

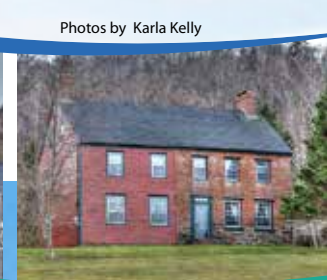


# THE COASTLINE



February 2022

Photos by Karla Kelly



PRESERVING OUR PAST - DEVELOPING OUR FUTURE

## Making the Most of It

The storm on January 14th and 15th made for perfect outdoor conditions to have fun in the snow so Digby Area Recreation put the call out for a Sunday Funday from 2 – 3:30 pm at the Digby Pines Golf Course on January 16th. Digby residents, Sean Merritt and Jonathan Riley, spent hours grooming a cross country ski trail at the golf course, which was appreciated by local skiers. Digby Area Recreation was on site with music, hot chocolate, snow shoes and sleds for anyone to use free of charge. It was a great way to get out and connect with community members in a safe, outdoor space. The Digby Pines Golf Course & Resort are fantastic community partners and let residents access the golf course throughout the winter! It is a great place to get outside and be active during the winter months. If you would like to borrow snowshoes, sleds, fort making molds, trekking poles or ice grips, contact Digby Area Recreation at 902-245-1949 for information on our free equipment loan program.



The enchantment of snow shoeing



Landon Gidney having fun with his Christmas Gift

# On the Trails

## Snow pros and cons

The snowy woods are beautiful right now and the Digby area trails are perfect for snowshoeing and other winter fun. Judging by all the footprints, they are being well used!

The big challenge these days might be getting there. The parking lots have been passable most of the time, but with the amount of snow that's come down, it's usually a day or two before the parking lots get cleared. Big thanks to the Dept. of Public Works, the Town of Digby and other volunteers who are helping keep the parking lots open.



*"The Digby area trails are a winter wonderland right now, perfect for snowshoeing."*

**Jonathan Riley-Trails Coordinator**



## Free substance use recovery tools supports Nova Scotians through the pandemic



Nova Scotia Health's Breaking Free Online was launched in December 2021 and offers tools to help with recovery from dependence on alcohol and other substances like opioids, stimulants and prescription medications.

"With the rise of COVID-19 cases in our province, this is an incredibly difficult time for many people, especially those living with addiction," said Amanda Hudson-Frigault, Mental Health and Addictions Community Consultant at Nova Scotia Health.

Nova Scotians, 18 years and older, are able to access Breaking Free Online by visiting **www.breakingfreeonline.ca**, entering their email address and using the service code NSBFO21.

The program is free, confidential and secure, and available 24/7.

Breaking Free Online will be available to sign up until March 31, 2022. It will continue to be available to those who register for the pilot program before March 31 for up to two years from the date of their account creation.



## Bear River Lighthouse Update

On January 25<sup>th</sup> the Municipal Council passed the recommendation from the Heritage Advisory Committee to move forward with the heritage registration of the lighthouse. A public notice of the registration will be published in the Tri County Vanguard and on the municipal website. The Smith's Cove Historical Society Lighthouse Committee plan on conducting some ground clean up this spring and start some exterior repairs to the lighthouse. The Society's plan is to develop the site as an attraction for the community.

## Terry Thibodeau Celebrates 10 Years of Service to the Municipality of Digby



Congratulations to Terry Thibodeau, our Renewable Energy and Climate Change Coordinator, on 10 years with the Municipality. Terry is pictured here receiving his Certificate of Recognition from Warden Linda Gregory.

# EMO File



## Comfort Centres

During a prolonged power outage, or aftermath of an event, there may be a need for some level of assistance. There are comfort centres located across the Town and Municipality, normally located in your local fire halls. These are opened by request of Digby REMO. Sometimes they will open on their own.

**Check Municipal and Town websites/Facebook pages or phone 211 to find out where the closest one is located and if they are open before traveling.**

The aim of these centres is only to provide a warm place to spend an hour or two, charge your phone, get a hot drink. They will be a great place to find out information about the storm event. Some centers may provide more.

These centres will only be opened if it is safe to travel and after the event has subsided. Never travel during a storm and only if it is safe to do so. Always, shelter in place.

