

The Coastline



August 2015 Preserving Our Past ~ Developing Our Future

The District of Digby is hosting the 2015 Heritage Conference.

The Municipality will be hosting the 2015 Nova Scotia Heritage Conference from October 7 -9 at the Digby Pines Resort. The conference theme is *Exploring Opportunities* and will feature people that are leading the way in developing innovative ways to explore our heritage.

Canadian author Noah Richler will talk about his project in Sandy Cove to reuse a heritage home as a creative retreat facility. John Norman will talk about his passion to restore the village of Bonavista, Newfoundland. Ced Dolder from the State of Georgia will talk about heritage tax incentives and how they could be applied here in Canada. Dale Jarvis is the conference keynote speaker and is the Intangible Cultural Heritage Development Officer for the Province



Pines Resort



St. Bernard Church



Gilbert's Cove Lighthouse K Kelly



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of Newfoundland. Dale is a treasure trove of ideas and a leader in combining tangible heritage assets with characters and traditions that bring a new interpretation and appreciation to the past. Mr. Jarvis advocates that living heritage is an important part of our heritage that needs to be preserved.

Participants will tour the area and see some of the unique architecture that the area has to offer and experience our diverse cultures. This year's conference will mark the ninth consecutive year the conference has been held and is a great opportunity to meet other heritage minded individuals.

For more information on other speakers and other conference events and to register, go to: novascotiaheritageconference.ca



Keynote Speaker Dale Jarvis
Living History Developer

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For more details

Experience local cultures and taste our fine cuisine.

Hear about exciting initiatives creating innovative ways to explore our heritage.



TREE TRIMMERS - BE SAFE AROUND NOVA SCOTIA POWER LINES!

Many home and property owners in the Digby region are still cleaning up and seeing lingering damage on their properties as a result of last summer's tropical storm Arthur. Some trees and branches are only now showing signs of decay or weakening, causing some people to want to cut or trim back trees near power lines.

"We strongly encourage anyone who's considering tree or brush management near power lines to be extremely careful before they undertake any actions that might cause accidental injury to themselves, or inadvertent damage to their power service, or utility company lines," said Don LeBlanc, coordinator for Digby Regional Emergency Management Organization (REMO).

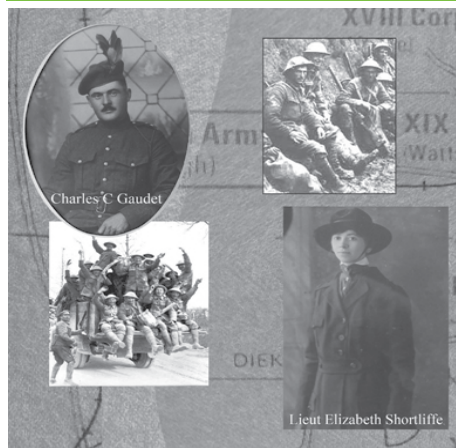
There are helpful tips and contact information on Nova Scotia Power Company's website. The website's tree removal page says, "We sometimes receive customer requests to trim trees on and around customer properties. To provide you with the best service possible, we focus on requests for trees that are near dangerous power lines to ensure you are kept safe."

The web page goes on to show in a diagram which kinds of lines are high voltage, which kinds should be handled only by the Nova Scotia Power linesmen, and which kinds of lines must be handled safely by local contractors.

The web page says, "If the ser-

vice wire connecting your home to the main power lines has been damaged by a tree rubbing off the exterior casing, or a tree or branch is leaning heavily on the wire, please contact us at **1-800-428-6230**." The company's web page with tree removal and safety tips is at: www.nspower.ca

Float to Commemorate the First World War



Over the past several months the municipal staff have been busy designing and building a First World War commemorative float for the Legion Branches in the district. The float will depict some of the young men from the area that fought in the war, many who never returned. One of the special features of the float is a 9.5 meter banner that rotates so everyone on both sides of the road will get a chance to see the complete display. 2014 marked the centennial of the start of the war in 1914. The Department of Veteran Affairs is encouraging communities to recognize this landmark date and commemorate the sacrifice and valour. The float is funded in part by the Veteran Affairs Community Engagement fund

and funding from the Municipality of Digby. Municipal staff have designed and fabricated the float. Legion branch members throughout the district will tow the float in their community parades for the next several years.

