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PRESERVING OUR PAST - DEVELOPING OUR FUTURE

## NEW DOCTOR IN THE WEYMOUTH AREA

There is a new Doctor in town. Dr. Don Curtis has arrived to the Weymouth community. Dr. Curtis travelled from British Columbia with his wife Martha and has set up an office at the Weymouth Medical Centre. He will provide general practice services and will work independently and exclusively in the Weymouth community. Dr. Curtis has been practicing for five years in Northern British Columbia and was a chemical engineer and computer analyst for many years prior to becoming a doctor. While visiting Nova Scotia he and Martha visited the Weymouth area, both very much liked the area and shortly afterword's started plans to



Dr. Donald Curtis

move to Weymouth. The Curtis' have four children who reside in Western Canada. They both look forward to a slower pace of life with a rural practice, and the Weymouth community graciously welcomes them.

Dr. Curtis has a 2 year practice agreement with the Village of Weymouth and the Municipality of Digby with the option of extending the practice after the agreed period.

Please do not phone the Medical Centre to schedule your first visit with Dr. Curtis. New patients must have pre-booked appointments or visit the Centre in person to schedule an appointment or be placed on a waiting list.

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# Municipal Heritage Home Inventory is Being Updated



**Heritage Property Researcher  
Derek Thurber**

In 1999, Heritage Advisor Robert Hersey was hired by the Municipality to start the process to inventory buildings in the District that were built prior to 1914. The first step in this process was to identify these homes. Elders from each community participated in assisting Mr. Hersey with the task. Homes were listed and past owner information was collected. Once the homes were cataloged the list was reduced to fit the amount of funding available to properly conduct the property research. 500 properties were selected based on their age, architectural merits and importance to the community. In 2000, Derek Thurber, from Freeport, was hired to contribute his research skills to the project. This inventory would be the first in the province to be collected digitally with digital images and research information placed in a computer inventory. Prior to this inventories were collected on paper forms and

placed in binders. Another research improvement was the emerging genealogy websites and online research tools. This made researching the life history of the homes easier and more in-depth

The updated version of the Heritage Home Inventory will be available online with potentially 485 homes listed from all communities in the District. Each home is identified by the original builder and each inventory contains the life history of the property. The Heritage Home Inventory is a record of the evaluation of communities in the district tracing the land owners from construction to the present.

A letter will be sent to the current home owners with a copy of their property inventory included. This is public information and any additional historical information or corrections regarding the property would be appreciated.

The new website will be online in the new year so look for notices in your local newspapers and online.

## Point Prim and Boar's Head Lighthouses Receive Municipal Heritage Recognition



Boar's Head Lighthouse Municipal Heritage Property Plaque Unveiling  
L- R Craig Buckman, Dennis Blinn, Warden Jimmy MacAlpine, Robert Hersey

On September 15<sup>th</sup> and October 5<sup>th</sup> both Point Prim and Boar's Head lighthouses received Municipal Heritage Plaques. Heritage designation brings protection to the lighthouses and provides

funding for exterior conservation.

"Point Prim and Boar's Head are our 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> Municipal Registered Properties and they are also important pieces of our open space initiative that was created

to preserve and develop areas in the District for the public to access. They also provide an opportunity for recreation and a way to experience this beautiful coastline we call home," said Warden Jimmy MacAlpine.



**Point Prim**



**Boar's Head**

# Health File

Nova Scotia Health Authority and the Digby collaborative family practice team want to thank Dr. Genna Bourget and Dr. Jennifer Chang for the care they have provided to their patients over the past year, and for their leadership in establishing the collaborative team in Digby.

Dr. Bourget and Chang will finish their practice at the Digby and Area Health Services Centre at the end of November 2018, to pursue other practice opportunities in the province. Genna and Jenn, your patients, the community and the entire health care team in Digby are grateful for your service.

Recruitment and retention of family doctors, nurse practitioners and other primary health care providers to the Digby area continues to be a priority for the health authority.

We are pleased the community of Weymouth has been successful in recruiting a new family doctor to the Weymouth Medical Centre, starting later this fall. We have also recently welcomed a new nurse practitioner to our area.

Patients of Drs. Bourget and Chang are being encouraged to add their names to the Need a Family Practice Registry, either online at: [needafamilypractice.nshealth.ca](http://needafamilypractice.nshealth.ca) or by calling 811, Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.



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## BusinessNow :

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Matt Trask

Often the first point of contact between the Western REN and regional companies is **Business Retention and Expansion**, a program designed to support or grow local businesses. Contact the newest member of the Western REN team, Matthew Trask at 902-749-8270.



Gino Thibeault

Helping employers overcome persistent labour shortages is the goal of the **Atlantic Immigration Pilot**. Ask Gino Thibeault for more information 902-307-2771.



