



THE COASTLINE



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PRESERVING OUR PAST - DEVELOPING OUR FUTURE



O CANADA

we stand on guard for thee

Winter in Canada



Snowshoeing the Vantassel Lake Trails



Madi LeBlanc

It's not just a season; it's a way of life! It's the crisp air, the sparkling snow-covered landscapes, and that undeniable Canadian spirit that turns even the coldest days into an adventure. From sledding and snowshoeing, to building snowmen and catching snowflakes on our tongues. Winter is the perfect time to gather together, embrace the chill, and make the most of the season. It's not always easy, but there's something truly magical about facing the cold head-on, knowing the outdoors—frosty as they may be—are one of our greatest treasures. So, while we might shiver through February, it's the joy of winter activities that remind us how incredible this season can be. After all, embracing the winter wonderland is what we do best, because that's the Canadian way!



Sadie Farstad and Harlee at the Bohaker Trail, Delaps Cove



Tamara Horner Enjoying the Jordantown Rail Bed Trail with Fifi



Employment Opportunity

Director of Municipal Services

The Municipality is seeking an individual for the position of Director of Municipal Services

The ideal applicant will have at least five years of management experience. Experience in municipal government would be considered an asset. The ideal applicant will have post-secondary education in local government, public administration, business administration, finance, or equivalent combination of certifications and

experience in fields related to the position.

Salary scale: \$73,084 - \$93,791 (Benefits include Medical and Defined Benefit Pension Plan)

A description of the position can be obtained at the Digby Municipal Office at 12548 Highway 217. Applications are due no later than 12:00 Noon on April 1, 2025

Some Current Council Activities

Interprovincial Trade Barriers – Letter to Minister of Municipal Affairs– Municipal Council approved to send a letter to the Hon. John Lohr, Minister of Municipal Affairs, to indicate general support of the removal of interprovincial trade

barriers, while also sharing concerns with resource development.

Letter to Minister of Public Works– Municipal Council approved to send a letter to the Hon. Fred Tilley, Minister of the Department of Public Works and copy Hon. Jill Balser, MLA Digby-Annapolis regarding their budget and lack of funding for the roads in the community.

Housing Coalition – Working Group Request – Municipal Council approved the appointment of CAO Tyler Pulley and Councillor Joan Ross to the Digby & Area Housing Coalition Working Group For further details on the featured highlights, please contact your District Councillor.

REMO

Regional Emergency
Management Organization

Pets and Service Animals, Preparing for emergencies



The following steps will help
keep pets safe.

Identify your pet

If you become separated from your pet during an emergency, their identification may be the only way to find them. Make sure each animal wears a collar and identification tag at all times.

Pet emergency kit:

A sturdy crate or carrier
A strong leash or harness
ID tag and collar
Food and water for at least 72 hours (4L/day per average dog, 1L/day per average cat)
Bowls and can opener for food
Newspaper, paper towels, plastic bags, litter, and/or litter box
Special medications, dosage, and veterinarian's contact information
Pet file (including recent photos of the animal, your emergency numbers, contact information for friends who could house your pet, copies of any licenses, and vaccination records)
A pet first-aid kit
Blanket and toy

Plan for evacuations

The best way to protect your pet in an emergency is to bring it with you. Most evacuation shelters will only accept service animals. Make a list of where your pet

can be taken in case you need to evacuate. This list can include:

- * Hotels that accept animals even during emergencies
- * Boarding centres and animal shelters
- * Animal clinics
- * Family members and friends

Include your pet in your family emergency plan exercises.

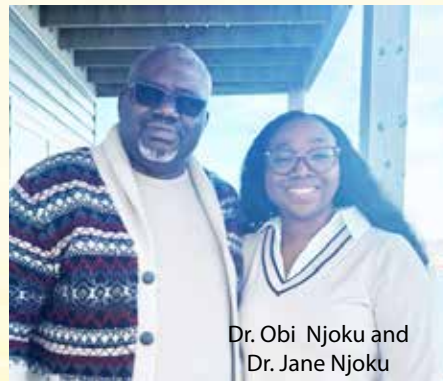
During an emergency Keep your pet inside during severe weather

Animals are very sensitive to sudden changes in temperature and often isolate themselves when scared. Never leave a pet outside or tethered during a storm.

Separate cats and dogs

Keep smaller pets such as hamsters, away from larger animals. Stress can lead to unusual behaviour. Keep newspaper inside for hygiene purposes and feed your pet wet food in order to reduce the amount of water it may need

If ordered to evacuate, try to take your pet with you. If you must leave your pets in the house, do not tether or cage them. Leave a sign in the window and a note on the door indicating what animals are inside. Provide water and food in timed dispensers. Leave toilet seats up.



Dr. Obi Njoku and
Dr. Jane Njoku

Community United in Support

The Njoku family has made a significant impact on the communities of Digby County. Dr.

Chidozie "Obi" and Dr. Jane Njoku have learned how supportive the community can be. Shortly after settling in Digby, they faced a challenge when a fire broke out in their home. However, Nancy Whalley, Digby Community Navigator, and the Digby and Area Health Service Charitable Foundation stepped in, providing a temporary place to stay, along with donations from the local school and friends. "Healthcare is a noble profession," Obi said. "It comes with challenges, but it's rewarding to see the impact we can make in our patients' lives," added Jane. Read the full story online, search: **Meet Dr. Chidozie "Obi" and Dr. Jane Njoku**



AI and Digital Transformation don't have to be intimidating! As part of the Western REN's Continuous Improvement (CI) Program, we're proud to announce a new initiative: an opportunity to work with CI Professionals who specialize in AI and Digital Transformation.

This program is designed to empower businesses to drive efficiency and lead innovation. Together, we aim to unlock new possibilities, streamline operations, and future-proof our community's industries.

Are you ready to be a part of this transformative journey? Reach out for this and for any help you may need for your business: BusinessNow@WesternREN.ca



Municipal Council

March COTW – March 11th @5pm
March Council – March 25th @5pm

April COTW – April 8th @5pm
April Council – April 22nd @5pm

May COTW – May 13th @5pm
May Council – May 27th @5pm

June COTW – June 10th @5pm
June Council – June 24th @5pm

July Council – July 22nd @5pm



Show Your Pride!

Road Litter



Let's Keep Our Roads Litter Free

If you have not noticed there is a litter issue along our roadways and highways. Since COVID there has been an increase in littering which is mostly food related items. So please, do not throw your garbage from your vehicle. We live in a beautiful area, let's keep it that way.

Check Out the New Municipal website

We are upgrading the digital platform, so it is easier to navigate and find the information you need.

www.digbymun.ca

Comprehensive information on municipal services, all in one place.



- *Digby Courier 1877- 1977
- * Elder Transcripts
- * Heritage Home Inventory
- *1871 AF Church Map
- *John Collier 1950 Photos



Peter - Joan - Linda - Matt - George

Tax bills will be issued April 1, 2025.

If you don't have your bill by mid-April, please contact us to ensure we have the correct mailing address.



Did you know the Municipality of Digby offers many convenient payment options?

- *Online Banking
 - *Telebanking
 - *Debit/Visa/MasterCard
 - *Pre-authorized payments
 - *In person
- (902) 245-4777
administration@digbymun.ca



Vantassel Lake Boardwalk

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

Directory of Municipal Services

Councillors

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George Manzer

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Peter Scherer

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Joan Ross

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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