
Canada
Telephone 902-424-4575
Email enerinfo@novascotia.ca

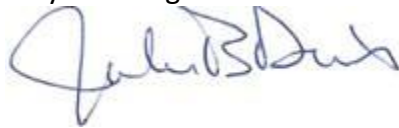
The Honorable Seamus O'Regan, Minister
Department of Natural Resources
580 Booth Street, 18th Floor
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0E4
1-855-525-9293
Seamus.OREgan@parl.gc.ca

These men head up the Federal and Provincial Departments that have jurisdiction over the Georges Bank Moratorium and the upcoming review. These letters would simply state your councils ongoing and unwavering support for the continuation of the Moratorium, would request information on the scale and scope of the Georges Bank review process and would request information about how your council can participate in the review process.

We realize that Councils carry a heavy work load but we, as your constituents, believe that this is an issue that must be addressed.

Thank you for your work on this critically important task.

Very Best Regards



John Davis, Director
Clean Ocean Action Committee
Co-Chair, Offshore Alliance

The Offshore Alliance is a consortium of 18 fisheries groups and environmental NGO's concerned about the well being of our fishery and tourism industries in the face of offshore oil and gas development on the Scotian Shelf. Our Group has been in discussion with many Nova Scotian municipal units on this critically important issue. There are now twelve Nova Scotian towns and municipalities that have called on our provincial and federal governments to hold a full public inquiry on the risks and impacts of offshore oil and gas exploration and extraction so that fully informed and rational decisions can be made.





Notes for a Presentation to the Mahone Bay Town Council

Oil drilling, Georges Bank and the Scotian Shelf

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Georges Bank: The Fishing Industry and Coastal Community Response

Georges Bank has supported the coastal communities and fishing industry on Nova Scotia's South and Southwestern Shores for over 300 years. The Bank is the main nursery for all of the important commercial species that form the backbone of our coastal economy. Since 1988 Georges Bank has been protected by a moratorium on drilling for offshore oil and gas. This moratorium is in place only because the fishing industry, both harvesters and processors, along with leaders from our many coastal communities fought both the Federal and Provincial Governments to see that this critically important renewable resource was protected from the inherent dangers presented by the oil and gas industry.

The fact that Georges Bank is the richest, multi-species fishing ground in North America is no accident. A strong clockwise circular current or Gyre surrounds the Bank holding fish spawn, larval lobster and scallop, along with important nutrients safely up on the shallow water of the Bank. At the same time the slow Labrador Current moving Southwest at the base of the Scotian Shelf crosses the Northeast Passage and enters the deep canyons on the Northeast nose of the Bank creating an upwelling of cold ocean water which mixes nutrients vertically in the water column. These important attributes, which make Georges so productive, also make the Bank exceedingly susceptible to hydrocarbon pollution. We cannot allow even small amounts of oil to be spilled on Georges as the impacts would be disastrous and immitigable. It is important to note that there is not a time during the full 12 months of the calendar year when spawn from important commercial species is not circulating on the Bank. There is no time or place for an oil spill and it falls to us to make certain that the Bank is protected and that the Moratorium is continued.

It would behoove our Provincial Government to begin to consider Nova Scotia's supply of renewable "Protein Energy" as an asset of increasing value and importance. Nova Scotia is uniquely positioned to provide the high quality protein energy that both local and international markets demand. The world absolutely requires an increase in high quality Protein Energy. What the world does not require is increasing the supply hydrocarbons to burn as fossil fuels.

A forward thinking Provincial Energy Department might, today, be consulting with our Fisheries Minister searching for ways to increase our output of high quality, value added, protein energy for world consumption other than attempting to increase the world supply of fossil fuels.

There is no doubt that the ongoing interest and vigilance of our coastal Towns and Municipalities in protecting Georges Bank and the Scotian Shelf continues to be a critical element of the Banks survival as supplier of renewable energy.

**The following notes are broken into two sections: the "Local Threat"
& the "Global Threat"**

“THE LOCAL THREAT”

The oil industry is incapable of cleaning up an offshore oil spill. The regulators at the Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board knows this to be true and take no action.

- A report titled, “Characteristics of Response Strategies” published by
- The American Petroleum Institute, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the U.S. Coast Guard and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency makes the following statements when discussing oil spill containment booms;
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- “Boom Effectiveness drops significantly because of entrainment and/or splash-over as short- period WAVES develop beyond 2 to 3 feet (0.6 to 0.9 METERS) in HEIGHT.
- Containment and recovery decrease rapidly as slick thicknesses drop below a thousandth of an inch (i.e., very low oil encounter rates).”
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- In a separate report prepared for the U.S. Department of Transportation, the United States Coast Guard, Marine Safety and Environmental, titled,
- Field Guide Oil Spill Response in Fast Currents
- section 3.3 states;
- “Oil will be lost under a boom when the current exceeds about .75 knots. This value is independent of boom skirt depth. Wind loads are not significant in high-current areas but the loads created by wind-induced currents can affect the equipment performance so the effect of the wind must be included.”

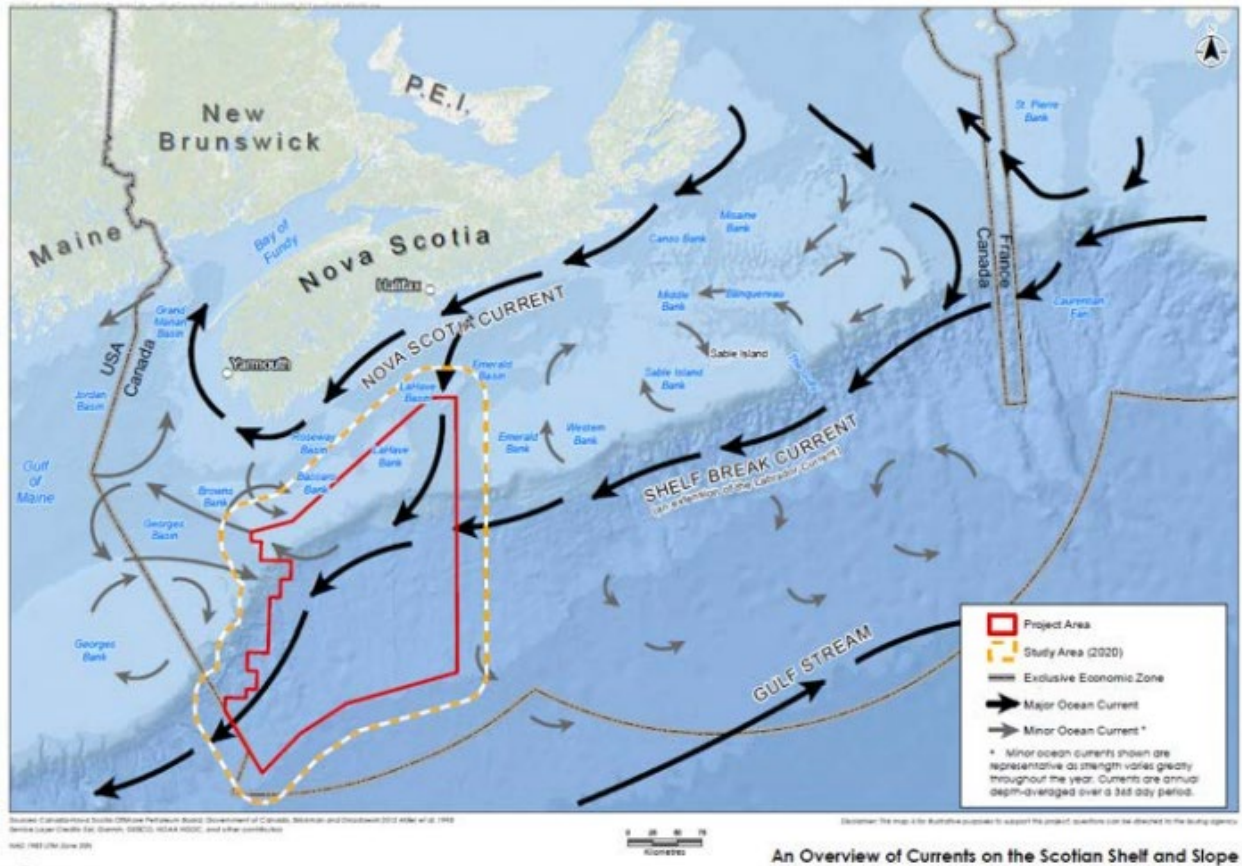
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The table below is directly from the Stantec Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA), March 2021, created for the Canada Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board (CNSOPB) to help justify their recent lease offerings.

Please note the Mean Wave height: At no time is the mean wave height within the required parameters for offshore oil spill cleanup and removal.

Table 3.2 Minimum, Maximum, Mean and Standard Deviation of Significant Wave Height at Grid Point 6001526 by Season(1954-2018)

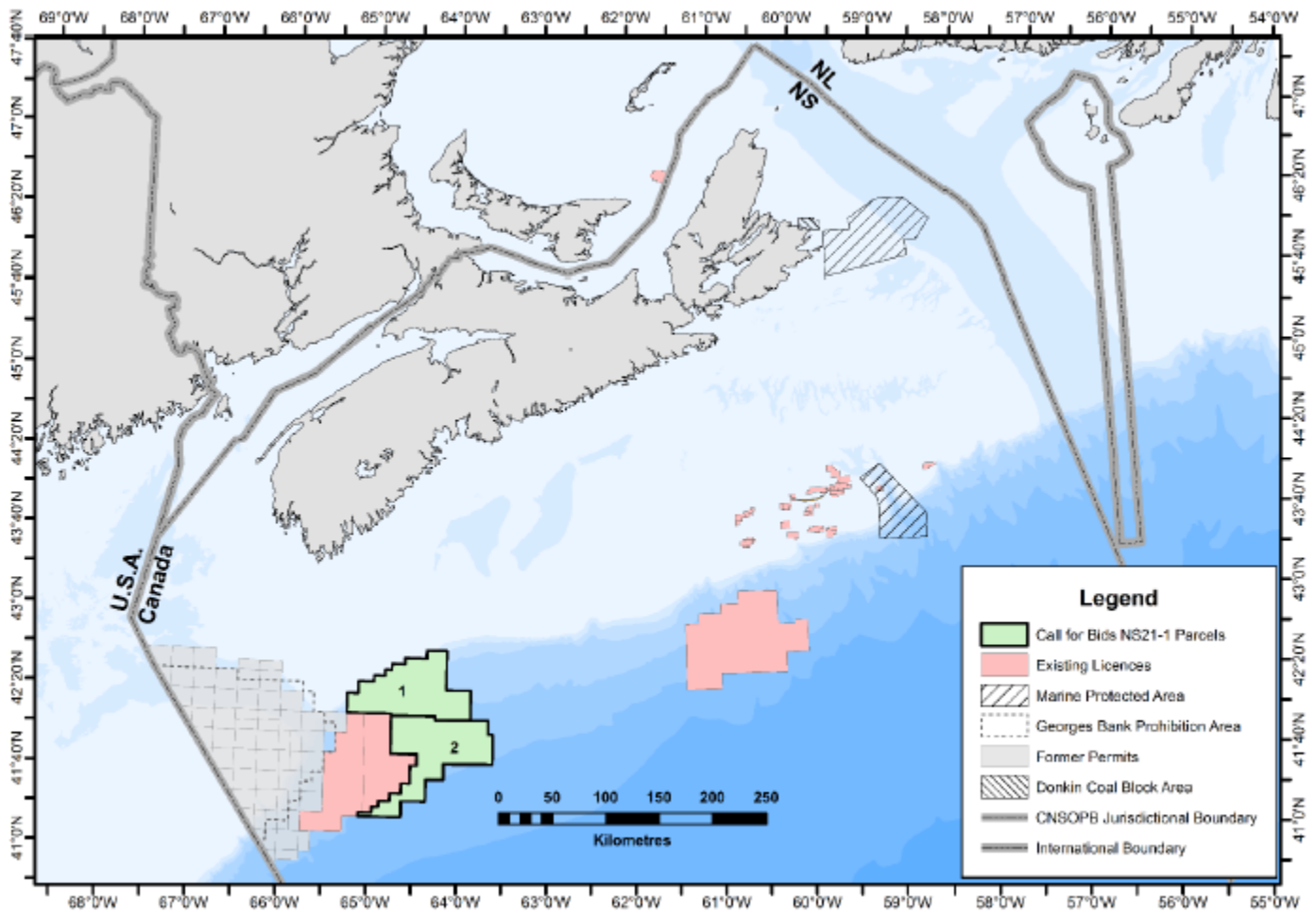
Season	Minimum Wave Height (m)	Maximum Wave Height (m)	Mean Wave Height (m)	Standard Deviation (m)
Winter (Dec – Feb)	0.54	12.79	3.09	1.46
Spring (Mar – May)	0.370	15.28	2.37	1.31
Summer (Jun – Aug)	0.45	14.93	1.46	0.62
Fall (Sep – Nov)	0.45	14.54	2.72	1.19



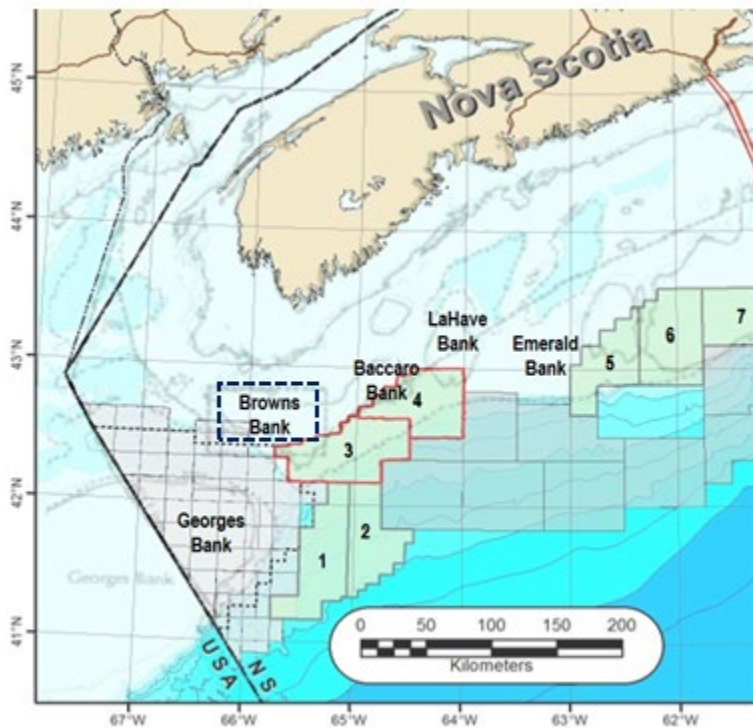
Above, from the same Stantec report are the Scotian Shelf currents. There is no time when currents fall below .75 knots and the Bay of Fundy tides are immensely strong. You will note in the chart above the red outlined area. This is the area covered by the Stantec environmental assessment.

Stantec neglects to mention in their report that the “Shelf Break Current” (The Labrador Current) flows along the base of the Scotian Slope, moves through the two lease sites and crosses the Northeast Channel. The current then collides with the deep canyons on the nose of Georges Bank. This collision causes the upwelling of cold ocean water which mixes nutrients on the Bank vertically in the water column. It is a critically important element of the Bank’s biological richness, mixing oil into that current would be an immitigated disaster for Georges Bank.

Directly below is a chart of the two sites in CNSOPB’s latest lease offering. Below that chart is a chart showing the lease offerings made in 2015. You will note that site number “1” encompasses most of what was site “3” in 2015. In 2015 COAC requested that site “3” be removed from all future lease offerings because it endangered both Georges Bank and LFA 40 (LFA 40, on Browns Bank, is the only DFO protected lobster spawning site on the Scotian Shelf). It is no accident that both site 1 and 2 sit on the Atlantic Conjugate Margin and that this offering relates directly to the upcoming Morocco Oil Industry Conference.



