



**Council Meeting**  
**Municipal Council Chambers, Municipal Office**  
**July 25, 2016 at 6:00 PM**  
**Agenda**

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- 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
- 2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA – Additions or Deletions**
- 3. PAUSE TO SEEK GUIDANCE**
- 4. READING OF MISSION STATEMENT**
- 5. PRESENTATION/ DELEGATION**
  - 5.1 Gloria Banks, Julien LeBlanc – Grant Thornton
  - 5.2 John Ferguson – CAO Annapolis Co. – rural internet
- 6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - 6.1 Council Minutes – June 27, 2016
- 7. OLD BUSINESS/BUSINESS ARISING**
  - 7.1 Second Reading of Alternative Voting By-law 2016-01
  - 7.2 Second Reading – Tax Exemption By-Law 2000-02
- 8. NEW BUSINESS**
  - 8.1 Energy East Pipeline
  - 8.2 Lack of Doctor in Weymouth – Earl Cook
  - 8.3 Bailey Ross – funding request
  - 8.4 Rural High Speed Internet Project Update
- 9. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT**
  - 9.1 Meeting Reminders
  - 9.2 Update on Action Items
  - 9.3 Update on Capital Projects

## **COUNCIL AGENDA-July 25, 2016**

- 9.4** Update on Special Project/Initiatives
- 9.5** Decision/Direction Request
- 9.6** Approval of June 2016 payable \$1,223,975.02
- 9.7** Income & Expense Report June 2016

### **10. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS**

- 10.1** Jordantown Acaciaville Conway Betterment Association MOU
- 10.2** 2016 HST Offset Program Amount
- 10.3** Princess Berwick – thank you
- 10.4** Canada Post – Darlene Mills
- 10.5** Princess Kentville – thank you
- 10.6** Fisheries & Aquaculture – Honourable Keith Colwell
- 10.7** Digby Scallop Days – request for volunteers
- 10.8** TLC Animal Shelter
- 10.9** House of Commons – Colin Fraser

### **11. STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION**

#### **11.1 BY-LAW & POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### **11.2 COTW RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### **11.3 AUDIT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1) Approval of Digby Area Health Coalition – funding request \$4,000
- 2) Approval of Consolidated Financial Statements 2015-2016

### **12. ADVISORY COMMITTEES- REPORTS/UPDATES**

- 12.1** Digby Source Water Protection Advisory Committee – Councillor Adams
- 12.2** Heritage Advisory Committee – Warden Gregory, Councillor Adams
  - 1) June minutes
- 12.3** Planning Advisory Committee – Warden Gregory, Councillors Adams and Tudor
- 12.4** Joint RCMP Advisory Board – Warden Gregory, Councillor Adams
- 12.5** REMO Advisory Committee – Warden Gregory, Deputy Warden MacAlpine

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**12.6** Western Regional Housing Authority - Richard Fitzgerald

### **13. REGIONAL/JOINT COMMITTEES – REPORTS/UPDATES**

**13.1** Age Friendly Community – Councillor Adams

**13.2** Atlantic Mayors Congress – Warden Gregory

**13.3** Canada Legacy Society – Warden Gregory

1) Federal funding decision update

**13.4** Digby & Area Affordable & Supportive Housing Group - Councillor Tudor, Councillor Adams

**13.5** Digby Annapolis Development Corporation - Deputy Warden MacAlpine, Councillor Tudor

**13.6** Digby Area Learning Association – Councillor Manzer

**13.7** Digby Area Recreation Commission – Warden Gregory, Councillor Manzer

1) July pool report

2) May minutes & June/July reports

**13.8** Digby Area Tourism Association – Councillor Manzer

1) June minutes

2) May marketing committee minutes

**13.9** Digby Development Agency – Warden Gregory, Deputy Warden MacAlpine

1) June minutes

**13.10** Digby Harbour Port Association – Warden Gregory

1) May minutes

**13.11** Digby Library Committee – Deputy Warden MacAlpine

**13.12** Digby Municipal Fire Association – Councillor Tudor

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- 13.13** Highway 101 Task Force - Warden Gregory, Councillor Adams
- 13.14** Kings Transit Authority – Warden Gregory
- 13.15** Open Spaces – Councillors Manzer & Tudor
- 13.16** Senior Safety Committee – Councillor Tudor, Deputy Warden MacAlpine
- 13.17** Shared Services Committee - Deputy Warden MacAlpine, Councillors Adams & Tudor
- 13.18** Transport de Clare - Councillor Manzer
- 13.19** Tideview Terrace – Councillor Manzer
  - 1) 2015 AGM minutes
- 13.20** Upper Clements Park Society – Councillor Adams
  - 1) June minutes
- 13.21** Waste Check – Warden Gregory, Deputy Warden MacAlpine
  - 1) June reports
- 13.22** Western Counties Regional Library – Deputy Warden MacAlpine
- 13.23** Western Regional Enterprise Network Liaison and Oversight Committee - Deputy Warden MacAlpine
  - 1) June CEO report
- 13.24** Weymouth Doctor Recruiting Committee – Warden Gregory, Councillor Manzer

### **14. FCM's 2016 ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND TRADESHOW REPORT**

### **15. COUNCIL DISTRICT REPORTS**

### **16. IN CAMERA**

### **17. ADJOURNMENT**

# A PLAN TO CONNECT RURAL COMMUNITIES

Broadband internet

Short and Long term solutions





## Atlantic Ocean

Copyright  


-  Bear River
-  Annapolis Valley
-  LaHave River Valley
-  Avon River Valley
-  Malagash Peninsula

Insure financial commitment from province. Minimize project risk to municipalities

Drafting an Intermunicipal Agreement for Consideration of council

Set the stage to effectively issue a joint EOI & RFP

Confirming Role of Province of Nova Scotia

Provincial support confirmed prior to initiating EOI/ RFP

Keep the community informed and ready to connect to the internet

Subject to Council approval Issue an EOI & RFP

Determine the need through Community Engagement and Promote Progress of the Rural Internet project



## **Municipality of Digby**

### **Alternative Voting (Internet and Phone) By-law #2016-01**

**BE IT ENACTED** by the Council of Municipality of Digby, under the authority of Section 146A of the *Municipal Elections Act*, 1989 R.S.N.S. c. 300, as amended, as follows:

#### **SHORT TITLE**

1. This By-law shall be known as **Alternative Voting (Internet and Phone) By-law #2016-01** and may be cited as the “Alternative Voting By-law”.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

2. In this by-law:

- (a) “Act” means the *Municipal Elections Act*, 1989 R.S.N.S. c. 300, as amended;
- (b) “advance polling day” means:
  - (i) the Tuesday immediately preceding ordinary polling day; and
  - (ii) one other day fixed by the Council by resolution that is either Thursday, the ninth day before ordinary polling day or Saturday, the seventh day before ordinary polling day;
- (c) “alternative polling days” means any hours and dates fixed by a resolution of Council for alternative voting and may include dates and times during advance polling days and on the ordinary polling day;
- (d) “alternative voting” means voting by telephone or via the internet through the unsupervised use of a personal computing device and includes a combination of telephone and internet voting;
- (e) “ballot box” means a computer database in the system where cast internet ballots and telephone ballots are put;
- (f) “candidate” means a person who has been nominated as a candidate pursuant to the Act;
- (g) “Council” means the Council of the Municipality;
- (h) “Education Act” means the *Education Act* 1995-1996 S.N.S. c. 1, as amended;
- (i) “election” means an election held pursuant to the Act and the Education Act, including a school board election and special election;
- (j) “Election Officer” means an election officer under the Act;



- (k) “elector” means a person:
- (i) qualified to vote pursuant to the Act and the Education Act; and
  - (ii) entitled to vote on advance polling days for an election pursuant to Section **10** of this by-law, or entitled to vote on the ordinary polling day; and
  - (iii) who is not disqualified to vote pursuant to the Act.
- (l) “final list of electors” means the final list of electors completed pursuant to the Act;
- (m) “friend voter” means a friend who votes for an elector pursuant to Section **12** of this by-law;
- (n) “internet ballot” means an image of a ballot on an Internet enabled digital device screen including all the choices available to an elector and the spaces in which an elector marks a vote;
- (o) “Municipality” means the Municipality of Digby;
- (p) “normal business hours” means the time between 9:00 am and 4:30 pm, Monday through to and including Friday;
- (q) “ordinary polling day” means the third Saturday in October in a regular election year and in the case of any other election, means the Saturday fixed for the election;
- (r) “PIN” means the Personal Identification Number issued to an elector for alternative voting on alternative polling days;
- (s) “proxy voter” means an elector who votes by a proxy pursuant to the Act;
- (t) “regular election year” means 2012 and every fourth year thereafter;
- (u) “rejected ballot” means the refusal by an elector to accept a ballot or as defined in the Act
- (v) “spoiled ballot” means an internet ballot or telephone ballot that has not been clearly marked for any candidate;
- (w) “Returning Officer” means a Returning Officer appointed pursuant to the Act;
- (x) “seal” means to secure the ballot box and prevent internet and telephone ballots from being cast after the close of alternative polling days;
- (y) “system” means the technology, including software, that:
- (i) records and counts alternative votes; and
  - (ii) processes and stores the results of alternative voting during alternative polling days and on the ordinary polling day;
- (z) “System Elections Officer” means:
- (i) a person who maintains, monitors, or audits the system, and
  - (ii) a person who has access to the system beyond the access necessary to vote by

alternative voting;

(aa) “telephone ballot” means:

- (i) an audio set of instructions which describes the voting choices available to an elector; and
- (ii) the marking of a selection by an elector by depressing the number on a touch tone keypad.

