



PRESERVING OUR PAST - DEVELOPING OUR FUTURE

Karla Kelly Photos

## Council Approves 2024-2025 Operating Budget \$12,383,337

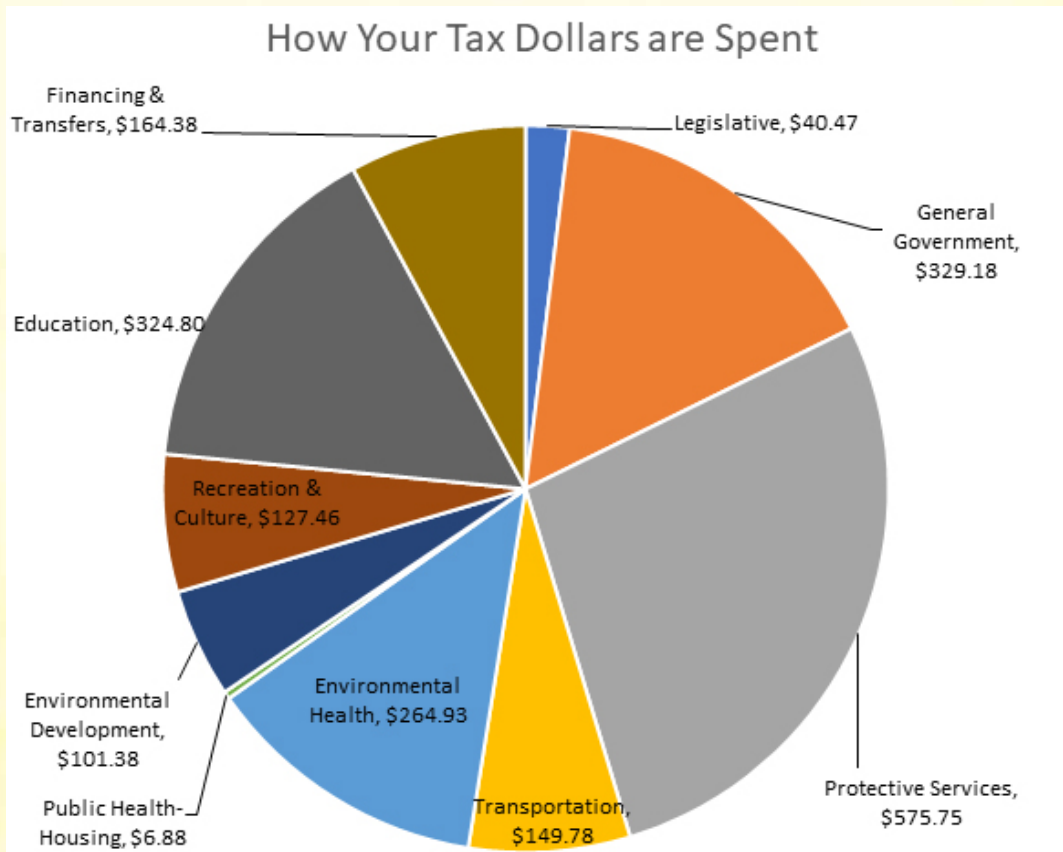
A copy of the budget presentation is available on our website at <https://digbymun.ca>

On May 28th Council approved the 2024-25 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 \$350 to \$600 for those whose 2023 income from all sources is less than \$32,000.

Residential assessments increased by 12.54%  
and commercial assessments increased by 13.19%.

### How Are My Tax Dollars Used?

To the owner of an average home assessed at \$150,000 the base budget would levy taxes of \$1,950 per household. If you factor in a .05 cent fire area rate and a .0407 street light rate that adds an additional \$136.05 for a total tax bill of \$2,086. This does not include any sewer charges that may apply.





# Municipal Elections

Voters instructions letters will be sent out by the end of September for the October 19, 2024 Municipal Election.

If you do not receive your Voter Instruction letter please contact the Municipality of Digby by phone at 902-245-4777 and speak with the Returning Officer or Assistant Returning Officer or by email at [elections@municipality.digby.ns.ca](mailto:elections@municipality.digby.ns.ca)

You will be asked for your name, your address and your date of birth.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE?

Every person who:  
(a) is of full age of eighteen years on ordinary polling day;  
(b) is a Canadian citizen on ordinary polling day, and  
(c) has been ordinarily a resident in the Province for a period of six months immediately preceding the first advance polling day;  
(d) is ordinarily a resident in the municipality or in an area annexed to the municipality and has been so since immediately before the first advance polling day.

**Nicole Robbins,  
Returning Officer,  
Municipality of the  
District of Digby.**

## REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS TO SERVE ON THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES:

- Digby Town & Municipal Housing Corp (Tideview)
- Heritage Advisory Committee – Two Positions

Applications are invited from interested residents of the Municipality of the District of Digby to serve on these committees. The term of appointment will be for two years. The application forms can be found below or on our website: <https://digbymun.ca/departments/information/forms-and-applications.html>

The deadline for applications is September 18, 2024 at 5:00pm. Applications can be submitted via email [administration@digbymun.ca](mailto:administration@digbymun.ca), in-person, or mailed to the Municipality of Digby, PO Box 429, Digby NS, B0V 1A0

If you would like any additional information, please contact the Municipal Office at 902-245-4777



## Digby Art Bank 2025

It's that time of year again and the municipality will be sending out a call to artists and artisans in the district to submit their work for selection by a jury of peers. The municipality will be accepting submissions starting October 23rd. The deadline for submissions will be January 29, 2025. We look forward to more great purchases to add to our art bank collection. The collection can be seen on display at the municipal office in Seabrook.