Brenda LaGrandeur

The **Western Connector Program** matches skilled newcomers and recent grads to local employers for conversation and to help discover hidden job opportunities. Contact Brenda at 902-653-0369.



Warden MacAlpine with Melanie Mooney from the Digby Health Services Centre/Family Practice Team at the Digby Pines event for the Dal Family Medicine resident doctors

Recruitment in Digby remains a priority. Our NSHA recruitment team was busy at the Dalhousie Family Medicine Resident event at Digby Pines in September. NSHA hosted a reception for resident doctors, and participated in the recruitment fair along with our local municipal partners to highlight Digby and area.

## Council Meetings

### Council

Barton Brighton Fire Hall

October 22, 6 pm

### Committee of the Whole

November 12, 5 pm

### Council

November 26, 6 pm

### Committee of the Whole

December 10, 5pm

## REMO

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# On the Trails

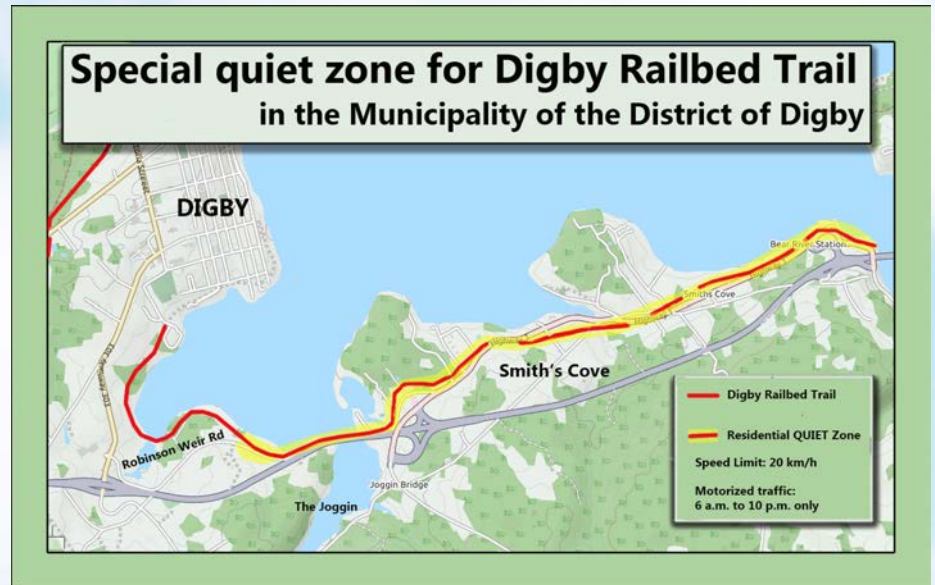
## New connections and rules for ATVs on Digby Railbed

The provincial government has recently opened two important trail links to ATV riders using the railbed in Digby County: the new trail bridge over Hwy 101 in Marshalltown; and in Weymouth, a pilot project will allow licensed drivers to drive on the shoulder of Hwy 1 at 25 km/h between the Digby Railbed Trail and the Sentier de Clare during daylight hours.

The Municipality will also be setting special speed limits and time of day restrictions for areas of the railbed where people are living near the trail; in particular at the eastern end of Robinson Weir Road and all of Smith's Cove (east of the Joggin).

To allow residents peace and quiet at night, off-highway vehicles will only be allowed on those sections between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m.

While the general speed limit on the railbed will be 50 km/h, it will be



20 km/h in those residential areas. Riders should also slow to 20 km/h when approaching and passing others anywhere on the trail. With horses, ATVs recommends removing your helmet and calmly saying hello.

The Digby Railbed Trail ends at the Bear River and the pilot project does not apply at Bear River. It will remain illegal to access Hwy 101 at Exit 24 and to drive across the bridge to Deep Brook.

Please report all OHV violations to the 24-hour provincial line: 1-800-565-2224. \* For more info on the railbed trail, trail rules and etiquette, see [digby-trails.ca/railbed.html](http://digby-trails.ca/railbed.html)

# Along the Coastline

\* The Municipality of Digby is very pleased to welcome Dr. Don Curtis and his wife Martha to the Village of Weymouth.

\* The October regular meeting of Council is going to be held at the Brighton Barton Fire Hall on Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 pm. All welcome;

\* Council was pleased to appoint Mr. Vincent Giles to the Municipality of Digby Planning Advisory Committee, and Mr. Doug Woodman to the Tideview Terrace Board;

\* Council will be issuing a public Request for Expressions of Interest for the former Barton School later this fall;

\* The Municipality of Digby and the Town of Digby participated in the Dalhousie Family Medicine Resident Educa-

tion Weekend and Job Fair held at the Digby Pines Resort and Spa in September. We would like to thank the Digby Pines for providing a certificate for an overnight stay and dinner for two as a prize draw at our booth.

## Directory of Municipal Services

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