### **ALTERNATIVE VOTING PERMITTED**

- 3. Subject to this by-law, alternative voting shall be permitted on alternative polling days, and may be permitted on advance polling days, and on the ordinary polling day pursuant to this by-law and the Act.
- 4. The Municipality may elect to use alternative voting on the ordinary polling day and/or advance polling days, and/or make available the equipment to use alternative voting at any poll.
- 5. Not fewer than 60 days before the ordinary polling day, the Returning Officer is directed to establish procedures and forms for the conduct of voting in accordance with the by-law and to provide a copy of the procedures and forms to each candidate for election.

### **NOTIFICATION OF ELECTORS**

- 6. (1) The Returning Officer shall cause notice of advance and alternative polling days to be published in a newspaper circulating in the municipality.
- (2) The notice of advance and alternative polling days shall:
  - (a) identify the advance poll days for paper voting and for alternative voting; and
  - (b) inform the elector that telephone voting and internet voting is permitted during alternative polling days, and during advance/ordinary polling days where permitted.
- (3) The notice may include any other information the Returning Officer deems necessary.
- 7. (1) The Returning Officer shall cause notice of the ordinary polling day to be published as required by the Act.
- (2) The notice may include any information the Returning Officer deems necessary to comply with the Act or this by-law.

### **FORM OF TELEPHONE AND INTERNET BALLOTS**

8. (1) A telephone ballot and internet ballot shall:

- (a) identify by the title “Election for Councillor” or “Election for School Board Member”, **as the case may be;**
- (b) identify the name or names by which they are commonly known of the candidates with given names followed by surnames, arranged alphabetically in order of their surnames and, where necessary, their given names; and
- (c) warn the elector to “vote for one candidate only” or “vote for not more than (the number of candidates to be elected) candidates”, as the case may be.

(2) No title, honour, decoration or degree shall be included with a candidate’s name on an internet ballot or telephone ballot.

### **OATH**

9. Any oath that is authorized or required shall be made in the form required by this by-law or by the Act.

### **ELECTORS**

10. No person shall vote by alternative voting unless:

- (a) the person’s name appears on the final list of electors on the date chosen by Council for the final list of electors, to be completed pursuant to f the Act; **or**
- (b) The person’s name does not appear on the final list of electors and the requirements of the Act have been met, including:
  - (i) the person appears before the Returning Officer during normal business hours during advance polling days; and
  - (ii) the person swears an oath in the prescribed form to this by-law or to the Act.

### **PROXY VOTING**

11. A proxy voter shall not vote for an elector by alternative voting.

### **FRIEND VOTING**

12. (1) A friend voter shall only vote for an elector by alternative voting if the elector is on the list of electors, subject to section 10 herein, and:

- (a) an elector is unable to vote because:
  - (i) the elector is blind;
  - (ii) the elector cannot read; or
  - (iii) the elector has a physical disability that prevents him or her from voting by alternative voting.

(b) the elector and the friend appear, in person, before the Returning Officer and take the prescribed oaths.

(2) A candidate shall not act as a friend voter unless the elector is a child, grandchild, brother, sister, parent, grandparent, or spouse of the candidate.

(3) The elector shall take an oath in the prescribed form to the Act providing that he or she is incapable of voting without assistance.

(4) The friend of the elector shall take an oath in the prescribed form to the Act that:

(a) the friend has not previously acted as a friend for any other elector in the election other than an elector who is a child, grandchild, brother, sister, parent, grandparent, or spouse of the friend of the elector;

(b) the friend will mark the ballot as requested by the elector; and

(c) the friend will keep secret the choice of the elector.

(5) The Returning Officer shall enter in the poll book:

(a) the reason why the elector is unable to vote;

(b) the name of the friend; and

(c) the fact that the oaths were taken.

## **VOTING**

13. The system shall put internet ballots and telephone ballots cast by an elector in the ballot box.

## **SEAL**

14. (1) At the close of the alternative polling days, the system shall seal the ballot box until after the close of the poll on ordinary polling day.

(2) The system shall seal the ballot box even where fewer than ten persons from any polling district voted for a candidate during alternative polling days.

## **LIST OF PERSONS WHO VOTED**

15. (1) At the close of alternative polling days, the system shall:

(a) generate a list of all electors who voted either manually or by alternative voting; and

(b) a list of voters who did not vote, if required by the Returning Officer.

16. A printed and electronic copy of the lists under Section 15 shall be delivered to the Returning Officer within 24 hours of the close of alternative polling days. (this section 16 is not needed if only evoting is being used.)

## **COUNTING**

17. (1) At the close of ordinary polling day, the system shall generate a count of the telephone ballots and internet ballots in the ballot box that were cast for each candidate during alternative polling days.

(2) In counting the telephone and internet ballots in the ballot box, the system shall count spoiled ballots but shall not count rejected ballots.

(3) In counting the telephone and internet ballots, the system shall tally the number of spoiled ballots and the tally shall be delivered to the Returning Officer.

## **RECOUNT BY SYSTEM**

19. In the event of a recount, the system shall regenerate the election count and a printed copy of the regenerated count shall be given to the Returning Officer.

20. If the initial count and the regenerated count match, the regenerated count shall be the final count of the votes cast by alternative voting.

21. (1) If the regenerated count and the initial count do not match, the Returning Officer shall:  
(a) direct one final count be regenerated by the system of the votes cast by alternative voting, and  
(b) attend while the final count is being regenerated.

(2) The regenerated final count pursuant to subsection (1) shall be the final count of the votes cast by alternative voting.

## **RECOUNT BY COURT**

22. (1) For a recount, the judge shall only consider the final count by the system, as determined by Section 21 or 22, of the total number of votes that were cast by alternative voting for each candidate.

(2) The final count by the system, as determined by Section 21 or 22, of the total number of votes that were cast by alternative voting for each candidate, shall be added to the judge's count of the number of votes for each candidate cast by non-alternative voting.

## **SECRECY**

23. An Election Officer and System Election Officer shall maintain and aid in maintaining the secrecy of the voting.

24. Every person in attendance at a polling station, or at the counting of the votes, shall maintain

and aid in maintaining the secrecy of the voting.

### **OTHER METHODS OF VOTING**

25. Notwithstanding this by-law, **paper balloting** is permitted at advance polls or on the ordinary polling day held pursuant to this by-law and the Act.

### **SEVERABILITY**

26. If a court of competent jurisdiction should declare any section or part of a section of this by-law to be invalid, such section or part of a section shall not be construed as having persuaded or influenced Council to pass the remainder of the by-law and it is hereby declared that the remainder of the by-law shall be valid and shall remain in force.

### **PROHIBITIONS**

27. (1) No person shall:

- (a) use another person's PIN to vote or access the system unless the person is a friend voter;
- (b) take, seize, or deprive an elector of his or her PIN; or
- (c) sell, gift, transfer, assign or purchase a PIN.

28. (1) No person shall:

- (a) interfere or attempt to interfere with an elector who is casting an internet ballot or telephone ballot;
- (b) interfere or attempt to interfere with alternative voting; or
- (c) attempt to ascertain the name of the candidate for whom an elector is about to vote or has voted.

29. No person shall, at any time, communicate or attempt to communicate any information relating to the candidate for whom an elector has voted.