One Household Item on Regular Garbage Day Pickup



- * These items include : chesterfield * chair * bed * dresser * desk * end table * etc...
- * Items that will not be collected are construction materials * metal items
- * White goods like fridges, stoves etc.. are picked up in the Spring every year. If you miss spring pick up you will need to take the item to the Transfer Station.
- * Electronic items go to the Conway Workshop facility on Shreve Street in Digby.

Please call your contracted collector to arrange for a bulky item pick up year round.

Greg Thomas
Digby Salvage & Disposal
Telephone: 245-2657

High Tea Celebrating Queen Elizabeth's Reign

September 9th from 2 - 4 pm
Admiral Digby Museum.

Sponsored by the District and Town of Digby / Admiral Digby Museum * free of charge



Bear River Village Centre and Artist Trail Project

One of the most productive economic sectors in the province is the creative economy. More than \$871 million is contributed to the provincial economy every year. This sector has quietly been growing and is becoming an important component to the culture and economy in many communities. Some Nova Scotia communities attract more artisans than others, mainly due to a strong sense of place and the lifestyle. One such place in the district of Digby is Bear River. Since the mid 1960's the village and area has attracted creative minded people. Over the decades the collective of artists has become very diverse, from musicians, potters, textiles, weavers, stained glass makers, painters, sculptors, instrument makers and jewellery makers, just to name a few. With this eclectic assortment of artists Bear River is one of just a few communities in the province with such a substantial number of working studios in one place. To bring more recognition to this collective of artists the Municipal-



Ride For Free

Weymouth to Cornwallis
August 8 Scallop Days

September 5 Wharf Rat Rally



ity and the Nova Scotia Tourism Agency have teamed up to assist the community with the development of the vacant municipal property adjacent to the Cherry Brook and the installation of street pennants and wayfinding signage as part of the artist studio tour. The project is near completion and will help the community truly become the destination it should be.

Warden Gregory Appointed to Canada Legacy Society Executive



L- R- MP Greg Kerr*Warden Reg Ritchie*Warden Murray Goodwin*Warden Linda Gregory *seated, Councillor Marilyn Wilkins* Warden Aldric d'Entremont

On May 29th the Mayors and Wardens of nine western Nova Scotia communities signed a formal Inter-Municipal Agreement endorsing a collaborative initiative to develop a regional heritage and cultural funding strategy to mark Canada's 150th birthday.

The Municipality of the District of Digby and the Town of Digby, along with The Municipality of the County of Kings, the Town of Middleton, The Municipality of the County of Annapolis, the Town of Annapolis Royal, the Municipality of Argyle, the Town of Yarmouth and the Municipality of the District of Yarmouth have all signed the Agreement.

Earlier this year the Government of Canada announced it would

provide funding to commemorate and support significant heritage milestones of a broad national perspective through its "On the Road to 2017" plan.

The Agreement creates a not-for-profit municipal corporation giving more flexibility to the municipal units in securing the funding support and administration to showcase the history of our area on a national scale. It has been registered as the *Canada Legacy Society*, and has an interim executive comprised of Annapolis Royal Mayor Michael Tompkins as President; Annapolis County Councillor Marilyn Wilkins as Treasurer; and Municipality of the District of Digby Warden Linda Gregory as Secretary.

West Nova Member of Parliament Greg Kerr pointed out that historically the communities of western Nova Scotia have constructed, with the invaluable support and expertise contributed by our First Nations family members, the crucible that has created contemporary Canada.

Nova Scotia Premier Stephen McNeil also participated in the process and has indicated support for the initiative will also be coming from the Province, and meetings have already taken place with the Deputy Minister and planning representatives from the Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage to explore opportunities.

The new Canada Legacy Society has filed an application with the federal government for extensive support of a national campaign concept to draw attention to the role our region has played in weaving the "tapestry" of Canadian heritage.

