



PRESERVING OUR PAST - DEVELOPING OUR FUTURE

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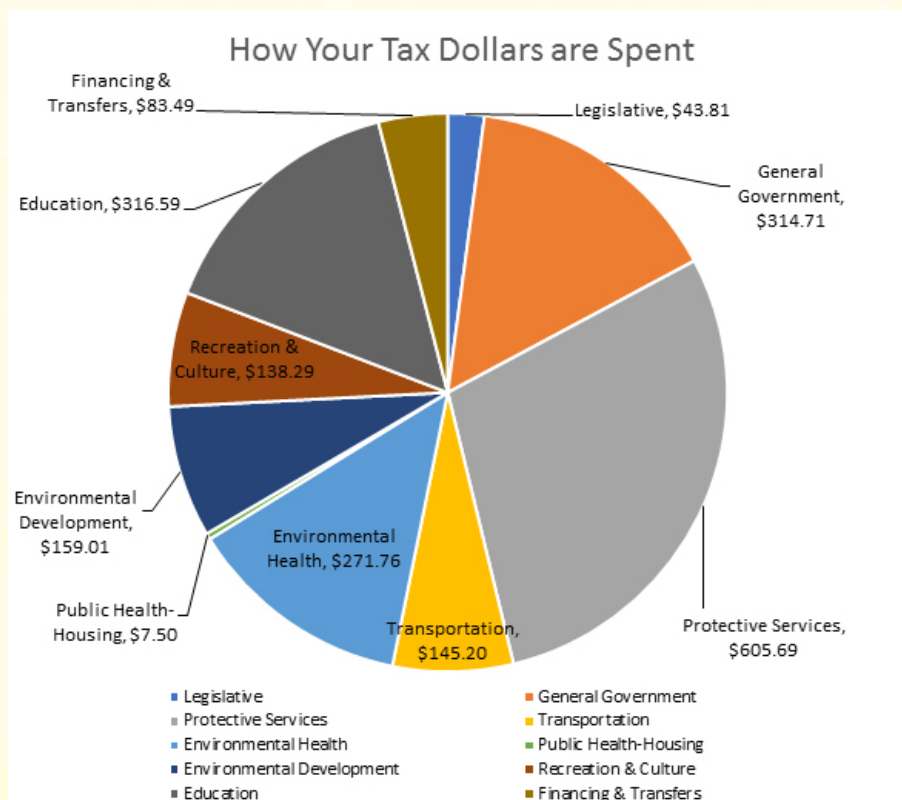
## Council Approves 2023-2024 Operating Budget \$ 11,411,824

On May 23<sup>rd</sup> Council approved the 2023-24 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 \$300 to \$550 for those whose 2022 income from all sources is less than \$31,000. Residential assessments increased by 11.3% and commercial assessments increased by 8.9%.

### How Are My Tax Dollars Used?

To the owner of an average home assessed at \$150,000, the base budget would levy taxes of \$1,950 per household. If you factor in a .05 cent fire area rate and a .0407 street light rate, that adds an additional \$136.05 for a total tax bill of \$2,086.05 This does not include any sewer charges that may apply.

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



# Brier Island lighthouses now in community care

Brier Island Lighthouse (Western Light), Grand Passage Lighthouse (Northern Light), and Peters Island Lighthouse are now owned by the Municipality. This has been a transfer many years in the making and has taken substantial efforts from both community members and municipal staff.

The Municipality will execute a License Agreement with a local community group who will develop plans and work to restore and maintain the lighthouses. "We are happy to finally have these transfers complete and are excited for the community," said Manager of Municipal Services Tyler Pulley. "We know that the residents of Brier Island take great pride in their community and we look forward to working with them to revive these important landmarks," concluded Mr. Pulley.

The Municipality now owns a total of six lighthouses. The other three are the Bear River Lighthouse, Point Prim Lighthouse, and Boars Head Lighthouse. The Municipality has License Agreements in place with local community groups for each of these lighthouses. The Municipality understands the importance of these beautiful landmarks and hopes to pursue tourism and promotional opportunities in the future.

## Notice

The Riverside Baptist Church Cemetery is now a Registered Municipal Heritage Site. The cemetery is one of the earliest Baptist cemeteries in the district and is now protected under the NS Heritage Act.

*More next issue.*



Peters Island Lighthouse  
Constructed 1909  
Octagonal Wooden  
44 Foot Tower  
White with Red Lantern  
Replaced 1883 Tower



Grand Passage(Northern)  
Lighthouse  
Constructed 1965  
34 foot tower  
white with red lantern  
Replaced 1901 Tower



Western(Brier Island) Lighthouse  
Constructed 1944  
Octagonal concrete 60 foot tower  
Three red identification bands  
Replaced 1832 Tower



## New Wellness Navigator based in Digby



NS Health Wellness Navigator  
Jessica Eisener

Many of us know we need more movement in our daily lives, but it can be difficult, especially while living with a chronic health condition.