### **OFFENCES AND PENALTIES**

30. (1) A person who:

- (a) violates any provision of this by-law; or
- (b) permits anything to be done in violation of any provision of this by-law;

is guilty of an offence.

(2) A person who contravenes Subsection (1) of this section is guilty of an offence and is liable, on summary conviction, to a penalty of not less than five thousand (\$5,000) dollars and not more than ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars and in default of payment, to imprisonment for up to a

maximum term of two years less a day, or both.

(3) In determining a penalty under Subsection (2), a judge shall take into account:

- (a) the number of votes attempted to be interfered with;
- (b) the number of votes interfered with; and
- (c) any potential interference with the outcome of an election.

(4) Pursuant to Section 146A of the Act:

- (a) the limitation period for the prosecution of an offence under this by-law is two years from the later of the date of the commission of the offence and the date on which it was discovered that an offence had been committed; and
- (b) *The Remission of Penalties Act, 1989 SNS c.397*, as amended, does not apply to a pecuniary penalty imposed by this by-law.

Date – First Reading: _____
Date – Notice, in paper, to Public: _____
Date – Second Reading: _____
<b>Adopted by the Council of the Municipality of Digby</b>
<b>the    day            2016.</b>
Clerk (Sign) _____
Clerk (Print) _____ Date: _____
Date – Mailed 3 certified copies of by-law to SNS&MR:
*Date – Ad in local newspaper - Passage of by-law: _____
*Effective Date of by-law unless otherwise specified in the text of the by-law.

**THIS IS TO CERTIFY** that the foregoing is a true copy of a by-law passed at a duly convened meeting of the Council of Municipality of Digby, held the    day of                      2016.

**GIVEN** under the hand of the Clerk and under the seal of the Municipality of Town of Digby, this    day of                      2016.

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Linda Fraser  
Clerk / Chief Administrative Officer

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**Municipality of Digby**

**By Law # 2016-01**

**FORM 24**

**SECTION 83 of the Municipal Elections Act**

**ELECTOR'S OATH OR AFFIRMATION  
OF QUALIFICATION AT POLL**

I swear (or solemnly affirm) that:

1. I am the person named (or intended to be named) \_\_\_\_\_  
In the list of electors now shown to me (being shown the list to the elector) and that on this date of the poll in this election, I do actually reside in the Municipality of Digby and that the address of my Residence is \_\_\_\_\_.
2. I am of the full age of eighteen (18) years.
3. I am a Canadian citizen
4. As of the first advance polling day, I have been ordinarily resident in
  - The province of Nova Scotia for a period of six (6) months; and
  - In the Municipality
5. I am not the returning officer; a person serving sentence in a penal or reform institution, or a Person convicted of bribery under the *Municipal Elections Act* in the six years preceding ordinary polling day.
6. I have not voted before in this election at any polling place and will not do so or attempt to do so, and I have not received anything nor has anything been promised to me directly or indirectly in order to induce me to vote or refrain from voting in this election.

Sworn (or affirmed) at \_\_\_\_\_  
In the \_\_\_\_\_  
This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, before me

\_\_\_\_\_  
Revising Officer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Elector

**Municipality of Digby  
By Law #2016-01**

**FORM 25**

**SECTION 86 of the Municipal Election Act**

**OATH OR AFFIRMATION OF  
ELECTOR REQUIRING ASSISTANCE**

You swear (or solemnly affirm) that you require assistance in voting because you are blind, unable to read or have a physical disability which prevents you from voting without assistance.

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# Municipality of Digby

## By Law #2016-01

### FORM 26

#### SECTION 86 of the Municipal Election Act

#### OATH OR AFFIRMATION OF FRIEND OF ELECTOR REQUIRING ASSISTANCE FOR ALTERNATIVE VOTING (UNRELATED)

*(For use by a person who is not a candidate and who is not related to the elector)*

You swear (or solemnly affirm) that you have not previously acted as a friend for any other elector in the election who is not a child, grandchild, brother, sister, parent, grandparent, husband or wife, that you will carry out the wishes of the elector on whose behalf you act and that you will keep secret the name of the candidate or candidates for whom you mark the ballot paper.

**Note: A candidate may not act as friend of an elector who is not a child, grandchild, brother, sister, parent, grandparent, husband or wife of the candidate. A person who is not a candidate may act as friend for one unrelated elector and any number of electors who are a child, grandchild, brother, sister, parent, grandparent, husband or wife of the friend.**

# **Municipality of Digby**

## **By Law #2016-01**

### **FORM 26A**

#### **SECTION 86 of the Municipal Elections Act**

##### **OATH OR AFFIRMATION OF FRIEND OF ELECTOR REQUIRING ASSISTANCE FOR ALTERNATIVE VOTING (CANDIDATE/RELATIVE)**

*(For use by a person, including a candidate, who is related to the elector)*

You swear (or solemnly affirm) that the elector on whose behalf you act is a child, grandchild, brother, sister, parent, grandparent, husband or wife, that you will carry out the wishes of the elector and that you will keep secret the name of the candidate or candidates for whom you mark the ballot paper.

**Note: A candidate may not act as friend of an elector who is not a child, grandchild, brother, sister, parent, grandparent, husband or wife of the candidate. A person who is not a candidate may act as friend for one unrelated elector and any number of electors who are a child, grandchild, brother, sister, parent, grandparent, husband or wife of the friend**

**Municipality of Digby  
By Law #2016-01**

**FORM 28**

**SECTION 92 of the Municipal Elections Act**

**OATH OR AFFIRMATION  
AS TO ERROR ON LIST**

You swear (or solemnly affirm) that you believe that you are the person intended to be referred to under the name (name as on official list of electors) whose address is given as (address as on the official list of electors).

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**Municipality of Digby  
By Law #2016-01**

**FORM 29**

**SECTION 93 of the Municipal Election Act**

**OATH OR AFFIRMATION OF  
A PERSONATED ELECTOR**

You swear (or solemnly affirm) that you are (name as on official list of electors) of (address as on official list of electors) whose name is entered on the list of electors now shown you, and that you have not previously voted at this election.

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**Municipality of Digby**

**By Law #2016-01**

**FORM 31**

**SECTION 98 of the Municipal Election Act**

**OATH OR AFFIRMATION OF ELECTOR  
NOT ON LIST OF ELECTORS ON POLLING DAY**

I swear (or solemnly affirm) that:

1. On this date, I actually reside in The Municipality of Digby.
2. As of the first advance polling day in this election, I have been ordinarily resident in:
  - the Province of Nova Scotia for a period of six (6) months; and
  - the Municipality (or in an area annexed to the Municipality).
3. I have not previously voted in this election at any other polling place, and I will not or will not attempt to vote at any other polling place.
4. As of the first advance polling day, I was a Canadian citizen and of the full age of eighteen years.
5. I am not the returning officer, a person serving a sentence in a penal or reform institution, or a person convicted of bribery under the *Municipal Elections Act* in the six years preceding ordinary polling day.
6. I wish to be added to the list of electors for the purpose of voting in this election.

<b>Name of Elector (Please Print)</b>	<b>Civic Address of Elector</b>	<b>Date of Birth</b>
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Sworn (or affirmed) at \_\_\_\_\_  
 in the County of \_\_\_\_\_  
 this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, before me

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Deputy Returning Officer

Applicant

**The Voters List may be used in future municipal, provincial or federal elections.**

(Date of Birth will be removed from final list of electors.)

**Municipality of Digby**

**By Law # 2016-01**

**FORM 31A**

**SECTION 98 of the Municipal Elections Act**

**OATH OR AFFIRMATION OF ELECTOR  
NOT ON LIST OF ELECTORS ON POLLING DAY  
(WHERE ELECTOR CAN VOTE ONLY FOR REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD)**

I swear (or solemnly affirm) that:

1. On this date I actually reside in the Municipality of Digby.
2. As of the first advance polling day in this election, I have been ordinarily resident in:
  - The Province of Nova Scotia for a period of six (6) months; and
  - The school region in which my polling division is located.
3. I have not previously voted in this election at any other polling place, and I will not or will not attempt to do so.
4. As of the first advance polling day, I was a Canadian citizen and of the full age of eighteen years.
5. I am not the returning officer; a person serving sentence in a penal or reform institution, or a Person convicted of bribery under the *Municipal Elections Act* in the six years preceding ordinary Polling day.
6. I wish to be added to the list of electors for the purpose of voting in this election.

