



PRESERVING OUR PAST - DEVELOPING OUR FUTURE

Karla Kelly Photos

Queen Elizabeth Platinum Jubilee Medal



This past December, recipients of the Queen Elizabeth Platinum Jubilee Medal received their medals in Halifax. Warden Linda Gregory was a recipient.

The medal was created to mark the 70th anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II's accession to the throne, honouring people who have devoted themselves to the service of others, whether as a part of their job, volunteer work or contributions to their community. A total of 5,000 medals were awarded to Nova Scotians.

"I am very proud to receive the Queen Elizabeth Platinum Jubilee Medal. I am honoured to be recognized for my volunteerism and community activism. This is a particularly special award, as I have also received two previous medals over the past 20 years. A sincere thank you, to the Saint John Ambulance Nomination Committee and the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia's Office," said Warden Linda Gregory.

Chris McCleery, President of the Board of Directors, Saint John Ambulance in Nova Scotia, presents the medal to Warden Linda Gregory.

Art Bank

The Digby Art Bank has selected the 2023 acquisitions. The jury received 49 submissions from 17 artists. The selection process was challenging but the five-member jury, consisting of Nyna Cropus, Don Rice, Jean Zdansky, Councilor Angela Thurber and Municipal Staff Robert Hersey, were able to select three pieces from the submitted works. The objective of this initiative is to bring attention to local artists and feature their work on the walls of the municipal office. The annual \$2,500 purchase(s) is an investment to develop a collection of art works from area artists. Look for future articles on the artists in the next Coastline.



Andrew Eloit
Dragon's Chalice



Poppy Balsar
Wrapt in Mist



Mary Saulnier
Waiting

Welcome Taylor Robinson to the Team



We are happy to introduce Taylor Robinson as our newest municipal staff member. Taylor will serve as the Executive Assistant / Tax Clerk. Taylor is from the Digby area and has previous experience in both municipal and provincial government roles. We are excited to have her join our team.

Student Bursary in Tribute to Alfred Doucet

The Fire Inspectors Association of Nova Scotia has renamed their bursary in tribute to Alfred Doucet. The bursary is awarded annually to a child of a FIANS member who intends to pursue post-secondary education. Alfred served as the Building Inspector and Fire Inspector for the Municipality of Digby and also served as the President of FIANS. He passed away



unexpectedly last year. Council and staff at the Municipality are touched that he will be honored through this bursary.



Alfred Doucet

REMO

Regional Emergency
Management Organization



Common Myths About Grass Burning

To many people, burning grass is a tradition, almost a rite of spring. Upon closer examination however, the reasons for spring grass burning are largely unfounded and rather than being beneficial, grass burning is destructive and dangerous.

Myth: It's safe to burn grass as long as there is still snow on the ground.

Fact: Within hours of snow melting, dead grass becomes flammable, especially if there have been drying winds. Grass

fires burn hot and fast and spread quickly around, and even over, patches of snow.

Myth: Spring grass burning controls weeds.

Fact: The weeds deposited their seeds into the surrounding soil last fall. Burning creates an ideal bare soil bed for the seeds to germinate.

Myth: Spring burning improves the new grass crop.

Fact: Burning actually reduces grass yield 50 to 70 per cent.

Myth: I don't see much wildlife around here so I can burn grass without threatening any animals.

Fact: Burning destroys the habitat of species you don't normally see, such as mice and voles as well as the nests and eggs of certain birds. If the fire gets out of control, larger animals can be caught by the flames and many species will lose habitat.

Myth: Lost habitat will grow back in a few months and the wildlife will return.

Fact: It may take several years to replace what was lost. Vegetation is often multilayered with higher

growth protecting undergrowth. Different species depend on different layers for food or shelter. Loss of the lower layer and its residents will impact species that prey upon those lost species.

Myth: Spring burning is the easiest way to get rid of last year's vegetation.

