

PRESERVING OUR PAST - DEVELOPING OUR FUTURE

Minister of Emergency Management Visits Digby County to Highlight and Tour Regional Emergency Response Collaboration

On June 23rd, the Municipality of Digby welcomed Nova Scotia's Minister of Emergency Management, Kim Masland, for a tour of emergency response facilities and services across Digby County. Joined by MLA Jill Balser, the visit highlighted the strength of regional collaboration among volunteer fire departments, emergency management personnel, dispatch services, and Digby Ground Search and Rescue.

The tour included visits to the Regional Fire Training Facility, Brighton Barton Fire Department, Digby Fire Department, Digby Dispatch, and Digby Ground Search and Rescue. Minister Masland also met with

local Fire Chiefs and emergency response partners to discuss firefighter training, emergency preparedness, and the importance of working together to provide effective emergency services throughout the region. This visit provided an opportunity to showcase the dedication of the volunteers and professionals who respond to emergencies and keep our communities safe.

The visit also demonstrated the impact of nearly \$487,345 in combined provincial and municipal investments that have strengthened emergency response capacity across Digby County. Funding has supported firefighter training, emergency

management initiatives, and the Regional Fire Training Facility, helping ensure emergency responders have the resources they need to protect our communities.

The Municipality of Digby thanks Minister Kim Masland and MLA Jill Balser for visiting our region and recognizing the outstanding work of our emergency response partners. We also extend our sincere appreciation to the firefighters, dispatchers, emergency management personnel, Ground Search and Rescue volunteers, and municipal staff whose dedication helps keep our communities safe every day.



Can Emergency Responders Find You?

During an emergency, every second counts. A clearly displayed civic number helps firefighters, paramedics and police locate your property quickly.

Make sure your civic number is visible from the road, can be seen at night and is not blocked by trees, vegetation or snow. If your home is set back from the road, place the number on a sign near the entrance to your driveway.



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Hike NS Summit in Digby!

Hike Nova Scotia, the Digby Area Recreation Commission, the Fundy Erratics Hiking Group, and Our Pathways Society are co-hosting the 12th annual Nova Scotia Hiking Summit, October 1-4 in Digby.

Hosted at the Digby Pines Golf Resort & Spa, the Summit brings together hikers, trail groups,

clubs, municipalities, and others to celebrate hiking culture. The event features workshops, hiking stories, networking, and plenty of opportunities to explore trails in and around the Digby area.

To learn more or register, please visit: <https://www.hikenovascotia.ca/news-hiking-summit/>

A New Chapter for Boars Head Lighthouse

The Municipality of Digby is pleased to celebrate the successful completion of the conservation of the historic Boars Head Lighthouse in Tiverton.

First established in 1864 and rebuilt in 1957, Boars Head Lighthouse has stood watch over the entrance to Petit Passage for more than 160 years. Today, as an active aid to navigation and a designated Heritage Lighthouse under the Heritage Lighthouse Protection Act, it continues to guide vessels while standing as one of the most recognizable symbols of Digby County's rich maritime heritage.

The completed conservation work, including the restoration of the lantern room and preservation of the lighthouse exterior, will help protect this treasured landmark for future generations while respecting the historic character that has made it such a valued part of the community and surrounding landscape.

The Municipality extends its

sincere appreciation to Parks Canada for its support through the National Cost-Sharing Program for Heritage Places, which helped make this important heritage project possible. The Municipality is also grateful to Batten Down Builders for their exceptional craftsmanship, attention to detail, and commitment to preserving this historic structure.

A special thank you is extended to the Tiverton and Central Grove Heritage Society for their valued partnership throughout the project. Their passion, dedication, and ongoing commitment to preserving the history of Boars Head

Lighthouse played an important role in bringing this project to fruition.

For generations, Boars Head Lighthouse has served as a proud symbol of Tiverton, standing watch over the Bay of Fundy and welcoming all who visit. With its conservation now complete, this iconic coastal landmark begins a new chapter. The Municipality encourages residents and visitors alike to experience the lighthouse in its renewed beauty and celebrate the rich maritime history, heritage, and spectacular coastal scenery that continue to make this corner of Digby County so special.



BEFORE



AFTER

A Message from Digby County Regional Emergency Management Organization (REMO)

Emergencies can develop quickly. A severe storm, wildfire, flood, road closure or other public safety incident may leave little time to find reliable information. One of the simplest things you can do now is download the free Nova Scotia Emergency Alert app, known as NS Alert.