**Name of Elector  
(Please Print)**

**Civic Address of Elector  
Elector**

**Elector's  
Date of Birth**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Sworn (or affirmed) at** \_\_\_\_\_

**In the County of** \_\_\_\_\_

**This** \_\_\_\_\_ **day of** \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, **before me**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Deputy Returning Officer**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Applicant**

**The Voters List may be used in future municipal, provincial or federal elections.**

(Date of Birth will be removed from final list of electors)



**Municipality of Digby**

**By Law # 2016-01**

**FORM 31B**

**SECTION 98 of the Municipal Elections Act**

**OATH OR AFFIRMATION OF ELECTOR  
NOT ON LIST OF ELECTORS FOR USE WHEN ELECTOR CAN VOTE ONLY FOR  
CONSEIL SCOLAIRE ACADIEN PROVINCIAL**

I swear (or solemnly affirm) that:

1. On this date I actually reside in the Municipality of Digby.
2. As of the first advance polling day in this election, I have been ordinarily resident in:
  - The Province of Nova Scotia for a period of six (6) months; and
  - The school region in which my polling division is located.
3. I have not previously voted before in this election at any other polling place, and I will not or will not attempt to vote at any other polling place.
4. As of the first advance polling day, I was a Canadian citizen and of the full age of eighteen years.
5. I am not the returning officer; a person serving sentence in a penal or reform institution, or a Person convicted of bribery under the *Municipal Elections Act* in the six years preceding ordinary Polling day.
6. I wish to be added to the list of electors for the purpose of voting in this election.

**Name of Elector  
(Please Print)**

**Civic Address of Elector  
Elector**

**Elector's  
Date of Birth**

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**Sworn (or affirmed) at** \_\_\_\_\_

**In the County of** \_\_\_\_\_

**This** \_\_\_\_\_ **day of** \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, **before me**

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**Deputy Returning Officer**

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**Applicant**

**The Voters List may be used in future municipal, provincial or federal elections.**

(Date of Birth will be removed from final list of electors)

**FIRST READING OF AN AMENDMENT # 14 TO  
THE TAX EXEMPTION BY-LAW # 2000-02**

**Tax Exemption By-Law # 2000-02  
Schedule "A"  
Amendment # 14**

District #	Assessment Account Number	Property Owner	Exemption Status	Effective Date
5	06042155 New Road, Weymouth, NS	Weymouth Fire Department	100 Percent Reduction	2016-2017 Fiscal Year
5	0573247635 New Road, Weymouth, NS	Weymouth Fire Department	100 Percent Reduction	2016-2017 Fiscal Year
2	07024126 Lot A Sissiboo Rd, Doucetteville	Digby East Fish & Game Association	100 Percent Reduction	2016-2017 Fiscal Year

# TransCanada's Energy East

An Export Pipeline,  
**NOT** for Domestic Gain

# TransCanada's Energy East: An Export Pipeline, Not For Domestic Gain

TransCanada's proposed Energy East pipeline is not a made-in-Canada energy solution. As this analysis shows, almost all of Energy East's crude oil would be exported. Canadian oil refineries would refine only a very small amount of Energy East's oil. The vast majority of the oil would be shipped unrefined out of Canada.

## » Energy East – An Export Pipeline

TransCanada's proposed Energy East pipeline would have the capacity to carry 1.1 million barrels of crude oil a day from Alberta to Quebec and New Brunswick. The vast majority of this oil, between an estimated 750,000 to 1 million barrels, would likely be shipped unrefined to places like India, Europe and possibly, the United States.<sup>1</sup>

TransCanada has acknowledged<sup>2</sup> that some of Energy East's oil would be exported. The rest of the oil, the company has stated, would be refined in eastern Canada to develop a stronger refining industry by increasing access to crude supplies that are less expensive than traditional overseas imports.<sup>3</sup> However, the evidence suggests this isn't true. Publicly available information from TransCanada, as well as sources from industry, government reports and legal documents<sup>4</sup> show that most of the pipeline's oil would be exported unrefined, with little benefit to Canadians.

## » Energy East Will Supply Far More Crude Than Eastern Canadian Refineries Need

TransCanada has implied that Canadian refineries will process a lot of Energy East's oil.<sup>5</sup> But, when we look

closely at the refineries along the pipeline's route, it's clear they don't have enough capacity to take all of Energy East's oil. Canadian refineries would be able to accept only a small amount of the crude that the Energy East pipeline would carry.

Our analysis shows refineries located along the Energy East pipeline route are able to process up to 672,000 barrels of crude a day (combined), and some of that total capacity is already being met by two other sources of oil

In 2013, TransCanada Corporation announced its intention to build the Energy East pipeline, which would carry tar sands oil from Alberta to New Brunswick. If approved, Energy East would be even bigger than the Keystone XL pipeline.

The pipeline plan includes converting 3,000 kilometres (km) of existing natural gas pipeline in Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Ontario and building over 1,500 km of new pipeline through Quebec and New Brunswick.

The \$12 billion pipeline would have the capacity to carry 1.1 million barrels per day (bpd) of tar sands and conventional oil. Nearly all of it could be for export.

(U.S. crude and crude from Atlantic Canada), with a major third source soon to come from Enbridge’s Line 9. These three sources will likely meet most of the crude demands (and capacity) of Canadian refineries, leaving little room for Energy East’s oil.

## » Eastern Canada Refineries Have Other North American Oil Supplies

TransCanada suggests eastern Canadian refineries would welcome the chance to process Energy East oil because that pipeline will increase access to crude supplies that are less expensive than traditional overseas imports.<sup>6</sup> But, this logic ignores the fact eastern Canadian refineries currently operate using crude from a mixture of sources, not all of which are foreign, overseas sources.

Canadian refineries have other North American oil supplies: U.S. crude, Atlantic crude and soon, Line 9’s crude.

**Table 1**  
**Refinery Capacity on Energy East’s Path<sup>7</sup>**

Refinery	Capacity (barrels per day)
Suncor	137,000
Valero	235,000 <sup>8</sup>
Irving	300,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>672,000</b>

**Table 2**  
**Projected Crude Oil Supply on Energy East’s Path in 2020<sup>†</sup>**

Eastern Supply Sources of Crude	Amount (barrels per day)
Enbridge’s Line 9	250,000
Atlantic Canada offshore <sup>9</sup>	100,000 <sup>10</sup>
U.S. Crude by tanker and rail <sup>11</sup>	200,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>550,000</b>

<sup>†</sup>The evaluation used 2020 as a reference point<sup>12</sup> during Energy East’s projected early years of operation, and relied primarily upon industry sources, since government data on eastern Canada crude movements is limited.<sup>13</sup>

*“If we’re going to be an oil-exporting nation, we’re going to have to get oil exported on the water.”*

—TransCanada CEO Russ Girling, on exports and Energy East<sup>31</sup>

### » U.S. crude

Eastern Canadian refineries currently import around 200,000 barrels per day of light crude from the United States<sup>14</sup> by tanker and by rail. These imports will likely continue as long as imported U.S. oil remains inexpensive. U.S. crude imports are so attractive for eastern Canadian refineries that prominent crude markets analysts recently projected that U.S. imports may double, exceeding 400,000 barrels per day by the end of this year.<sup>15</sup>

### » Atlantic Canada offshore

Closer to home, Atlantic Canada currently produces about 200,000 barrels per day of crude from offshore operations near Newfoundland and New Brunswick.<sup>16</sup> While some decline in production is expected, new offshore oil resources from existing and new fields are coming on stream.<sup>17</sup> The largest of these, the Hebron field, will start producing in 2017, before Energy East is built. This will boost Atlantic offshore production to approximately 320,000 barrels per day for a few years before tapering off.<sup>18</sup> In the future, new massive fields, like the recently discovered Bay du Nord (which may hold as much as 600 million barrels of recoverable oil)<sup>19</sup> could potentially add to Atlantic production. Eastern refineries are being supplied in part by a stable supply of domestic crude, reducing the need for additional supplies from a new pipeline.

### » Enbridge Line 9 crude

The largest portion of crude oil supplied to refineries on Energy East’s path – around 37 per cent – will soon come from Enbridge’s recently approved “Line 9B Reversal and

Line 9 Capacity Expansion Project.” This new project will send at least 250,000 barrels per day to two of the same Quebec refineries that Energy East would serve: Suncor in Montreal and Valero in Lévis.<sup>20</sup> With Quebec refineries already receiving most of their oil from Line 9, new pipeline capacity would largely bypass the province. Enbridge publically questioned the need for Energy East to supply eastern refineries with North American crude, given the approval of their Line 9 reversal project.

