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## Christmas Seasonal Message from Warden Linda Gregory

The festive season is here and many of us are lucky enough to finally be able to celebrate the holiday season together this year after so many celebrations were cancelled over the last few years. It has been my pleasure to be able to connect with so many of you over the past year and now to celebrate this festive season with many of you.

There's no doubt that the past year has been another trying one for all of us. Public health issues remain and rising costs have troubled us all. Our municipality has been faced with these difficulties as well, but we continue to strive to provide the level of service quality and programs you have come to expect and deserve. We are proud that we have been able to accomplish these goals while maintaining our tax rates and strictly monitoring our expenditures. And that's due in no small measure to the hard work



Warden Linda Gregory being done by our talented and dedicated municipal staff. Yes we live in challenging times but let's take this moment for some historical reflection. Remember that the original Christmas message was sent to us in an equally trying time, a period where we are told that uncertainty and confusion seemed to prevail.

However we were then blessed

with a message of hope and love. When we were promised that peace would prevail and reminded to care for each other. With everything we've been through, it's now more than ever important to remember that message; to hold to the true meaning of this time of year: joy, hope and love for each other.

And we've seen incredible examples of that spirit in our community from our healthcare workers, our teachers, our local businesses, volunteers, seniors and young people. Everyone has continued to pull together in this uncertain time. Thank you all.

It's not been an easy year, but brighter days are ahead and while there are challenges before us, let's embrace the spirit of the season and remember what makes our community so special: the people who call it home. Especially let's keep in mind those who are in need and help and share whenever and wherever you can.

**New Year's Day**  
**Levee**

**Municipal Office 12548 Hwy 217**  
**2 pm - 4 pm \* Jan. 1st**

**Everyone Welcome**

# Municipal Staff Service Awards

Each year Council recognizes those employees who are celebrating significant milestones with the Municipality of Digby. Employees are presented with a Certificate of Recognition by the Warden and CAO. Council congratulates each employee on their milestone and thanks them for their dedication to their roles.

This year there are six employees who are being recognized for their years of service:

**Cathy Barr** – 35 years of service – Kay started with the Municipality in 1987 as the Building Department Administrative Assistant and she continued to advance her education and she now serves as the Senior Building Inspector.

**Pat Stevens** – 30 years of service – Pat started with the Municipality in 1992 as a dispatcher and she now serves as the Tax Clerk and Executive Assistant.

**Bentley Rice** – 25 years of service – Bentley started with the Municipality in 1997 and serves as a Spare Dispatcher.

**Barry Faulkner** – 15 years of service – Barry started with the Municipality in 2007 and serves as the Public Works Foreman.

**Miranda Pyne** – 5 years of service – Miranda started with the Municipality in 2017 and serves as the Tax Clerk.

**Jonathan Riley** – 5 years of service – Jonathan started with the Municipality in 2017 and serves as the Trails and Open Spaces Coordinator.



Cathy Barr



Pat Stevens



Bentley Rice



Barry Faulkner



Miranda Pyne



Jonathan Riley



The Municipality of Digby has started an annual art purchase from local artists and artisans.

The Digby Art Bank Acquisition is pleased to announce a call-out to artists and artisans of the Digby area to submit original works for purchase. Artists can submit up to three pieces for jury selection. The value of each piece of art cannot exceed \$2500. Deadline for submissions is January 31, 2023.

Please go to the Municipality of Digby website: [www.digbymun.ca](http://www.digbymun.ca) and look under the Digby Art Bank for submission forms and brochure. You can email: [heritage@digbymun.ca](mailto:heritage@digbymun.ca) and request submission documents or contact Robert Hersey at 902-245-4757

## Community Navigator hired by Digby and Area Health Foundation



The Foundation welcomes Nancy Whalley as the New Digby Area Community Navigator! Showcasing our community as a great place to live, work and play, she will help prospective medical professionals navigate the ins and outs of our area. Nancy has over 16 years of experience in the health care sector and has a lifelong connection to Digby County. She will be working hard to support a healthy community for present and future generations.

The Digby and Area Seniors' Safety program goal is to keep seniors living safely in their homes for as long as possible by providing connections to community agencies;

health, housing supports, mental health and more.

We work to prevent abuse, support caregivers, dementia, driving workshops, power of attorney and estate planning.

- \* Do not give any personal information over the phone.
- \* Do not buy iTunes or gift cards and share the numbers.
- \* Police will not arrest you for owing on your taxes. \* Do not speak with strangers on the internet or social media pages.
- \* Always be a skeptic.
- \* Seniors' Safety is available to do visits with seniors in their homes. We are connected to the RCMP. You can reach **Dawn Thomas** at 902-308-0544 or [seniorsafety@digby.ca](mailto:seniorsafety@digby.ca)



## REMO 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 centers located across the Town and Municipality, normally located in your local fire halls. These are opened on the request of Digby REMO.