Council Activities

Jimmy MacAlpine District #1

- * I had the opportunity to tour the new Medical Centre in Digby with the Municipal and Town Councillors. It's a great looking building and hopefully it meets the needs of the community.
- * Was able to attend the open house for the new Digby- St.John ferry, Fundy Rose. I am very grateful to everyone involved in seeing that this service is continuing for many more years to come. I would especially like to thank MP Greg Kerr and former Warden Jim Thurber for all of their efforts.
- * We continue to work towards attracting industry to have Digby as the deployment and repair site for the Tidal turbines that shall be deployed in the Bay of Fundy.
- * I attended a session on reviewing the Municipal Elections Act, hosted by Municipal Affairs. They are looking at revising the Act so as to serve the electorate in a more user friendly manner.

Maritza Adams District #2

- * I would like to congratulate two young people in the district. Kendra Wagner for being awarded the Lieutenant Governor's medal at D.R.H.S. and Jordan Sullivan for being chosen to attend the Legions National Track and Field Meet in Quebec later this month. Good Luck!
- * Attended the Relay for Life and survivors dinner: a workshop on Board governance and one on recommendations for changes in the Municipal Elections Act: Board of Trade Business Awards Dinner: Open house at Cornwallis for the Paramedic Program and the Town Criers Awards Dinner.
- * There will be paving on the Ridge road this summer. Glad this is finally happening. It will be great when completed.
- * Also great news about the Highway 101 timeline.

Warden Linda Gregory District #3

- * Summer is finally here, sort of, the weather has been a little off this year with its hot, then cold temperature fluctuations.
- * We have had our first Summer Festival with Lobster Bash and it was a great success. A big congratulations to the committee and all of its hard working volunteers.
- * Scallop Days will soon be upon us, in August, and I am sure it will be a huge success as well.
- * Some of the activities include: the Queen's Coronation, the Scallop Shucking competition, the Grand Street Parade, a Scallop Dinner at the Wesleyan Church on Friday at 5 pm and Feed your family for a toonie on Saturday. I am looking forward to this family festival and hope to see you all there.
- * This is followed in September by the Wharf Rat Rally. This makes a busy summer for us all.
- * The summer paving project happens next week in my district on Hwy 217 from the bottom of Seawall Hill to Centerville and later from the end of Light-house road to Point Prim. Please expect delays and have plenty of patience as it will be worth it in the end.
- * One of my recent highlights was attending a birthday party for WWII and Korean War Veterans. It was an honour to be there. They all received a special pin from our MP Greg Kerr on behalf of the Prime Minister.

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 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

- * I also attended a dinner in honour of Greg Kerr.
- * I attended a presentation on the 2016 Senior Curling Championship we will be having in Digby, another great event.
- * I was present for the Canada Day flag raising and cake cutting in Weymouth. I also attended Bear River's Canada Day Ceremony which was a great success.
- * Our Council had a tour of the new Digby Medical Center.
- * I attended Cherry Carnival, an annual fun event in Bear River as well as Digby Neck Fireman's Day roast pig dinner which was delicious. Both of these events are for the Volunteer Fire Departments and the funds raised help their departments.
- * In Tiverton I took part in the Loyalist Flag Dedication Service. I also had the opportunity to attend the NHLers dinner and auction where \$45000.00 was raised. This was for Minor Hockey in the Maritimes. Digby Clare Minor hockey will be receiving 25 sets of gear as well as money from this golf event.
- * I have met with many residents about their concerns as well as attended many meetings. If you have a concern please feel free to contact me. 245-4253

David Tudor District #4

- * Working towards numerous trail projects
- * Ferry approaches project is delayed until approval from TRR
- * Exploring options for increasing tourism
- * If anyone needs help please give me a call at 902-839-2630

George Manzer District #5

- * Attended Climate Change Workshop and the Digby Area Learning Association graduation.
- * Did a tour of the new medical services building and the Fundy Rose when she was in port.
- * Thanks to all who volunteered at the Gilberts Cove Lighthouse Picnic. It was a success again this year even though the weather wasn't the greatest.

Notice! Municipal By-Laws are available at:
digbydistrict.ca or drop by the office 12548 Hwy 217
to pick up a paper copy.

Council Meetings

Council August 24 6 pm

No Committee of the Whole in August
Committee of the Whole Sept. 14 4:30 pm
Council Sept. 28 6 pm

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