Combined, the Line 9 crude, US crude imports<sup>21</sup>, and Atlantic offshore crude will supply the lion’s share of the crude oil processed by eastern refineries, leaving little demand for oil supplied by Energy East. The refineries will already have enough oil – with little appetite or capacity for oil from Energy East.

**Table 3**  
**Calculating Energy East’s Potential for Export**

	Amount (bpd)
Total combined refinery capacity (Table 1)	672,000
Total eastern supply of crude (Table 2)	550,000
Remaining capacity in eastern refineries	122,000
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Total Energy East crude	1,100,000
Remaining capacity in eastern refineries	122,000
<b>Projected Energy East crude available for export</b>	<b>978,000</b>

Only a small part of the crude to be carried by Energy East would be needed or wanted at the refineries along its path.

First, since Suncor’s Montreal refinery is counting on the Enbridge Line 9 reversal to supply most of its needs,<sup>22</sup> only Valero’s refinery near Québec City, and Irving Oil’s refinery in Saint John, NB would seek to access Energy East’s crude. Second, publically available information shows that existing Canadian domestic crude supplies from Atlantic Canada offshore production would fill part of the need. Third, with U.S. light crude production expected to be strong for decades to come,<sup>23</sup> it is likely eastern Canadian refineries would continue to supply part

*“[After Line 9] any other project would have to be for markets beyond Quebec.”*

—Enbridge Strategic Advisor Stephen Wuori, on Line 9 leaving no room for Energy East in Quebec<sup>32</sup>

of their needs with those sources, particularly if doing so remains economically beneficial.

With 1.1 million barrels per day heading to eastern Canada through the Energy East pipeline, and a small amount of demand among refineries along the pipeline route in eastern Canada, almost all of the crude would likely be exported.

### » Refinery Capacity In Eastern Canada Unlikely To Expand

It is unlikely that the capacity of the three refineries along the pipeline’s path would be expanded, given the substantial expense<sup>24</sup> and long payback periods associated with such expansions.<sup>25</sup>

While new refineries are more expensive, capacity expansions, especially those involving refinery conversion projects (such as retrofitting to be able to receive heavy in addition to light crudes) are very costly.<sup>26</sup> Ample supplies of light crude from growing U.S. and offshore production may also dissuade refiners from making costly investments aimed at converting refineries in order to process heavy crude.<sup>27</sup> The quantity and capacity of refineries in eastern Canada is unlikely to increase as a result of the Energy East proposal.

### » Plans For Export Terminals At End Of Pipeline Route

TransCanada’s own infrastructure proposals further solidify Energy East’s purpose as an export pipeline.

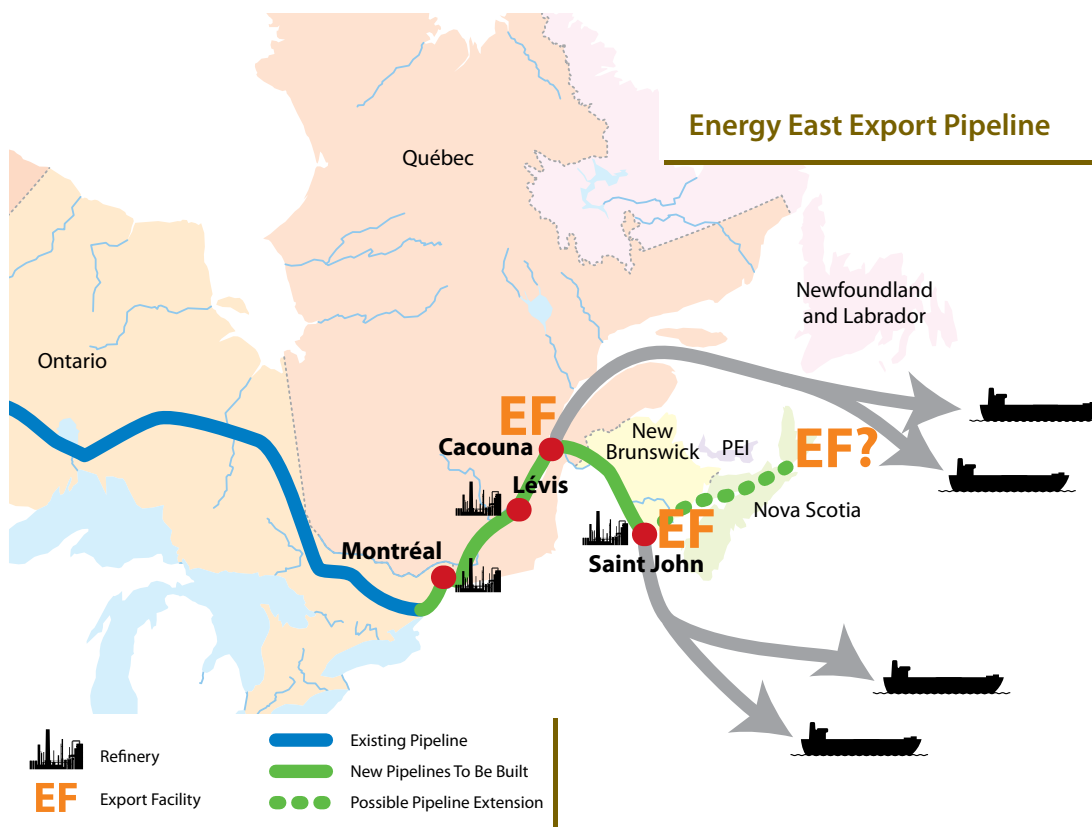
TransCanada has proposed an export terminal to be built at the port of Gros Cacouna, Quebec (about 225 km east of Québec City) and another terminal in Saint John, New

Brunswick.<sup>28</sup> (The possibility of a new export point has also been floated by a third party, which owns a large marine terminal on the Strait of Canso, in Nova Scotia.<sup>29</sup>)

Of these three proposed export points, only one (Saint John, NB) is located near a refinery, underscoring how the purpose of Energy East is for exporting oil, not refining it. In fact, the company’s recently-filed project description for Energy East outlines how the project could serve tankers with a combined maximum capacity of 3.3 million barrels.<sup>30</sup>

## All Signs Point To Export

Energy East is primarily an export pipeline. As our analysis shows, the Energy East project would supply more oil than Canadian eastern refineries need. Their demand for North American crude can be met by other sources, including Enbridge’s Line 9, and U.S. crude. Significant amounts of Energy East’s oil will need to be refined elsewhere. And where will that be? TransCanada’s plan to build two new export terminals highlights the true purpose of this pipeline project – to export crude oil unrefined.



*“It’s way more than we would ever use at this refinery, so the bulk of it would all be exported.”*

Mark Sherman, Plant Manager, Irving Oil refinery (Canada’s largest refinery), on the fate of Energy East’s crude<sup>33</sup>