## Help Restore Peters Island Lighthouse, Breir Island.

Save an Island Lighthouse 2 (SAIL 2 Committee) needs your support to restore Peters Island Lighthouse. This iconic lighthouse is a symbolic beacon that is a National Historic Lighthouse and a Municipal Heritage Property. The repairs to the lighthouse are extensive and will require a strong community effort to see it done. **E-transfers** can be sent to: [islandshistorical@gmail.com](mailto:islandshistorical@gmail.com) - specify "for SAIL 2" Any support is welcome. **Check out SAIL 2 on facebook**



## Tax Bill Payment Options

Tax Bills were issued September 1st, did you know the Municipality of Digby offers many convenient payment options such as:



- \* Online Banking
- \* Telebanking
- \* Debit/Visa/Master Card
- \* Pre-authorized payments
- \* In person

Contact (902)245-4777  
[administration@digbymun.ca](mailto:administration@digbymun.ca)

# REMO

Regional Emergency Management Organization



## Downed Lines & Fallen Trees

For safety, consider all cables and wires to be energized whether they are electrical, cable or telephone

If a line is in the water, there is even more reason to be cautious and consider it and the water energized

Keep children away from all flooded areas and areas with lots of debris because the water or storm debris could be hiding an energized line.

You shouldn't try to remove or trim branches near a power line. If a tree or tree limbs have fallen on a power line or pulled it down, keep a safe distance from the line or the tree. Contact NS Power as soon as you can at 1-877-428-6004.

## Children & Emergency Preparedness

- Help your children prepare for emergencies:
- Teach them about natural hazards and what to do when they occur
- Make a family emergency plan, and prepare an emergency kit together
- Teach your children what to do in case of a fire
- Make sure your kids know what to do at school if any emergency happens
- Your Emergency Kit at home will help sustain you and your family

for up to 72 hours or more, but what if you have to quickly evacuate (perhaps in under 30 minutes).

## Emergency Kit

- Flash Light \* Passport / Identification \* Portable Radio \* Lighter \* First Aid Supplies \* Camping Knife \* Tooth Brush/Soap/Toilet Paper \* Blankets \* Property Keys \* Seasonal Jacket \* Drinking Water \* Hand Sanitizer



## Get Side-Tracked

Attention rail trail users of all kinds, especially the ATV community – we want to hear from you!

Introducing a new project from the Western REN, "Get Side-Tracked"!

Our goal is to enhance our 200kms worth of Rail Trails from Barrington to Digby, to increase trail usage and connect trail users to local businesses.

Some of the project components include branding, mapping, signage and rest stops. The trail will be promoted through marketing campaigns and a dedicated website.

Your input will be crucial in developing the trails. Join us at St. Bernard Firehall Monday September 9th at 6pm!



## Get Side-Tracked



**Digby General Hospital patients, visitors, urged to use caution while work underway.**



Digby General Hospital

Wondering what's been going on at Digby General Hospital? Scaffolding has been set up while parts of the exterior get a fresh upgrade. Work has been underway over the summer to create a more environmentally-friendly hospital, with new energy efficient windows, improved building insulation and a new façade made with durable panels. All hospital programs and services have continued to operate while this work is happening. Drivers entering the rear parking lot have been diverted to St. Mary's Street behind the hospital while some of this work is underway.



Take your health records wherever you go. Download the **YourHealthNS** app today.



# On the Trails



## Celebrating Our Trail Volunteers: The Heart of Our Outdoor Community

Candace Levings

If you're looking to immerse yourself in some of the most beautiful scenery, hiking trails are a great way to do so! We certainly have an abundance of stunning views to explore. Some of the best views are off the beaten path and have been made accessible thanks to the volunteers who selflessly dedicate their time and energy to maintain and enhance these precious outdoor spaces.

Today, we want to take a moment to express heartfelt gratitude to these remarkable individuals. Your hard work ensures that our trails

remain safe, accessible, and welcoming for everyone. From clearing debris after storms to organizing trail maintenance days and



**MLA Jill Balser, Deputy Warden Matthew Ross, Mayor Ben Cleveland and helpers celebrate the grand opening of Van Tassel Lake Trails newest addition to the Brookside Wilderness trail.**

leading guided hikes, your efforts do not go unnoticed.

Thanks to your commitment, families can enjoy weekend hikes, friends can explore new areas together, and nature enthusiasts can connect with the beauty around them.

As we continue to embrace the great outdoors, let's remember the vital role volunteers play in creating accessible, enjoyable spaces for us all.

So, to all our trail volunteers — thank you! Your hard work and passion are what keep our trails in great shape and foster a sense of community among all who use them.

If you would like to help maintain these special places, we'd love to hear from you! [cleavings@digbymun.ca](mailto:cleavings@digbymun.ca) or 902-308-6063.

**Happy Trails, Candace Levings, Trails Coordinator**

*Check out more trail pictures in the insert.*



## Council Meetings

5 pm

September 10th – COTW

September 24th – Council

October 8th – COTW

October 22nd – Council

November 12th – COTW

November 26th – Council

December 10th - COTW

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

## Directory of Municipal Services

Councillors

**Warden Linda Gregory**

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**George Manzer**

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**David Tudor**

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**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 /Candace Levings 902-245-2861