

THE COASTLINE



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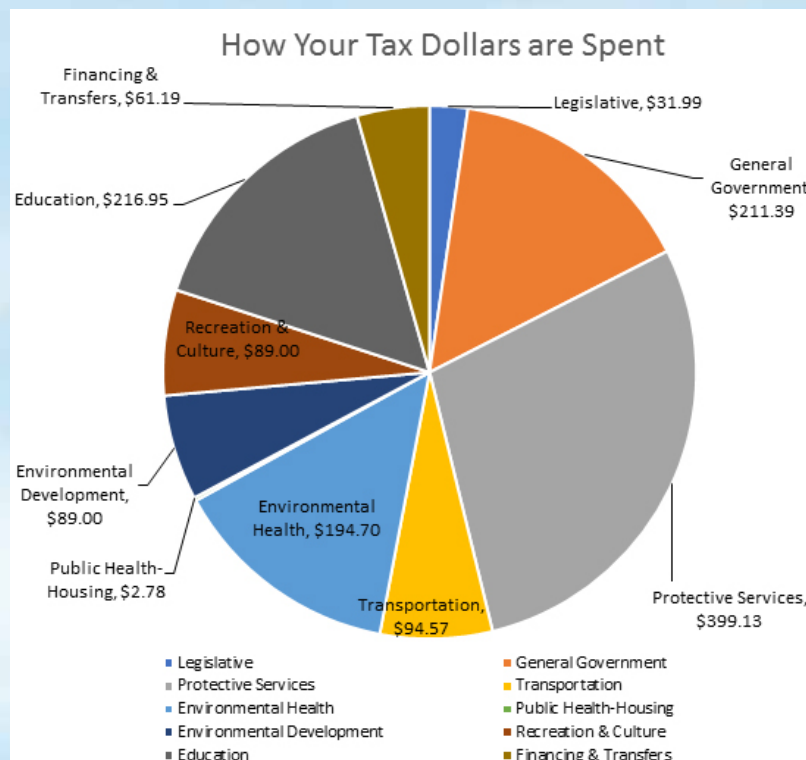


PRESERVING OUR PAST - DEVELOPING OUR FUTURE

Council Approves 2022-2023 Operating Budget \$ 10,295,878

A copy of the budget presentation is available on our website at <https://digbymun.ca>

On May 31st Council approved the 2022-23 Operating Budget with no increase in the tax rate of \$1.30 per \$100 of residential and resource assessment and \$1.85 per \$100 of commercial assessment. In this budget Council approved a scaled Low-Income Tax Exemption of \$300 to \$550 for those whose 2021 income from all sources is less than \$28,999. Residential assessments increased by 9.1% and commercial assessments increased by 6.1%.



How Are My Tax Dollars Used?

To the owner of an average home assessed at \$100,000, the base budget would levy taxes of \$1,300 per household. If you factor in a .05 cent fire area rate and a .0407 street light rate that adds an additional \$90.70 for a total tax bill of \$1,390.70. This does not include any sewer charges that may apply.

Local Beach Clean-Ups



The Municipality of Digby is happy to support its residents in their efforts to clean-up our local beaches. The Municipality works with Scotian Shores and covers all of the tipping fees for the solid waste that is collected.

If you have organized a group for a beach clean-up then there are a few things you should keep in mind. You can contact Waste Check at (902) 742-1312 or the Municipal Office at (902) 245-4777 for supplies to assist you with your efforts. You must use clear bags for the waste. Black bags are not allowed. The Municipality will cover the tipping fees (the fees for

the waste based on tonnage) but it is the responsibility of the group that collects the waste to have it transported to the Waste Transfer Station at 245 Upper Cross Road. Arrangements for storage and transportation of the solid waste should be made in advance. You cannot put the solid waste to the side of the road for normal collection as it does not meet the sorting or limit requirements.

You can contact Digby Salvage at (902) 245-2657 if you have any questions about collection or for options for dumpsters and transportation of the solid waste.

Splash Park Development

The Digby Splash Park Committee is a volunteer community-based group with a vision of bringing a splash park facility to our area.

A splash park is a recreation facility that combines flowing, misting, spraying, jetting and splashing water. A splash park would bring opportunities for unstructured, inclusive and accessible play to all members of our communities as well as visitors to a safe, active, and free gathering space.

The Municipality of Digby and the Town of Digby have each committed \$30,000 to the Splash Park Project and fundraising initiatives are ongoing.

The Digby Splash Park is anticipated to be constructed in the summer of 2023. The proposed location is within the Vaughn VanTassell Memorial Playground located at 27 Shreve Street.