## » Endnotes

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9. Atlantic Canada offshore crude is produced primarily offshore Newfoundland, with very small amounts from New Brunswick. CAPP, June 2013, page 37.
10. This note explains the 100,000 bpd supply figure for Atlantic Canada offshore crude. According to CAPP’s June 2013 forecast (see Endnote 5, above), in 2012, Atlantic Canada’s offshore crude production was 197,000 bpd, and approximately 110,000 bpd of that was refined in Canada (CAPP, Crude Oil Forecast, Markets and Transportation, June 2013, pages 2 and 10). This means that a little over half (56%) of Atlantic Canada’s crude was refined in Canada in 2012, presumably at Eastern Canadian refineries. (None of the government or publicly available industry sources we consulted mentioned where the remainder of the Atlantic Canadian offshore crude is refined). CAPP predicts that Atlantic Canada crude production will reach 247,000 bpd in 2020 (CAPP, June 2013, page 36). Assuming that in 2020, the Eastern refineries will process roughly the same proportion of Atlantic Canadian offshore crude as they did in 2012 (approximately 56%), then all other things being equal, Eastern refineries would have access to a supply of about 138,320 bpd of Atlantic offshore crude in 2020. We chose a lower figure (100,000 bpd) for our evaluation, to reflect the fact that some Atlantic Canadian crude is refined in Newfoundland, at the North Atlantic Refinery in Come by Chance. Since Statistics Canada does not segment data at the refinery level, we are not able to ascertain how much of this crude goes to Newfoundland’s refinery and how much goes to other Eastern Canadian refineries, such as Irving Oil in Saint John and Suncor in Montreal. Last fall, however, Irving Oil CEO Paul Browning told Bloomberg.com news that his company’s largest supply of oil comes from Newfoundland (Rebecca Penty, “Irving Oil boosting crude by rail capacity with Alberta loading,” November 29, 2013, <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2013-11-29/irving-oil-boosting-crude-by-rail-capacity-with-alberta-loading.html>). Hence, our estimate of 100,000 bpd for Atlantic Canadian offshore crude supply to Eastern refineries in 2020 seems quite reasonable given the fact that the Irving Oil refinery can process up to 300,000 bpd of crude oil.
11. See e.g., Jeff Lewis, “The Hub: Saint John end point of ‘Energy East’ readies for crude revolution,” National Post, November 9, 2013, [http://business.financialpost.com/2013/11/09/the-pipeline-that-could-turn-canadas-oil-diet-on-its-head/?\\_lsa=b4aa-cabf](http://business.financialpost.com/2013/11/09/the-pipeline-that-could-turn-canadas-oil-diet-on-its-head/?_lsa=b4aa-cabf). One analyst explains, “Canadian refiners are taking advantage of cheap US imports to improve their processing margins.” Michael Fitzsimmons, “U.S. Crude Export Ban Benefiting This Canadian Offshore Oil Producer,” SeekingAlpha, December 10, 2013, <http://seekingalpha.com/article/1889761-u-s-crude-export-ban-benefiting-this-canadian-offshore-oil-producer>. Also, “U.S. producers could discount their crude to keep market share in Eastern Canada once western Canadian oil becomes available...” Dave Cooper, “Eastern Canada only option for U.S. crude exports,” Edmonton Journal December 27, 2013, <http://www.edmontonjournal.com/business/Eastern+Canada+only+option+crude+exports/9328143/story.html/>. While some deliveries of US crude to Eastern Canadian refineries by rail and tanker are happening as interim measures until west-to-east pipelines are built, some companies appear to be thinking about US imports over the longer term. For example, Valero spokesman Bill Day, speaking about the supply picture in Eastern Canada after the Enbridge Line 9 reversal is complete, said: “We won’t be importing any more crude from overseas, unless you consider Texas overseas,” Jeff Lewis, “What export ban? How Suncor is taking advantage of cheap prices to bring in crude from the U.S.,” National Post, February 4, 2014, [http://business.financialpost.com/2014/02/04/what-export-ban-how-suncor-is-taking-advantage-of-cheap-prices-to-bring-in-crude-from-u-s/?\\_lsa=b4aa-cabf](http://business.financialpost.com/2014/02/04/what-export-ban-how-suncor-is-taking-advantage-of-cheap-prices-to-bring-in-crude-from-u-s/?_lsa=b4aa-cabf).
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13. As the NEB notes in describing the statistical monthly series (45-004) from Statistics Canada on the supply and disposition of crude oil, from April 2013 onwards, information on crude oil imports for Atlantic Canada, Ontario and Quebec has been “suppressed to meet the confidentiality requirements of the Statistics Act.” See NEB, “Crude oil disposition, imports and price report,” <http://www.neb-one.gc.ca/clf-nsi/rnrgvfmtn/sttstc/crdlndprlmpredct/crdldspstnmprtrndprcrprt-eng.html>.
14. Dave Cooper, “Eastern Canada only option for U.S. crude exports,” Edmonton Journal December 27, 2013, <http://www.edmontonjournal.com/business/Eastern+Canada+only+option+crude+exports/9328143/story.html>. See also U.S. Energy Information Administration, data for Nov. 2013, Exports by destination, monthly, thousand barrels per day, [http://www.eia.gov/dnav/pet/pet\\_move\\_exp\\_e\\_epec0\\_eex\\_mbbldpd\\_m.htm](http://www.eia.gov/dnav/pet/pet_move_exp_e_epec0_eex_mbbldpd_m.htm).



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19. Ibid. See also Ashley Fitzpatrick, "Statoil prioritizes Newfoundland prospects," The Telegram, February 7, 2014, <http://www.thetelegram.com/News/Local/2014-02-07/article-3606980/UPDATE%3A-Statoil-prioritizes-Newfoundland-prospects/1>.
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July 6, 2016

To Members of the Canadian National Energy Review Board (NEB)

**Re; Trans Canada Energy East Pipeline and Requesting Public Hearings in Nova Scotia**

Dear Members:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Tri County Women's Centre Board and staff to request, as you develop your Terms of Reference for the public hearings on the **Trans Canada Energy East Pipeline**, to include Nova Scotia, for your public consultation process. In particular, we encourage you to include communities directly impacted by the Bay of Fundy.

It is our understanding that, currently, you are not considering hosting public meetings in our province, even though the Bay of Fundy is a significant body of water around our shoreline.

Any marine disaster in the Bay of Fundy, due to the storage and transfer of bitumen from the oil sands into marine super tankers, would have a profound negative impact on many rural communities whose main economic driver is the fishing industry. Not to mention the impact it will have on all sea life that provides the biodiversity that we rely on for our human existence.

As you know, a marine disaster with bitumen would not be a "normal" oil slick. The bitumen would be impossible to clean up as it would sink to the bottom of the sea, and with the Bay of Fundy having some of the strongest tides in the world, it would spread very quickly throughout the Bay and beyond.

Just because there is no pipeline going through Nova Scotia, as part of this energy East Pipeline, does not equate into Nova Scotians not being part of the public consultative process.

Please make the right decision and include Nova Scotia in your Terms of Reference.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely:

Bernadette MacDonald

Executive Director – Tri County Women's Centre

Hi:

The National Energy Board (NEB) of Canada is drafting their Terms of Reference (ToR) for the proposed Energy East Pipeline, to carry tar sands bitumen from Alberta to St. John New Brunswick. At this point they have not included Nova Scotia as part of their process and public hearings on the impact of the pipeline.

Please consider reading the material attached and going to the web site below to get more informed on the potential impact the storage and transfer of this material will have on our province, when there is a marine disaster.

<http://www.conservationcouncil.ca/transcanadas-energy-east-pipeline-too-much-risk-for-the-bay-of-fundy-gulf-of-maine/>

It is imperative that the NEB include NS in their ToR so Nova Scotians have a say.

Please consider sending a letter to the NEB on behalf of yourself, an organization you are with, or your Town/ Municipal Councils, insisting that NS be included in their process.

**This is the link to the National Energy Board review process.**

To submit comments, email [NRCan.NEBModernization-ModernisationONE.RNCan@Canada.ca](mailto:NRCan.NEBModernization-ModernisationONE.RNCan@Canada.ca).

Please share with others.

Thank you

Bernadette

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Warden Linda Gregory  
Municipal Council  
RR#3, Digby, N.S.  
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June 10, 2016

Earl R. Cook  
PO Box 311, Weymouth  
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**COUNCIL**  
**NEW BUSINESS**

**JUL 25 2016**

Dear Warden Gregory;

I am writing this letter in regards to my concerns as to why we are not getting a Doctor or Doctors to meet the medical needs of the residents of Weymouth and surrounding area.

The people of Weymouth have worked hard to provide an up to date Medical Centre for our Doctors to practice.

We have always had at least two Doctors providing for the Medical needs of the residents of the Weymouth area.

Weymouth previously had 3 Doctor Numbers.

Am I correct in my understanding that two of these Doctor numbers were taken away and given to Clare along with the one Doctor number which was held by Dr. Donald Westby?

There are 3500 plus residents being served by the Village of Weymouth.

It is to my understanding that the Doctor to patient ratio count is 1300.

If this is correct then Weymouth should qualify to have at least two Doctors to meet the medical needs of the residents. Am I wrong in my calculations?

I am unable to understand the irrational decisions being made by the Nova Scotia Health Authority.

From my understanding, Clare now has eight Doctors which would indicate eight Doctor Numbers. How was this made possible, whereas Weymouth serving 3500 residents does not even qualify for one doctor count?

If I am wrong in my calculations, please advise me of such!

Therefore the over 3500 plus residents of Weymouth should not have to travel outside of Weymouth for a Family Doctor.

Taking into consideration information included in this letter, does it not appear that the residents of Weymouth are being treated unfairly and not at equal?

The residents of Weymouth pay equally towards the cost of our health care and should expect to have the support of our elected government representatives who have the authority to see that the residents of Weymouth are treated fairly and obtaining for them Doctors to provide for their health needs.

