

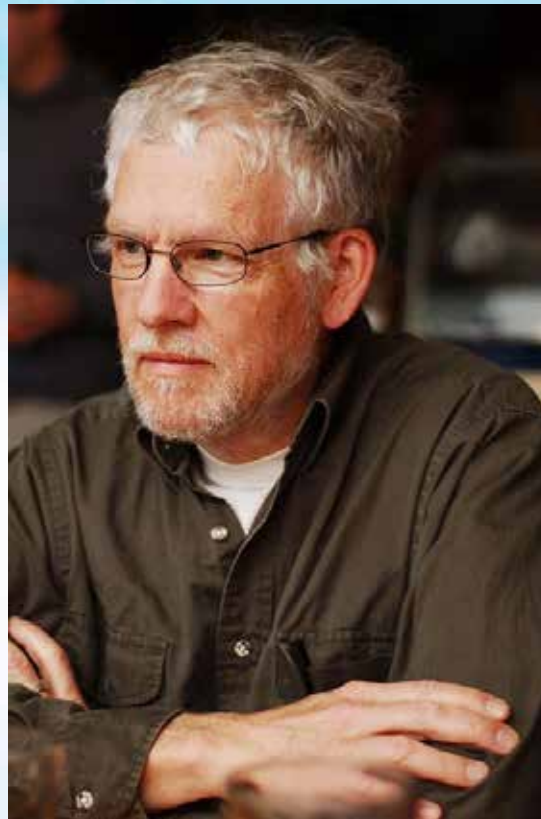


PRESERVING OUR PAST - DEVELOPING OUR FUTURE

Dr. Ted Leighton awarded the Order of Canada

This past January the Governor General's office released the names of the 2022 Order of Canada recipients. Amongst the list of names was Dr. Ted Leighton who has had a distinguished career in veterinary pathology specializing in wildlife diseases. He is a founding member of the **Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative** and has received many accolades from leading wildlife disease agencies around the world. He is also recognized as one of the top speakers on the subject of wildlife diseases and has contributed to the research of West Nile Virus, Avian Influenza and White Nose Syndrome in bats to name a few.

"I feel very honoured, to be awarded Officer of the Order of Canada. The Order is a reflection of the nation's values and the pursuit of excellence in one's life as a Canadian and person of this earth," stated Dr. Leighton. The relevance of his work is very evident at this time in history. The warming of the atmosphere and large scale animal farming methods are fostering new disease related challenges for domestic animals and wildlife all over the planet.



Dr. Frederick (Ted) Leighton

Dr. Leighton has been retired for several years and lives in Bear River. However, he has a past with the community of Smith's Cove, where he currently volunteers with the Fire Department. *"I have had a childhood bond with Smith's Cove as I went to school here for primary and grade one in 1954-1955. I have*

lived in many locations in my lifetime but have always felt that this area was my home," concluded Dr. Leighton.

The Order of Canada was established in 1967 by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The Order of Canada is the cornerstone of the Canadian Honours System and recognizes outstanding achievement, dedication to the community, and service to the nation. The Order recognizes people in all sectors of Canadian society. Their contributions are varied, yet they have all enriched the lives of others and made a difference to this country. It is one of the highest civilian honours bestowed on a Canadian citizen. Governor General's Office Website.

The motto of the Order, **DESID-ERANTES MELIOREM PATRIAM** (They desire a better country).



Order of Canada Medal



Dog Registration

The Municipality of Digby has had a Dog By-Law in effect since 2006. Under that By-Law there is a requirement for dog owners to register their dogs with the Municipality. Dog owners must contact the Municipality and provide their name, civic address, telephone number, and the name, breed, and description of the dog, including whether the dog is male or female, and whether the dog is spayed or neutered.

Registration of a dog is a one-time fee of \$10.00. Once the dog is registered the owner will be provided with an identification tag which the dog then needs to wear. The identification tag is valid and effective for the life of the dog. However, if a dog is transferred to a new owner, the new owner will need to reregister the dog and obtain a new identification tag.

There are fines under the Dog By-Law that can be issued if dog owners fail to comply with these requirements.

For more information about registration, you can contact the Municipal Office at 902-245-4777 or the Dog Control Officer at 902-245-5885.

Municipal Office Notice



Now that COVID restrictions have receded, wearing a mask in public places is not mandatory with the exception of health care facilities. If you visit the Municipal Office, we still recommend continuing the practice of wearing a mask. Thank you.



Sewer Rate Notice

Beginning in April, residents of the Municipality who are currently connected to the municipal sewer, or have property frontage in a sewer serviced area, may see changes in the rates. Council has been working towards a unified rate for this service across the Municipality. This means that all those connected to the sewer will pay the same rate. The rate will be **\$225/year** for residents connected to the system, and **\$75/year** for properties that have frontage in a sewer serviced area.

On the trails

Funding for Bear Cove Art Trail

The Municipality has received \$8,000 from ACOA's "Canada Community Revitalization Fund" for improvements at the Bear Cove Art Trail. This funding will allow the Municipality to upgrade the parking area and trail and erect signage this summer.

In 2015, Laurence and Diane Outhouse leased 10 acres of land, including 180 metres of beachfront at Bear Cove, to the Municipality of Digby for 25 years for use as a public park.

Community members have held an annual beach clean up and BBQ there since 2018 and in 2019 the first local folk art was placed along the trail.



