

# Backyard Tourist

After a long, hard, windy winter the warm, sunny weather sure will feel good. There is no better way to enjoy our beautiful region than to be a backyard tourist. The great thing about being a backyard tourist is that getting to your destination only takes an hour or two. This is perfect for day trips or spending a weekend rediscovering southwest Nova Scotia. There are some great accommodations or simply tent out. You will meet new people and stumble across some old acquaintances. Take a day to visit a place you have never been to before or go to a place that you haven't seen since you were a kid. There are some great trail experiences in the district that you could consider; from the newly renovated Acacia Valley Trail in Hillgrove to the Fundy coastal trails on Long and Brier Islands. The trail experience is good exercise and at the same time you learn something about your community.

Some of the most enjoyable activities in the area are the

festivals that are held in various communities throughout the district.

\*The first to kick off the summer festivities is the Digby Fire Truck



Rally June 14 - 16. This rally brings together firefighters from the region to compete in fun competitions and celebrate the commitment given by maritime firefighters.

\***Weymouth July 1st Canada Day** celebration will host a grand street parade, baseball games, a street hockey tournament, games of chance, fireworks and lots of good food.

\*Bear River will celebrate the **120th Cherry Carnival Festival** on July 13th with a parade, river sport competitions, games, fireworks and some good old home cooked meals.

\***Scallop Days** will take place August 7th-11th. Considered one of the top festivals in the province, you can enjoy scallop shucking demos, street parade, ball hockey tournament, woodsman competition and much more. [www.digbyscallopdays.com](http://www.digbyscallopdays.com)

\* **Freeport Days** will be held this year on August 16-17-18.

This event is a celebration of Island community with a parade, games, entertainment and fun.

\*The popular **Wharf Rat Rally** will celebrate its 9th year this August 28 - Sept 1st. It is a spectacle to behold.

[www.wharfratally.com](http://www.wharfratally.com)

**It's time to make some lifetime memories. Get out there, bring your camera; summer is awaiting.**

## Digby Wharf Breakwater Project



If you live along the Culloden, Mount Pleasant road then you are well aware of the heavy truck traffic outside your front door. The truck traffic is part of the construction of

a breakwater at the Digby wharf. Trucks will be hauling large rocks until the end of November 2013. Their current hours of operation are from 7 am - 7 pm, Monday to Friday. Please take extra precautions at the Racquette intersection, Victoria Street

and Culloden Road. The Digby Harbour Port Authority apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause and if you need to contact the project supervisor regarding any issues or concerns, please contact Jeff Sunderland at 902 245-1867.

# Business Retention and Expansion Support

At the March 11th Committee of the Whole meeting, council approved a proposal from Dan Harvey, DH Business Services Inc., to provide business counselling services.

Dan Harvey is the former Business Retention and Expansion Account Executive with the now-closed Annapolis Digby Economic Development Agency. For the past 4 years, Dan has worked closely

with business owners and entrepreneurs to stimulate investment and maintain and create jobs



Business Counsellor Dan Harvey

in our area.

The service is 100% confidential, and is at no charge to area businesses. Some of the services available are:

- . **Business start-up counselling**
- . **Information on available government programs**
- . **Business Plan advice**
- . **Financing proposal development**
- . **Marketing expertise**
- . **Links to other needed resources**

**Dan** is in our area each Tuesday and Thursday.

To schedule an appointment, please contact him at:

**dhbusinesssvcs@bellaliant.net** ,  
or call at (902) 847-1217.

## Transport de Clare Services Digby Neck and Bear River

As part of the Rural Transportation Association, Transport de Clare has been providing door to door bus and van service to the people of Clare since 1995. Demand for the service has grown every year and the bus service was extended to the Digby area last October. This is a pick-up and delivery service for people who do not have a vehicle or are unable to drive. Transport de Clare is a not-for-profit organization that charges only for the upkeep and fuel for the vehicles. The drivers volunteer their time to create this service. The fee to travel from Westport to Digby for a round trip

is \$30. The service includes all stops that a passenger may require in a single trip. This could include a drop off at a bank, drug store , health clinic; even to recycle your



Transport de Clare at Tiverton Community Hall

bottles at a depot. The bus also carries coolers for frozen foods, if needed. The service is provided in the Digby area on the first Tuesday of every month. The client calls 1-888-769-2477 to book a pick-up. " By the end of the summer we hope to have a full bus every month, that is 14 passengers," said Claredon Robicheau, Volunteer

Chief Executive Officer for Transport de Clare. Go to [www.transportdeclare.ca](http://www.transportdeclare.ca) to find out more about the service and the volunteers that make this happen.

