

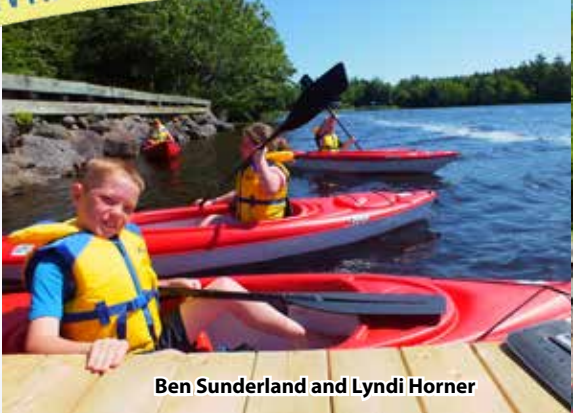
THE COASTLINE

August 2017



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PRESERVING OUR PAST - DEVELOPING OUR FUTURE



Ben Sunderland and Lyndi Horner



Back row, left to right: Ben Sunderland, Tamara Horner, Connor Sunderland, Lathan Horner, Daniel Gilliat, Emilie, Adrian Sunderland, Presley Pulley, Brandon Sullivan, front row, left to right: David Su, Lyndi Horner, Layla Trefry, Zara Kenley



Let's Go Kayaking!

Former Dept. of Natural Resources Site in Hillgrove is a Great Recreational Asset

Digby Area Recreation Commission conducted two week long camps from 9 am until 3 pm. Four certified instructors taught a total of 20 youth between the ages of six and 12 with four certified instructors. We also offered com-



Brandon Sullivan helps Zara Kenley

munity kayak nights over three evenings for families and adults. The camps focused on skill development through games and hands on experiences around Haines Lake. Our kayaks were purchased in partnership with Kings County and West Hants recreation departments though funding provided by Communities, Culture and Heritage.

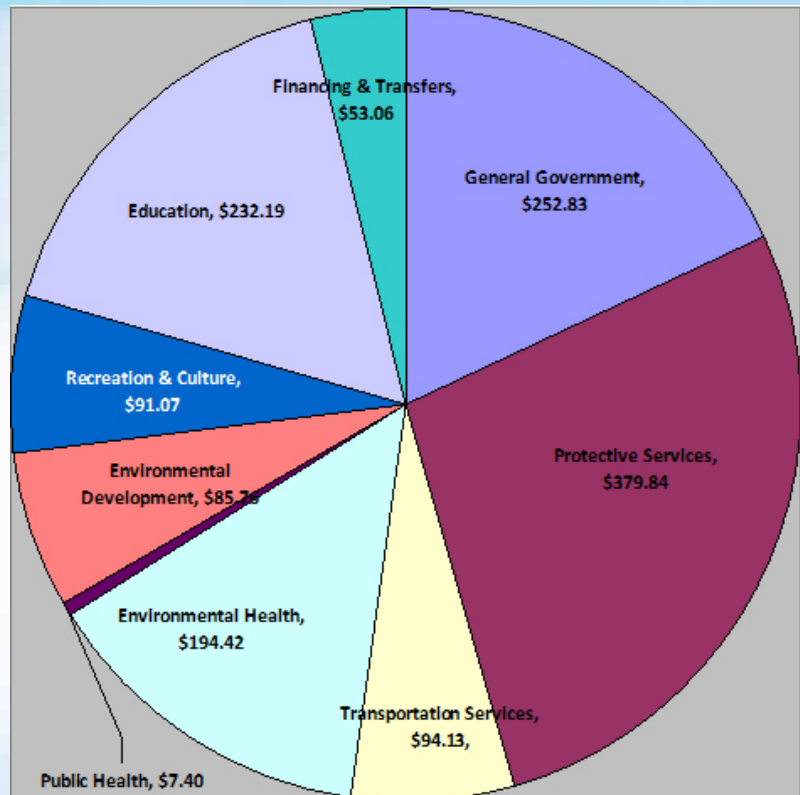
Council Approves 2017-2018 Operating Budget \$ 8,458,619

On June 24th Council approved the 2017-18 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 Low-Income Tax Exemption of \$ 250 for those whose 2016 income from all sources is less than \$ 25,000.

Where Do My Tax Dollars Go?

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 0.05 cent fire area rate and a 0.0407 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 to those connected to municipal sewer. A copy of the budget presentation is available on our website at www.digbydistrict.ca



Fundy Rose Tourism Partnership

This is an incredibly valuable service

The cancellation of provincial funding to assist in hiring visitor information personnel for the Fundy Rose was a source of great concern for Digby area tourism operators. As a result, the Digby Area Tourism Association worked with Bay Ferries, the Municipality of Digby and the Town of Digby to develop a partnership resulting in the hiring of a staff person to promote the Digby area and the province of Nova Scotia. "This is an incredibly valuable service," said Chair of the Digby Area Tourism Association, Greg Turner.