NS21-1 Lease sites



CNSOPB lease site offerings 2015

The Stantec Strategic Environmental Assessment Report is insufficient and misleading.

The report leaves out significant information and purposefully downplays the potential dangers of a spill. The report does not mention:

1. The fact that the oil industry does not have the capacity to clean up an offshore oil spill.
2. The fact that the currents and tides on the drill site will easily and quickly move an oil slick outside of their "Assessment" area to critically important fishing and nursery grounds.
3. The fact other oil spill responses such as "In situ" burning of surface oil is also impossible in the existing offshore tides and currents and sea states.

In reality, the oil industry has only two options in dealing with an oil spill on Georges Bank or on the Scotian Shelf.

1. **Natural Attenuation:** this option is simply to ignore the spill and continue on with operations. This might sound like a radical option but this was the chosen response to the Husky Oil, White Rose spill. The Canada Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board had no issue with that decision. The White Rose spill was over 250,000 liters, the largest in NFDL history.
2. **The use of chemical dispersants** to break up the oil spill and make the oil slick conveniently disappear below the waves.

The oil industry is fully aware that they have never spent the time or money to create a functional process that would actually clean up and remove an offshore oil spill. This fact does,

However, leave them with a problem and that is that the regulations state that they must have an oil spill cleanup plan in order to proceed with drilling. Since the industry has decided that it would be too troublesome and expensive to actually clean up an offshore spill, they have spent their time, energy and \$millions of dollars on the highly cynical process of convincing the CNSOPB and other regulators that spraying and ejecting chemical dispersants on an oil spill is somehow equivalent to actually cleaning the spill up.

It is important to understand that in the U.S., NOAA and 16 additional U.S. government departments and agencies list dispersants as a “contaminant.” They do so for good reasons. Dispersant-based chemicals persist in the environment, but the real problem is that dispersants act as a vector, a delivery system, for the highly toxic polyaromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) in the oil, allowing these toxins to have much greater negative impact. Once the dispersant and the spilled oil are mixed in an aqueous environment the emulsifiers in the dispersant breaks down the oil into tiny micro-droplets. This greatly increases the surface area of the oil and makes the toxins much more available to all aquatic life forms. These tiny droplets also stay in the water column much longer than un-dispersed oil allowing them to contaminate a much larger area of ocean. The same emulsifiers also break down, ‘Lipids,’ the proteins which make up the cell walls. This allows the toxins in the oil direct access into the cells of our important commercial species.

Dr. Terry Snell, chair of the school of biology at Georgia Tech and Dr. Samantha Joye, professor at the University of Georgia have been studying dispersant laced oil since the Deepwater Horizon disaster in 2010. They state unequivocally that,

“When commercial fisheries are at risk from hydrocarbon pollution, the use of dispersants is not an advantage. Dispersant use would, in fact, be a disadvantage in trying to protect commercial fish stocks or shellfish species from the toxic impacts of hydrocarbon pollution.”

These facts are well established in the greater scientific community but have apparently escaped the attention of our regulators. The CNSOPB refuses to recognize the scientific reality which states that in order to understand the massively toxic impact of dispersants you must study, not dispersants alone, but dispersant laced oil in an aqueous environment. Instead, they cling to the discredited data provided by Dr. Carl Brown’s work for Environment Canada which studied dispersants alone and CNSOPB continues to travel the shores of Nova Scotia misinforming Canadian citizens by telling them that Dispersant use is absolutely safe.

In the Fall of 2015 the Canadian Energy Pipeline Association (CEPA) and the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP) commissioned a Royal Society of Canada Expert Panel to investigate the impacts of oil in an aqueous environment.

The Scientists who made up the Royal Society Expert Panel looked carefully at the state of knowledge surrounding the use of dispersants. They made many important statements that were fully available to the CNSOPB and which should have informed their comments as they misled the communities of our South and Southwestern Shores about the safety of dispersants. Below is information available to the CNSOPB from a very conservative and highly respected group of scientists, information which CNSOPB continues to choose to ignore.

Page 162 Royal Society of Canada Report:

In older fish, dispersants may be endocrine disruptors. Nonylphenol ethoxylates, a common constituent, can degrade to nonylphenol, which interacts with the estrogen receptor of vertebrates.

Recommendation: Research is needed to determine whether dispersants and chemically-dispersed oil are endocrine disruptors in sexually-maturing fish in vivo.

Page 163 Royal Society of Canada Report

*“Recommendation: **Research is needed to: 1) assess the toxicity of dispersed oil to deep water corals, ground fish and invertebrate species that have high economic importance (e.g., lobster, crab, scallops);***

2) Research is needed to model the distribution of deepwater plumes of dispersed oil in relation to areas of known fisheries productivity, such as the fishing banks of Canada’s east coast ...

The fishing Banks of Canada’s East Coast are our fishing grounds. The Scotian Shelf and Georges Bank make up the richest multi-species fishery in North America. LFA 40, at the South Western end of the Scotian Shelf is the only designated lobster spawning ground on the East Coast of North America.

World scientists tell us that dispersant laced oil is much more toxic than oil alone. Canada’s best scientists tell us emphatically that more study is needed before we know that dispersants can be used safely near important commercial species. Please note that the scientists of the Royal Society Panel did not investigate dispersant alone, their science was done on “dispersed oil.” The CNSOPB ignores this information and continues to knowingly quote data to our communities that was generated by inadequate science which only evaluated dispersants. If you were an oil industry proponent on the Scotian Shelf or Georges Bank, you couldn’t find a better partner than the CNSOPB.

COAC contacted Dr. Paul Hodson, one of the scientists who was a member of the Royal Society Panel. We asked him to define the additional research that would be required in order to fully assess the impact of dispersant use on our fish and crustacean species. He provided a list of required scientific work which COAC provided to CNSOPB and to DFO. To date none of this work has been undertaken.

The Oil industry has no functional plan that could clean up an oil spill on Georges Bank or on the Scotian Shelf and Scotian Slope. The CNSOPB ignores this reality and continues to shill for the oil industry at every turn. The CNSOPB is a “Captured Regulator” working as an advocate for the offshore oil and gas industry. The CNSOPB claims to be “working to protect the offshore environment” or to be looking after the interests of our fishery or the economic and social wellbeing of our many coastal communities are hollow and untrue.

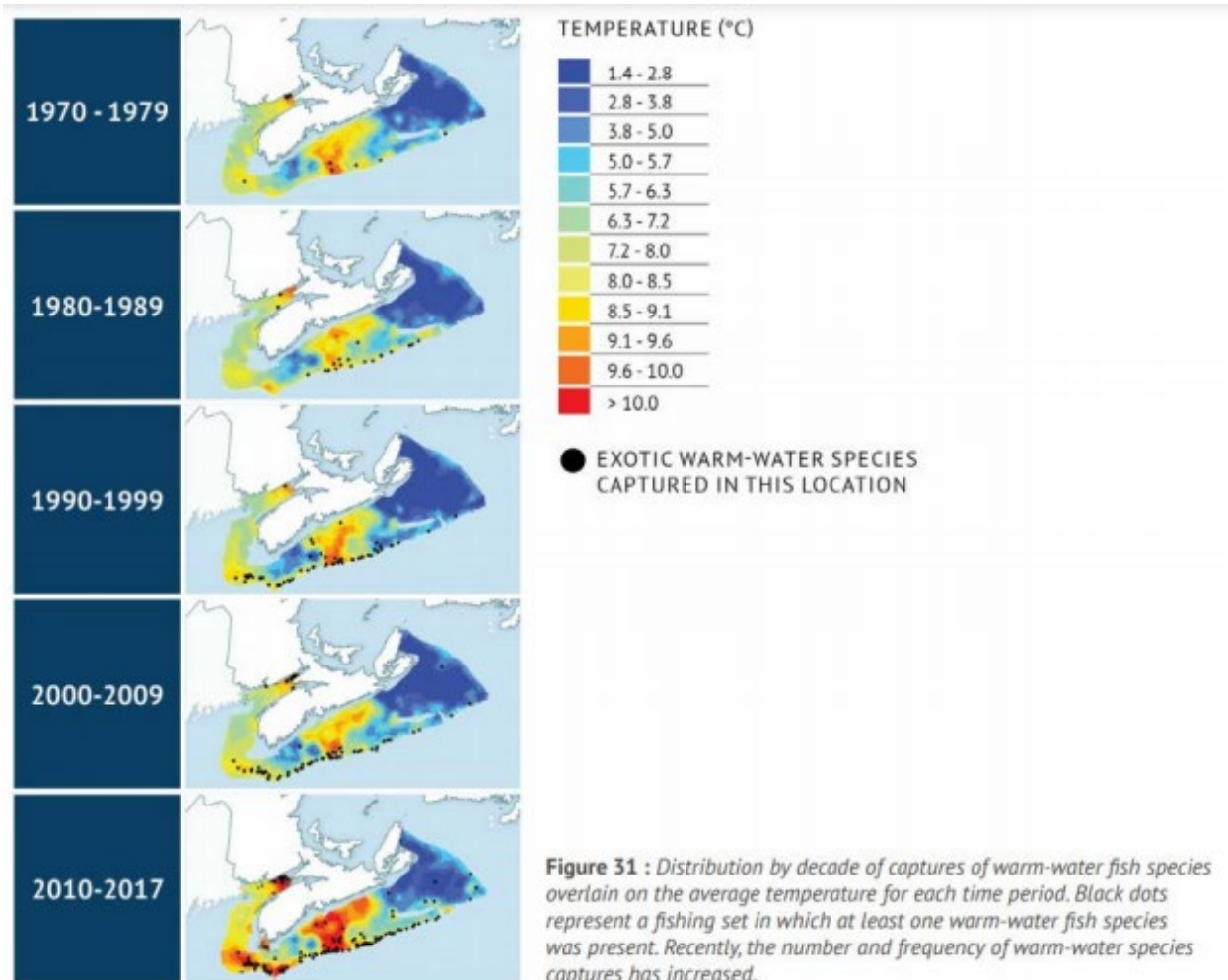
A major oil spill on the 2 new lease sites CNSOPB has just offered, on the 2 existing two Equinor sites that share a common boundary with the Georges Bank Moratorium area or on the existing BP lease site could, and probably would, destroy Georges Bank.

“THE GLOBAL THREAT”

The previous pages of these notes describe the threats to our fishing industry and our tourism industry posed locally by poor regulatory oversight and oil industry incompetence.

The following few pages explore some of the threats posed by global warming caused by the burning of fossil fuels and the ever increasing amount of CO² in our atmosphere and in our oceans.

Ocean Warming



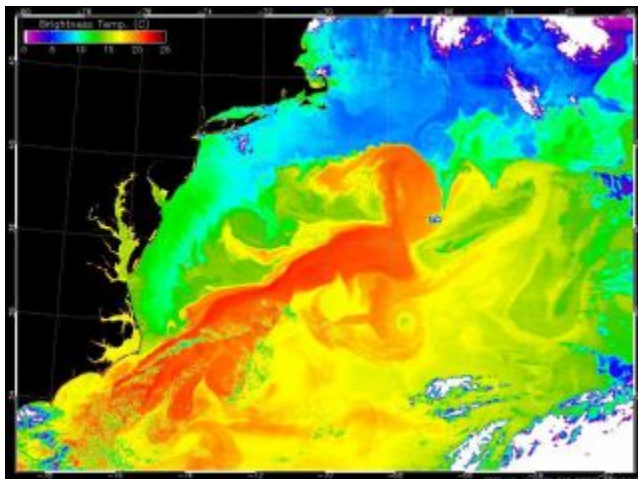
The chart above outlines two important issues. The first is that increased CO² in our atmosphere and dissolved CO² in our oceans caused by the burning of fossil fuels is responsible for the rapid increase in ocean temperature around the Nova Scotian coast. Warmer ocean temperatures have dramatically increased the number of exotic warm water species invading our waters potentially displacing local species which are moving northward in search of colder water.

One example of the impact of northwardly migrating species is the following:

Lobster, epizootic shell disease

As global warming changes the temperature and chemistry of the ocean, lobsters may find it increasingly difficult to obtain the necessary amount of minerals, added to what they already have stored so that they may re-grow a shell to its maximum thickness and hardness as well as building reserves for its yet bigger shell required next year. Possibly, those areas of mineral thinness, or shell weakness, are spots of vulnerability to shell disease. If the protective barrier isn't as effective, the lobsters are rendered more vulnerable, giving the bacteria a chance to establish a lesion. There is a significant correlation between disease incidence in Buzzards Bay and a series of warmer than average water temperatures which suggests that temperature may be a primary factor related to the recent outbreak of epizootic shell disease. Warming water temperatures are impacting the Gulf of Maine and epizootic shell disease is now damaging a substantial percentage of lobsters being landed on the coast of Maine. The disease has two major impacts. First, it kills more female lobsters than males and second, the disease deforms the carapace of the lobster rendering it unfit for the very lucrative fresh market. There is no doubt, that as water temperatures continue to rise the epizootic bacteria will continue its march northward. Next season could see Nova Scotian landings impacted by this, Global Warming induced disease.

Warming ocean water is changing to flow of important currents and threatening commercial fish stocks.



The Gulf Stream — carrying warm tropical waters into the North Atlantic is one of Earth's major climate-regulating ocean currents is moving slower than it has in thousands of years, a new study suggests. Human-induced climate change is largely to blame.

This "unprecedented" slowdown of the Gulf Stream will impact weather patterns and sea levels on both sides of the Atlantic, the researchers found. And it only looks poised to worsen over the coming decades if hydrocarbons continue to be burned, CO² levels in the ocean continue to rise, and climate change continues unabated.

Ocean Oxygen Levels

Warming waters affect the ocean and its dissolved oxygen content in several ways. Among other things, it influences the solubility of oxygen in the water, the warmer the water, the less gas that can dissolve in it.

Until now, this process mainly affected the upper few hundred meters of the oceans, which have been in contact with the atmosphere most recently. This effect explains up to 20% of the total marine oxygen loss so far and about 50% of that in the upper 1,000 metres of the oceans.

In addition, warming alters patterns of global ocean circulation, which affects the mixing of oxygen-rich surface waters with deeper oxygen-poor water. It also changes how quickly organisms metabolize and respire, which affects consumption of marine oxygen.

Finally, there are indirect impacts of warming on upper-ocean nutrient supply and subsequent production and downward export of organic matter available for respiration throughout the ocean.

But perhaps of greatest concern is that the basic chemistry of oceans is changing faster than it ever has over the past 65 million years.

The continual absorption of CO₂ increases acidity levels, and—when combined with the warming of our oceans—more coral reefs are dying off and can no longer offer a healthy ocean habitat for the species that rely on them for food and protection. Scientists estimate if the current rates of temperature increase continue, the oceans will become too warm for coral reefs by 2050.

There is no Jurisdiction on the planet with more to lose from a major oil spill or to the impacts of global warming than the Province of Nova Scotia

Our Provincial Government should recognize that the effort to advance offshore drilling for oil and gas equates to much less than a zero sum game. Any short term benefits that might accrue from the extraction of non-renewable hydrocarbons is far outweighed by both the local potential of oil spills that would be a disaster for our fishing and tourism industries and by attempting to increase the supply of hydrocarbon which amplifies the very real impacts of global warming which, in real time, is already threatening our multi-billion dollar fishery.

The Clean Ocean Action Committee and the Offshore Alliance continue to call for a full public inquiry so that the citizens of Nova Scotia can have a full understanding of the risks and impacts of offshore drilling for hydrocarbons. We hope that your council will continue to support that effort.