*Community volunteer, Dianne Young from Freeport, organized a charter trip to Frenchys stores along the French Shore this past April. It was a big hit so she has plans for July 23 to organize a day trip to the Pubnico Acadian Village with several stops along the way.*



# Digby Fire Truck Rally

## June 14-16 Schedule



### FRIDAY JUNE 14

8 AM -- 4 PM Fireworks Certification Course DFD

12 NOON MARITIME MIDWAY MARINA

6PM OPENING CEREMONIES MARINA

(With Hon. Minister of Health David Wilson)

6 pm TRADESHOW OPENS DFD

7 - 8:30 PM Much Music pre-teen dance (\$5) DFD

7 PM BUCKET BRIGADE CHALLENGE

DFD Parking Lot

8 - 11PM SUBWAY Tradeshow HOSPITALITY DFD  
downstairs

8:30-11:30 PM Much Music Teen Dance (\$6) DFD

### SATURDAY JUNE 15

7-10 AM FIREFIGHTERS BREAKFAST (\$7) DFD

11 AM Maritime Midway MARINA

11 AM DNR Aerial display Admiral's Walk

12 noon- 3pm FIRE TRUCK PARADE and Display  
Water Street

1:30 pm AVR Firetruck Pull Marina

12pm TRADE SHOW OPENS -- Luncheon DFD

1:30 pm Tradeshow Demo - Driving Solutions DFD

2-3:30 pm Band concert Marina Bandstand

4 PM Rescue Boat Challenge and Demo Admiral's Walk/  
Marina

4:30-5:30 pm Fish chowder supper

United Church ( north of firehall on First Ave)

7:30-9:30 PM Concert: Studebaker Pie MARINA

9 PM PARADE OF Rescue Boat LIGHTS ADMIRAL'S  
WALK

DARK (10 pm) FIREWORKS FX WATERFRONT

### SUNDAY JUNE 16

8-10 AM FIREFIGHTERS BREAKFAST DIGBY FIRE  
HALL

10 AM Church Service Baptist Church (Water St)

10-3 PM Agency Demo and Displays Marina

11-4 p.m. MARITIME MIDWAY MARINA

11:30 am Hose laying contest DFD

12:30 Cormorant Rescue Demo Admiral's Walk

1:30-3:30 p.m. Band Concert (Bridgewater FF) Marina

2-4 pm CODE 4 VEHICLE EXTRICATION

WATER STREET (Closed)



## DigbyAnnapolis Regional Airport

### Amateur Radio Seeks New Members...

**Mason Vantassel/HAM Operator**

Amateur radio still thrives in spite of the Internet but is always welcoming new members to its ranks. The Fundy Amateur Radio Club, centered around Digby, but having members from Annapolis to Yarmouth Counties, is much more than some guys talking to each other on local VHF "repeaters" or other amateurs around the globe. Amateur radio also encompasses such far-out communications pursuits as:



Moonbounce... Communicating by bouncing radio signals off the moon!... Meteor Scatter - Bouncing signals off the ionized trail of the thousands of meteors, large and small, burning up in the earth's atmosphere every day and night... Auroral scatter... Just what it sounds like - bouncing radio signals off the occasional auroral "curtains" in the far northern and southern hemispheres... Amateur satellite... There are several "low earth orbit" satellites dedicated to amateur use, as they whiz overhead.

DXing... "DX" means distance in amateur radio lingo. The joy of many amateurs worldwide is to try to make contacts with as many exotic locations around the globe as possible. There are over 300 DX "countries" some of which are no more than rocks or islands in the ocean...

