

THE COASTLINE



June 2022



PRESERVING OUR PAST - DEVELOPING OUR FUTURE

Cover Photo: The Lily Lake Lollygag Trail Run on the Van Tassel Lake Trails had 50 participants from Yarmouth to Halifax on April 30.



Jonathan Riley Photo

On the Trails

Digby hiking badge challenge

Digby Area Recreation is offering four hiking challenge badges for 2022. The challenge booklet is available at local libraries or the Digby Area Recreation office.



The booklet outlines the easy steps to earn a badge for Acacia Valley Trails, Balancing Rock Trails, Gulliver's Cove Trails and the Weymouth Storybook Trail.

For more information on the trails, visit www.digbytrails.ca and start earning your badges today.

Funding for Heritage Churches

Starting this year the municipality will be offering funding support to Municipal Registered Heritage Churches. The funding program is mandated for a five year period and owners will be able to claim funding for conservation repairs to their churches. Participants can bank the annual \$1000 contribution for larger jobs like roofing and painting. "This is the second time we have offered this popular program," said Program Development Coordinator for the Municipality, Robert Hersey.



Digby Area Art Bank



Municipal Council has initiated the formation of a Local Art Bank. A committee will be developed to collect and decide which local art is purchased. Each art piece will be chosen to fit a specific location in our municipal buildings and bring awareness to the amazing talents in our area.

"Council is pleased to support local artists with a \$2,500 annual budget and we look forward to seeing their work on our walls," said Warden, Linda Gregory.

July 1st Canada Day in Weymouth 1948 - 2022



Photo: DARC Summer Staff, Callista Weir and Councillor Maritza Adams cut the cake at the 2014 Weymouth Canada Day Celebration.

This year Canada Day falls on a Friday and the July First Committee in Weymouth is planning on a great event to celebrate Canada and the community of Weymouth. As in past years the Main Street Parade starts at 10 am. In the Sissiboo parking lot there will be various food vendors and a pork BBQ dinner. The Opening ceremony and flag raising is scheduled for 12 noon. The band **Top Notch**, will be performing at the band stand in the afternoon and there will be lots of things to do with the whole family at the landing. On Friday evening **Tide and Timber** will be performing prior to the fireworks at dusk. There is also a dance at the Legion, featuring **DNR**, to close off the day. Always a good time. Go to: *Weymouth's Canada Day Celebration* on facebook for more activities and updates.

Chris Thibodeau, Our New Building/Fire Inspector



Welcome Chris to the municipal team. Chris has worked in the carpentry business for the past 21 years. He brings a high understanding of proper construction practices and building code regulations. "***I have always been interested in serving the public and I see this position as a way to broaden my career***", said Chris.



The Digby Municipal Airport received some sprucing-up recently. The site signage on the tarmac and along the Bloomfield Road were re-designed and installed. The Municipal airport was constructed in 1977 and has received many improvements over the years. The airport is home to Digby Emergency Dispatch which serves Digby to Shelburne.

EMO File



Heat-related illnesses: Prevention and Treatment

High temperatures and humidity can put you at risk for heat-related illnesses, especially if you're working or exercising outside.

It's harder for our bodies to maintain a healthy internal temperature when it's hot and humid. Our bodies usually cool down by sweating, but sweating is less effective when it's humid.

Some people, like infants and young children, seniors, and people with chronic medical conditions, have a higher risk for developing heat-related illnesses.

Preventing heat-related illnesses

- * drinking plenty of water
- * staying in shaded or cool areas
- * taking frequent breaks if you have to work outside
- * wearing lightweight, light-colored clothing
- * avoiding leaving children, infants or pets unattended in vehicle
- * checking on older neighbours and others vulnerable to heat-related illness, and offer air-conditioned shelter and water if needed

Heat stroke

Heat stroke is an emergency and the person must be taken to the nearest hospital.

Symptoms:

- * confusion
- * disorientation
- * loss of consciousness
- * seizures

For daily Weather warnings for the Digby area go to :

https://weather.gc.ca/warnings/index_e.html?prov=ns



Nova Scotia Health expands access to opioid treatment in Digby

Nova Scotia Health's Mental Health and Addictions Program now has a satellite Opioid Use Disorder Treatment (OUDT) clinic in Digby.