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May 3, 2021

Re: Siltation into Ernst Brook and Mahone Bay Harbour

Dear Mayor Devenne and Town Council and Dylan Heide, CAO

We are aggrieved in writing to you today to express our dismay that the very things we have been concerned about for more than a year regarding the construction site of the new nursing home, has indeed come to pass. Even after much good faith discussion, collaborative thinking and reassurance, the polluting of the Ernst Brook River with silt run-off from the construction site did happen after last week's rain. It was only 1.5 inches of rain, but photos taken by local residents showed visibly muddied water flowing down the river—so much so it was readily visible entering the harbor. (We understand these photos have been sent to you already).

As you know, we own the land directly across the river, and have been stewarding that property for over 25 years, allowing the towns people to walk its beautiful trails along the river. So there are many people keeping their eyes out for preservation of the ecology and protection of the waterway.

Last week we were part of a delegation with Talking Trees who met on-site at the invitation of Ramsay Duff. He and Shannon, the site manager, were very welcoming and generous with their time. They guided us all along the site explaining the drainage mitigation being designed and what their plans are along the river for a walking path. The meeting was cordial, open and we left feeling a shared commitment to the natural river edge, a place for people to enjoy the river, and preservation or replanting of trees and shrubs to maintain the ecological balance and visual beauty. The meeting was partly because people had noticed from our property across the river that a number of mature trees had already been cut down almost to the river's edge, which clearly seemed unnecessary and obviously was going to make this siltation much more likely to happen in that area. Anyone could see that that spot would now be vulnerable. And this in spite of the engagement of a landscape architect who might have insisted on protecting what natural mitigation the trees there provided, until after the earth-moving was complete.

In the Spring of 2019 a group of citizens, Council members and the town planner, walked along the river on our property to brainstorm about protecting not only as many trees as possible along the edge of the construction site, but also how to mitigate risk to the river during construction. It is infuriating to say, "we knew this would happen," yet we were told by various people on the walk that day, that of course the engineers would take care of ensuring this did not happen, because rivers and waterways are protected by legislation from just this type of occurrence. It begs the question, has the engineering of this site, failed to live up to those legal and environmental standards? Or are those

legal and environmental standards even sufficient for a construction project of this size and scope in terms of set-backs from the river bank?

The day before this week's rain, construction crews were observed moving soil or sand into the area where trees had been cut along the river, and covering it with boulders or rocks, ostensibly to hold the soil. And on the rain day, predictably, it flowed into the river.

When the project engineer, Carmen D'Intino was contacted, his response was to deflect responsibility, and in an e-mail message copied to the Town, denies it has anything to do with the construction site, as there are multiple sources of water flowing onto the construction site. As one person suggested, water also comes from the sky, but it is because of the scope of the construction that the water is now flowing into the river.

Needless to say, we and many others are dismayed and angry that what was easily anticipated, escaped the appropriate mitigation strategy before damage was done, and moreover, is likely to continue through the construction period unless something significant is done. We were told this was the responsibility of both the engineer and the landscape architect.

At this point, it is incumbent on local and provincial authorities to halt further earth moving until mitigation and protection of both the river and the ocean environment it runs into can actually be achieved. It is spring. Big rains are inevitable. Immediate action is needed.

We look forward, please, to a timely response about this matter.

Respectfully,

Sue and Derek

Cc: Ramsay Duff, McLeod Group
Suzanne Lohnes Croft, MLA
Bernadette Jordan, MP, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans
Kelly Maher, Department of Environment
Heather Archibald, Development Officer
Garth Sturtevant, Senior Planner

To: Mayor Devenne, Councilors and Dylan Heide
From: Talking Trees and Concerned citizens
Re: Nursing Home construction site.
4 May 2021

Dear Mayor Devenne,

Talking Trees has been actively working with a group of citizens, Councilors, and the MacLeod Group on the issue of tree clearance and the resulting water management issues.

In response to concerns from Talking Trees on behalf of citizens who were alarmed by the extensive site de-forestation, Ramsay Duff invited Talking Trees to visit the site on 20 April. Those attending the meeting were Val Hearder, Sue Bookchin, Derek Wentzell, Councillors Penny Carver and Alice Burdick and Mayor David Devenne.

Talking Trees reported back on the site visit to our group. Here are the issues the group thinks are of immediate importance to be addressed by the Town as a result of our site visit.

1. Trees:

Some trees were cut too close to Ernst Brook on the south western boundary line. We understand that the MacLeod Group Development Agreement (DA) indicated that many trees will be re-planted, mainly on the eastern boundary and along Main Street. We have requested that the tree screen on the eastern boundary contain diverse, native and flowering species and not a monoculture of one type of tree imported from Ontario nurseries. We are supplying local nursery contacts to Ramsay Duff.

2. River Bank restoration:

The trees saved within the landscape buffer zone have not been enough to mitigate soil run off into Ernst Brook. We recommended using *Helping Nature Heal* landscape company who specialize in watercourse bank restoration, to mitigate the water flow due to lost trees in the southwestern corner of the development on Ernst Brook.

Since that site tour there was a major rainfall on 30 April that caused siltation of Ernst Brook and that stretched out into the Harbour. This created an urgent environmental situation. We understand the McLeod Group are currently working to mitigate further run-off.

3. Water Management:

We are concerned that control of water into Ernst Brook was pointed out to Town Council and the McLeod Group repeatedly during the consultation process, verbally, in written submission, and during a site walk on the Wentzell lands with the Planner, Council and staff before the development was approved. We were assured that engineering would take care water flow management. Clearly engineering has failed and now McLeod Group are scrambling to understand the complex water courses on the site and the issues of groundwater. There appears to have been insufficient study of the water issues of the site and this is most likely to lead to expensive remedial actions.

During our site visit Ramsay explained excess water from the extensive parking lots would be gathered in holding tanks, pumped up to Main St and deposited into the Town's existing sewer system. Councilor Carver asked if the Town system could handle the excess water. There was not a clear answer to this. Please can Town Council answer these questions about water management at the site:

- a. Did the engineering preparations take into consideration the frequent flooding of Main Street and the impact of the additional water load into the Town sewer system? Can our system handle the additional load?
- b. We understand that there is separation of storm and sewer lines being planned. Is this to accommodate additional water from the Nursing Home site?
- c. Will additional town resources and expenditures have to be allocated to manage the water from the Nursing Home site?
- d. During severe storms there is a possibility of a power outage. Will the storm water pumps have a back up generator to keep

pumping the water from holding tanks into the Town system? If not, what happens to the water?

4. Nature Trail:

While it is a lovely concept to build a nature trail in the Landscape Buffer Area along Ernst Brook, we are concerned that this will necessitate the loss of yet more trees to accommodate a 5ft wide path and viewing area. The site's water management issues and the health of the river cannot sustain the loss of any more trees.

We ask for an amendment to the Development Agreement with the MacLeod Group to re-structure the nature trail to reduce its footprint and save the remnants of natural forest along the river. Specifically:

- a. Reduce the scale of the trail. Instead of the trail starting from the south western edge of the site near the fire lane, along the river and over to the forested area, rather start the trail from the eastern end. From there lead a smaller path to a raised viewing deck of approximately 10" x 10". This will result in a much shorter trail and save further loss of habitat.
- b. Reduce the width of the path to 1 metre.
- c. Ensure the path surface is natural and not paved.
- d. Alternatively, and this is our preference, remove the trail altogether. Or, wait 20 years until the site has stabilized and then add a low-impact trail.

5. Environmental Monitoring

Given the valuable ecological role trees played in water management on the site, we are concerned that more judicious removal of trees wasn't monitored or protected. Is the Development Officer responsible for this? If not, why not?

We request that a *Tree Conservation Plan* be a requirement of all future building sites in town, both large and small, and that monitoring be implemented.

Given that habitat and trees cannot speak up for their own protection in the face of a chainsaw, the Town is responsible for providing monitors such as the Development Officer to make sure they're being protected in accordance with a *Tree Conservation Plan* and the DA.

What more can be done to ensure better monitoring of building sites and conducted? We would like to reference the Talking Trees Proposal for a Tree Policy that we have just submitted. There we layout a comprehensive approach to tree conservation in Town.

6. Discrepancy of the approved Design:

It has been noted that the DA approved design is different from the illustration on the fence on the project site which shows a tower has been added to the design.

- a. Please can you clarify why there was not a notice to neighboring properties of this additional height being added?
- b. We understand that addition of the tower is an amendment to the project as described and depicted in the DA, that amendment of the DA requires a public process, and that a public meeting should have been held before the Town approved this change to the design.

In conclusion, what we are witnessing on the Nursing Home site is a stark illustration of the critical environmental service trees provide in water management. We ask the Town to view this as an opportunity to learn from the lessons of the Nursing Home site as the Town goes forward with other building projects such as the ones planned by Bob Youden. We request the Town make immediate amendments to the Land Use by-laws to protect further loss of our urban forest from developments large and small.

Sincerely,

Talking Trees per:

Val Header,

Sue Bookchin

Derek Wentzell

Susan Brown

Randy Sherman

Didier Schwartz

Tom and Marion Webb

Brian Guns

Patricia Livingstone

Alice Burdick

Cathy Gregoire

Penny Carver

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Anna Patscha

Erin Donovan (Clearland)

John Adams (Clearland)



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April 27, 2021

Mayor Amanda McDougall
Acting President, Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities
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Dear Acting President McDougall:

Under the provisions of the *Municipal Government Act*, the Minister of Municipal Affairs must provide to the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM) 12-months' notice of any provincial legislation, regulation, or administrative actions that could have the effect of decreasing revenues or increasing the required expenditures of municipalities. This letter is intended to provide notice of such changes for fiscal year 2022-2023 and beyond.

The Department of Municipal Affairs (DMA) canvassed all other provincial departments to seek information on plans for legislative, regulatory, and policy changes in the coming fiscal year. The following is a summary of the results of that process.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT

It is possible that municipalities would incur incremental costs in implementing the *Coastal Protection Act* in the coming fiscal year. Nova Scotia Environment (NSE) is providing notice of changes which will be required in municipal building and development permit approval processes now that the coastal protection legislation (Bill 106) has passed. This legislation will provide consistent, province-wide legal protection for our coast by restricting development and related activity in areas where structures will be at risk of damage due to coastal flooding and erosion, or where it will damage sensitive coastal ecosystems.

Under this legislation, municipalities will be enabled to issue a building and/or development permit for construction within a coastal protection zone to be defined by regulation if the proposed location of the construction is above a minimum building elevation specified in regulations and is situated upland of a horizontal setback certified by a designated professional. This will require minor modifications to municipal administrative processes for these types of permits.

It is expected that responsibility for competent, accurate, and objective certification will rest with the member of the designated profession, with forms and a standard for assessing risk of flooding and erosion risks to be provided by NSE. It is further anticipated that municipalities will be responsible for determining whether the proposed site is within the zone (and therefore whether the Act applies), and whether the Act applies to the general type of structure or construction proposed. Subject to the final form of the regulations, if the Act applies, the municipality may be required to determine whether the proposed location is above the minimum building elevation specified in the regulations, whether the proposed location is upland of the horizontal setback certified in a designated professional report accompanying the permit application, and ensure the designated professional was a member in good standing of the relevant professional body at the time the report was signed.

Specifics of which professional groups will qualify to provide the certification, specific standards and forms to be used, and other administrative details will be set out in regulations. The delineation of the zone and the specifics of restrictions, various exceptions and standards that apply within it will also be set out in regulation. NSE will be consulting with municipalities on the regulations.

DEPARTMENT OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Procurement

Every two years Global Affairs Canada updates its thresholds for covered procurements under the Canada Europe Trade Agreement (CETA) and the Canada Free Trade Agreement (CFTA). Municipal procurements are covered under these obligations. All procurements above these thresholds must be tendered unless subject to exemption. Thresholds were last updated on January 1, 2020 and are as follows:

	CETA Thresholds	CFTA Thresholds
Goods	\$366,200	\$105,700
Services	\$366,200	\$105,700
Construction	\$9.1M	\$264,200

It is anticipated there will be new thresholds for CETA and CFTA for 2022-23. These thresholds are calculated based on data that will not be available until the end of this year, so, at this time, the scope for municipal involvement is not known. We will advise as soon as we receive updated information.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Biological Casework Analysis Agreement

The Biological Casework Analysis Agreement provides Nova Scotia's Municipalities with DNA analysis arising from criminal investigations. DNA is an important service that helps solve crime. The financial cost of this program is expected to increase to \$808,203 for 2021-22 for Nova Scotia compared to \$701,690.22 in 2020-21. This increase is primarily due to the rise in costs for Employee Benefits Plan (EBP) effective in 2019-20.

The proration of the cost to municipalities will be reassessed annually upon the DMA's release of the "Total Uniform Assessment" for the current fiscal year.

RCMP Labor Relations Regime

On June 19, 2017, Bill C-7, An Act to amend the *Public Service Labour Relations Act*, the *Public Service Labour Relations and Employment Board Act* and other Acts and to provide for certain other measures received Royal Assent. Bill C-7 created a new labour relations regime applicable to the RCMP Regular Members and Reservists. Although labour contract negotiations began in June 2020 and are expected to be completed by December 21, 2021, there is a possibility that they may extend into early 2022. As such, the payout date for the contract increase including retro pay is not certain and could fall in either fiscal year 2021-22 or 2022-23. We will monitor the situation closely and keep municipalities up to date as the process moves forward.

Given this is an ongoing negotiation, the cost implications cannot be identified at this time. However, DOJ is committed to keep municipalities informed as the negotiations unfold.

The Accessibility Act

The Accessibility Act requires public sector bodies (which include all municipalities and villages in NS) to meet certain obligations including the establishment of an accessibility committee and plans for each body. Municipalities should all be aware of this; the Directorate indicates several municipalities have begun recruiting committee leads and members. All municipalities and villages have until April 1, 2022 to develop an accessibility plan and establish an accessibility committee.

Work is underway on the development of the accessibility standards for the built environment. This work is a significant milestone in our efforts to become an accessible province by 2030. An internal working group is now working to develop a proposed standard based on the recommendations submitted by the Accessibility Board. There will be an opportunity for municipalities, villages, and Nova Scotians to provide input once recommendations are complete. The goal is to have the first phase of the standard enacted by May 2022. At a minimum, one-year notice will be given to municipalities and villages of any policy and regulation change that will impact their revenue or expenditures.

COMMUNITIES, CULTURE, AND HERITAGE

Library Funding

In 2020-21 Communities, Culture and Heritage launched a new funding model to the Nova Scotia library community providing a \$2.081 million increase in annual investment from the province in our regional libraries, from \$14,400,000 to \$16,400,000 annually. Libraries also receive funding from municipalities, and the new formula identifies new funding amounts for municipalities. These new mandated amounts will come into effect in 2022-23.

Municipal funding contributions remained at current levels for 2021-22; however, municipalities can elect to implement their new funding contributions to libraries this year, as outlined in the new funding model, should they wish to do so.

This additional time is to allow for data to be collected to capture the additional operational contributions being made to library boards from municipalities.

If any of the above content is unclear or should you have any questions regarding the provided information, please do not hesitate to contact the department for clarification.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brendan Maguire", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Brendan Maguire
Minister of Municipal Affairs

May 3, 2021

To Whom it May Concern-

I am writing today to express my concerns about the Mahone Bay Nursing Home site and the environmental impact that tree removal on that site has caused. I am an artist living and working in Clearland, just outside of Mahone Bay. I very much consider Mahone Bay to be my town as my children went to school there, I shop, live, work and play in Mahone Bay. I have a special interest in this area having just completed a project in nearby Wentzell's Woods, just across Ernst Brook, from the site of the new nursing home. I received a Canada Council grant to build a site-specific video piece that highlights the beauty of these woods called Woodlight (made in partnership with poet Alice Burdick who is also a town councillor and dancer Susanne Chui). This work can be viewed here: <https://vimeo.com/532461421>

It is my belief, and my life's work, that in order to be good caretakers of this struggling planet, we first need to look and listen and appreciate what is around us. I don't believe that care and consideration were taken on this site when removing trees (it is currently stripped bare), nor was enough thought given to impacts on this site visually from Wentzell's Woods, or for the water that runs through both properties and what would happen to the water when so many trees were removed. This landscape is forever altered and to me appears now to be half of a forest with trees on one side and dirt on the other.