Mountain-Topping... Since amateur radio stations are also set up to operate from cars, trucks, RVs, boats and even airplanes, some amateurs take pleasure in rigging up a four-wheel drive vehicle and heading to the top of the nearest mountain to operate. The spine of Digby Neck, surrounded by salt water, is ideal for this mode!

**More on this vital hobby in the next issue...**

### Ron Cooper Memorial Fly In

Local pilots and friends are invited to participate in a free fly-in breakfast at the Digby Annapolis Regional Airport on Saturday July 6th from 8 am - 10:00 am. A special dedication to the late Ron Cooper will take place at 9:30 am. Shuttle service to those pilots interested in taking in some Lobster Bash activities in Digby will also be provided for free. Later in the same morning the Atlantic Sport Car Club will be conducting slalom competitions at the airport. This is part of a series of slalom events that take place in the province where a vehicle's agility and the driver's skills are tested. The excitement starts at 11am until 6 pm. [www.ascc.ca](http://www.ascc.ca)



**Ron Cooper**



# Council Activities

## District #1 Deputy Warden Jimmy MacAlpine

Working to establish a regional enterprize network from Digby to Barrington. This enterprize network replaces ADEDA.

Working with the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities Executive to review fiscal viability for municipalities.

## District #2 Maritza Adams

- \* Chaired meeting to address concerns about road conditions in the district.
- \* Attended a Highway 101 Digby /Weymouth public meeting to hear from resident and government officials.

## District #3 Warden Linda Gregory

- \* Working on concerns with Culloden Road.
- Attended a Task Force meeting regarding the completion of Hwy 101 Digby to Weymouth.
- \* I would like to thank all the people in the municipality for their volunteering. This is greatly appreciated.
- \* Still working on Digby- Saint John Ferry with the Bay of Fundy Marine Transportation Association
- \* Attended 40th anniversary celebration at Tideview Terrace

## District #4 David Tudor

- \* Working on an economic revitalization plan for Digby Neck & Islands. Meeting June 6 from 6 - 8 pm Sandy Cove School.
- \* Support & financing session for old & new businesses June 18 from 6 - 8 pm Tiverton Community Hall.

## District #5 George Manzer

- \* Music on the Sissiboo starts June 28, Friday night, at the Weymouth waterfront bandstand
- \* Congratulations to Dr. Westby for being the recipient of the Royal Physician of the Year award.

### Milestone Certificates

Council provides a certificate of recognition to groups and individuals for significant milestones or achievements. To find out more go to: [www.digbydistrict.ca](http://www.digbydistrict.ca) for details.

The **Coastline** is published by the Municipality of the District of Digby. Any comments can be sent to: P.O. Box 429, Digby, N.S. B0V 1A0 or dropped off at 12548 Highway 217 weekdays from 8:30 - 4:30. Or call 245-4777 or e-mail [heritage@municipality.digby.ns.ca](mailto:heritage@municipality.digby.ns.ca)



The Family Literacy program has added a 3rd location to its existing schedule -- Monday evenings at the Clark Rutherford School in Cornwallis.

The Learning Grove Childcare Centre will be holding its annual summer fair on Saturday, June 22 from 10:00 – 2:00. There will be games, fun activities, food and more.

The Digby Community Education Centre will be holding its 15th graduation ceremony on Wednesday, June 26 at 7:00 p.m. at the DRHS theatre. For more information please call 245-7530

- \* **Official Trail Opening** of the Althouse Look Off Trail in Tiverton. July 19th at 2 pm
- \* Council would like to congratulate all High School Graduates for achieving this milestone in their lives.
- \* Students from the St. Mary's Bay Academy will be enjoying a **Safe Grad** after party at Saint Anne's University. Students from the Island Consolidated School will be travelling to Halifax for two days of active fun and eating out at their favorite restaurants.

## Municipal Council Meetings

Committee of the Whole	June 10
Council	June 24
Council	July 22
Committee of the Whole	August 12

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