Check Municipal and Town websites/Facebook pages or phone 211 to find out if they are open before traveling to any comfort center.

The aim of these centers 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 event. Some centers may provide more.

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



# District Emergency Comfort Centres

<b>Digby Fire Hall</b>	<b>902-245-5283</b>	<b>163 First Ave, Digby</b>
<b>Smith's Cove Fire Hall</b>	<b>902-245-5557</b>	<b>43 North Old Post Rd, Smiths Cove</b>
<b>Freeport Fire Hall</b>	<b>902-839-2650</b>	<b>291 Highway 217, Freeport</b>
<b>Bear River Fire Hall</b>	<b>902-467-3633</b>	<b>1277 River Rd., Bear River</b>
<b>Brighton Barton Fire Hall</b>	<b>902-245-5166</b>	<b>8547 Highway 101, Brighton</b>
<b>Weymouth Fire Hall</b>	<b>902-837-7327</b>	<b>20 Back St., Weymouth</b>
<b>Digby Neck Fire Hall</b>	<b>902-834-2072</b>	<b>6635 Highway 217, Sandy Cove</b>
<b>Southville Fire Hall</b>	<b>902-837-5895</b>	<b>717 Langford Rd, Southville</b>
<b>Tiverton Fire Hall</b>	<b>902-247-1264</b>	<b>3084 Highway 217, Tiverton</b>
<b>Westport Fire Hall</b>	<b>902-839-2180</b>	<b>21 Second St, Westport</b>
<b>Plympton Fd Hall</b>	<b>902-837-4280</b>	<b>7208 Highway 101, Plympton</b>
<b>Havelock Fd Hall</b>	<b>902-837-4443</b>	<b>4423 Highway 340, Havelock</b>
<b>Good Samaritan Church</b>	<b>902-308-6444</b>	<b>1214 North Range Cross Rd</b>
<b>Municipality of Digby Airport Facility</b>	<b>902-245-5885</b>	<b>1266 Bloomfield Rd</b>



### Temporary mobile primary care service for Digby, Weymouth and surrounding communities

Nova Scotia Health, in partnership with Emergency Health Services (EHS), PRAXES Medical group and key community partners, has provided a mobile primary care clinic to serve patients in Weymouth, Digby and surrounding communities.

The mobile clinic was first started to provide service in areas

most impacted by Hurricane Fiona in September. It has since rolled into other communities.

The mobile clinic was at the Weymouth Health Clinic for two days in November and at the Digby Curling Centre in early December. Upcoming dates in Weymouth include December 10 & 11.

For information on times, locations, how to schedule an appointment, as well as a list of health concerns that can be addressed at a mobile primary care clinic, visit: <https://www.nshealth.ca/mobileprimarycare>



New to the area? Graduating college soon? Want to bring your new grad home?

The Connector Program may be for you! The Connector Program helps to grow your professional network, connect with career opportunities, and find success in your desired field.

Reach out to Miranda today at [mmaclean@westernren.ca](mailto:mmaclean@westernren.ca) to start or continue growing your professional network!





## Starlink Internet Installed at Digby Municipal Airport

Starlink satellite internet has been installed at the Digby Municipal Airport. This will ensure that the site has internet in situations where lines are down. "Having Starlink Internet at the airport will ensure continued internet availability for dispatch and emergency operations" said Regional Emergency Management Coordinator Bruce Snell.

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



## Council Meetings

<b>Committee of the Whole</b>	Dec. 13	5 pm
<b>Committee of the Whole</b>	Jan. 10	5 pm
<b>Council</b>	Jan. 24	5 pm
<b>Committee of the Whole</b>	Feb. 14	5pm
<b>Council</b>	Feb.28	5pm

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



Or go to: [www.digbymun.ca](http://www.digbymun.ca) look under: **Departments/Information**

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



## Digby Arena Christmas Public Skate Schedule

### Wednesday December 21

Parent & Tot Skate	11 – 11:45 am
Adult Skate	Noon – 1 pm
Student Skate (Grades P-6)	2:30 – 3:30 pm
Teen Skate (Grades 7 -12)	12 3:30 – 4:30 pm

### Public Skating

Thursday December 22	Public Skate 11 am – 12 noon
Friday December 23	Public Skate 11am – 12 noon
Saturday December 24	Public Skate 11am – 12 noon
Tuesday December 27	Public Skate 11am – 12 noon

### Wednesday December 28

Parent & Tot Skate	11 – 11:45 am
Adult Skate	Noon – 1 pm
Student Skate (Grades P-6)	2:30 – 3:30 pm
Teen Skate (Grades 7- 12)	12:30 – 4:30 pm

### Public Skating

Thursday December 29	Public Skate 11am – 12 noon
Friday December 30	Public Skate 11am – 12 noon
Saturday December 31	Public Skate 11am – 12 noon

### 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](mailto:gmanzer@digbymun.ca)

#### David Tudor

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

#### Angela Thurber

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