NS Alert works with Canada's Alert Ready system and can receive alerts over Wi-Fi or a 3G cellular connection. This is especially useful in rural communities where LTE or 5G coverage may be limited. The app provides critical emergency alerts as well as community notices such as water advisories, major road closures and information about returning home after an evacuation.



SET IT UP BEFORE YOU NEED IT

1. Download it: Search for "NS Alert" in the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.
2. Allow notifications: Open the app and give it permission to send alerts. Downloading it without completing this step may prevent alerts from reaching you.
3. Choose your location: Select the communities that matter to you, including where you live, work or have family members. You can also receive alerts based on your device's location.
4. Choose your alert options: The app lets you select alert levels and a preferred language. Some users may receive the same critical alert from both Alert Ready and NS Alert.
5. When an alert arrives: Stop and read the entire message. Follow the instructions from emergency officials and continue checking trusted sources for updates. Do not rely on rumours or unverified social media posts. Call 9-1-1 only when there is an immediate threat to life, safety or property (not for general information.).
6. Keep your mobile devices charged: Have a power bank or battery-powered radio available, and maintain enough food, water, medication and essential supplies to be self-sufficient for at least 72 hours. If it is safe to do so, check on neighbours or family members who may need help receiving or understanding an alert.

Digby Business Owners: We're Here to Help

Running a business takes heart, and there's always that one thing that keeps you up at night. Staff schedules, a decision that's still half-made, a challenge that isn't going away. Most owners carry some version of that weight. They just don't say it out loud very often. That's exactly the kind of moment BusinessNow was built for.

The Western REN can help. We listen, ask questions, and then go to work finding you real answers. Think of us as an extra set

of legs: while you focus on your business, we do the legwork to uncover opportunities you might not know exist.

It usually starts with a simple conversation, thirty or forty-five minutes in length, wherever you're most comfortable: your shop, your kitchen table, your

office. You talk, we listen, and from there we start digging up options you may not have known were available to you. And there's no cost to you.

Whether you're wrestling with something that's been nagging at you for a while, thinking about what comes next for your business,

or just chasing down a new idea, our BusinessNow Lead Martin is happy to talk it through with you. Reach him any time at BusinessNow@westernren.ca or call 782-774-3261.



Council Highlights

Can't make it to a Council meeting? We've got you covered!

After each regular Council meeting, we share the Council Highlights to provide residents with a concise overview of decisions and motions. These summaries are a quick and easy way to stay informed about the issues that matter most to our community. Council Highlights are posted on our website and shared through our Facebook page after each meeting.

For those looking for more detailed information, Council minutes are also available on our website once approved.

Own Property in Nova Scotia?

Property Valuation Services Corporation Assessors are conducting property visits to support accurate assessments across Nova Scotia.

Why Assessors Perform Site Visits



Throughout the year, PVSC Assessors visit properties to:

- Review building permit progress
- Complete property inspections
- Collect up-to-date property data

How to Identify a PVSC Assessor



For your safety and peace of mind, Assessors have:

- PVSC-marked vehicles
- PVSC-issued identification
- High-visibility safety vests with "Assessor" on the back

Do I Need to Be Home?



No, you don't need to be home for these visits. If you're not onsite, the Assessor will leave contact information and next steps if a follow-up is needed.

Property inspections are a routine part of maintaining fair and accurate property assessments. Learn more at pvsc.ca



Volunteers Needed



We are looking for residents who are interested in serving their community by becoming citizen members on two of our municipal committees! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Municipal Office or visit our website at <https://digbymun.ca/join-a-committee.html>.

Summer Safety

Suspect blue-green algae in your lake? Worried about a tick-bite? Do you fear a rabies exposure? Urgent public health alerts, along with plenty of tips for staying safe and healthy can be found by following Nova Scotia Public Health: www.nshealth.ca/public-health

On the NS Public Health page you can also find info on your vaccination records, immunizations, food

safety and much more. Find the latest public health alerts posted on Nova Scotia Health's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/NovaScotia-HealthAuthority



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Council Meetings

COTW – Sept. 8th @ 5pm

Council – Sept. 22nd @ 5pm

COTW – Oct. 6th @ 5pm

Council – Oct. 27th @ 5pm

COTW – Nov. 10th @ 5pm

Council – Nov. 24th @ 5pm

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