

PRESERVING OUR PAST - DEVELOPING OUR FUTURE

Digby Area Recreation Successful Summer Programs

The weather this past summer was beautiful and the Digby Area Recreation Commission held a variety of activities for all ages. The activities focused around day camps that involve physical activities and challenging games. DARC held Day Camps for ages 6- 12 in Weymouth in the month of July and on Long Island in August and every week at the Digby arena. The Haines Lake recreation area also was busy with a variety of camps for ages 6 - 15. Some of the camps involved tenting for a night at Haines Lake. Kayak and paddle board instruction was very popular. There were special programs specifically for girls and young women. "Girls on Boards" involved instruction and confidence development sessions in the use of paddle boards. There were family paddle board sessions on Wednesdays and Thursdays and adult sessions on Friday nights. There was even a Saturday morning coffee and paddle.

All of this cannot be provided without instruction and supervision. There were 11 summer staff hired to run the programs. Registration fees for the programs were kept to a minimum and subsidies were available through Active Digby. DARC was also able to provide a program for participants with disabilities, allowing one-on-one play support.



Zoe Marshall with her sisters Gina and Payton



Day Camp Participants
Eva, Charlie and Ella



"Girls on Boards"
Saturday morning Coffee and paddling
Megan Robinson, Volunteer

Improvements at Point Prim Lighthouse

Friends of Point Prim Lighthouse Society have completed some long awaited work to the site. The society was able to secure funding from Parks Canada and the Province of Nova Scotia to create an exhibit and retail space in the interior of the lighthouse. The society was able to contribute to the \$22,000 project with fundraising money collected over the past several years. As part of the site improvements there are three new information panels to enhance the Point Prim experience. Next summer the society plans to open the lighthouse for limited time periods, for art shows of local artists. The society will staff the exhibit space with volunteer members. Exhibits times will be scheduled for next summer once an exhibit program is finalized. Stay tuned for updates.

(Fresh coffee and tea will also be available for visitors to enjoy.)



New Trail Head Information Panel



New Mi'kmaq Panel



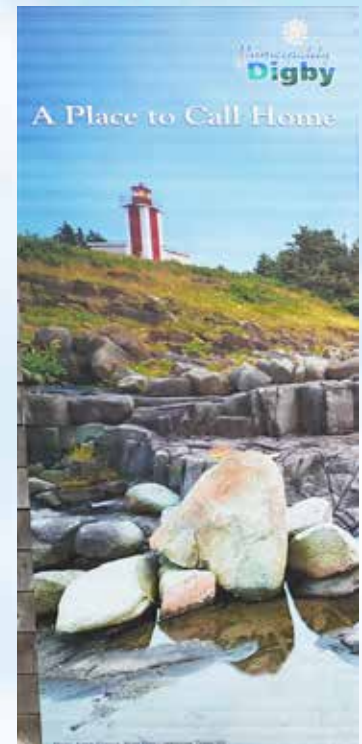
David Stephens Enjoys Poppy Balsler Exhibit



(L) Sue Dexter White, Mary Tibbitts and Joe Angeloni Enjoy New Retail and Refreshment Space



David Stephens views more of Poppy's Paintings



Flags Flying at Half-Mast

We have been flying the flags in front of our Municipal offices at half-mast since July 1. We are doing this as a sign of respect for the indigenous children whose remains have been found in unmarked graves next to former residential schools across Canada. The Municipality is following the guidelines for half-masting the National Flag of



Canada. This procedure is most commonly conducted after the death of prominent Canadians or Nova Scotians and casualties of war. In this case it falls under **Exceptional Circumstances**, and is requested on the advice of the

Department of Canadian Heritage and the Clerk of the Privy Council.

"The flags at half-mast honours the lost lives of indigenous children and the ongoing impact felt

throughout indigenous communities across the country. May we strive to build a better future of acceptance, equality, respect and inclusion," said Warden Linda Gregory.