**Centres and Covid.** You do not need to be double vaccinated to use a center. You do need to wear a mask and sanitize your hands. Maintain physical distance and adhere to current guidelines.

## Comfort Centres in the District

Facility	Contact	Location
Smiths Cove Fire Hall	902-245-5557	43 North Old Post Rd, Smiths Cove
Freeport Fire Hall	902-839-2650	291 Highway 217, Freeport
Bear River Fire Hall	902-467-3633	1277 River Rd., Bear River
Brighton Barton Fire Hall	902-245-5166	8547 Highway 101, Brighton
Weymouth Fire Hall	902-837-7327	20 Back St., Weymouth
Digby Neck Fire Hall	902-834-2072	6635 Highway 217, Sandy Cove
Southville Fire Hall	902-837-5895	717 Langford Rd, Southville
Tiverton Fire Hall	902-247-2257	3084 Highway 217, Tiverton
Westport Fire Hall	902-839-2180	21 Second St, Westport
Plympton Fire Hall	902-837-4280	7208 Highway 101, Plympton
Havelock Fire Hall	902-837-4443	4423 Highway 340, Havelock
Municipality of Digby Airport Facility	902-245-5885	1266 Bloomfield Rd, Hillgrove
Bear River First Nations	902-467-3802	194 Reservation Rd, Bear River



## Hire Me

### **WREN Connector Program**

The Western REN Connector Program will be putting on 'Hire Me Western' in February 2022. This initiative will be to connect local skilled job seekers with local businesses. Finding meaningful employment can be difficult, especially for those new to their fields or the region. The Western REN hopes to help residents make professional connections and secure a job in their field through this initiative.

Candidates will be asked to submit a video pitch of themselves to be displayed at [westernren.ca](http://westernren.ca). There will be interactive voting for the most creative pitch, with judges to decide the top three. There will be prizes for the top three, along with a swag prize for the most creative. Local businesses will be able to look at all the great talent in their regions and skilled job seekers will get a chance to put themselves out there for a future career.

Please send any questions to our Connector Program Manager Miranda MacLean at [mmaclean@westernren.ca](mailto:mmaclean@westernren.ca) and follow us on social media to stay tuned for more details @WesternREN.

# Along the Coastline

\*We would like to welcome Tammy Smith, the new Building Department Administrative Assistant, to the municipal organization.

\*The Municipal office is currently closed to the public due to Covid-19, please call 245-4777 for assistance.

\*During the January 25th Council Meeting the Marketing Levy By-law received its first reading.

\*The Municipality will be participating in a transit study with Kings Transit and the other municipal partners through the Valley.

\*The Accessibility Advisory Committee has been meeting regularly and conducted public consultation before Christmas.

\*Congratulations to Terry Thibodeau, our Renewable Energy and Climate Change Coordinator ON celebrating 10 years with the Municipality.

Look for an article on the Digby Accessibility Plan in the next issue of the Coastline



## Council Meetings

Council - February 22

Committee of the Whole - March 8

Council - March 22

All meetings start at 5 pm

Municipal Chambers

Limited Seating



**Check Out: [www.heritagehub.ca](http://www.heritagehub.ca)**  
heritage related resources for Digby County

**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:**  
**[municipality of digby](https://www.facebook.com/municipalityofdigby)**

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

### Directory of Municipal Services

Councillors

**Warden Linda Gregory**

902-245-2616/247-0356 [lgregory@digbymun.ca](mailto:lgregory@digbymun.ca)

**Deputy Warden Matthew Ross**

902-247-5555 [mross@digbymun.ca](mailto:mross@digbymun.ca)

**George Manzer**

902-837-4353 [gmanzer@digbymun.ca](mailto:gmanzer@digbymun.ca)

**David Tudor**

902-308-9934 [dtudor@digbymun.ca](mailto:dtudor@digbymun.ca)

**Angela Thurber** [athurber@digbymun.ca](mailto:athurber@digbymun.ca)

902-467-3425

### Municipal Offices

General Inquiries

902-245-4777

Building & Fire Inspector

902-245-6776

Airport

902-245-5885

Dog Control Officer

902-245-5885

REMO

902-245-6252

Heritage

902-245-4757

Renewable Energy/Climate Change

902-245-4767

Trail Coordinator, Jonathan Riley

902-245-2861