

THE COASTLINE



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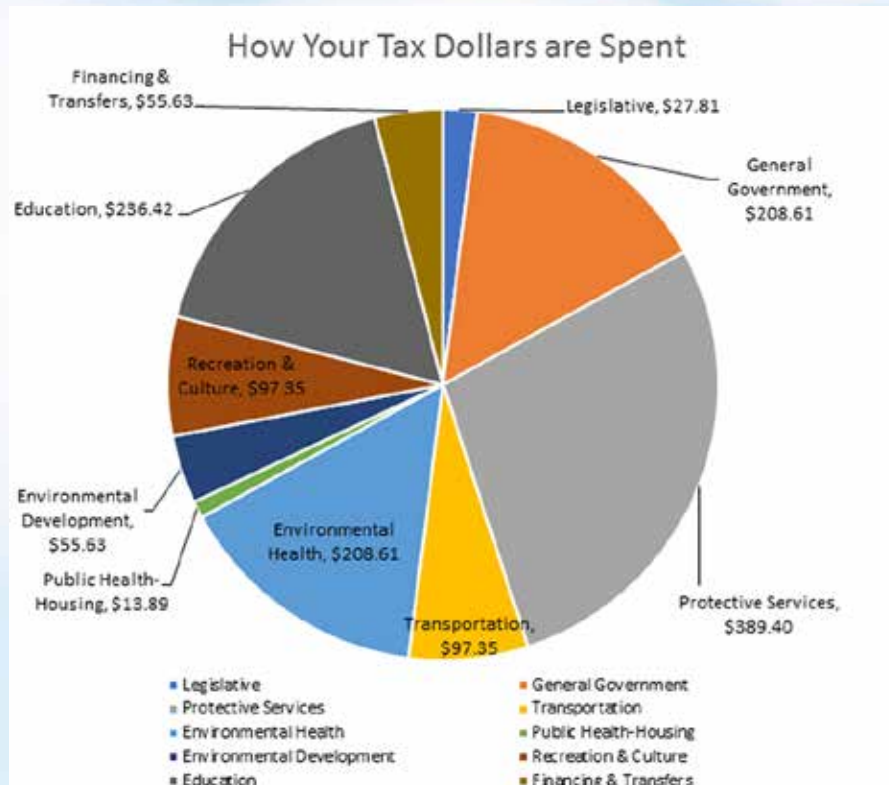


Council Approves 2021-2022 Operating Budget of \$9,388,936

On May 25th Council approved the 2021-22 Operating Budget with no increase in the tax rate of \$1.30 per \$100 of residential and resource assessment and \$1.85 per \$100 of commercial assessment. In this budget Council approved a scaled Low-Income Tax Exemption of \$275 to \$525 for those whose 2020 income from all sources is less than \$27,999. Residential assessments increased by 2.4% and commercial assessments increased by 5.5%.

How Are My Tax Dollars Used/calculated?

To the owner of an average home assessed at \$100,000 the base budget would levy taxes of \$1,300 per household. If you factor in a .05 cent fire area rate and a .0407 street light rate that adds an additional \$90.70 for a total tax bill of \$1,390.70. This does not include any sewer charges that may apply.



A copy of the budget presentation is available on our website at: digbymun.ca

Bear River Lighthouse Now in Community Care

The Bear River Lighthouse was constructed in 1905 by the Canadian Coast Guard as part of a network of coastal, harbor, and river entrance lighthouses that are scattered throughout the province. The Bear River Lighthouse is a 17 by 17 foot base structure that is 32 feet high. The design of the lighthouse is commonly known as a salt shaker design because it resembles a common table salt shaker. The structure stands 72 feet above sea level and could be seen from all approaches to the entrance of the Bear River. The Bear River Lighthouse, with a spectacular view of the Annapolis Basin, was a popular destination for local residents.

The Bear River Lighthouse was

decommissioned in 2001 and has been on the divestiture list of lighthouses since that time. This state of limbo between ownership has been stressful on the lighthouse. After many years of neglect the exterior shows decay. The vegetation around the lighthouse has grown unabated and the road leading to the site is nearly unpassable.

The Municipality is happy to announce that the divestiture is now complete and it has taken ownership of the lighthouse. "It has been a long time coming for the community but now we can move forward and start the restoration efforts," said Manager of Municipal Services Tyler Pulley. "We have met with residents of Smith's Cove and we know that they take great pride in their community and will work to revive this important landmark" concluded Mr. Pulley.



