

PRESERVING OUR PAST - DEVELOPING OUR FUTURE

## High-Speed Internet for 1,100 More Homes

The Municipality of Digby is excited to announce high-speed internet connections for over 1,100 civic addresses with the recent round of funding released by Develop Nova Scotia. On January 25<sup>th</sup>, Develop Nova Scotia announced funding for Mainland Telecom to bring high-speed internet to Long and Brier Islands. This project is expected to connect approximately 500 addresses.

"We are absolutely thrilled to have Mainland bringing high-speed internet to Long and Brier Island," said Warden Linda Gregory.

Develop Nova Scotia also announced funding for 640 civic addresses in other parts of the



municipality in partnership with Bell Canada. The Municipality is investing \$259,500 with Bell to bring these projects to fruition. The areas to be served by this project are: Acaciaville, Conway, Joggin Bridge, Smiths Cove, Lighthouse

Road, Culloden Road, Seabrook to Roxville, Upper Crossroad, Middle Crossroad, Brighton to Barton, Doucetteville, Sissiboo Falls, Weymouth Mills, Yarmouth Road, and Ashmore to Plympton Station.

"These projects will help fill in the gaps within the municipality and make high-speed internet a reality for many more families

and businesses," said Warden Linda Gregory. The municipality is working with Mainland and Bell to obtain more information on the areas to be served and the timelines for construction and we will share that information in the coming months.

## Outstanding Community Effort

Volunteers with the VanTassel Lake Trails Association have done an amazing job fixing up the Lower Foundations Trail with gravel, woodchips, and footbridges. They have transformed the rocky swampy sections into a smooth and flowing pathway. Thanks to all who have given their time and energy and congrats on a job well done!

# Weather Stations

Check-out real-time information on water and air temperatures; tide levels and general weather conditions from five locations. Bear River, Digby, Sandy Cove, Freeport and Weymouth.

[www.digbyweather.com](http://www.digbyweather.com)



Tidal weather station located at the Digby Wharf

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GERMS**



**WASH  
YOUR HANDS.**

**Wear a  
mask!**



**PLEASE!**

# Health File



Maria Amero

After 42 years at Digby General Hospital, Maria Amero spent her final day before retirement preparing employee-of-the-month letters for staff in the departments she managed.

Each letter contains compliments written by patients, families and other employees, "It's nice for staff to hear what people think about the good care they provide," said Maria.

Helping everyone feel like they are part of a team is important to Maria. She remembers her first year in nursing, when new nurses often had to figure things out on their own, "Not like today. It takes an entire team to help a patient."

Bringing together a diverse team to help patients is one of the things Maria is most proud of after four decades in nursing. Among her many achievements, Maria helped establish the Restorative Care Unit (RCU) at Digby General Hospital which she managed.

Not normally at a loss for words, Maria can't say enough about the RCU and the team approach to health care. "It is hard to put into words the benefit this has had for our patients," said Maria.

***Thank you Maria for dedicating your career to the patients of Digby General Hospital !***



# Civic Numbers Save Lives

**If emergency services can't find you, they can't help you**

**Some Tips For Posting Your Civic Sign**



Signs should be visible from the street night or day; unobscured and within 2-6m of the street.

Numbers should be posted at least 1.2m (48") above the ground. Civic numbers should be posted on the same side of the road that the property is located (preferably at the driveway, or access point on the property).

The sign should be blue with reflective white numerals (numbers 2" tall minimum). The number should be on both sides of the sign, facing traffic driving from either direction.

**Civic Numbers can be ordered by Calling Harold Dugus  
902-247-0137**

# EMO File

## COVID-19 Vaccine Q&A

### When will people who are not in key groups start getting vaccinated?



Once all key groups have been vaccinated, people in the broader community can get the vaccine as it becomes available,

likely starting in the summer. We aim to vaccinate 75% of Nova Scotians by the end of September. This is subject to availability of vaccine. In the meantime, we ask Nova Scotians to be patient and continue to be vigilant about the public health measures. At least for the initial phases of rolling out the vaccine, we will all still need to wear a mask, stay 2 metres/6 feet apart from others, practice proper hand hygiene, follow gathering limits, and stay home if unwell.

**How will I know when it's time for me to get vaccinated?** There will be a lot of communication as the vaccine rolls out to ensure Nova Scotians know when they can get vaccinated.

**Is there enough vaccine for everyone?** Yes. The federal government has secured enough vaccine to vaccinate everyone who wants it. We expect it will be fall before everyone in Nova Scotia who wants a vaccination will get one.

**When will other healthcare and essential workers start getting the vaccine?** Phase 2 of provincewide vaccination will start in the spring. It will include remaining healthcare workers and essential workers. Public health is working on criteria for who will be considered an essential worker for vaccination purposes.