My main concerns are that no further trees are removed, appropriate native trees are replanted (in consultation with Talking Trees) and soil erosion is mitigated at this site. We have been monitoring run-off and it is clear that "chocolate milk" is entering the brook at an unprecedented rate on that side of the river.

I also hope that town council will work together with Talking Trees and other environmental groups to have a plan going forward so that developers are working within guidelines and bylaws to preserve trees and protect waterways. There also needs to be fines that can be enforced if people do not respect these bylaws. If we truly "love the beauty around us" and wish to share it with our children and their children, now is the time for action to protect this beauty.

Thanks for your time-

Erin Donovan
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Kelly Redden

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Monday Memo



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**Last chance to register for the NSFM Virtual
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Don't miss keynote speaker Bill Carr, an address from Department of Municipal
Affairs Minister Brendan Maguire, and the chance to win an awesome door
prize!

[For more information, a detailed look at the agenda, and to register,
visit the website!](#)



Streamlined Zoning process for Liquor Licensees

Alcohol, Gaming, Fuel & Tobacco are looking to streamline the process to obtain a zoning letter for clients. Several municipalities have signed an MOU with the department to allow staff to apply for zoning on behalf of potential liquor licensees. Initially put forward as a red tape reduction project, this project also allows clients to avoid having to attend both offices to meet the requirements for liquor licensing.

The department will be reaching out to each municipality individually, or they can contact the licensing manager, [Penny Frenette, directly.](#)

New \$167 million initiative for community building retrofits

Submitted from FCM

Recently, with the Government of Canada, the Green Municipal Fund (GMF) launched its Community Buildings Retrofit (CBR) initiative to help Canadian municipalities* of all sizes and not-for-profit organizations retrofit existing community facilities – like, arenas, pools and libraries – to significantly reduce GHG emissions, while reviving important community assets. CBR offers grants and loans to make upgrades that lower GHGs and keep local cultural hubs thriving.

[Apply now.](#)

COVID-19 in Atlantic Canada: One Year Later

a conversation with Canada's Chief Statistician

As we pass the one-year anniversary of beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, we reflect on how our lives have changed. Some business and organizations are still struggling to recover and our daily activities haven't returned to pre-pandemic normal. This is an important time to assess where we are in the economic recovery.

The 2021 Census is also approaching, set to launch in May. Census data is one of the most important sources of information for Canadians. It helps us understand where we came from, where we are, and where we are going. It will also shed further insights into the impact of COVID-19 and various economic supports.

The Atlantic Provinces Economic Council (APEC), together with Statistics Canada is presenting a virtual event: **COVID-19 in Atlantic Canada – One Year Later: A Conversation with Chief Statistician Anil Arora.**

Date: Wednesday, May 12th, 2021
Time: 10:00-11:00 AM AT
Location: Virtual (via Zoom link)

The event will feature a fireside chat between the Chief Statistician, **Anil Arora** and President & CEO of APEC, **David Chaundy**. The discussion will focus on three themes, all with an Atlantic regional lens:

- **COVID-19 regional impact and economic recovery;**
- **How Statistics Canada supported Canada's pandemic response; and**
- **The vital role of the census for data and decision-making.**

This event is free, but registration is required. Help us share these valuable insights by forwarding this invitation to your network!

Register here

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Please note simultaneous French translation and sign language interpretation will be available during the event.

You will receive a calendar invite with the Zoom link a few days prior to the event.

Department of Canadian Heritage seeking individuals interested in serving on the Court Challenges Program's Human Rights Expert Panel

The seven-member expert panel is responsible for making decisions on funding test cases of national significance and for working with the Official Languages Rights Expert Panel to determine how the Program's annual budget will be allocated. The Expert Panel receives administrative support from the University of Ottawa.

A Selection Committee will be responsible for the selection of qualified candidates. The selection process is open, transparent and merit-based, consistent with the approach established for all Government of Canada appointments. The Minister of Canadian Heritage wishes to appoint candidates who collectively represent the diversity of Canada.

A Notice of Opportunity for Ministerial Appointment, inviting leaders in the areas

of human rights to apply for positions on the Expert Panel, [has been posted on their website.](#)

[For more information on the Program, you can visit the website](#)

For any questions, please feel free to contact [Danielle Labbé, Manager, Operations and Promotion Human Rights, International and Intergovernmental Affairs, and Human Rights, Canadian Heritage](#)

Upcoming Events

Join NSFM Acting President Amanda McDougall for (digital) coffee on May 13 at 9 a.m.

Acting President McDougall will be hosting the second informal coffee and chat session on Thursday, May 13th @ 9am on zoom.

The session, which is focused on discussing the experiences of women councillors, is open to all members who wish to attend.

[Register here!](#)



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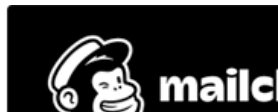
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**Report to Council
May 11, 2021**






This Report to Council is intended to provide the Mahone Bay Town Council with a high-level summary of staff progress towards Council's direction to staff. As per the Town Council Policy, the report will be provided at each regular meeting of Council. The Report to Council is a living document and will improve and expand to incorporate new source documents as approved, and to respond to feedback received from Council.
























Goal	Objective	Assigned	Target	% Completion
Council Assignments to Staff				
1	Staff to contact the NS Department of TIR regarding the Town's proposed 2020/21 Transportation Project as well as to discuss proposed changes on highway approaches to Mahone Bay as outlined in the CBCL report.	25-Jun-20	May., 2021	75%
		Notes: Awaiting confirmation from TIR regarding proposed speed limit changes on highway approaches.		
2	Staff to contact the NSLC regarding the proposed bicycle corridor across their property referenced in the CBCL Ltd. report, connecting Main Street and Kinburn Street and supporting the establishment of a community-wide, all-ages bicycle route.	25-Jun-20	May., 2021	75%
		Notes: Draft Engagement Plan re development of community-wide, all-ages bicycle route approved by Council Feb 9, 2021. NSLC will be invited to participate in consultations along with other identified stakeholders. Initial survey open now.		

<p>3</p>	<p>Staff amend the Respectful Workplace Policy and/or Employee Conduct Policy to reflect points raised in review of the draft Violence in the Workplace Policy specific to Town employees and recommend to Council.</p>	<p>08-Sep-20</p>	<p>Dec., 2021</p>		<p>50%</p>
<p>Notes: To be discussed at Policy & Strategy Committee in 2021-22; report to Council anticipated thereafter.</p>					
<p>4</p>	<p>Staff to review Town policies regarding signage and provide recommendations in respect to plastic and disposable signage within the Town of Mahone Bay, specifically including a recommendation regarding election signage.</p>	<p>08-Sep-20</p>	<p>May., 2021</p>		<p>75%</p>
<p>Notes: In Progress. Report anticipated to upcoming meeting of Council.</p>					
<p>5</p>	<p>Staff to draft a CAO Performance Review Policy that includes a detailed procedure, or procedure options, for how regular CAO Performance Reviews will be conducted, and to present such policy to Council for consideration after the new Council is sworn in following the October municipal</p>	<p>08-Sep-20</p>	<p>Dec., 2021</p>		<p>50%</p>
<p>Notes: To be discussed at Policy & Strategy Committee in 2021-22; report to Council anticipated thereafter.</p>					

6	Staff to develop a multi-year bench installation program with potential locations being decided on in consultation with the Age Friendly Community Committee in alignment with the CBCL Transportation Plan Report and Accessibility Standards.	08-Sep-20	May., 2021		75%
		Notes: In progress. Budget line included in draft 2021-22 budget with staff report to follow (initiating public donation campaign and confirming siting process).			
7	Staff to prepare a proposal for the FCM's Municipal Asset Management Program for data collection and development of management plans for Town-owned natural assets.	13-Oct-20	Jun., 2021		75%
		Notes: In progress. Coordinating with MODL participation in MNAI natural assets initiative. Draft 2021-22 budget reflects in-house / volunteer data collection in 2021-22 (with additional report to follow) and FCM funding application for 2022-23 (supporting development of Urban Forest Master Plan as per Council's draft 2021-25 Strategic Plan).			
8	Council direct staff to commence work on the 3-way stop at the intersection of Clearway and Main as soon as possible.	26-Nov-20	May., 2021		75%
		Notes: Engineering designs complete (CBCL Ltd.), materials ordered, contractor engaged; work remains weather dependant but is anticipated in mid-May.			
9	Staff to initiate discussion with MODL Planning staff and prepare a report for Council about the possibility of intermunicipal collaboration between the Town of Mahone Bay and MODL on the topic of housing in the preparation of their respective planning documents.	26-Nov-20	Jun., 2021		75%
		Notes: In progress. Discussion initiated with MODL Planning staff. Timeline coordinated with Plan Mahone Bay process.			

10	Staff to research the possible application of a by-law that would prohibit feeding wildlife within the Town of Mahone Bay	28-Jan-21	May., 2021	
Notes: Completed. Report on May 11th Council meeting agenda.				
11	Staff to review the MBTCC request [artisans at the VIC] and report back to Council with recommendations.	28-Jan-21	May., 2021	
Notes: In progress. Recent discussion with MBTCC concerning agreement for 2021 season. Report to Council anticipated in May.				
12	Council invite Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing/Housing Nova Scotia staff as a delegation to a meeting of Council, regarding housing in Mahone Bay and the Town's approach to housing.	28-Jan-21	May., 2021	Not yet begun
Notes: Staff have spoken with Municipal Advisor and suggest waiting to move forward on this as a result of recent changes to the Dept. portfolio. Dept. of Infrastructure & Housing currently undertaking consultative process for Affordable Housing Commission.				
13	Staff to proceed with engineering designs and update associated cost estimates for 2020-21 Transportation Project, for consideration in 2021-22 budget process.	28-Jan-21	May., 2021	
Notes: In progress. Reflected in draft 2021-22 capital budget documentation.				
14	Staff to complete due diligence to determine the feasibility of extending water and wastewater service to the end of Fairmont Street and report back to council.	09-Feb-21	May., 2021	
Notes: Completed. Report on May 11th Council meeting agenda.				

15	Staff to contact MODL as a follow-up to the letter to their Council requesting a partnership with MODL which would enable Mahone Bay residents to be eligible for the ProKIDS program.	09-Feb-21	May., 2021		75%
		Notes: Staff have met with MODL to explore the opportunity to partner and are awaiting consideration of proposal by MODL, which will be reported to Council. Estimate included in 2021-22 budget process.			
16	Staff to present the draft Local Improvement By-law to the Policy and Strategy Committee for further discussion prior to giving first reading.	09-Feb-21	Jun., 2021		75%
		Notes: Discussed at Policy & Strategy Committee in April, 2021; revised draft By-law to be presented to June committee meeting.			
17	Staff to communicate with the Oakland Property Owners Association to determine their interest in nominating someone for the landowner position on the Oakland Lake Watershed Advisory	09-Feb-21	May., 2021		75%
		Notes: Letter has been sent to Oakland Property Owners Association. Will be discussed at May 10, 2021 Committee meeting.			
18	Staff to prepare a report and recommendation relative to water/wastewater system renewal in respect to the new nursing home and adjacent area.	25-Feb-21	Apr., 2021		
		Notes: Completed; estimates to 2021-22 budget process.			
19	Direct staff to include accessible hearing solutions in the Accessibility Operation Plan, anticipated in 2021-22	25-Mar-21	Jun., 2021		Not yet begun
		Notes:			
20	The replacement of the picket fence at Bayview Cemetery with a long-lasting composite material be included in Council's upcoming Budget Deliberations.	25-Mar-21	Apr., 2021		
		Notes: Completed; estimates to 2021-22 budget process.			

21	Send a letter of thanks to the Mahone Bay Legion Swing Bad for their generous donation.	29-Apr-21	May., 2021					
		Notes: Completed						
22	Forward the letter from MADE for Nova Scotia to the membership of the Town of Mahone Bay Planning Advisory	29-Apr-21	May., 2021					
		Notes: Completed						
23	Add a letter to CAO Dylan Heide's HR file, congratulating him on his ten years' service as a Chief Administrative Officer.	29-Apr-21	May., 2021					75%
		Notes: Draft prepared for review						
24	Invite MADE for Nova Scotia to brief Council on their plans in respect to affordable housing in an open discussion.	29-Apr-21	May., 2021					
		Notes: Completed						
25	Write a letter to each member of staff to thank them for their service to the citizens of Mahone Bay during the pandemic.	29-Apr-21	May., 2021					75%
		Notes: Draft prepared for review						

Chief Administrative Officer's Report - April 29, 2021 (Next Update May 27)

1	COVID-19	Staff are adhering to all provincial guidelines for safe work and are working remotely if possible. Town office closed until renovations are completed. CAO monitoring NS EMO updates and participating in all NSFM and AMANS discussions concerning COVID-19 and relaying Provincial updates. COVID-19 Property Tax Financing Program closed September 30, report provided to Council Nov. 26. Staff regularly updating COVID-19 messaging as required.
2	Atlantic Infrastructure Management (AIM) Network Asset Management Cohort Program	MAMP funding received and 2020-21 AM project (electrical system and non-linear assets) is substantially complete (report provided to Feb 18 AM Committee meeting). Funding for participation in AIM Cohort 2.0 approved by Council in 2020-21 budget; currently awaiting confirmation of format and schedule for Cohort 2.0 (to take place in fiscal 2021-22), included in draft 2021-22 budget. AIM Network annual conference took place virtually Oct 28-29; CAO and Mayor Devenne presented on Town AM program / committee experience. New MAMP-funded poster series now on Town website.

<p>3</p>	<p>Municipal Joint Services Board (MJSB)</p>	<p>MJSB not proceeding with Safety and Procurement shared services in 2020-21 at request of MODL; discussions continue but staff do not anticipate until 2022-23. HR Shared Service (MoDL/TOB with ToMB) up and running. Town staff participating in performance management project which will standardize and enhance Town's performance management practice. MJSB IT security audit process completed Oct. 2020. Regular MJSB meetings continue.</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>Riverport Electric Shared Service Committee</p>	<p>Coordinating with Riverport re staffing, imports, equipment inventory, safety program, policy development, stand-by coverage, etc.. Currently drafting agreements for consideration of Council / Board. Exploring opportunities to coordinate on utility asset management and planned rate study. Shared Service Committee meetings expected to resume soon (having been temporary discontinued due to Riverport Board turnover). Update report to Council anticipated with 2021-22 budget process (May 2021).</p>
		<p>Coordinator and CAOs still working to implement REMO Board approved Post-Dorian report recommendations, significant progress has been made with Angela's coordination. Dorian claim submitted and</p>

<p>5</p>	<p>Regional Emergency Measures Organization (REMO)</p>	<p>Coordination. Demand claim submitted and being followed up by Province. Regular bi-weekly meetings between REMO Coordinator and CAOs continue (along with regular planning meetings). Coordinator continues to review and improve REMO procedures in consultation with CAOs. Participating in ongoing REMO staff tabletop exercises. Training opportunities for staff /Council (ICS 100-200) identified in coming months.</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Alternative Energy Resource Authority (AREA)</p>	<p>Weekly AREA staff meetings continue by phone. NB Power imports continue under new annual agreement for 2021. BUTU applications for 2022 submitted. Community Solar Gardens funding application submitted by AREA staff; awaiting confirmation. HOME (Heatpump Options Made Easy) program launched Oct 1 (see statistics below).</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>FCM / Clean Foundation Transition 2050 (Partners for Climate Protection) Initiative</p>	<p>Community GHG Reduction Action Plan adopted by Council Mar 25 and incorporated into draft 2021-22 budgets. Staff continue to participate in T2050/PCP Initiative and anticipate update report to Council by June 2021.</p>

<p>8</p>	<p>Lunenburg County Accessibility Advisory Committee</p>	<p>CAO serving as staff policy resource to Lunenburg County Accessibility Advisory Committee. With Council approval of draft Lunenburg County Accessibility Plan - and approval of other participating councils - Operational Plan development can proceed in 2021-22; staff currently discussing options to cooperate with neighboring units. Province has extended legislative deadlines for the development and implementation of Accessibility Plans and associated Operational Plans to April 1, 2022. Recommendations included in draft 2021-22 operating budget.</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM)</p>	<p>CAO remotely attended Feb 19, 2021 meeting of Nova Scotia Infrastructure Asset Management Working Group as AMA/NSFM representative (next meeting scheduled for April, 2021). Participated in Fall AMA/NSFM AGMs and Town Caucus in remote format. Municipal Awareness Week 2020 celebrated Nov 15-22; virtual infrastructure tour video published on Town website / Youtube. Supporting NSFM / AMANS COVID-19 infrastructure funding discussions with Federal representatives. Registered for NSFM Spring Conference May 6-7, 2021.</p>

Director of Operations Report - April 29, 2021 (Next Update May 27)

1	Streets & Sidewalks	During the reporting period on one occasion streets & sidewalks were salted. A plugged catchbasin was repaired near 621 Main St. A number of potholes were repaired on Fauxburg Rd., Old Edgewater St. and Main Street. A large tree in jeporady of falling the street was removed near 91 Fauxburg Rd. A tender was released for 2021 Street Line Painting. Winter works vehicles were cleaned of salt and dirt.
2	Cemeteries & Open Space	The Town's seasonal Groundskeeper started work April 19. Staff are in the process of conducting spring clean-up activities in various park/green areas and cemeteries. Requests for Quotations were issued for 2021 Mowing Services for each cemetery. The old soccer goals were removed from the soccer field and the new soccer goals were delivered and will be assembled and installed by staff shortly. The Park Cemetery sign posts had to be replaced due to rot (the sign blew over). Staff completed interior drywall repairs and painting at the Edgewater St. Comfort Station.