If in fact Clare has eight Doctor Numbers, how does the Doctor patient count apply?

In my calculations two Doctor numbers should be taken away from Clare and given back to Weymouth.

The two Doctors related to these numbers should be offered the opportunity to fill these numbers in Weymouth to meet the health needs of the residents of Weymouth.

In my opinion this would appear to be a fair and equal resolution to our Doctor shortage in Weymouth.

In closing, I would appreciate your earliest response and resolution to this neglect of providing health care for the residents of Weymouth and justification as to why we do not have a family Doctor in Weymouth.

Thanking you,

I remain,



Earl R. Cook

Cc: Janet Knox, NS Health Authority  
Premier Stephen McNeil (Hon)  
Jamie Bailee  
Tony Kelly, DAH Coalition  
Leo Glavine, HON  
George Manzer  
Gordon Wilson, MLA

Bailey Ross  
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June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016

Warden Linda Gregory  
P.O Box 429  
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Youth Grants Application

Dear Warden Linda Gregory,

My name is Bailey Ross and I am currently a grade 11 French Immersion student at Digby Regional High School. Last year, I participated in a volunteer trip to Ecuador where we were able to build a school and learn about a whole new culture. This trip was a life changing experience in that it gave me a better understanding and appreciation of the need to support and take action about issues that are important to me. This coming March, I have the honour of being chosen by my school to go on a similar trip to Nicaragua.

While in Nicaragua, we will work hand in hand with the world renowned charity Free the Children to help build a school in a remote village in the Nicaraguan mountains. As a participant in this program, the goal is to spread the power of education all over the world to empower youth into believing they can do anything they set their minds to. Along with the build project, we will be involved in many different cultural activities. Each day, after we finish at the worksite, we will learn about the local village and have the opportunity to talk to the residents.

However, such an opportunity does have a cost. This year, each participant is responsible for fundraising exactly \$4649.00. That is a lot of money! Which brings me to the reason I am writing to you. The Youth Grant that the Municipality of Digby offers would bring me another step closer to an experience of a lifetime. I believe the leadership skills that I will gain on this trip will benefit me when I return home to continue with my volunteer work and work with local youth. If you were to select me as a recipient of the grant, I would be so grateful.

Thank you so much for taking time out of your busy schedule to read my letter and I hope you have an amazing summer!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bailey Ross". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Bailey Ross  
Team Nicaragua Member

# Digby Regional High School

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To whomever it may concern,

I am writing this letter in support of Bailey Ross and his fundraising efforts for the Me to We trip to Nicaragua.


Although the Me to We trip involving students from across the Tri-Counties is not officially a school or school board trip, this endeavor is very much supported by Digby Regional High School. We are asked to help with promotion and to select the students on a yearly basis.

The trip is organized through Me to We and Free the Children, a Canadian organization with an impressive charitable track record globally. The touring company with which the students will be travelling is EF Tours, Education First Educational Tours, and they specialize in student trips.

I have been involved in promoting the Me to We trip and selecting students from Digby Regional High School since the beginning of the program in our area. The experience has been truly life changing for all those who have had to opportunity to participate before Bailey. Bailey is a very deserving candidate and will benefit greatly from this experience.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for further information.

Best regards,



Ben McNeil  
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Digby Regional High School  
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## Rural High Speed Internet Project Update

Last month, the province outlined to you our plans to follow a two-pronged approach to making high-speed internet service available in more rural communities. First, we would work with service providers and municipalities to look for solutions that could be implemented quickly. Then we would hire a team with technical expertise to develop a detailed plan and work with communities on projects for further 'middle mile' development. We also made this public on June 20<sup>th</sup> through this news release:

<http://novascotia.ca/news/release/?id=20160620003>

So, in the interests of clarity, there are two parallel streams of work underway.

1. Identifying immediate solutions that could address issues in underserved regions. This is being approached through two mechanisms.
  - a. Request for Information to service providers – Asking them to identify what solutions they could implement by March 31, 2017 and September 30, 2017. Intended to uncover ways to increase service to as many residents as possible.
  - b. Request to Municipalities and Community Groups – We are exploring the option for a small application based grant program. Intended to cover small scale local projects.
  
2. The second stream is the development of a long term strategic approach to enhancing appropriate infrastructure in the province. Focused on the 'middle mile' which gets high speed internet to points within communities. To accomplish this we are undertaking the following:
  - a. Developing an RFP to source a project team to develop this strategy.
    - i. We will begin a process to seek input from vendors on the draft RFP on July 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. This work will take a provincial view and will be done in conjunction with all key partners like yourselves.

As we work through the various process we encourage Municipalities and their partners to continue work they have underway and continue to work with us on a collaborative approach to addressing this issue.

Thank you,

Monique Arsenault  
Business Alignment Specialist  
NS Dept of Business



## Chief Administrative Officer Report

Meeting Date	<i>July 25, 2016</i>
Submitted To	<i>Council</i>
Submitted By	<i>Linda Fraser, Chief Administrative Officer</i>
Carbon Copies	<i>Jeff Sunderland, Deputy CAO CoraLee Bremner, Manager Corporate Services Pat Stevens, Executive Secretary</i>

## Meeting Dates/Reminders-As of June 22, 2016

Date & Time	Meeting	Who Attends	Location
<b>August 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>No Meeting</b>		
August 8 <sup>th</sup> @ 4:30 pm	COTW	All Council	Council Chambers
August 9 <sup>th</sup> @ 4:00	DDA	Gregory, MacAlpine	Town Council Chambers
<b>August 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>No Meeting</b>		
<b>September 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>No Meeting</b>		
Sept 12 <sup>th</sup> @ 4:30	COTW	All Council	Council Chambers
Sept 19 <sup>th</sup> @ 4:30	By-law & Policy	All Council	Municipal Board Room
Sept 26 <sup>th</sup>	Council	All Council	Council Chambers

## Request for Decision or Direction

#1	None
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## COUNCIL ACTION ITEM – JANUARY 2015

### Letter to Minister of Justice request a review of the RCMP complement.

**Jan 2016** – The RCMP Resourcing Study will be presented to the Councils of the Municipality of Digby, the Town of Digby, and the Municipality of Clare, along with members of the Police Advisory Committees on Feb 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am in the Municipality of Digby Council Chambers.

**Feb 2016** – RCMP staff from Strategic Planning and Client Services, Senior RCMP from H Division, staff from Dept of Justice met with members of Council and staff from the Municipality of Clare, the Town of Digby, and Municipality of Digby to present the results of the Policing Resource Model PRM looking at Digby Detachment, Meteghan Detachment, and a hypothetical District Policing Model with Digby and Meteghan combined. A recommendation from the report is that the current level of front line personnel, 10 in Digby and 5 in Clare remain. The report, along with the speaking notes will be distributed to Council. There was a discussion about the pros and cons of merging the two detachments. Further studies are needed to look at social/economic factors. The issue of needing French speaking members in Clare was discussed. Next step is to do further studies looking at Clare merging with either Digby or Yarmouth; and Digby and Annapolis County. This will take from 4 to 6 months to complete.

**Mar 2016**- Copy of presentation with comments circulated to Council and RCMP Joint Advisory Committee

**May 2016** – No update since last report.

**June 2016** – Warden, Mayor and CAO's met with Cpl Sean Boulger from Digby RCMP and Staff Sgt Jeff Holmes from Meteghan RCMP for an update. Staff Sgt Holmes has been directed to work on a business case, looking at what opportunities, efficiencies would be gained from an amalgamation of the Digby Detachment (Town and Municipal) and Meteghan. There would be no reduction in the number of members so it is difficult to see what the advantages would be. Members would have to be bi-lingual to work in Clare. Digby Detachment has no French speaking members. A Yarmouth/Meteghan merge may make more sense. More information to come in the fall.

**July 2016**- No update from last report

## COUNCIL ACTION ITEM – JUNE 2015

### Regional Tourism VIC Kiosk – Halifax Waterfront

**June/July 2015** – Letters to the following municipal units were sent the last week of June: Middleton, Annapolis Royal, Annapolis Co, Town of Digby, Clare, Town of Yarmouth, Municipality of Yarmouth, Municipality of Argyle, Municipality of Shelburne, Municipality of Barrington, Town of Shelburne, Lockport, Clarks Harbour, and the Region of Queens. The letter was to determine if there was any interest in participating in the initiative.

