

THE COASTLINE

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PRESERVING OUR PAST - DEVELOPING OUR FUTURE

The Municipality of Digby has a
new website and address

www.digbymun.ca

Check it out for comprehensive information on services
provided by the Municipality of Digby.



David Tudor * Angela Thurber * Warden Linda Gregory * Deputy Warden Matthew Ross * George Manzer

Municipality continues to support Registered Heritage Homes with Conservation Funding.

Our Registered Heritage Property Owners Funding Program is in the fourth year of a five-year mandate. The program provides \$1000 annually towards conservation work conducted on properties. The funds support exterior and structural repairs. There are 11 Properties participating in the program.

“Municipal Council recognize the importance these property owners are to the district, as they maintain important historical landmarks”, said Program Development Coordinator, Robert Hersey.

The municipality also provided a similar program from 2012 – 2017 that focused on Registered Heritage Churches. This was a very popular program with church organizations and not-for-profit groups.

“Our built heritage is one of our most tangible reminders of our past. It is in our villages, it is on our streets, it is our neighbor. To respect our built heritage is a direct reflection upon the integrity of a community,” former Warden, David Irvine.



Haight Property Ridge Road



Former Killam Home Weymouth



Siegmar Doelle Property

Nova Scotia Community Spirit Award



Warden Linda Gregory

The Lieutenant Governor's Community Spirit Award celebrates the strength and diversity of vibrant communities across Nova Scotia. Up to four Nova Scotian communities are awarded each year. Municipal Council is honoured for the recognition by the Lieutenant Governor, The Honourable Arthur J. LeBlanc, ONS, QC

Health File



Photo: **Roger Manzer** of Digby is the first patient to receive treatment at the new hemodialysis dialysis unit at the Digby General Hospital.

Digby Dialysis Unit Now Open

Nova Scotia Health's renal program opened the new six-station hemodialysis dialysis unit at the Digby General Hospital on March 15.

The new unit means most patients between Bridgetown and Meteghan who previously would have had to travel to Yarmouth for dialysis will be able to receive it at the Digby General Hospital. Government invested \$6 million in the unit's construction and has hired additional staff to support the clinic.

“We are really excited about the opening of our satellite unit in Digby. Dialysis is a lifesaving but time-consuming therapy at the best of times, and we have many patients who have travel times of more than an hour each way to and from our Yarmouth facility. To be able to give back up to 6 hours per week to our patients is a huge benefit for their quality of life,” says Dr. Brian Moses, internist responsible for Yarmouth and Digby.

EMO File

COVID 19 VACCINE

The vaccine will be available in three phases. Those who are not eligible to receive the vaccine in phase 1 or 2, will receive the vaccine based on age. Most Nova Scotians will receive their vaccine by age group (groups are in five-year increments).

Ten community-based COVID-19 vaccination clinics for seniors who are 80 and older are open across the province. Seniors who are 80 and older, need to book an appointment to get vaccinated. Go to: <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/book-your-vaccination-appointment/> to book your appointment.

If you're unable to book your appointment online, you can call 1-833-797-7772 (toll-free).

Phase 1: initial doses and planning

- healthcare workers who work directly with patients in hospital or patients in their home
- people who work in long-term care facilities
- people who live in long-term care facilities and their designated caregivers
- people who live and work in Department of Community Services facilities like adult residential care centres and regional rehabilitation centres

Groups identified in Phase 1 will get an invitation to receive the vaccine.

Phase 2: Expanding access

- anyone who works in a hospital and may come into contact with patients
- community healthcare

providers, including doctors, nurses, dentists, dental hygienists, pharmacists and pharmacy technicians

- people who live in large group settings (correctional facilities, shelters and temporary foreign worker housing) and those who work directly with them
- people who are required to regularly travel in and out of the province for work, like truck drivers and rotational workers (people who live in Nova Scotia or New Brunswick and cross the border every day for work are not included in this group)
- people who are responsible for food security and can't maintain public health measures because of the nature of their work (like large food processing plants)
- people who are 80 and older
- people who are 75 to 79

Phase 3: all Nova Scotians

By age group

- 70 to 74
- 65 to 69
- 60 to 64
- 55 to 59
- 50 to 54
- 45 to 49
- 40 to 44
- 35 to 39
- 30 to 34
- 25 to 29
- 16 to 24

For more information visit:-

<https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/vaccine/>



Jenny Scott/Accountable Bookkeeping

Western REN's *Win This Space* (WTS) Business Start-up Competition entered its final phase when the top five finalists pitched their businesses, Dragon's Den style on *Facebook Live* in January 2021. Digby resident Jenny Scott, who owns Accountable Bookkeeping and Tax Service, was one of the top five finalists. She had been working towards having her own bookkeeping business and through the WTS Competition, she could make her dream a reality. "Marketing for any small business is crucial for reaching out to potential clients," said Jenny Scott. "By being in the top five, I found it helped to get my name out there."

Jenny is currently offering Income tax services to Digby Neck and Islands. For every ten tax returns completed, she will be volunteering her services to a family in need. Since the competition, Jenny has had an outpouring of support from friends and family. Her grand opening will be in May 2021!

Along the Coastline

*Council is excited to be extending the service hours of the Municipal Office. Beginning April 6th, the office will be open 8am to 5pm. We hope this change makes accessing municipal services easier for residents.

*Council continues to work with Bell Canada and Mainland Telecom on various high-speed internet projects around the municipality.

*During the March Council meeting, former Warden Jimmy MacAlpine was presented with a gift and recognized for his 20 years of service and dedication to the municipality.

*The Municipal Tax Sale took place by tender this year for the first time due to Covid-19 and gathering limit restrictions. There was a very high level of interest in the tender process with over 100 bid submissions for the various properties.

*Council continues to meet in person, following provincial guidelines regarding social distancing. Council chambers has limited seating. So please call ahead to register.

Edith Trimper celebrated her 100th Birthday on April 1st. Congratulations and very special birthday wishes.



Council Meetings

COTW April 13 5pm Due to COVID 19 restrictions we have limited seating. So please call ahead 902 245-4777
Council April 27 5pm
COTW May 11 5pm
Council May 25 5pm Thank you.

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Bear River Volunteer Fire Department Honours their Veterans



Barry Snow



Allen Reed

Barry Snow and Allen Reed both received a special service award for their outstanding commitment to the Bear River Volunteer Fire Department. Council would like to thank both men for their dedication and service to their community.

The Bear River Fire Department has created service coins for their active firefighters. The metal coins have been given as a token of appreciation for their service to the community. Each coin has been personalized with the firefighter's own identification number.



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