<p>3</p>	<p>Electric Utility</p>	<p>2 temporary power services were installed for new residential construction on Hawthorn Road. 7 electric vehicle chargers were delivered and staff will be installing them over the next few months. 6 electrical inspections were conducted. Annual inventory counts were conducted (parts and materials). Staff continue to collect information from existing transformers within the distribution system for purposes of Asset Management. Staff collected information and participated in 2021-22 budget development.</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>Water Supply, Treatment & Distribution</p>	<p>Regular monitoring and maintenance activities continued. Routine flushing of water mains was conducted in various locations throughout the water distribution system. Staff collected information and participated in 2021-22 budget development. Annual reports for Water System and Water Withdrawal were prepared and submitted to NS Environment.</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Sewage Collection &</p>	<p>Regular monitoring and maintenance activities continued. The PAA (peracetic acid) pilot program concluded on April 21; awaiting final report on the pilot from our consultants. Results from the pilot suggest</p>

5	Treatment	consultant; results from the pilot suggest that it was a success and that we may be making a permanent switch to PAA disinfection.
6	COVID-19	Staff continue to provide essential services while practicing physical distancing, wearing of masks and good hygiene practices. We plan to operate various seasonal facilities in the upcoming months following appropriate Public Health Protocols.
7	New Long Term Care Facility	Work remains ongoing with the Town's consultant and the developers of the new LTCF to be built near 164 Main St.

Finance Manager's Report - April 29, 2021 (Next Update May 27)

1	COVID-19	Staff continue to work remotely.
2	Provincial Reporting	No outstanding Provincial Reporting Requirements at this time.
3	Tax Bills/Tax Sale	Interim Tax Bills are currently being prepared and will be issued at the end of April.

4	Audit	Preliminary work has started with Deloitte on the 2020-21 Audit. Field work is scheduled to start the last week of July.
5	2021-22 Budget	Draft Budget has been presented to Council and budget deliberations are ongoing.

Clerk & Deputy CAO's Report - April 29, 2021 (Next Update May 27)

1	Plan Review	Working with and facilitating internal staff reviews prior to presentation of draft Land Use By-law and Municipal Planning Strategy.
2	By-laws and Policies	Public education RE leash law and 'stoop and scoop' continues; working with safety consultant to develop policies, procedures, and guidelines for by-law enforcement. Continued work on responding to questions from Department of Justice in respect to updated list of SOTs. Parking enforcement has resumed.

3	Communications and Public Engagement	Ongoing weekly communication about Asset Management in the Town, on a monthly rotation. Started promotion of Civic number and Outdoor Burning By-laws. Staff have completed Public Engagement Plans for GHG Reduction Plan, Bandstand Engagement, and Land Acknowledgement. Currently working on Strategic Plan Public Engagement and Continuing Bicycle Route Engagement Plan.
4	Council Support	Ongoing support for Strategic Planning Process. Supporting start-up of new committees.
5	Wayfinding Project	Waiting on final sign fabrication.
6	Council of Canadians	Staff supported hosting of March 30th Council of Canadians session with Town zoom account and streamed live on Town YouTube page.

By-law and Policy Review - April 29, 2021 (Next Update May 27)

1	Trees By-law	Target	Staff to research tree by-laws and recommendations received regarding Mahone Bay specifically.
		01-Sep-21	
2	Park By-law	Target	Staff to review Park By-law in context of Plan Review.
		29-Jul-21	

3	Off Premises Signage Policy	Target	Staff to review Off Premises Signage Policy in context of Plan Review.
		29-Jul-21	
4	CAO Performance Review Policy	Target	Staff to prepare a report on drafting a CAO Performance Review Policy. Pending discussion at Strategy & Policy Committee.
		TBD	
5	Employee Conduct Policy	Target	Staff to review Employee Conduct Policy in relation to violence in the workplace. Pending discussion at Strategy & Policy Committee.
		TBD	
6	Local Improvement By-law	Target	Pending discussion at Strategy & Policy Committee.
		TBD	
7	Council/CAO Relations Policy	Target	Pending discussion at Strategy & Policy Committee.
		TBD	
8	Plastic Signage Policy	Target	Not yet begun
		01-Sep-21	
9	Wildlife Feeding Policy	Target	Not yet begun
		01-Jun-21	
10	Dangerous and Unsightly	Target	Staff have identified a need to review for clarity. Pending discussion at Strategy & Policy Committee.
		TBD	
11	Council Policy	Target	Pending discussion at Strategy & Policy Committee.
		TBD	
12	Respectful Workplace Policy	Target	Pending discussion at Strategy & Policy Committee.
		TBD	

13	Fees Policy	Target	Not yet begun
		01-Jun-21	
14	Penalties By-law	Target	Not yet begun
		01-Jun-21	
15	Committee Policy	Target	Pending discussion at Strategy & Policy Committee.
		TBD	
16	Land-Use By-law and Municipal Planning Strategy	Plan Review Underway. Initial plan documents approved at Council on January 28, 2021 and posted on Plan MB website.	

Service Statistics - April 29, 2021 (Next Update May 27)

1	By-law Enforcement	Mar. 2021	Parking Tickets: 2	
		Notes: Patrols within Town promoting dogs on leash; contact made with several walkers and educational information shared with them. Investigated complaint regarding to noise due to construction and found resolution. Working with comments from DOJ regarding by-laws and SOT schedule. Continued development of enforcement procedures.		
2	Police Services (founded & SUI occurrences)	Q3 2020	50	YTD: 390
		Notes: None.		
3	Mahone Bay & District Fire Department	Jan-Mar	9	-
		Notes: MVCs: 1; Fire Alarms: 5; Mutal Aid: 1; Other: 2		

4	Traffic (Speed Signage)	Nov-Dec, 2020	45 Pleasant Av. Speed 33 / 50 Kph	45 Pleasant Av. Speed 33 / 50 Kph
		Jan-Feb, 2021	45 Pleasant Av. Speed 27 / 50 Kph	45 Pleasant Av. Speed 25 / 50 Kph
		Notes: Sign in need of replacement, report anticipated to 2021-22 budget process.		
5	Solid Waste (Tonnage)	Dec. 2020	77.60	YTD: 774.44
		Notes: Recyclables = 14.37; Organics = 17.53; Garbage/Other = 38.18; Cardboard = 7.52.		
6	HOME Program	Leads: 50	Installations: 5	
		Notes: Ambassador engagement (Oct-Nov)		
7	Water Utility	Pumped	Oct., 2020: 17,517,000 Litres	
		Treated	Oct., 2020: 16,247,000 Litres	
		Sold	Oct., 2020: 7,216,982 Litres	
8	Electrical Utility	Domestic	Q3: 1,309,122 kWh; YTD:	
		Commercial	Q3: 103,204 kWh; YTD: 365,204	
		Industrial	Q3: 1,197,036 kWh; YTD:	
9	CodeRED Registrations	31/03/2021	Residential: 294; Business: 10; Email: 154; Text: 196	
		28/02/2021	Residential: 290; Business: 10; Email: 153; Text: 192	
		31/01/2021	Residential: 285; Business: 10; Email: 150; Text: 189	
		31/12/2020	Residential: 285; Business: 10; Email: 146; Text: 189	
		2020-03-31	Residential: 243; Business: 12; Email: 134; Text: 157	

Strategic Plan 2021-2025 - April 29, 2021

New 2021-25 Strategic Plan Process currently underway. Draft Plan introduced April 13:

https://www.townofmahonebay.ca/uploads/1/3/0/6/130665195/2021-04-13_meeting_package_council.pdf (begins Page 93). Public Information Meeting May 3rd, Public Hearing May 10th.

2021-22 Operating & Capital Budgets - April 29, 2021

New fiscal year (2021-22) began April 1, 2021. 2021-22 Budget process currently underway. Draft budget introduced April 19:

https://www.townofmahonebay.ca/uploads/1/3/0/6/130665195/2021-04-19_meeting_package_council_special_budget_meeting.pdf



Town of Mahone Bay

Staff Report

RE: PAA Pilot Project

May 11th, 2021

General Overview:

This report is intended to present Council with an update concerning the PAA wastewater effluent pilot project.

Background:

In 2019, aware of the Dec 31, 2020 Federal deadline to significantly reduce chlorine in treated wastewater effluent, the Town undertook a study of alternatives. It was determined at this time that the Town would seek Department of Environment approval to pilot an effluent treatment approach – relatively common in the United States – that has not been widely used in Nova Scotia: Peracetic Acid (PAA). PAA is an alternative disinfectant, meaning dechlorination would not be needed (as chlorine would not be used).

Department of Environment approval was received in January 2021 and staff – supported by CBCL Ltd. – began the PAA pilot immediately. The pilot ran January 28th to March 24th; results are summarized in the CBCL report attached as Appendix A. Quoting CBCL: Overall, the PAA pilot was able to meet the Approval to Operate effluent discharge requirements.

Analysis:

The successful completion of the pilot project demonstrates that with PAA disinfectant the Town can continue to meet Federal requirements going forward. Staff recommend proceeding to a five-year trial, during which time costs can be monitored and alternatives considered if necessary.

If Council does support moving ahead with PAA on a continuing basis, not much additional work would be required (modifying existing chemical storage area to receive PAA in larger totes). This is already included in the draft 2021-22 capital budget at \$32,000 with a projected \$10,000 external (if the Province allows us to allocate unspent funds from the PCAP funding for the PAA pilot as that project came in under budget).

Financial Analysis:

The PAA pilot came in under budget (~\$81,000 of \$105,000).

One complicating factor going forward regards the PAA chemical costs. The original (2019) effluent treatment costs estimate was \$4,400 annually, whereas we're currently estimating \$15,800. This is partially because we're using a higher concentration solution than originally anticipated, and also because chemical costs have increased since 2019.

Recommendation:

It is recommended,

THAT Council accept this report for information.

Attached for Council Review:

- CBCL Ltd. PAA Pilot Update Report

Respectfully Submitted,

Dylan Heide
Town of Mahone Bay CAO



Memo

Date	03/22/2021
Memo to	Meghan Rafferty, TOMB
Project name	TOMB WWTP Disinfection Upgrades Pilot
Subject	Pilot Update
From	Melissa Fraser, CBCL
Copies to	Derrick MacKenzie, TOMB; Mike Abbott, CBCL

Introduction

The Town of Mahone Bay (TOMB) is conducting a pilot program at the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) to trial peracetic acid for effluent disinfection. The pilot equipment was installed at the WWTP the week of January 11th and disinfection was switched from chlorine to PAA on January 27th. The pilot program is currently in week 10. The following memo outlines the pilot program results to date.

Operating Conditions

Table 1 outlines the PAA dose that was targeted for each trial. Each trial ran for a period of 1-2 weeks to allow for process conditions to stabilize. The target PAA doses were increased from what was initially proposed in the pilot protocol due to concerns with pumping the chemical from the building to cell #3 and achieving adequate PAA residual. However, after the first trial, the PAA dose was decreased without affecting the pumping of PAA to the cell.

Table 1: PAA Pilot Operating Conditions

	Trial	Start	End	PAA target dose (mg/L)	Notes
Week 1		11-Jan-21	15-Jan-21	N/A (baseline conditions)	
Week 2	Trial 1	28-Jan-21	03-Feb-21	5	
Week 3	Trial 1	04-Feb-21	10-Feb-21	5	Increased WWTP flows
Week 4	Trial 2	11-Feb-21	17-Feb-21	3	
Week 5	Trial 2	18-Feb-21	24-Feb-21	3	
Week 6	Trial 3	25-Feb-21	03-Mar-21	2.5	Increased WWTP flows
Week 7	Trial 4	04-Mar-21	10-Mar-21	2.5	
Week 8	Trial 5	11-Mar-21	17-Mar-21	2	
Week 9	Trial 5	18-Mar-21	24-Mar-21	2	Warmer than normal temps



Platinum member

Effluent Results

Table 2 shows the average effluent results for total coliform, *E.coli*, fecal coliforms, BOD, and TSS for each trial. Secondary effluent (before PAA addition) and treated effluent (after PAA addition) results for each parameter are shown in Figures 1-4. Overall, the PAA pilot was able to meet the Approval to Operate effluent discharge requirements.