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On the Trails

The recent rains and warm temperatures have sent mushrooms popping all over the forests – I don't know the names of half of them but I know they are fun to look at. The rains have helped the wildflowers too – perhaps my favourite flower now at the height of summer is the Purple Fringed Orchid. Look for them on the Brier Island Trails or any coastal trail and even Van Tassel Lake has a few.

An interesting flower you might miss or mistake for mushroom is the Ghost Pipe – the white plant has no chlorophyll and gets its energies from fungus in the soil. If you look in the bowl of the pipe, you will see a colourful flower that reminds me of the glowing embers in a pipe.



Ghost Pipe



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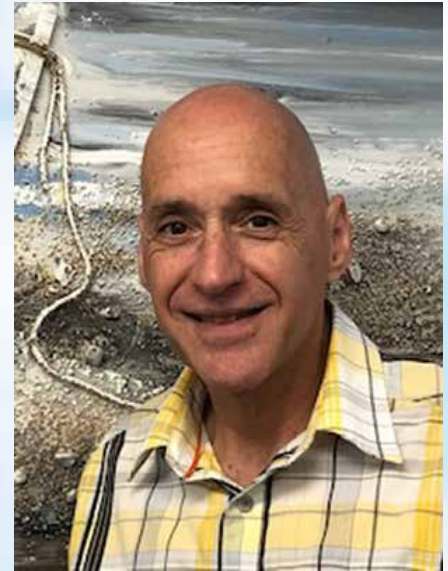


Purple Fringed Orchid

Health File



**Thank you
Hubert d'Entremont**



In May, Digby General Hospital said goodbye to Hubert d'Entremont who retired after 10 years as hospital manager. Hubert started his career as a Registered Nurse and Advanced Care Paramedic. His passion for teaching young health care providers led him to serve as Coordinator of the Paramedic Program at Collège de l'Acadie / Université Sainte Anne. A proud Acadian, Hubert served as French Language Services Coordinator for Nova Scotia Health. As site lead for Digby General Hospital, Hubert oversaw the development of the health services centre, and most recently the new renal dialysis unit. Thank you Hubert on behalf of the communities served by Nova Scotia Health. And thank you to Ruth White-Frizzell who has stepped into the site leader role at Digby General Hospital.

Mobile Breast Screening unit visiting Digby & Long Island

The Mobile Breast Screening unit will be at Digby General Hospital from Aug. 3 to 18 and the Royal Canadian Legion, Long Island on Aug. 19 and 20. You do not need a referral to have a mammogram. Book your appointment by calling the Nova Scotia Breast Screening Program (NSBSP) at 1-800-565-0548.

www.breastscreening.nshealth.ca

EMO File

Heat-related illnesses: Prevention and Treatment



High temperatures and humidity can put you at risk for heat-related illnesses, especially if you're working or exercising outside.

It's harder for our bodies to maintain a healthy internal temperature when it's hot and humid. Our bodies usually cool down by sweating, but sweating is less effective when it's humid.

Some people, like infants and young children, seniors, and people with chronic medical conditions, have a higher risk for developing heat-related illnesses.

Preventing heat-related illnesses

- * drinking plenty of water
- * staying in shaded or cool areas
- * taking frequent breaks if you have to work outside
- * wearing lightweight, light-coloured clothing
- * avoiding leaving children, infants or pets unattended in vehicle
- * checking on older neighbours and others vulnerable to heat-related illness, and offer air-conditioned shelter and water if needed

Heat stroke

Heat stroke is an emergency and the person must be taken to the nearest hospital.

Symptoms:

- * confusion
- * disorientation
- * loss of consciousness
- * seizures

For daily Weather warnings for the Digby area go to : https://weather.gc.ca/warnings/index_e.html?prov=ns



Virtual Advisor Program

Since last spring, the Western REN has been delivering the Virtual Advisor program and has seen 20 local businesses matched with advisors. The advisors' expertise has helped address the critical challenges faced in many aspects of the business environment, especially during the COVID-19 era.

"The virtual advisor program was a great support. Having someone experienced in the industry with a broader view to bounce ideas off, connect with, and brainstorm with was invaluable. Especially within the whole pandemic where it seemed like all we were doing was pivoting, the support and mentorship was a huge help and a great way to bring ideas to reality and put downturns into perspective." – Saskia, Sydney

Street Pub.

The Virtual Advisor Program is powered by BoomersPlus and is being delivered provincially by Regional Enterprise Networks.

