



PRESERVING OUR PAST - DEVELOPING OUR FUTURE

## Warden's New Year's Message

This past year continued to test the resilience, determination and at times even the patience of all of us as we faced the prolonged challenge of a global pandemic.

But we continued to grow and thrive as a community, and I firmly believe that we have turned a corner in a return to a more normal pattern of life.

At this time of year when we contemplate our blessings, I think it's important to particularly thank all the public health team members in our area and across our province for their diligence, professionalism and relentless hard work to keep us safe and informed.

And I especially want to thank all residents in the Municipality for their steadfastness and commitment to upholding the necessary public health protocols.

As we move into a new year our future continues to be bright. Our economy is expanding, as evidenced for example, by the recent opening of the new seafood processing facility located just behind our municipal offices, the continued growth and

stability of our traditional resource industries such as the fishery and the expected post-pandemic return of our valued tourism industry.



Warden Linda Gregory

And while our community benefits from the increasing arrival of new residents from around the world and Canada, it also continues to be the talents, ingenuity and hard work of our traditional residents that move us forward. In this regard, I would be remiss not to note the recent arrival of daughter, Wren, to the family of our Manager of Municipal Services, Tyler Pulley.

Your Municipal Council and staff remain appreciative of these efforts through community and business supportive grants, all the while remaining within our budget parameters. And in the area of regional governance, I want to congratulate our area Member of Parliament, Chris d'Entremont on his re-election, and to our new member of the provincial legislature, Jill Balsler, and her appointment to the government Cabinet.

On the global spectrum, our community is a blessed one. And that's not through luck - it's in part largely because of the pride and commitment of our residents. Let's continue that focus this Christmas season. Be kind and supportive to your friends and neighbours, remember those in need and be considerate to all those who monitor and maintain health protocols at this time.

On behalf of the Council and staff of the Municipality of the District of Digby, I wish you a blessed and peaceful Christmas holiday season and a Happy New Year.



# Home Energy Upgrades for You.

## Affordable

### financing from us.

Are you looking to upgrade your home and reduce your heating and cooling bills? The Municipality of the District of Digby can help. Through Clean Energy Financing, homeowners can apply to a program that helps you get home energy efficiency and clean energy upgrades that should pay for themselves over time.

### What home energy upgrades are available in the program?

The program includes an extensive list of possible energy upgrades, such as:

- \* **Insulation & draft-proofing**
- \* **Exterior doors and windows**

### \* **Heat pumps**

### \* **Solar panels**

We'll do the analysis to see if you can save as much, or even more, in energy and heating expenses than the cost of the retrofits! Our



experienced Energy Advisors will recommend upgrades that maximize your long-term savings potential. We'll even make sure you get all the Efficiency Nova Scotia, SolarHomes, and Canada Greener Homes rebates you are eligible for.

### How can I start saving?

Once you've registered for the

program, the first step we'll take together is booking a Certified Home Energy Assessment. This helps us assess which upgrades will be most effective in your home. We also make sure that you receive every rebate you're eligible for, which helps the value of your financing go even further.

Homeowners in the Municipality of the District of Digby can expect:

- \* **Low interest rates & fees**
- \* **Access to rebates**
- \* **New incentives not found anywhere else**

### \* **Expert advice**

To register, you can apply online or call us toll free with any further questions.

Contact Clean Energy Financing:

[cleanenergyfinancing.ca/digby/](http://cleanenergyfinancing.ca/digby/)

1-844-727-7818

## Municipality and Town of Digby Form Accessibility Advisory Committee

The Nova Scotia *Accessibility Act* recognizes accessibility as a human right and sets a goal to make Nova Scotia an accessible province by 2030. The purpose of the Act is to prevent and remove barriers that restrict people with disabilities from fully participating in society.

The Municipality and Town of

Digby (along with the Digby Area Recreation Commission, and the Villages of Weymouth, Tiverton, Westport, and Freeport) have formed an Accessibility Advisory Committee. The mandate of the committee is to advise Councils on identifying, preventing, and eliminating accessibility barriers to municipal and town programs, services, and infrastructure.