Table 2: Average Treated Effluent Results (January 28th to March 24th)

	Start Date	End Date	PAA Target Dose	Average Treated Effluent Results				
				Total Coliform	<i>E.coli</i>	Fecal Coliforms	BOD	TSS
			mg/L	MPN/100mL	MPN/100mL	MPN/100mL	mg/L	mg/L
Trial 1	Jan 28	Feb 10	5	34	6	5	7	<5
Trial 2	Feb 11	Feb 24	3	250	10	23	6	<5
Trial 3	Feb 25	Mar 10	2.5	339	10.6	30	7	6
Trial 4	Mar 11	Mar 24	2	1080	164	285	12	12

*Bolded parameters regulated under Approval to Operate

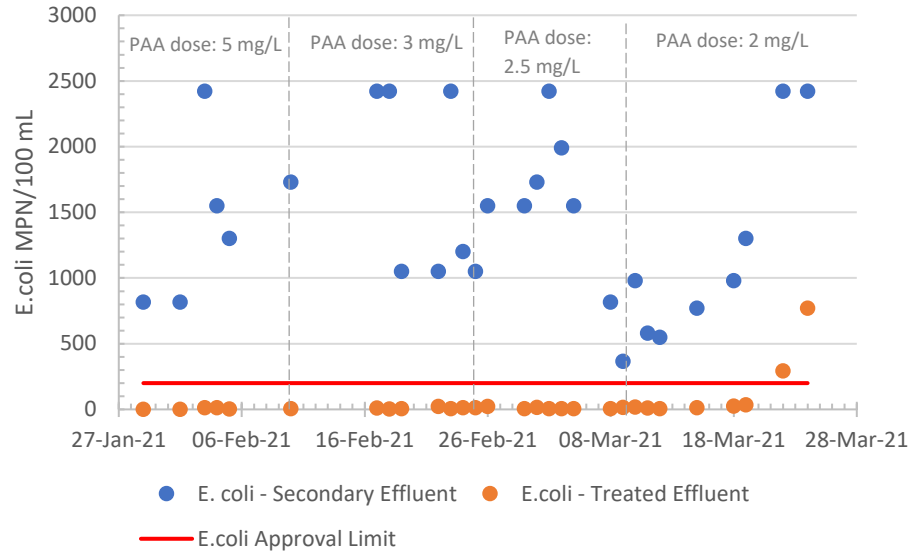


Figure 3: E.coli Results

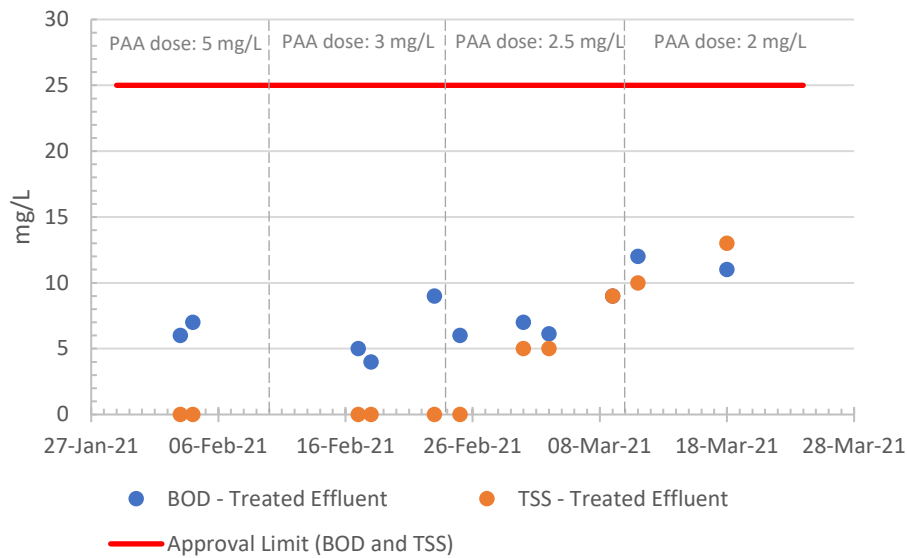


Figure 4: BOD and TSS Results

Public Notification

Throughout the pilot program, residents of the Town of Mahone Bay, along with the general public were notified that it was taking place.

Several methods of notification were used, including:

- Social Media updates
- Updates on the Town’s website
- Section in the Mayor’s Newsletter (March)
- Poster on Town Bulletin Board

Along with the public notification, key stakeholders including Nova Scotia Environment and Environment Canada were notified that the pilot program was taking place. A contingency plan was developed to notify key stakeholders in the event that the Approval to Operate requirements were not being met.

A New Process for a Better Product

The Town of Mahone Bay is conducting a pilot project to remove chlorine from our treated wastewater. Ultimately this means less chlorine in the harbour.

This pilot project will test the effectiveness of Peracetic Acid (PAA) as a chemical disinfectant in our treated wastewater effluent.

The Town is working in close cooperation with government regulators as part of our ongoing commitment to higher standards.

PAA is a disinfectant commonly used in the food industry.

The Town currently uses chlorine as a disinfectant on treated wastewater effluent prior to its release. Our goal is to remove chlorine from the treated effluent.

The Town of Mahone Bay is happy to advise stakeholders that we are working closely with Nova Scotia Environment to ensure continued compliance with federal and provincial environmental regulations throughout this process.



Town of Mahone Bay

Staff Report

RE: Wildlife Feeding By-law

May 11, 2021

General Overview:

This report is to provide for the consideration of Council a draft by-law to prohibit feeding wildlife within the Town of Mahone Bay.

Background:

At the January 29, 2021 regular meeting of the Mahone Bay Town Council the following motion was passed:

THAT Council direct staff to research the possible application of a by-law that would prohibit feeding wildlife within the Town of Mahone Bay.

Discussion of the proposed draft by-law was added to the agenda of the March 29, 2021 meeting of the Town of Mahone Bay Policy & Strategy Committee, at which time the issue was referred back to staff to prepare a draft by-law to a regular meeting of Council.

Analysis:

The Town of Mahone Bay received a piece of correspondence at the January 29, 2021 meeting asking if the Town had any intentions of taking steps to address the large population of deer in town. Over the years the Town has also received correspondence and a presentation indicating concern about road safety due to the prevalence of deer in Town. Staff have also heard anecdotal concerns from citizens about raccoons, rats, and other wildlife incursion as it relates to property damage and health concerns, particularly ticks.

With this background, staff conducted a review of by-laws in the Province of Nova Scotia that prohibit the feeding of wildlife, as well as a selection of sample by-laws across Canada and New England, to develop a draft by-law for Mahone Bay that would address the concerns that have been heard in respect to wildlife in Town. With the understanding that many property owners in Mahone Bay enjoy backyard bird feeders, staff have included a clause in the draft by-law which exempts such feeders as long as they do not create a public safety threat, such as becoming a place where wildlife congregate in such a way as to create a traffic hazard, or a nuisance, such as creating an area in which large congregations of animals

becomes an impediment for neighbouring property owners to be able to peacefully enjoy their property.

Financial Analysis:

There are no financial implications for the adoption of the attached draft by-law aside from the regular costs associated with advertising the draft by-law according to regulation, and costs related to by-law enforcement in general.

Links to Strategic Plan:

3.1 21st Century Infrastructure

- Provide safe streets and sidewalks

3.2 Economic and Community Development

- Ensure that Town policies, procedures, by-laws and other regulations foster growth and development

Recommendation:

It is recommended, that at the May 11, 2021 meeting of Council

THAT Council provide first reading of the draft Wildlife Feeding By-law as presented.

Respectfully submitted,



Maureen Hughes

Town Clerk and Deputy CAO



1. Purpose

The purpose of this by-law is to provide regulations which address the impacts inappropriate feeding may have on the property and safety of residents and property owners in the town of Mahone Bay.

2. Definitions

In this by-law, unless the context otherwise indicates:

- (i) "Feeding" means the placing, exposing, depositing, distribution, or scattering of food or edible substances, in any manner intended to lure, attract, or entice wildlife to return, stay, relocate, or group in above average numbers to a location.
- (ii) "Town" means the Town of Mahone Bay
- (iii) "Wildlife" means any animal that is not domesticated.

3. Regulations

3.1 It shall be an offense against the by-law to feed wildlife in the Town of Mahone Bay.

3.2 For certainty, the prohibition in 3.1 does not apply in relation to:

- (ii) fruit or vegetable gardening for human consumption;
- (iii) ornamental plants and flowers; and
- (iii) backyard composters.

3.3 This section shall not be interpreted so as to prohibit backyard bird feeders; however, if a bird feeder is determined to be the cause of a public safety threat or nuisance, the bird feeder(s) and seed debris will be required to be removed within 72 hours.

4. By-law Enforcement and Penalties

4.1 Any person found to be in violation of the provisions of this By-law may be found guilty of an offense and be liable on summary conviction of a fine not less than \$50.00 and not more than \$1,000.00. Each day that a person violates any provision of this by-law is considered a separate offense.

4.2 Any person who continues an activity which has been deemed to be feeding wildlife, as defined in this by-law, after having been advised by the designated Town enforcement authority, shall be considered to be in violation of this By-law.

5. Severability

A decision by a court that any part of this by-law is illegal, void, or unenforceable severs that part, and does not affect the enforceability of the remainder of the by-law.

6. Force and Effect

This by-law is effective upon publication.

David W. Devenne, Mayor

Maureen Hughes, Town Clerk

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a by-law passed at a duly convened meeting of the Council of the Town of MAHONE BAY, held on the _____ day of _____, 2021.

Given under the hand of the Mayor and the Town Clerk and seal of the Town of Mahone Bay this _____ day of _____, 2021.

First Reading:	
"Notice of Intent" Publication:	
Second Reading:	
Ministerial Approval:	
Date of Publishing:	
Forwarded to the Minister:	
Forwarded to Town Website:	

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to provide information on the May 10, 2021 which was held to receive verbal and written submissions regarding Council's Draft 2021 – 2025 Town of Mahone Bay Strategic Plan.

Background:

At the April 13, 2021 regular meeting of Mahone Bay Town Council, Council approved the draft Public Engagement Plan: 2021 – 2025 Strategic Plan. That plan provided an outline for how the Town would engage the public on the draft Strategic Plan.

The draft Strategic Plan was posted on the Town website and members of the public were encouraged to review the draft and offer comments, participate in the Public Information Meeting, and/or the public hearing.

Notification:

Public Information Meeting:	May 3, 2021 (online meeting) 15 people in attendance Notification in Progress Bulletin April 28 th Town website, Town Facebook page, Notice posted at the Post Office CodeRED notification (<i>Communications from Council, and Community Notices from the Town notice boards</i>)
Public Hearing:	May 10, 2021 (livestreamed on YouTube) Progress Bulletin April 28, 2021 Progress Bulletin May 5, 2021 Town website, Town facebook page, Notice posted at the Post Office CodeRED notification

*(Communications from Council, and
Community Notices from the Town notice
boards)*

Submissions Received:

Comments submitted to the Public Hearing were forwarded to the Council on Monday afternoon. Those comments were from: Leah Maloney; Veryan Haysom; Joy Morgan; and Mary Ellen Donovan.

No further submissions were received at the Public Hearing.

Respectfully submitted,



Maureen Hughes

Town Clerk & Deputy CAO





Town of Mahone Bay

Staff Report

RE: Fairmont Service Extension

May 11th, 2021

General Overview:

This report is intended to present Council with requested consideration of a possible water / wastewater service extension on Fairmont Street.

Background:

At the regular meeting of Council for February 9, 2021 in response to correspondence from Kelsie Hirtle on behalf of Neil Cleveland requesting installation of a water line (attached as Appendix A), a motion was made by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Nowe, "THAT Council direct staff to complete due diligence to determine the feasibility of extending water and wastewater service to the end of Fairmont Street and report back to Council." Motion carried.



End of Fairmont Street (from existing water/wastewater)

Staff worked with engineering contractor KVM Consultants Limited to obtain a capital cost estimate (waterline extension estimate attached as Appendix B). It was determined that a wastewater extension would not be feasible for this area at the current time as a lift station would be needed to pump the waste uphill to the existing sanitary main on Fairmont Street.

Analysis:

The proposed waterline extension would serve several properties including potential undeveloped lots. Water system access could increase the development potential of these properties. Additional customers would also benefit the water utility by distributing relatively fixed system costs. Council's draft 2021-25 Strategic Plan and approved asset management goals for the water system include strategic extension of the system to support growth and improve the sustainability of the water system (reducing costs for ratepayers). Council will need to weigh the cost of the proposed extension against the benefit to property owners / strategic value. Consultations with all impacted property owners could help inform the decision.

Financial Analysis:

If Council were prepared to proceed the proposed waterline extension would need to be tendered to obtain final pricing. The water utility depreciation reserve cannot be used to cover service extensions so the cost would have to be funded from utility surplus or Town General (or alternatively the project could be financed by borrowing). A \$100,000 placeholder for this project was included in the draft 2021-22 capital budget.

This would extension could potentially be supported by cost-sharing arrangements with property owners under the proposed Local Improvement By-law, depending on their support for the project.

Recommendation:

It is recommended, if Council considers the proposed waterline extension feasible based on the information presented,

THAT Council direct staff to contact all impacted property owners to advise them of the proposed extension and receive their feedback on the proposal.

Attached for Council Review:

- Letter from Kelsie Hirtle on behalf of Neil Cleveland (received February 9, 2021)
- Capital Cost Estimate – KVM Consultants Limited.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dylan Heide', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dylan Heide
Town of Mahone Bay CAO

To: The town council,

I'm writing on behalf of my father Neil Cleveland. His residence is at Fairmont St Mahone Bay. He has lived there for over 40 years, paying his property taxes just like any other property owner in Mahone Bay.

He put a dug well on the property when the house was built approximately 40 years ago. For the last 15 years the water became undrinkable even after yearly cleanings. The water test's show arsenic, at 84 years old buying and dragging drinking water is getting impossible for him to handle. He is in great health mind and body for a man his age no medications needed. His wants are to remain in his home but, without running drinkable water installed in his home this will not be possible for him.

So on his request I'm asking you to please seriously consider his request to install town water in his home.

Yours Truly
Kebie Holt



Town of Mahone Bay
493 Main Street
Mahone Bay, Nova Scotia
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Attn: Dylan Heide, CAO
Derrick MacKenzie, Director of Public Works

Re: Capital Cost Estimate – Water Main Extension Fairmont Street

In response to your request for a scale of magnitude cost estimate we offer the following.

1.0 Summary of Proposed Works

- Extend existing 150 mm watermain from Civic # 162 to Civic # 208.
- Install 3 – 19 mm water services from new main to 0.5 metres beyond existing driveway shoulder.
- Install hydrant and valve at end of driveway.
- Reinstatement of all surface features disturbed during underground services installation.

2.0 Opinion of Probable Costs of Construction

The 2021 probable costs follow. The estimates include 10% construction contingency and no allowance for consulting fees.

Estimated Costs	HST (15%)	Total
\$107,000	16,050	\$123,050

3.0 Basis of Estimates

The above estimates are based on conceptual layouts prepared with 1:2000 scaled topographic mapping with 2.0m contours. The mapping is based 1989 aerial photography and therefore may not be representative of current conditions.

Detailed design of the proposed works may identify underground utility crossing conflicts which could result in the need to revisit the concepts and corresponding estimated costs.

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The estimates do not include land purchases, right-of-way or easement acquisitions. It is assumed that there will be a small amount of trench rock excavation required.

KVM Consultants has no control over the cost of labour and materials, the contractor's method of determining prices, or competitive bidding or market conditions. This opinion of probable cost of construction is made on the basis of contractor's progress applications, experience, qualifications and best judgment of the professional consultant familiar with the construction industry. KVM Consultants cannot and does not guarantee that proposals, bids or actual construction costs will not vary from this or subsequent cost estimates.

If you have any questions or comments on the above please call at your convenience.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Kent V. Morash'.

Kent V. Morash, B.Sc, P.Eng.
KVM/mtm

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Staff Report

RE: Plan Mahone Bay Engagement Phase 2

May 11th, 2021

General Overview:

This report is intended to request Council direction regarding anticipated Plan Mahone Bay public engagement activities, in consideration of the recent surge in COVID-19 cases in Nova Scotia.

Background:

Plan Mahone Bay consultants Upland Urban Planning & Design Studio have nearly completed the draft planning documents for review by the Town's project Steering Team. Phase 2 public engagement activities for Plan Mahone Bay would be expected to follow shortly thereafter. The April 2021 project update from Upland is attached as Appendix A to this report.

Analysis:

Over the past week Nova Scotia has recorded a record surge in COVID-19 cases and the Province has imposed strict lock-down controls. These developments make in-person engagement unlikely in the near future.

Upland acknowledges this in their latest update and provides the following:

The recent surge in COVID-19 cases has called into question the ability to have any sort of in-person engagements in the near future. We are able to adapt engagement on the draft documents to an entirely digital format or, if desired, can delay the project timeline to allow for in-person engagements once case loads are under control and public health restrictions are relaxed.

Staff – and Upland consultants – seek Council direction on whether the Phase 2 public engagement activities for Plan Mahone Bay should proceed on their original timeline (but entirely digital format) or be delayed to allow for in-person engagements once case loads are under control and public health restrictions are relaxed.

Financial Analysis:

It is anticipated that – whatever Council’s direction in this regard – public engagement activities will remain within the existing approved budget for Plan Mahone Bay.

Recommendation:

It is recommended, that Council provide direction concerning Plan Mahone Bay Phase 2 public engagement activities.