Fact: Easy perhaps, but not good for the soil. Burning results in most of the old plants' nutrients going up in smoke or remaining in ash that is washed away. Burning also releases CO2 into the atmosphere. Ploughing old plants under, or allowing them to decompose, allows carbon and fertilizing elements to go back into the soil.



Are you a newcomer to the region, looking to connect and meet new people?

Join us as we celebrate & welcome YOU at the 'Meet Your New Neighbours' event! We encourage not just new residents but locals and partners as well to come out and celebrate with us.

It will be an afternoon full of fun, activities for kids, and learning about services offered within our communities.

There will be opportunities to try food from other cultures along with Western Nova Scotia delicacies!

Hurry! Space is limited, and registration is required.

March 25, 2022 1-3 PM
Yarmouth Fire Hall

www.eventbrite.ca/emeet-your-neighbours
tickets-522936756917

This event is funded by:
@CittCanada and hosted by the Western NS Local Immigration Partnership.
#ImmigrationMatters



Growing the Digby Primary Health Care Team

The Digby Collaborative Family Practice Team, based at Digby and Area Health Services Centre, also supports the Islands Health Centre, and works with the Weymouth Medical Centre to provide clinics based on provider availability.



Laura Hanson

Recently, the team has grown. In response to nurse practitioner vacancies, the team has post-

ed for locum, or short-term NP positions. Two NPs have been recruited this way, including Laura Hanson. Originally from Halifax, she is doing a six-month locum in Digby ending early May.

"The team at Digby and Area Health Services Centre is a really impressive group of people," said Hanson. "They are wonderful, very committed folks."

The team includes a family physician, nurse practitioners, a registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, clerical, diabetes educators and a kinesiologist. In October, a pharmacist joined the team and a social worker has been added.

Read the full story:

<https://www.nshealth.ca/news/growing-team-support-primary-health-care-digby-and-area-residents>

Please Note On the Trails

The Municipality has scheduled a spring solid waste collection service for the following items only:

FRIDGES, STOVES,
DISHWASHERS, MICROWAVES,
WASHERS, DRYERS, DEEP
FREEZES, HOT WATER
HEATERS, WALL OVENS AND
COOK TOPS

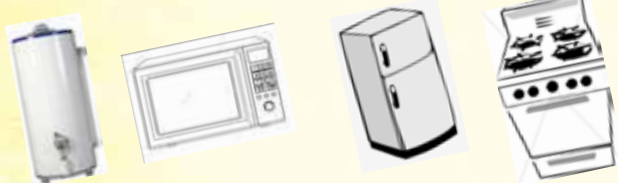
Please note that this will be the only collection for metal this year. The freon does not have to be removed from fridges and freezers for collection.

Below is the schedule for metal collection. All items must be placed curbside no later than 8 a.m. on collection day. Please mark your pick-up day on the calendar.

Metal Pick-Up Schedule

Regular Pick-Up Day	Metal Pick-Up Day
MONDAY	FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 2023
TUESDAY	FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 2023
WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 2023
THURSDAY	FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 2023

For more information please contact the Municipal Office at 902-245-4777



Get your Coastline by email
Send request to:
heritage@digbymun.ca

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

Check us out on Facebook:
[municipality of digby](https://www.facebook.com/municipalityofdigby)

Phone of the Wind

The Van Tassel Lake Trails Association has installed a Phone of the Wind on a gentle trail near the parking lot. This phone, in the middle of the woods, connected to nothing but the wind, is intended to allow people a connection to loved ones who have passed away, an alternative way of working through grief.



For more information on the phone and how to find it, check out: www.digbytrails.ca/phone-of-the-wind.html.



Explore the Past and Discover the History

- *Digby Courier
- *Elder Transcripts
- *Heritage Home Inventory
- *1871 AF Church Map
- *John Collier 1950 Photos



Reminder: March is a good time to clean your chimney

Council Meetings

Council March 28 5 pm
Committee of the Whole
April 11 5pm
Council April 25 5pm

Directory of Municipal Services

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Building & Fire Inspector	902-245-6776
Airport	902-245-5885
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Renewable Energy/Climate Change	902-245-4767
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