Atlantic Immigration Pilot Program

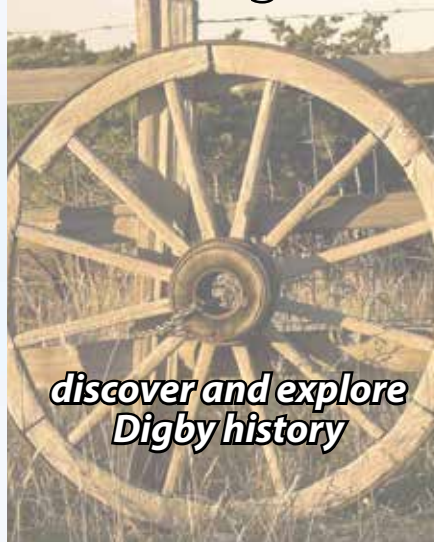
Dean Wan is one of the many success stories in our region from our Atlantic Immigration Pilot Program. After graduating as an international student from Saint Mary's University, Dean began working at Sanford & Associates in Digby, Nova Scotia.

"The AIP program is advantageous; it's a means to attract qualified individuals to our firm."- Jeremy Sanford, Owner of Sanford & Associates.

Our AIP Program helps employers through the process of recruiting and filling their labor needs for their business. If you are curious about the program, please reach out to our program manager today.



www.heritagehub.ca



Download the APP
at: recyclecoach.com

For your solid waste collection schedule and reminders.

Please contact the Department of Lands and Forestry at 1-800-565-2224 to report deer crossings in your area. Let the Department know of frequently used road crossing routes so they can determine the most effective areas for signage



Along the Coastline

* Council passed the municipal operating budget in the amount of \$9,388,936 on May 25, 2021. More information can be found on the municipal web site. (www.digbymun.ca)

* On June 22, 2021, Council passed the municipal 5-year capital budget with \$1,160,500 planned for year one.

* The municipality is pleased to have a summer student, Sam McDormand, working with us this summer on trail maintenance and public works duties.

* Council was saddened to hear about the fire at Lewis Mouldings in Weymouth. Council extends thanks to all of the firefighters who quickly and bravely responded. * Council also thanks dispatchers Kenny Carter and Bentley Rice for their hard work to ensure the emergency situation was handled promptly and efficiently.

* The Municipality of Digby is a proud partner in a project to upgrade the Spurr Wharf at the Port of Digby. Warden Gregory was in attendance at the announcement and offered a few words on behalf of Council.

Brooks Photo

Maud Lewis Memorial Site Volunteer Gardening Club, is looking for Volunteers to prune and weed the gardens. Tuesday evenings at 7 pm Aug 10 & 24- * Sept 7 & 21 at the Memorial site in Marshalltown.



Contact: digbycommuntygarden@gmail.com or call 308-1844

Bring your own gloves and pruning tools.

Council Meetings

Committee of the Whole	Aug 10	5 pm
Committee of the whole	Sept 14	5 pm
Council	Sept 28	5 pm
Committee of the Whole	Oct 12	5 pm
Council	Oct 26	5 pm

Get your Coastline by email :

Send request to:

heritage@digbymun.ca



Or go to: www.digbymun.ca look under: **Departments/Information**

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[municipality of digby](https://www.facebook.com/municipalityofdigby)

Accessibility Advisory Committee



Needs Members



The Councils for the Municipality of Digby and the Town of Digby are seeking four (4) individuals from either the Municipality of Digby or the Town of Digby to sit on the Accessibility Advisory Committee. All four individuals must either have a disability or represent an organization that represents those with disabilities.

A disability is defined as a physical, mental, intellectual, learning or sensory impairment, including an episodic disability that, in interaction with a barrier, hinders an individual's full and effective participation in society.

The purpose of the committee is to develop and maintain an Accessibility Plan in accordance with the Accessibility Act. The committee will meet four times per year. Members are appointed to the committee for a term of two years.

Application forms can be picked up at the Municipal Office located at 12548 Highway 217 in Digby or can be downloaded at www.digbymun.ca. Completed application forms should be dropped off at the Municipal Office, mailed to PO Box 429, Digby, N.S., B0V 1A0, or emailed to tpulley@digbymun.ca

To obtain more information about the Accessibility Advisory Committee or to receive an application form by mail or email please contact: Tyler Pulley Manager of Municipal Services Municipality of Digby 902-245-5331 tpulley@digbymun.ca

Directory of Municipal Services

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