**Who is considered an essential worker for vaccination purposes?** We are developing that definition now. It will not be simply a worker who is considered essential in a certain jurisdiction. The definition will reflect many factors such as how essential a service is, how much risk of importing the virus is associated with it, how much risk

there is of transmission in a particular service's environment, and more. This priority group is scheduled for vaccination in Phase 2 which should start this spring.

**When will Nova Scotians who don't fall in any priority group get vaccinated?** We anticipate Phase 3 will begin in summer and will include all Nova Scotians who are not part of the Phase 1 and 2 priority groups.

**Do you only need one dose of the vaccine?** Health Canada has secured several brands of COVID-19 vaccine, but currently only the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are approved for use. These two brands are delivered through a needle into the muscle of the upper arm and they both require a second dose either 21 or 28 days apart.

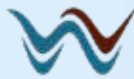
**Is there a fee for the vaccine?** The vaccine is free

**Will the vaccine be mandatory for anybody?** What about health-care workers and others who work in patient care? We strongly encourage everyone to get vaccinated to protect themselves, the people around them, and the people they care for. Vaccina-

tion is not mandatory for anybody.

**If I receive the vaccine does that mean I no longer have to wear a mask, physical distance or follow other public health measures?** At least for the initial phases of rolling out the vaccine, we will all still need to wear a mask, stay 2 metres/6 feet apart from others, practice proper hand hygiene, follow gathering limits, and stay home if unwell. That includes people who are vaccinated. It's important to remember that some people cannot be vaccinated. We all need to do our part to protect the people around us, as well as ourselves.

**VACCINE SUPPLY** How many doses of vaccine have we purchased? Vaccine has been secured by the federal government, and they are providing each province with their share. Nova Scotia expects to receive more than a million doses – enough for more than 500,000 people – over the next six months. We expect to get 140,000 doses between January and April and about another million doses between April and June.



Western Regional  
Enterprise Network

## New to the Region?

The Western REN Connector Program introduces you to the contacts you need to find the ideal job in Southwestern Nova Scotia.

The Western REN Connector Program connects you with employers and business leaders to help you build your professional network in Southwestern Nova Scotia.

Connector wants to help you open doors, reach out to Brenda to get started.

## Helping you Get Your Foot in the Door



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Contact Brenda LaGrandeur

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# Along the Coastline

- \* Council continues to work with the Western Region Enterprise Network and Internet Service Providers to identify project areas for connectivity in the municipality.
- \* The Digby Development Agency continues to work with Scotia Harvest Inc. on the development of the new fish plant in the industrial park, behind the municipal office, construction is moving along with various trade crews now working inside.
- \* Council continues to meet in person, following provincial guidelines regarding social distancing. Council chambers has limited seating, please call ahead to register.
- \* We recognized four staff members in December for long service with the Municipality; Alfred Doucet – 25 years, Cora Lee Ross – 20 years, Kenny Carter – 15 years and Bruce Snell -15 years. Congratulations to all and thank you for your years of dedicated service!



**We are changing our web address**  
New website under development; launch date coming soon



**Kings Transit Authority**

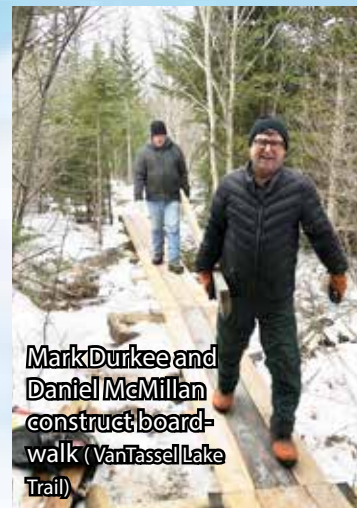
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## Trail volunteers are making a big difference



John Lefebvre fills in rough trail section (VanTassel Lake trail)



Mark Durkee and Daniel McMillan construct boardwalk (VanTassel Lake Trail)

**Your 2021 Property Assessment is now online at: [www.pvsc.ca](http://www.pvsc.ca) or call 1-800-380-7775**



## Council Meetings

**COTW February 8 5pm**  
**Council February 22 5pm**  
**COTW March 8 5pm**  
**Council March 22 5pm**

**Get your Coastline by email:**  
**Send request to:**  
**[heritage@digbymun.ca](mailto:heritage@digbymun.ca)**

Or go to: **[www.digbymun.ca](http://www.digbymun.ca)** look under **Living Here/ Coastline**

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### Municipal Offices

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Building & Fire Inspector	902-245-6776
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REMO	902-245-6252
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