Contributions of \$5000 from the Municipality of Digby, \$3000 from Bay Ferries and \$2000 from the Town of Digby made



the hiring possible. The 2017 Digby Area Visitor Guide is the primary handout but one-on-one contact generating interest in the local amenities cannot be understated. The steady increase in visitation numbers at the Digby Visitor Information Centre (VIC) is an indication of that. The goal of the position is to assist those who have already decided to spend time in our area and to encourage those passing by to drop in and stay a little longer than planned. "Plans are in the works to continue the partnership and develop a long term sustainable format for

future VIC services on the Fundy Rose," concluded Turner.

In addition to the VIC position, DATA and their members also partner with Bay Ferries Ltd. for on-board visitor experiences. Experience providers travel on the Fundy Rose and CAT to promote our tourism product directly to the traveling public. Digby scallops, local wine, lobster and whale watching are the planned sessions.



Check out our new area promotion videos on digbyarea.ca

Community Grants Approved for 2017-2018

Admiral Digby Museum	\$2,500
Annapolis Royal Historic Gardens	\$500
Baie Saint Marie Animal Shelter	\$1,000
Bear River Board of Trade-Boat Launch	\$4,900
Bear River Fire Dept - Cherry Carnival	\$500
Digby & Area Affordable & Supportive Housing (DAASH)	\$500
Digby Area Learning Association-Immigration Program	\$500
Digby Area Tourism Association	\$10,000
Digby Choral Group	\$500
Digby County Exhibition	\$3,000
Digby East Fish & Game	\$2,000
Digby Foodbank	\$4,000
Digby Ground Search & Rescue-Grant & Insurance	\$4,000
Digby Harbour Port Association	\$4,000
Digby Neck Collective	\$1,500
Digby Scallop Days	\$3,000
Friends of Ferals	\$2,500
Freeport Community Development Association- Music Festiv	\$1,000
Freeport Days	\$500
Islands Historical Society	\$1,200
Learning Grove Childcare Centre	\$1,500
Lobster Bash	\$1,500
Music on the Sissiboo	\$750
Royal Canadian Legion Branch 20	\$1,500
Southwest Nova Biosphere Reserve Assoc.	\$1,500
Spring Into Summer Show	\$250
TLC Animal Shelter	\$3,500
Town of Digby- Tall Ships	\$2,000
Tri-County Women's Centre-Housing Needs Assessment	\$750
Upper Clements Park	\$5,000
Westport Ladies Auxiliary	\$150
Westport Recreation Hall Auxiliary- Westport Days	\$500
Weymouth Board of Trade - Help with gardening	\$700
Weymouth Canada Day	\$500
Weymouth Waterfront Development Committee-Parade	\$300
Wharf Rat Rally	\$13,000
Village of Westport-Community Garden	\$800
Visitor Information Centers - Digby, Bear River, Tiverton, and Weymouth	\$12,000
Youth Grants - Total Budget per Youth Grant Policy	\$3,000 each
	\$3,000



Do you need help making job connections?

The [Western REN](http://www.westernren.ca) Connector Program puts you face to face with business owners, operators and community leaders who work in the same field you want to work in.

It's no secret, people go where there's opportunity. The Connector Program matches local skilled talent interested in starting their career in our region- who are known as Connectees- with local employers, community leaders, and business professionals- who are known as Connectors. They meet for one informal meeting and start building a network of people who can help in their job search.

Connectors get to meet local skilled people and also get to make a difference by helping talented people stay here and become members of our communities.

Find out if you qualify as a Connectee or are interested in being a Connector www.westernren.ca/get-connected/ or contact me today



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Digby Trails



Trails Coordinator Jonathan Riley
and Diane Outhouse

Municipal staff will be placing a bench in the municipal park in Bear Cove later this summer in memory of Laurence Outhouse.

Diane Outhouse has picked out a spot with trail coordinator Jonathan Riley on a headland overlooking the rocky beach near Tiverton on Long Island.

**Council Expenses
are now Online**
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Along the Coastline

- ✓ Council approved the 2017-18 Operating Budget with no increases to the tax or area rates. The detailed budget can be found at www.digbydistrict.ca
- ✓ The Municipality, in partnership with the Town of Digby and Bay Ferries, has agreed to fund a visitor information person on the Fundy Rose for the summer.
- ✓ The October regular meeting of Council is going to be held at the Weymouth Library on Oct 23rd at 6:00 pm. All welcome.
- ✓ Councillors have been busy attending various functions & festivals in their communities. Thank you to all the volunteers who make these events such a huge success.
- ✓ Joint council meetings have been held with the Town of Digby in May and the Municipality of Clare in June.

Council Meetings

Committee of the Whole Sept. 11 at 5 pm
Council Sept. 25 at 6 pm
Committee of the Whole Oct. 10 at 5 pm
Council at Weymouth Library Oct. 23 at 6 pm

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.

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2017 Municipal Float



The municipal parade float this year celebrates Canada's 150th anniversary of Dominion. The float is pulled by a team of oxen handled by Gregg Haight and DARC staff distribute Canada 150 mementos.
See you at the parades!

Milestone Celebrations

* Congratulations to Parker & Thelma Manzer celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary.

* Congratulations to Jean and Michael Cole who will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on August 12 2017.



Parker & Thelma Manzer

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