Attached for Council Review:

- April 2021 Plan Mahone Bay Report from Upland Urban Planning & Design Studio

Respectfully Submitted,

Dylan Heide
Town of Mahone Bay CAO

Progress Report

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April
2021**Project:**

Town of Mahone Bay Municipal Plan Review

Reporting Period:

April, 2021

Dear Mr Heide,

Please find attached a progress report for the work completed during the month of April, 2021.

This period your staff worked hard to review the draft documents and submit comments to us. We have received and reviewed those comments and are now in the process of finalizing the second drafts for presentation to the Steering Team late this month or early next month.

The recent surge in COVID-19 cases puts a limit on in-person engagement for the time being. Please discuss with your team whether you would prefer to move to an all-digital format for engagement on the draft documents or if you would prefer to delay the project timeline somewhat to allow for public health restrictions to relax. We are happy to accommodate either option.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Ian Watson, MCIP

Complete

**Phase 1:
Start Up**

Task	Task Status	Expected Completion
<i>Task 1.1: Start Up Meeting + Site Visit</i>	Complete	-
<i>Task 1.2: Data Collection</i>	Complete	-
<i>Task 1.3: Document Review</i>	Complete	-
<i>Task 1.4: Project Brand</i>	Complete	-
<i>Task 1.5: Engagement Plan</i>	Complete	-

Ongoing

**Phase 2:
Engagement**

Task	Task Status	Expected Completion
<i>Task 2.1: Engagement Collateral</i>	Complete	-
<i>Task 2.2: Project Launch</i>	Complete	-
<i>Task 2.3: Stakeholder Engagement</i>	Complete	-
<i>Task 2.4: Staff Workshops</i>	Complete	-
<i>Task 2.5: Public Engagement - Survey</i>	Complete	-
<i>Task 2.6: Social Pinpoint</i>	Complete	-
<i>Task 2.7: Creative Tactics</i>	Ongoing	Tactic 1: Complete Tactic 2: TBD
<i>Task 2.8: Steering Team Workshop</i>	Complete	-
<i>Task 2.9: Community Vision</i>	Complete	-
<i>Task 2.10: Engagement summary</i>	Complete	-

Complete

**Phase 3:
Analysis**

Task	Task Status	Expected Completion
<i>Task 3.1: Background Analysis</i>	Complete	-

Ongoing

**Phase 4:
Draft Plan and Land Use Bylaw**

Task	Task Status	Expected Completion
<i>Task 4.1: Prepare Draft Plan</i>	Complete	-
<i>Task 4.2: Prepare Draft Bylaw</i>	Complete	-
<i>Task 4.3: Mapping</i>	Complete	-
<i>Task 4.4: Staff Review + Second Draft</i> This period staff reviewed the draft documents and submitted comments to our team. We are currently in the process of developing the second draft of the documents.	60%	Early May
<i>Task 4.5: Council Steering Team Presentation</i>	Pending	Late May or early June
<i>Task 4.6: Public + Stakeholder Engagement</i>	Pending	TBD

Pending

**Phase 5:
Final Plan and Land Use Bylaw**

Task	Task Status	Expected Completion
<i>Task 5.1: Prepare Final Draft Documents</i>	Pending	TBD
<i>Task 5.2: Formal MPS & LUB Adoption</i>	Pending	TBD
<i>Task 5.3: Project Wrap-up</i>	Pending	TBD

List of Outputs and Deliverables To-date

- Start up meeting
- Site visit
- Data collection
- Background document review
- Two Engagement Workshops
- Project brand
- Engagement Plan
- Banner
- Website
- Business cards
- Poster
- Social Pinpoint
- Survey
- Project video
- Engagement Scavenger Hunt
- Staff workshops
- Steering Team workshop 1
- Steering Team workshop 2
- Stakeholder engagement
- Background Analysis
- Community Vision
- Engagement Summary
- First draft Municipal Planning Strategy
- First draft Land Use Bylaw
- First draft mapping
- Staff review of drafts

Next Month Steps

- Continue and complete second draft
- Steering Team presentation

Current Risks and Opportunities

- The recent surge in COVID-19 cases has called into question the ability to have any sort of in-person engagements in the near future. We are able to adapt engagement on the draft documents to an entirely digital format or, if desired, can delay the project timeline to allow for in-person engagements once case loads are under control and public health restrictions are relaxed.



Town of Mahone Bay
Staff Report
RE: Water System Losses
May 11th, 2021

General Overview:

This report is intended to provide Council with additional information relating to operation of the Town’s water system to support ongoing discussion of water system losses.

Background:

Staff have developed the following estimates on planned and unplanned water loss for 2020. The water treatment plant is an unmetered service and staff have estimated water use for filter cleanings and chemical batching, note regular domestic use at the Plant is not estimated.

Type of Water Loss	2020 Estimated Volume (L)
Edgewater/WWTP Bleeder Lines	1,312,800
Weekly Flushing	640,800
WTP Filter Cleanings	191,844
WTP Chemical Batching	48,600
Seasonal Flushing	660,000
Water Loss Main Breaks (repaired)	350,000
Water Loss Service Leaks (repaired)	194,400
Total	3,398,444

It is estimated that residential water use per person in Canada is an average of 330L/day or 120,450L per year. It is known that the Town has approximately 485 service connections which includes commercial and industrial water connections. If it is estimated that 800 people in Mahone Bay use water each day, in the course of the year the total residential water usage is approximately 96,360,000L, excluding commercial and industrial usage and seasonal variance. In 2020, total metered sales were ~71,207,316L and total distributed water was 197,674,000L; accounting for metered sales and known water loss there is still 62% usage unaccounted. Using the 96,360,000L estimate for residential consumption, that figure decreases by ~13%.

It can be estimated that 162,800L per month is lost for water quality system maintenance, which is approximately 1% of treated water, plus or minus spot flushing etc. If the same calculation for estimated consumption is used on a

30-day month (800 residential users at 330L/day), that would be 7.92 ML which has approximately a 10% impact on treated vs sold.

Analysis:

These figures are not meant to explain the obvious discrepancy in treated vs sold but to provide context within the system for the variety of activities which occur. For example, we know that millions of litres a year is lost in having continuous bleeder lines, so we have invested in an automatic flush unit (hoping for another this year) for installation in 2021. These units are known to greatly reduce water loss, provide a metered system to track actual flush values, and have the capacity to continue to displace enough water to maintain chlorine residual and remove stagnate water at dead ends; CBRM is an example of a municipality that had success in reducing system losses through flush units.

The discrepancy between metered and estimated residential figures demonstrates that it will be important to consider metering in the water loss planning. There are old meters in the system and as a rule of thumb as meters age they become less accurate, tending to under track water that passes through the meter.

Understanding water loss reduction requires a multi-prong approach undertaken with the knowledge that without replacing all aged water lines and associated appurbances, the target decreases will have to occur through a variety of mechanisms.

A further report in this regard is planned, proposing a project intended to identify and address water system losses for Council's consideration.

Financial Analysis:

The draft 2021-22 budget currently under consideration by Council includes \$60,000 for a project to address water system losses, to be supported by \$30,000 external from the Provincial Capital Assistance Program (if successful).

Recommendation:

It is recommended,

THAT Council accept this report for information.

Attached for Council Review:

- None

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dylan Heide", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dylan Heide
Town of Mahone Bay CAO

Maureen Hughes

From: Penny Carver
Sent: Tuesday, May 4, 2021 3:47 PM
To: Maureen Hughes
Cc: Dylan Heide
Subject: Motion for May 11th agenda

Hi Maureen,
Here is a motion for the Council Items section on the May 11 agenda:

Whereas members of the community have raised questions about the Development Agreement between the Town and the MacLeod Group with respect to the nursing home development, including questions about how the terms of the Agreement are being administered by the Town,

Therefore, be it resolved that Council direct staff to prepare a report for the May 27th Council meeting summarizing the role of the Town in monitoring and administering the Development Agreement with specific reference to management of storm water and landscape buffer zones, and steps taken by the Town while monitoring and enforcing the terms of the Development Agreement.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Penny

Penny Carver
Councillor, Town of Mahone Bay

A meeting of the Heritage Advisory Committee for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Wednesday, April 14th at 5:30 p.m. via video conferencing.

Present:

Councillor Joseph Feeney, Chair
Councillor Alice Burdick
Bill Degrace
Ann MacPhail
Deborah Trask, Heritage Researcher
Councillor Penny Carver (Alternate)
Kelly Redden, Deputy Clerk

Absent:

1. Approval of Agenda

A motion by Councillor Burdick, seconded by Mr. Degrace, "THAT the agenda be approved as presented." Motion carried.

2. Minutes

A motion by Mr. Degrace, seconded by Councillor Burdick, "THAT the minutes of the December 9, 2020 meeting be approved as presented." Motion carried.

3. Registration Application - 342 Main Street

The committee reviewed the Statement of Significance prepared by Heritage Researcher, Deborah Trask.

The committee agreed to some edits of the Statement of Significance. This agenda item will be carried forward to the next meeting of the committee.

4. Discussion – Who decides whether an alteration to a Heritage Property should be reviewed by the committee

The committee agreed that all requests to alter a Heritage Property should come to the committee for approval to make those alterations. The committee may hold special meetings if necessary to accommodate heritage property owner's timelines.

5. Discussion – Registration of Town Hall

The committee discussed the current renovations being made to Town Hall and possible heritage registration of the building.

The committee will discuss formal registration later in the year.

The meeting adjourned by motion at 6:30 pm.

TOWN OF MAHONE BAY

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Chair, Councillor Joseph Feeney

Deputy Clerk, Kelly Redden



A meeting of the Policy & Strategy Committee for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Monday, April 26, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via video conferencing.

Present:

Mayor David Devenne
Deputy Mayor Francis Kangata
Councillor Alice Burdick
Councillor Penny Carver
Councillor Richard Nowe
Councillor Kelly Wilson
CAO, Dylan Heide
Clerk, Maureen Hughes

Absent: Councillor Feeney (regrets)

Let us begin by acknowledging that we are gathered today in Mi'kma'ki. The ancestral, present and future territory of the Mi'kmaw people. Today, we gather with the intent followed by the living Peace and Friendship Treaties - with respect, cooperation and coexistence.

1. Approval of Agenda

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **“THAT the agenda be approved as amended.”** **Motion carried.**

2. Minutes

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT the minutes of the March 30, 2021 meeting be approved as presented.”** **Motion carried.**

3. Local Improvement By-law

Committee members received the December 8, 2020 and February 9, 2021 staff reports that were received at Council in respect to a Local Improvement By-law. Committee members discussed the concept of a Local Improvement By-law and reviewed the draft by-law which had been presented to Council.

Following the committee discussion, staff will bring an amended draft by-law back to this committee for the June meeting.

4. Recreation

Committee members discussed the ways in which the Town might support the people in the community that bring recreation ideas to the Town.

5. Next meeting

Monday, May 31, 2021 at 7pm.

The meeting adjourned by motion at 8:48 pm.

TOWN OF MAHONE BAY

TOWN OF MAHONE BAY

Chair, Mayor David Devenne

Clerk, Maureen Hughes

DRAFT

The quarterly meeting of the Town of Mahone Bay's Police Advisory Board was held on Thursday, April 29, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. via videoconferencing.

Present:

Mayor D. Devenne
Deputy Mayor Francis Kangata
Councillor Kelly Wilson
Darrell Dawson
Angus Smith
Clerk & Dep. CAO, M. Hughes
Cpl. Dan Smith, RCMP
Cst. Tim Lynch, RCMP

Absent:

Land Acknowledgement

Let us begin by acknowledging that we are gathered today in Mi'kma'ki. The ancestral, present and future territory of the Mi'kmaw people. Today, we gather with the intent followed by the living Peace and Friendship Treaties - with respect, cooperation and coexistence.

Approval of Agenda

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, **"THAT the agenda be approved as presented."** **Motion carried.**

Minutes

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Mr. Dawson, **"THAT the minutes of the August 6, 2021 meeting of the Police Advisory Board be approved as presented."** **Motion carried.**

Presentation of Police Reports

Cpl. Smith started his presentation with an overview of the RCMP structure in Lunenburg County noting an increased focus in the district on community policing and the goals of increased visibility at the community level.

In the presentation of the RCMP Quarterly Reports, Cpl. Smith highlighted some notable occurrences in Mahone Bay during this quarter (January – March 2021) including responses to community concerns and presentations by the School Safety Resource Officer to address the concerning issue of intimate images among young people.

Discussion around the committee level included mental health response practices, addressing concerns of residents about continuing issues, how the RCMP interact with youth in the community who come into contact with the RCMP, and concerns regarding pedestrian and vehicular traffic.

Speed Sign Statistics

The Clerk reviewed the speed sign deployment plan with members of the PAB and advised that monthly statistics are shared with the RCMP who are then able to refer to those statistics when planning how to address identified traffic issued. Quarterly speed sign statistics will be shared as a regular component of the Police Advisory Board meetings.

New Business

PAB Training

The Clerk advised members that training for PAB members is currently being updated at the provincial level and the link to complete the training will be forwarded to all committee members when it is available.

COVID-19

Committee members discussed the components of the provincial Health Order and the enforcement that the RCMP is able to perform.

Next Meeting: July 29, 2021 at noon.

The meeting adjourned upon motion at 1:08 p.m.

TOWN OF MAHONE BAY

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Mayor David Devenne

Town Clerk, Maureen Hughes



Quarterly Police Report
Town of Mahone Bay
January to March 2021

1. LUNENBURG DISTRICT STAFF

- 1 Staff Sergeant
- 2 Sergeants
- 7 Corporals
- 33 Constables
- 1 Reserve Constable
- 7 Administrative Staff
- Crime Analyst (Covers numerous areas including Lunenburg District)
- Senior Safety Coordinator (Jointly Managed with BPS)

2. SOUTHEAST TRAFFIC SERVICES

- Six member provincial unit working out of Lunenburg District (Chester Office)
- Dedicated traffic enforcement throughout Lunenburg and Queens Counties.

3. LUNENBURG DISTRICT FLEET

- (15) Patrol Cars
- (3) Patrol SUVs
- (5) Unmarked Police Vehicles
- (1) Police Boat
- (1) 4 Seat UTV (Side x Side)
- (4) Patrol Bicycles

4. DISTRICT FACILITIES

- Chester Detachment
- Lilydale Detachment
- Cookville Detachment
- New Germany Community Office (Closed)

- Mahone Bay Community Office (Closed)

5. GENERAL INVESTIGATION SECTION (Lunenburg County)

6. SCHOOL SAFETY RESOURCE OFFICERS (Lunenburg County)

Corporal Dan Smith is responsible to manage the Lunenburg Town office and the school safety resource officer program.

The SSROs are working with local schools and, as before, delivering programs concerning a range of topics including cyber bullying, and other social media topics. They continue to face some restrictions due to the Covid virus however are attending receptive schools and providing relevant materials where they can.

7. COMMUNITY POLICING VICTIMS SERVICES OFFICER (Lunenburg County)

Constable Sonia Upshaw is currently assigned to the “H” Division emergency operations centre (DEOC) where she assist the with the coordination of quarantine monitoring and compliance within the province. We expect Constable Upshaw to return to the Lunenburg CPVS position once a replacement has been identified in the DEOC.

8. CALLS FOR SERVICE

Between January 1st 2021 and March 31st, 2021, Lunenburg District had received 2314 calls for service which included Criminal Code, Controlled Drugs and Substance Act, and Provincial Act Investigations.

During the same quarter in 2019 Lunenburg District had a total of 2255 calls for service.

9. SIGNIFICANT / NOTEWORTHY

Some significant and noteworthy items this past quarter include the following:

District Resources

- Sergeant Brent Johnston is the operations sergeant working out of the Chester Office.
- Corporal Dan Smith accepted a position in the Lunenburg Office as the NCO/ic of the Lunenburg Detachment. In addition to the being the RCMP’s representative

with the Towns of Lunenburg and Mahone Bay, he also supervises Lunenburg District's Community Policing Program.