Laurence and Diane Outhouse leased 10 acres of land at Bear Cove on Long Island for use as a municipal park.



Digby Accessibility Plan

The Accessibility Advisory Committee, which represents the Municipality of Digby, Town of Digby, Digby Area Recreation Commission, and the Villages of Weymouth, Tiverton, Westport, and Freeport, has drafted the Digby Accessibility Plan and it has been approved by Council.

The Digby Accessibility Plan details how we will identify, remove, and prevent accessibility barriers in our policies, programs, practices, and services. The Accessibility Advisory Committee, along with each participating unit, is committed to fostering a culture of accessibility and encouraging the prevention and removal of accessibility barriers in our community.

For a copy of the Digby Accessibility Plan you can visit our website: www.digbymun.ca or contact the Accessibility Coordinator, Tyler Pulley, at: tpulley@digbymun.ca or call 902-245-4777.

EMO File



Pets During Emergencies

Consider your pets when planning for emergencies.

Know where to take your pets in an emergency and remember their needs when creating your family [preparedness kit](#).

Before

- * Find a safe place for your pets to stay
- * Make sure your pets wear current ID tags all the times, and that carriers for each pet are labeled with contact information
- * Make sure pets are current on their vaccinations.
- * Prepare a pet's emergency kit.

During

- * Keep pets in the house as the emergency develops
- * Pet shelters will be filled on a first-come first-serve basis. Call ahead to check availability.

After

- * Don't allow your pets to roam loose.
- * Keep dogs on leashes and cats in carriers inside the house; the house might be damaged and they could escape/become lost
- * Be patient, re-establish routines as soon as possible. Be ready for behavioral problems. If problems continue, or if your pet is having health problems, talk to your veterinarian.

What should my pet emergency kit contain?

Comfort items, collars and leashes, food, litter, licenses, immunization records, ID tags filled with info, indoor potty system, pet kennel, 2 week supply of prescription meds, veterinarian contact information.



Health and safety measures still in place at Digby General Hospital and Health Services Centre

While the COVID-19 situation across the province is slowly improving, Nova Scotia Health continues to take every reasonable precaution when delivering care and services.

Digby General Hospital and the Digby and Area Health Services Centre still have strong public health measures in place to protect the health and safety of our patients and teams. Masks are still required and support people/visitors must show proof of vaccination when entering health care facilities. All people coming to Nova Scotia Health facilities will be screened at the entrance.

Proof of vaccination is not required for those seeking or receiving care or treatment.

Nova Scotia Health is gradually easing restrictions to allow more opportunities for family caregivers and primary support people to support patients.

We will continue to closely monitor the situation and make changes when needed.

For more information on current visitor restrictions, please visit: <https://www.nshealth.ca/coronavirus-home/family-presence-during-covid-19...>



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING SAFE AND HEALTHY SPACES FOR ALL.



Connector Program

SUCCESS STORY

The Western REN Connector Program introduces you to the contacts you need to find the ideal job in Southwestern Nova Scotia. It connects you with employers and business leaders to help you build your professional network in your community. The Connector Program wants to help you open doors. Reach out to Miranda at mmaclean@westernren.ca to get started.

"After living in Alberta for six years, I was looking for a professional opportunity that would allow me to come home. Through the connections I made in this program, I was able to get my foot in the door and accept a great job in my field of work."

Dustin Atkinson, Chartered Professional Accountant with White Perkins Associates



Dustin Atkinson

Along the Coastline

- The Municipal Office is now open to the public. Our hours are Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- The Digby Accessibility Plan has been approved by Council.
- During the February 22nd Council Meeting the Marketing Levy By-Law received its second and final reading and is in effect as of March 5, 2022.
- The Municipality continues to work with Scotian Shores to help clean up the waste on our beaches. The Municipality covers the tipping fees for the waste.
- The Municipality is making revisions to the Dog By-Law. During the March 22nd Council Meeting the amended Dog By-Law received its first reading.

Council Meetings

Committee of the Whole	April 12
Council	April 26
Committee of the Whole	May 10
Council	May 24
Committee of the Whole	June 14
Council	June 28

Meetings start at 5p.m. / Municipal Chambers

Check Out: www.heritagehub.ca
heritage related resources for Digby County

Get your Coastline by email :
Send request to:
heritage@digbymun.ca



Or go to: **www.digbymun.ca** look under: **Departments/Information**

Check us out on Facebook:
[municipality of digby](https://www.facebook.com/municipalityofdigby)

www.digbymun.ca



Application for Citizen Appointment

The Digby Municipal Council is seeking one (1) citizen representative to sit on the Digby and Area Seniors' Safety Society. As a board member you will help direct a program to educate seniors on crime prevention, health and wellness, and promote safe and independent living in their own homes. The program employs one full time individual.

Applications are invited from interested residents of the Municipality of the District of Digby to serve on this committee. The term of appointments will be for 2 years.

Applications can be picked up at the Municipal Building at 12548 Hwy 217, Seabrook, NS.

Applications will be received from residents of the Municipality of the District of Digby by the undersigned until 2 pm April 15th, 2022.

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Building & Fire Inspector 902-245-6776

Airport 902-245-5885

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REMO 902-245-6252

Heritage 902-245-4757

Renewable Energy/Climate Change 902-245-4767

Trail Coordinator, Jonathan Riley 902-245-2861