Donations towards the project can be made at Digby Town Hall located at 147 First Avenue, or you

can mail cheques to Box 1269, Digby, N.S, B0V1A0. Please make cheques payable to the Town of Digby. Tax deductible receipts are available for donations of \$25+.

For more information on the Digby Splash Park or how you can help please contact us at digbysplashpark@gmail.com, or follow us on Facebook.



Check Out Lake Days at the Haines Lake Recreational Facility.

Go to: www.digbyarearecreation.ca for details

EMO File

Protect Your Home Fire



[1] Store gasoline and other flammable liquids in approved safety containers and away from occupied buildings.

[2] Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) tanks should be far enough away from buildings for valves to be shut off in case of fire. Keep area clear of flammable vegetation and materials.

[3] Clean roof surfaces and gutters regularly to avoid accumulation of flammable materials.

[4] Maintain a screen constructed of non-flammable material over the flue opening of every chimney or stove-pipe. Mesh openings of the screen should not exceed 1 cm.

[5] Remove portions of any tree extending within 3 metres of the flue opening of any stove or chimney.

[6] Remove branches from trees to a height of 3-4.5 metres.

[7] Have fire tools handy such as: ladder long enough to reach the roof, shovel, rake and bucket for water.

[8] All roads and driveways should be at least 5 metres in width.

[9] Name and address should be posted at driveway entrance.

[10] Clean leaves and flammable debris from around structures.

[11] Each home should have at least 2 different entrance and exit routes.

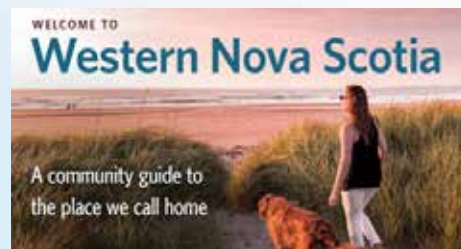
[12] Fire resistant shrubs should be spaced at least 4.5 metres apart.

[13] Names of roads should be indicated at all intersections.

[14] Garden hose should be connected to outside water outlet.

[15] Dispose of stove or fireplace ashes and charcoal briquettes in a fire safe container.

[16] All combustibles such as firewood, picnic tables, boats, etc., should be kept away from structures.



The Western Regional Enterprise Network has created a 'Welcome to Western Nova Scotia' guide.

This guide is an all-encompassing handbook for living in the region for those considering moving to our communities and for those who have recently moved here. It takes readers through the need to know, including housing, health-care, child-care, education, volunteering, museums and activities to check out within the region.

Whether you are a business, organization, a newcomer, or currently live in the Western Region, there is something for everyone in this guide. Head over to:

www.westernren.ca to learn or discover more about the beautiful Western Region of Nova Scotia.



Where to go for Health Care

Residents of Municipality of Digby who visit the Annapolis Community Health Centre Collaborative Emergency Centre (CEC) are reminded the CEC is currently closed 24 hours a day. All other services at the health centre remain open.

If you require non-emergency treatment, call your primary care provider (doctor or nurse practitioner) if you have one. If you are not able to see your primary care provider or do not have one, find out where to go for health care in your area online:

<https://www.nshealth.ca/where-togoforhealthcare>

Patients with potentially life-threatening conditions should immediately call 911. People in the area can go to their nearest open emergency department:

-Digby General Hospital

-Yarmouth Regional Hospital

-Soldiers Memorial Hospital, Middleton, open 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

-Valley Regional Hospital, Kentville

Check the Temporary Closure page on Nova Scotia Health's website before visiting: www.nshealth.ca



As we are coming out of a two year pandemic and festivals are now back on the summer event schedule, community organizers have noticed a decrease in volunteer involvement. Community festivals cannot operate successfully without enough volunteers. If you can find a little time to offer to help out, even if it is for just a couple of hours, supervising a booth or assisting in set-up or tear down, that can make a big difference. Remember it's a great way to meet new people and see old friends again.

Up-coming event

***Wharf Rat Rally** call 902 245-5924 or email: admin@wharfrat rally.com

Council Meetings

Committee of the Whole	August 9	5 pm
<i>No Council meeting in August</i>		
Committee of the Whole	Sept. 14	5 pm
Council	Sept. 27	5 pm

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

Maud Lewis Memorial Site in Marshalltown receives some refurbishing



After some winter storm damage, the Maud Lewis Memorial site in Marshalltown has received some needed repairs.

Directory of Municipal Services

Councillors

Warden Linda Gregory

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Deputy Warden Matthew Ross

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George Manzer

902-837-4353 gmanzer@digbymun.ca

David Tudor

902-308-9934 dtudor@digbymun.ca

Angela Thurber 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