- Lunenburg District currently has two members off duty for medical reasons.

Calls for Service

The attached chart gives a breakdown of the calls for service in this quarter. Some notable calls:

- On January 9th, Lunenburg members responded to an attempted break and enter at the Hubbards gas station. A 26 year old male and 29 year old male were subsequently arrested and charged with break and enter and mischief. These matters are currently before the court.
- On January 17th members responded to a disturbance at Conquerall Mills. The disturbance involved several people drinking. As the result of the investigation, a 34 year old male, a 31 year old male and a 37 year old female were arrested. Charges included assault, assault causing bodily harm, assault with a weapon and mischief. All matters are currently before the court.
- On March 2nd, Lunenburg members responded to a complaint of unlawful confinement at Martin's River. A 15 year old Queens County male was subsequently charged with a number of criminal offences including assault, uttering threat and forcible confinement. This matter is currently before the court.
- On February 1st, Lunenburg members assisted Family and Child Services with a investigation into Invitation to Sexual Touching involving a Middle LaHave youth. As the result of the investigation, a 33 year old Italy Cross man has been charged with a related offence. The matter is currently before the court.
- On February 14th, Lunenburg members responded to a family dispute at Cookville restaurant. A 20 year old Gold River female and a 10 year old Gold River male were arrested for causing a disturbance. The female assaulted a police officer by punching kicking and spiting at the officer. She has been charged with causing a disturbance and resist arrest. The male subject who assisted the female in her assault was also charged with causing a disturbance and resist arrest.
- On February 25th, Lunenburg members responded to a break and enter in progress at New Russell. The complainant reported arriving home to find a male and

female running out of his house. The two drove off in a vehicle heading towards Windsor. Windsor RCMP were engaged and the male and female were arrested in Windsor. A 27 year old male and a 28 year old female have been charged with break and enter. These matters are currently before the court.

- On March 17th, Lunenburg members responded to a dangerous driving complaint at Bayport. The complainant reported that the driver of an all terrain vehicle intentionally attempted to run into him. A 64 year old Bayport male was subsequently arrested and charged with assault with a weapon (ATV). This matters are currently before the court.
- On March 8th, member responded to a complaint of threats of arson at Chester. A 39 year old Hubly male was arrested and charged with uttering threats. This matter is currently before the court.
- On March 24th, Lunenburg members responded to a complaint of a suspicious male at the Wileville gas station. Subsequently, a 39 year old male from Digby was arrested and found in possession of a significant amount of cocaine. This male was charged with possession of cocaine for the purpose of trafficking. This matter is currently before the court.
- On March 25th, Lunenburg members arrested a 46 year old Lunenburg male in violation of a court release order. The subject was in possession of a quantity of cocaine and has been charged with possession of cocaine and breach of a court order. This matter is currently before the court.
- On March 30th, Lunenburg members responded to a head on traffic fatality at Gold River. The 68 year old female Gold River driver of a west bound vehicle collided with an east bound vehicle. The driver of the west bound vehicle died as a result of the collision.
- On March 30th, Lunenburg members responded to a break and enter at a Lunenburg Inn. As the result of investigation, a 39 year old male was arrested and charged with a number of criminal offences including break and enter, possession of property obtained by crime, mischief and fail to comply with a release order. This matter currently before the court..

The same subject was charged with break and enter into a residence in Bridgewater, a break and enter into a second Lunenburg Inn, and a break and enter into a fishing boat moored at Lunenburg. These matters are currently before the court.

- The commercial Elver Fishery is currently under way. This fishery is being monitored by Department of Fisheries. The RCMP role is to respond to calls for service as required – parking, trespassing, disturbances. To date, not issues have been encountered by the RCMP.

Other Calls for Service

- Lunenburg District members conducted 99 check stops in various locations throughout the county.
- False Alarms - 25
- Wellbeing Checks - 38
- Mental Health Calls – 83
- Sudden Death - 26
- Crime Prevention -84
- 911 calls - 72
- Assistance to GP - 29
- Lunenburg District members issued 197 Summary Offence Act tickets and 618 written warnings during vehicle stops this quarter. For the year running from April 1st 2020 to March 31st 2021, 748 Summary Offence Act tickets and 2040 written warnings were issued.
- Impaired Drivers -

10. STREET CRIME ENFORCEMENT UNIT & OTHER DRUG ACTIVITIES

Unit Quarterly Summary: (Success Stories)

SCEU investigated a suspected trafficker of cocaine in Lunenburg County. As a result of the investigation a Search Warrant was executed and two males and female are currently facing charges of Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking. Over a thousand dollars' worth of cocaine, drug paraphernalia and stolen property were seized.

SCEU investigated a suspected trafficker of cocaine in Lunenburg County. As a result of the investigation a Search Warrant was executed on a residence in Lunenburg. A substantial quantity of cocaine, methadone, mushroom, ketamine and hydromorphone was seized. A male is current facing 5 charges of possession for the purpose of trafficking and weapons offenses.

SCEU assisted with an investigation into a number of break and enters to businesses in Lunenburg. As a result of the investigation a search warrant was executed on a residence and a large quantity of stolen property was retrieved. A male is currently facing a number of charges relating to break and enter, possession of stolen property and drug offenses.

SCEU's stats for the quarter are:

- 6 Criminal Code Warrants Executed
- 1 Search Warrants Executed – Other Statutes
- 3 Targeted Vehicle Stops/Search Executed
- 5 Individuals Charged
- \$9000.00 Value Of Property Seized/Recovered
- \$4700.00 Value of Drugs Seized
- \$600.00 Value of Offence Related Cash Seized

11. SOUTHEAST TRAFFIC SERVICES STATS

These below statistics are in addition to the “Road Safety” work conducted by Lunenburg County District members. Currently the unit is staffed with 3 Southeast Traffic Services Unit Members .

- 602 Summary Offence Tickets
- 144 Written Warnings
- 6 Checkpoints

For the year running from April 1st 2020 to March 31st 2021, 1142 Summary Offence Act tickets and 313 written warnings were issued between Lunenburg and Yarmouth.

12. TOWN OF MAHONE BAY

During the First Quarter of 2021 there were 134 total generated occurrences in the Town of Mahone Bay. This includes all reported occurrences by the public, self-generated occurrences by police officers and traffic statistics including the Southeast Traffic Services which is not included in the attached Q1 statistics sheet.

Noteable occurrences were:

- On February 15th, 2021 Lunenburg members responded to a call that a male exited a

vehicle and was walking on the sidewalk with a long gun in his hands before entering an apartment. Multiple members responded and located the male. The gun was confirmed to be an Airsoft gun and was not an operational firearm. Guidance was given suggesting the device be placed in a case and not displayed in public.

- On March 4th, 2021 Lunenburg members responded to a call that a male driving a pick-up truck collided with a tree in the parking lot of the Mahone Bay NSLC. The male then drove away after staff of the NSLC checked on the driver. The driver was located by the RCMP and was ultimately arrested for impaired driving. After providing two breath samples the driver was formally charged and is scheduled to appear in Bridgewater Provincial Court on May 12th, 2021.
- On February 22nd, 2021 Cst. Bailey, Lunenburg District's School Safety Resource Officer, delivered a presentation at Bayview Community School to the Grade 8 class. The presentation focused on internet safety with a focus on intimate images.
- Between February 3rd and April 9th Lunenburg members received a total of 5 complaints regarding a white pick-up truck with loud exhaust that was sometimes squeeling tires on and around Clearway Street in Mahone Bay. On April 9th the RCMP located the vehicle and identified the 18-year-old driver. He was issued formal warnings under the Motor Vehicle Act and advised the RCMP discussed the complaints with the driver. At this point, no further complaints have been received regarding the truck.
- During the First Quarter a total of 29 Summary Offence Tickets were issued to motorists in Mahone Bay. Offences identified were primarily related to speeding, not wearing a seatbelt, insurance, inspection and registration violations as well as one cell phone ticket. In addition, 17 formal Warnings were issued as well.
- A total of 10 Checkpoints were completed during the First Quarter. The majority of Checkpoints were completed at the intersection of Fauxburg Road and Main Street as complaints have been made to the RCMP about vehicles failing to stop at the stop sign.
- During the First Quarter 10 Federal Quarantine Act occurrences were created as well. Quarantine Act occurrences are created when an international traveler registers with CBSA at the border and identifies the community in which they will self-isolate. In addition to telephone checks, the RCMP may also attend in person to check compliance with self-isolation requirements. No violations were noted in any of the Quarantine Act files.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mahone Bay Quarterly Statistics

(Includes Traffic Services and Occurrences taken by Call Back Unit)

Protected "A"

Type of Crime & Occurrence Type	2021	2020	Amount of Change	Calendar Year to Date 2021
	Q1	Q4		
	Current	Previous		
Crimes Against Persons				
Offences Related to Death	0	0	0	0
Sexual Offences	0	0	0	0
Assault	1	0	-1	1
Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0
Extortion / Intimidation	0	0	0	0
Criminal Harassment	0	0	0	0
Indecent Harassing Comm.	1	0	-1	1
Uttering Threats	0	1	1	0
Property Crime				
Arson	0	0	0	0
Break and Enter	1	0	-1	1
Unlawfully in a Dwelling House	0	0	0	0
Theft Over	0	1	1	0
Theft of Motor Vehicle	0	0	0	0
Theft of Other MV / Motorcycle	0	0	0	0
Take MV w/o Consent	0	0	0	0
Theft Under	1	2	1	1
Shoplifting	0	0	0	0
Theft (mail, bicycle, et al)	0	0	0	0
Theft from Motor Vehicle	0	0	0	0
Possession of Stolen Goods	0	0	0	0
Fraud	6	1	-5	6
Identity Theft	0	0	0	0
Mischief	6	1	-5	6
Drug Enforcement				
Possession	0	0	0	0
Trafficking	0	1	1	0
Import/Export	0	0	0	0
Production	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0



Mahone Bay Quarterly Statistics

Protected "A"

(Includes Traffic Services and Occurrences taken by Call Back Unit)

Type of Crime & Occurrence Type	2021	2020	Amount of Change	Calendar Year to Date 2021
	Q1	Q4		
	Current	Previous		
Traffic				
Dangerous Op of MV	0	0	0	0
Impaired by Alcohol	2	3	1	2
Impaired by Drug	1	0	-1	1
Failure/Refusal	0	0	0	0
Driving while Disqualified	0	0	0	0
Fail to Stop or Remain	1	0	-1	1
Seatbelt Violation	0	2	2	0
Intersection Violation	2	0	-2	2
Speeding Violation	5	7	2	5
Insurance Violation	1	0	-1	1
Road Side Suspension (Alcohol)	0	0	0	0
Road Side Suspension (Drug)	0	0	0	0
Collision - Fatal	0	0	0	0
Collision - Non - Fatal Injury	0	0	0	0
Collision - Reportable	2	2	0	2
Collision - Non Reportable	0	0	0	0
Off-Road Vehicle Collision	0	0	0	0
Municipal By-laws	0	0	0	0
Other Traffic Offence/Violation	17	25	8	17
Other Traffic Related Duties	0	0	0	0
Checkstop	11	5	-6	11
Other				
911 Call	1	1	0	1
Breach of Court Order	0	0	0	0
Liquor Act	2	1	-1	2
Mental Health Act	4	1	-3	4
Missing Person	1	0	-1	1
Municipal Bylaw - Other	1	2	1	1
Other	18	12	-6	18
Suspicious P V P	1	0	-1	1
Trespass At Night	0	0	0	0
HPA (COVID-19) - Offences only	0	1	1	0
HPA (COVID-19) - Other activities	0	0	0	0
QUA (COVID-19) - Offences Only	0	0	0	0
QUA (COVID-19) - Other Activities	7	7	0	7
Total Founded & SUI Occurrences	93	76	-17	93
Total Occurrences*	99	79	-20	99

*Includes Unfounded and Unsubstantiated



Lunenburg County Seniors' Safety Program (LCSSP)

Monthly Report - April 2021

LCSSP is a free community-based service that works collaboratively with Bridgewater Police Service, RCMP, and many community partners to help address the safety concerns of older adults residing in Lunenburg County. Service is provided through awareness campaigns, advocacy, community outreach projects, educational programs, community presentations and one to one service. We continue to carry out as much service as we can via telephone and email with home visits occurring when necessary.

REFERRALS:	Nature of Referral	MARCH (30)	APRIL (31)
<p>Please note, the nature of the initial referral may not be the concern of the senior and/or may not be the only safety risk experienced.</p> <p>Although it is not directly reflected here, housing-related safety concerns are an ongoing serious safety risk.</p> <p>Please note, we are experimenting with our record-keeping. For example, in March we simply reported on the main referral risk identified. In April, we have attempted to give a broader report on the top 3 risks identified.</p>	Reported Sexual Assault	1	
	Reported Elder Abuse	6	4
	Reported Financial Abuse	4	2
	Need of Supports/Wellbeing	9	10
	Driving Related	2	
	Mental Health & Addictions	4	2
	Fall Prevention	1	
	Covid-19 Specific - Vaccine	1	All
	Need for Support - Hoarding	1	3
	Financial Hardship	1	3
	Fire Hazard		1
	Food Insecurity		1
	Precarious Housing		9
	Adult Protection Related		1
	Isolation and Loneliness		1
	Scams and Fraud		1
	Pet Related Needs		1
	Caregiver Support		1
Dementia Care Needs		3	

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECTS:

- The 'Art Happening' Fairy Door Kit project has been a great spring pick-me-up for seniors, with 17 hobby kits being delivered around the county. We will be sharing some with our community partner – Flourish Centre.
- The *Housing and Energy Needs Survey* is happening in our community and will help create strategies on increasing housing and housing affordability, as well as energy affordability within our community.
- Indie Bears continue delivering hugs thanks to the Mama Bears Project, by local business owner Adria Giammaria!
- Personal Care Kits donated by Souls Harbour have all been delivered to seniors.
- The ECFS/United Way grant for personal protective equipment and the CECF has been extended to June.
- Souls Harbour Brown Bag Lunch program continues to provide delicious meals to many of our clients.

LCSSP Service in Municipal Units	%
MoDL	37%
MoDC	17%
Bridgewater	36%
Lunenburg	2%
Mahone Bay	8%

Data to Date	April
Total # of clients	85
# of clients receiving service	58
# of new referrals	31
# of home visits / door step deliveries	31
# of closed files	4

Data is subject to change and is approximate values only.

MEETINGS, GRANTS & PRESENTATIONS:

- LCSSP Presentations to BPS Commission this month. Thank you, for sharing your time and supporting our program!
- Elder Abuse and Legal Access presentations to NSCC students held.
- March 29/21 - Fraud Awareness booth at the Chester Bank of NS in response to increased reports of telephone scams and banking fraud.
- *United Way of Lunenburg County* grant (\$5,000) has been approved and funds have been received.
- *P2P Digital Literacy for Lun. Co.*, New Horizons grant has been approved (\$4,100)
- LCSSP grant proposals to *Vibrant Communities* and *Age-Friendly* were well-received but denied for funding,
- *Seniors' Legal Navigator* project funded by the Law Foundation of NS officially ended March 31st, 2021. We received approval to extend to June 2021.

LCSSP CLIENT EMERGENCY CONTINGENCY FUND (CECF) REPORT:

LCSSP Client Emergency Contingency Fund continues to serve the community in partnership with other community organizations to mitigate risk for seniors experiencing financial hardship. The CECF assisted seniors with personal safety needs, rent/mortgage payments, addressing hoarding issues, food insecurity and cleaning supplies to secure home support.

- March 31, 2021 balance: \$1672.57
- April 22, 2021 balance: \$613.99

Submitted by: Chris Acomb, April 26th, 2021