Jessica Eisener is Nova Scotia Health's new wellness navigator and coordinates sessions with referred patients from various care clinics and providers. She is based in Digby and visits Annapolis, Clare and Yarmouth. Her clients are usually living with chronic health conditions and providers feel that exercise would improve their quality of life. Eisener helps clients establish movement goals, which can include reducing their medication, sleeping better, pain reduction, losing weight or improvements to their mental health. Read the full story online:

<https://www.nshealth.ca/news/jessica-eisener-wellness-navigator-western-zone-instilling-confidence-while-helping-clients>





# REMO

## Regional Emergency Management Organization

### Wildfires – Get Prepared



To better prepare for a wildfire event, make sure you know the risks specific to your community, geography, and region, and that you and the members of your household are prepared to know exactly what to do if a wildfire is possible in your area.

#### Educate the members of your household

- \* Ensure your emergency kits ready in case you need them.
- \* Stay informed of weather condi-

tions and advisories in your area.  
\* Know your primary escape route, as well as multiple routes out of your community. Remember that evacuation routes can be impacted by the wildfire.

#### Protect your home

- \* Remove any fire hazards in and around your home, such as dried out branches, leaves and debris.
- \* Keep a sprinkler that is in good working condition in an accessible location.
- \* Make sure smoke alarms are placed on every level of the home.
- \* If an evacuation alert is announced and you own a farm/ranch, leaving animals unsheltered is preferable, or if time and personal safety permits, evacuation away from the danger zone should be considered.
- \* Make sure your vehicle has enough fuel. If evacuation becomes necessary, it will be hard to stop for gas.
- \* Check on elderly relatives and neighbours to see if they require

assistance.

#### When a wildfire is approaching your home

If you see a fire approaching your home or community, report it immediately by dialling 9-1-1 or your local emergency number. If it is safe enough to do so, you should take some or all of the following actions:

- \* Close all windows and doors in the house and cover vents
- \* Park your car, positioned forward out of the driveway. Keep car windows closed.
- \* Move all combustibles away from the house, including firewood, lawn furniture and BBQ propane tanks.
- \* Follow local social media and/or stay tuned to your local radio station for up-to-date information on the fire and possible road closures.

#### Reminder: Check your smoke detector batteries

### Digby Family Practice Welcomes New Team Members

Digby Collaborative Family Practice is pleased to welcomed Dr. Prince Dan-Jumbo, Dr. Rachel Abel and Jaimlyn Wheatley, nurse practitioner, to the team and community. They join the established team of nurse practitioners, family physicians, family practice nurses, pharmacist and diabetes educators.

The health centre is open to people in Digby County who do not have a family physician or nurse practitioner. For appointment, call **902-245-1307** option 3.

If you don't have a primary care provider, register with Need a Family Practice: <https://needafamilypractice.nshealth.ca/>



Dr. Prince Dan-Jumbo



Dr. Rachel Abel



NP - Jaimlyn Wheatley

### Tax bill Payment Options

Did you know the Municipality of Digby offers many convenient payment options?

- \* **Online Banking**
- \* **Telebanking**
- \* **Debit/Visa/MasterCard**
- \* **American Express**
- \* **Pre-authorized payments**
- \* **In person**



For more info call:

**(902) 245-4777 Email:**

[administration@digbymun.ca](mailto:administration@digbymun.ca)

## On the Trails



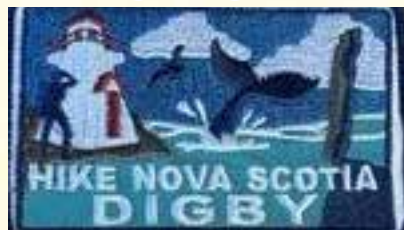
Municipal Warden Linda Gregory and Town of Digby Mayor Ben Cleveland, celebrated the launch of two new Digby area hiking badges with Mark Durkee, president of the VanTassel Lake Trails Association and Debbie Haight, Active Living Coordinator.

### Digby Hiking Badges

The Digby Area Recreation Commission and the Fundy Erratics celebrated the launch of two new Digby area hiking badges with

a group hike around VanTassel Lake on May 10. DARC already had four local challenge badges (Storybook, Balancing Rock, Acacia Valley and Gulliver's Cove) and this year added one more for the VanTassel Lake trails. They also launched a Digby Badge as part of the Hike Nova Scotia Hiker's Challenge.

DARC has put together a variety of distances and effort levels for these challenges. For more information on how to earn your badges, go to: [www.digbytrails.ca/challenge-badges.html](http://www.digbytrails.ca/challenge-badges.html).



## Welcome New Crewmate

Say hello to our new Public Works employee, Adrien LeBlanc. Mr. LeBlanc brings significant experience to the Public Works position with 17 years with the Department of Transportation. He is also the Deputy Chief of the Digby Fire Department. Adrien lives in Digby with his wife and two children. Welcome Aboard !



## So you know

### Garbage goes ALL clear bag April 1, 2024

Black bags used after April 1, 2024, will be rejected.

One small solid coloured privacy bag will be allowed in each clear bag after April 1, 2024.



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Or go to: **[www.digbymun.ca](http://www.digbymun.ca)** look under: **Departments/Information**

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## Council Meetings

**Council** June 27 5 pm

**Council** July 25 5pm

**Committee of the Whole**

August 8 5pm

### Directory of Municipal Services

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REMO

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Heritage

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Trail Coordinator, Jonathan Riley

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