"The Opioid Use Disorder Treatment clinics in Western Zone, will bring addictions care and treatment closer to home for many people in these communities," said Dr. Chris Stone, Annapolis Family Practice physician, and physician for the Digby OUDT clinic. "Opening OUDT clinics in Southwest will have a significant benefit for client recovery in the area."

The OUDT clinic supports people with opioid use disorder with treatment using medications like buprenorphine/naloxone and methadone.

To access OUDT services people can self-refer by calling the Mental Health and Addictions Intake Service at 1-855-922-1122, Monday to Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., with extended hours until 8 p.m. on Tuesday evenings. The OUDT clinics also accept referrals from physicians and community health care providers.

Visit:

<https://mha.nshealth.ca/en/services/opioid-use-disorder-program-oudp>



From left to right:
Opioid Use Disorder Treatment clinic staff, Rachel Muise (LPN), Brittany Amirault (Social Worker), and Dr. Chris Stone



Over the last two years, the world has been navigating the challenges of COVID-19. Through the Tourism Digital Assistance Program (TDAP) led by [Digital Nova Scotia](#), over 329 tourism businesses have developed their online presence.

Greg Metcalf bought the [Harbourview Inn](#) in January 2020, just before the pandemic hit.

Traditionally, The Harbourview Inn enjoyed predictable occupancy levels, thanks to contracts with four large travel agencies bringing visitors from Europe, America, and greater Canada. Local visitors only made up a small percentage of visitors, and initially, the Inn struggled to market itself to the local market.

Through TDAP, Greg saw an excellent opportunity and was matched with [Atlantic Online](#). Atlantic Online helped The Harbourview Inn establish a strategic direction, reach as many as 12,000 users a month through social media, and become a significant player in the staycation wave.

"2021 was far from a return to normal, but a big improvement on 2020," said Greg

Metcalf, Co-owner of The Harbourview Inn. "What was especially gratifying was to see the large numbers of local visitors and the number of people who, when they booked, said they had found us through social media or online searches."

Connect with digital service providers today to help enhance your digital marketing tools <https://digitalnovascotia.com/programs/tourism-digital-assistance-program/>

Along the Coastline

The Municipal Office is now open to the public, Monday to Friday, 8am – 5pm.

Chris Thibodeau has joined the municipal staff as a building and fire inspector in training. We are excited to welcome Chris to the municipal staff.

Council Passed the 2022/23 Operating Budget of \$10,295,878.00 on May 31. This is the 16th year in a row there has been no increase to the tax rate.

We are partnering with Digby Recreation for another great summer of programming at the Digby Outdoor Recreation Centre on Haines Lake.

Annual Curbside White Metal Pick-Up



Fridges; Stoves; Dishwashers; Microwaves; Washers/Dryers; Deep freezers; Hot Water Heaters; Wall Ovens and Cook Tops.

- * If your regular collection day is **Monday** then **June 3** is your pick-up date.
- * If your regular collection day is **Tuesday** then **June 10** is your pick-up date.
- * If your regular collection day is **Wednesday** then **June 17** is your pick-up date.
- * If your regular collection day is **Thursday** then **June 24** is your pick-up date.

Council Meetings

Committee of the Whole	June 14	5 pm
Council	June 28	5 pm
Council	July 26	5 pm
Committee of the Whole	Aug 9	5 pm

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It is with collective sadness that we announce we have lost our friend and colleague Alfred Doucet.

Alfred starting working for the Municipality in August of 1995 as a Building Inspector and has spent the past 27 years serving residents of the area as the building inspector, fire inspector,

and dangerous and unsightly administrator. Alfred also served a term as a municipal councillor before joining our staff and he had been an active member of the executive of both the Nova Scotia Building Officials Association and the Fire Inspectors Association for most of his career.

Al will be greatly missed by all of us. He was a part of this place and our work family. He always had time for chats and was always a calm and relaxed presence in the office. Donations in his memory may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Nova Scotia and the Kidney Foundation Atlantic Canada Branch.

Youth Summer Pass

The summer pass is \$40 and provides unlimited ridership from Wolfville to Weymouth. The pass is good from July 2 to August 31. Just ask your driver.



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