EMO File

Have you had your chimney cleaned?



A large number of house fires start when creosote builds up on the interior of a chimney. Even so, some homeowners continue to disregard this significant risk, and don't take proper measures when it comes to chimney cleaning.

If you burn wood, you are susceptible to creosote buildup in the dampers and flues. Homeowners are urged to have their chimneys inspected for creosote buildup and cleaned if necessary, in the spring and **fall** of each year.

Chimney fires are characterized by loud cracking or popping noises and a lot of dense smoke from the flue, but often times go undetected by the homeowner. Chimney fires are often explosive, and it is common for neighbours to hear the explosions and alert the homeowner. Chimney fires can burn at extremely high temperatures up to 2,000 degrees F.

These super-hot fires will weaken the masonry between the chimney bricks. The conditions that tend to attract creosote buildup include the natural lack of air supply in chimneys, burning wood that lacks enough seasoning, and cool chimney temperatures that occur in four-season environments. Overloading your firebox to get longer fires can also contribute to creosote residue buildup in your chimney.



Free COVID-19 Screening Program

Interested in workplace COVID-19 screening for your employees?

This FREE program is available for all businesses and organizations, regardless of size. All testing supplies are sent directly to you with instructions as to how your employees get tested. It's quick and easy, with results available in 15 minutes.

Workplace screening is another layer of protection for workers, the people they serve, and their communities. Join the more than 6500 employees from the Western Zone who are already participating by filling in the following <https://surveys.novascotia.ca/TakeSurvey.aspx?Survey-ID=86KH4663L#>. Once you have signed up, a representative from the NS Department of Health and Wellness will contact you with the next steps.

The Western REN is proud to be taking part in the program.

For more information, reach out to us at 902-653-0369 or blagrandeur@westernren.ca



FREE VIRTUAL HEALTH & WELLNESS PROGRAMS



Register at www.HealthyNS.ca

QUESTIONS? CALL 1-844-460-4555 

Register now for free online wellness sessions

Registration is open for Nova Scotia Health's fall online wellness sessions. These are for adults of all ages and cover topics such as healthy eating, physical activity, mental wellness, parenting, and reducing one's health risks. Sessions are free. A valid Nova Scotia health card is required.

If you find yourself wondering how you can get a better night's sleep, or about the connection between what you eat and how you feel, or you want to improve your strength, or you're looking for strategies to parent your teenager, then visit www.HealthyNS.ca to see a full list of the online wellness sessions and to register online.

Nova Scotia Health's wellness sessions are offered online in a friendly group setting and are facilitated by health care professionals including dietitians, physiotherapists, social workers, and occupational therapists, as well as trained volunteers.

Along the Coastline

Council was pleased to support both Scallop Days and Lobster Bash festivals with funding grants and we want to pass along congratulations to the organizers for two great events.

Council held its strategic planning session in September and will be sharing more in the future on what the strategy looks like.

September Tax bills have been issued and payments can be made on-line through most banks, in-person at the office or by calling, 902-245-4777.

The Municipal Office was closed on September 30th in recognition of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.



Council Meetings

Committee of the Whole - October 12

Council - October 26

Committee of the Whole - November 9

Council - November 23

All meetings start at 5 pm
Municipal Chambers
Limited Seating

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New Kings Transit Bus



Warden Linda Gregory, on behalf of Council, is pictured here with Kings Transit staff and the new Kings Transit bus that will serve Digby Municipality.

The new bus has many improved features such as: 37 seats versus 23; much more comfortable ride for passengers because of the longer wheelbase and improved seats; two more user friendly "Q-Pod" wheelchair restraint positions; improved ramp for boarding passengers with wheelchairs; more capable heating and air conditioning systems; up-to-date diesel engine emission control equipment; and individual USB charger ports for many of the seats.



The new bus is parked in front of the old bus. The new bus has many improvements for our ridership.

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