The first step for the committee is to draft an Accessibility Plan. It is important for the committee to receive information from as many citizens as possible about accessibility barriers in our community. The committee has held

three public meetings and a focus group and has used an online survey to gather feedback from citizens. If you would like to have input into the Accessibility Plan or the work of the committee, please reach out to Tyler Pulley, Manager of Municipal Services, at:

**902-245-5331 or**

[tpulley@digbymun.ca](mailto:tpulley@digbymun.ca)



# EMO File



Severe winter weather can strike without notice. That is why it is critical that all Nova Scotians are ready.

Blizzards and winter storms can bring bitter cold, high winds, heavy snowfall, freezing rain, poor visibility and slippery roads. They may last for a few hours or several days.

An emergency kit at home and in the car will help ensure that Nova Scotia families are ready for whatever winter has in store. Emergency kits should include items needed for people to be self-sufficient for up to 72-hours after a storm, including extra water and food, a radio and a flashlight powered by batteries or crank.

Nova Scotians should ensure their civic address is easily visible to first responders, and stock up on supplies including road salt or sand, a snow shovel and other snow removal equipment.

## Try not to drive during a storm.

- \* If you must drive, call 511 to check highway conditions, or 1-888-432-3233 for local road conditions.
- \* Watch out for “black ice” when temperatures are just under or just above freezing.
- \* Adjust your speed to conditions. If traffic backs up, pull over to let those behind you pass.
- \* Follow traffic at a safe distance and don't pass a snow plow that is clearing snow from the road.
- \* Keep your vehicle in top working order and equipped with proper winter tires that are in good condition.
- \* Do not use cruise control in slippery conditions.
- \* Have a winter survival kit in your vehicle.
- \* Don't park on the roadside.

## The Western REN's New Succession Planning Program

The Western REN has launched a new version of its Succession Planning Program. The goal of the program is to help business owners with planning business transition or sales.

The program subsidizes an experienced Succession Planning Consultant to work with the business owner on a succession plan. Aspects of Succession Planning may include:

- Financial analysis and valuation
- Streamlining, organizing and modernizing the operational processes of a business
- Seeking buyers and identifying key groups of potential investors
- Planning labor requirements for transition and developing hiring, internal promotion and training strategies.

Thinking of selling or passing along your business? Please contact Rob Stephenson at [rstephenson@westernren.ca](mailto:rstephenson@westernren.ca), 902-749-8367 for more information.



Remember to check  
your smoke  
detector batteries

People are reminded that drop-ins are welcome at Digby's COVID-19 testing site.

The Digby COVID-19 testing site is open Monday, Wednesday & Friday, from 8:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and is located at 7 Birch Street, Digby.

**You can also book an appointment online:**  
<https://covid-self-assessment.novascotia.ca>.

People should not go to the hospital emergency department to get a COVID-19 test. Important notes when visiting the COVID-19 testing centre:

Please bring your health card with you, if you have one. You will be required to wear a mask when entering the testing centre.

Unless you have symptoms, you do not need to self-isolate while you wait for your results, unless directly advised by Public Health to isolate.



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**DROP IN!**



# Along the Coastline

\* Congratulations to Scotia Harvest on the opening of their state of the art seafood processing facility in the industrial park.

\* Thank you to all the organizers of Remembrance Day ceremonies throughout the Municipality.

\* The Municipal Office will be closed for the Holidays from December 24th at 12pm, re-opening on Tuesday, January 4th at 8am.

\* Congratulations to our Manager of Municipal Services, Tyler Pulley and his wife, Jessica on the birth of their daughter.



In recognition of our veterans and Legion branches, the Municipality has donated \$150 to each Legion branch in the District.

## Council Meetings

Committee of the Whole - January 11

Council - January 25

Committee of the Whole - February 8

Council - February 22

All meetings start at 5 pm

Municipal Chambers

Limited Seating

**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: ***Departments/Information***

**Check us out on Facebook:**

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[www.digbymun.ca](http://www.digbymun.ca)



## Welcome Tammy Smith to the Team

The Municipality is very happy to announce Tammy Smith as the newest member of our staff.

Tammy has been hired as the new Administrative Assistant. Tammy starts in the New Year and will work in the building department and at the front desk of the municipal office.



### Directory of Municipal Services

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