**Aug 2015** – I have received positive responses from the following Municipalities: County of Annapolis, Town of Shelburne, Barrington (depending upon costs), and District of Shelburne.

Yarmouth Acadian Shores (Town of Yarmouth, District of Yarmouth, Argyle) – dependent upon equal sharing of costs and Board approval on Sept 15<sup>th</sup>.

Region of Queens staff is in the process of preparing a report to take to Council.

**Sept/Oct 2015** – Letter received from Region of Queens that they are referring the matter to the South Shore Regional Enterprise Network. ( They are just in the process of hiring the CEO). Their Economic Development Staff provided feedback (see attached) on the type of questions that would require further investigation before determining whether or not to proceed.

I have received a letter providing support in principal from the Town of Digby. I have not heard anything yet from Municipality of Clare, the Towns of Lockport, Clarks Harbour.

**It is my recommendation that we take a serious look at the questions raised by Queens at a By-law & Policy Committee.**

**Nov/2015** Decision to put on hold until more information regarding the provinces plan regarding VIC's is known.

**Jan/Feb 2016** - I have reached out to Destinations Cape Breton Association regarding their plans for the upcoming tourism season. They are expecting to make a final decision this month. I have also requested the name of the contact at Halifax Waterfront Development Corporation that they have been working with. I have reached out to Halifax Waterfront Development Corp for some information. Waiting for a response. Deputy Warden MacAlpine is reaching out to Michael Johnson, the new Executive Director for NS Tourism Agency.

**Mar 2016** – Deputy Warden MacAlpine contacted Michael Johnson who is putting him in touch with another person in the Agency.

**Apr 2016** – No update since last report.

**May 2016** - I contacted Mary Tulle from Destinations Cape Breton, she indicated they have moved out of the Kiosk. Deputy Warden was speaking with April Hannah from NS Tourism regarding the possibility of setting something up next year outside the Provincial VIC on the waterfront.

**June 2016** – Regional Tourism item on agenda of UNSM Regional Meeting on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.  
Regional Tourism Marketing Strategy

## Regional Tourism VIC Kiosk – Halifax Waterfront (con't)

July 2016 At the UNSM Regional Meeting Deputy Warden Jimmy MacAlpine, District of Digby discussed the potential for the South Western Shore Region to set up a kiosk on the Halifax Waterfront similar to Cape Breton to promote the region. Estimated costs are \$50,000 per year. 40 per cent of visitors to Upper Clements Park come from Halifax so it may be a useful strategy.

The following points were raised:

- A committee should be formed to consider a proposal for next year.
- The region needs to bring all of the tourism associations together to market the entire region, particularly large events
- Could produce a brochure where industry would pay for advertising
- Look at a two-year pilot
- Need to determine how to evaluate pilot
- Would the \$50,000 be better spent on developing an app or some form of online tourism?

***ACTION: District of Digby to send out letter to South Western Shore Region municipal units to determine interest in forming tourism committee***

## COTW ACTION ITEMS -January 2016

### Rural Internet Service

**Jan 2016** – I contacted Cody Joudry, who indicated they received a number of responses to their expression of interest and are in the middle of evaluating them. Cody indicated they had met other Municipalities to determine if there is an opportunity for a joint effort. Seems like this would have been a good topic/project for the Digby Annapolis Development Corp.

**Feb 2016** – Evan Nemeth, Research EDO, Western Regional Enterprise Network prepared the attached synopsis on Rural Internet in Nova Scotia.

**Mar/April/ 2016** – Council waiting on study being conducted by NS Business. The study is to be completed by early spring.

**May 2016** - \$ 6 Million in provincial budget for rural internet. NS Dept of Business is looking at how best to distribute funds. Suggestion that the province should provide project management and engineering for any internet projects as municipal units don't have the expertise for complex internet projects.

**June 2016** – Provincial Report released, Western Region Enterprise Network (WREN) has formed a working group which is looking a regional solution.

### Rural Internet Service (con't)

July 2016- WREN presented a report on July 14<sup>th</sup>. Council to hear a proposal from County of Annapolis. The WREN working group is going to meet with John Ferguson regarding County of Annapolis's proposal.

## CAPITAL PROJECTS – 2016/2017

### General Government Services

No planned Projects

### Protective Services

No planned Projects

### Transportation Services

Digby Annapolis Regional Airport  
Runway repair  
**Actual to Date: \$ 5,750**  
Budget - \$ 10,000

First round of crack filling completed.

### Environmental Health Services-Wastewater

Upgrades to Pump Stations – As  
needed  
Budget 67,000

### Environmental Health Services-Solidwaste

No planned projects

## Environmental Development Services

<b>50 kw Wind Turbine</b> Budget \$ 500,000 <b>Actual to Date \$ 360,828</b>	<b>Approved 2015-16 – Funds expensed 2016-17</b>
<b>800 kw Wind Turbine</b> <b>Actual to Date \$ 601,380</b> Budget \$690,000	<b>Approved 2015-16 – Funds expensed 2016-17</b>
<b>EV Car Fast Charging Station – Bear River</b> Budget \$ 50,000 <b>Actual \$</b>	

## SPECIAL PROJECTS/INITIATIVES

<b>Youth Engagement Workshops – Fall 2014</b>	<p><b>Council Strategic Priority – Social/Community</b>  <b>Goal: Engage youth in Local Government</b>  <b>ICSP Goal S-1.2 Engage youth in municipal governance and decision making processes</b></p> <p><b>July 2014</b> – Project approved. Project moving forward for September youth workshop.</p> <p><b>Sept 2014</b> – Two meeting have been held to work out details of the event which will be held in November. Article to be done for October Coastline.</p> <p><b>Oct 2014</b> - Sessions to be held Nov 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> October Coastline included an article on the Engagement Sessions.</p> <p><b>Nov 2014</b> – Consultants working on report from the sessions.</p> <p><b>Jan 2015</b> – Council to discuss how best to create a Junior Council.</p> <p><b>Mar-April 2015</b> Deputy CAO working on organizing a one day event with participants from all three high schools.</p> <p><b>May/June 2015</b> – Event held on May 26. Digby and SMBA participated, ICS declined. A full report will be presented at a later date.</p> <p><b>July/Aug 2015</b> – Update to follow.</p> <p><b>Sept 2015</b> – No update</p> <p><b>Oct-Dec 2015</b>- Project put on temporary hold. Looking at the development of a citizen/youth engagement budget template. Once developed, it would be presented to various classes in the schools.</p> <p><b>Jan/Feb 2016</b> –By-law &amp; Policy Committee approved the launch of Citizen Budget, a powerful online tool to involve residents in decision-making processes and to demonstrate a municipality's commitment to citizen engagement. Information on the budget tool will be included in an article for the February CoastlineCitizen Budget</p>
<b>Citizen Engagement Budget Tool</b>	

<b>Citizen Engagement Budget Tool</b>	On-line Tool to be launched mid February <b>Mar 2016</b> – Engagement tool up and running. <b>April 2016</b> – Deputy CAO reported that only 16 people completed the survey. Council decided to keep the citizen engagement on-line budget up for a few more months. <b>May 2016</b> - No update <b>June 2016</b> – Final report due in July <b>July 2016</b> – <b>Final report received</b>
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In the event that any new information has been received from the time of distribution of this report and the meeting, the Administration will provide the additional information at the meeting.

Municipality of Digby

Fiscal Year Period April 01,2016 To June 30,2016  
FUND10 - Fund 10

Income & Expense Statement

AcctName	Fiscal YTD	Annual Budget	Variance	% Used
<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>1000</b>			
<b>TAXES</b>	<b>1005</b>			
<b>ASSESSABLE PROPERTY TAXES</b>	<b>1010</b>			
ASSESSABLE PROPERTY	1015			
Totals For: ASSESSABLE PROPERTY	2,845,282.41	5,619,599.00	2,774,316.59	50.63
<b>AREA RATES</b>	<b>1020</b>			
Totals For: AREA RATES	128,611.64	254,168.00	125,556.36	50.60
<b>SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS</b>	<b>1025</b>			
Totals For: SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	503,438.84	526,306.00	22,867.16	95.66
<b>OTHER TAXES</b>	<b>1030</b>			
Totals For: OTHER TAXES	229,198.78	392,578.00	163,379.22	58.38
Totals For: ASSESSABLE PROPERTY TAXES	3,706,531.67	6,792,651.00	3,086,119.33	54.57
<b>GRANTS IN LIEU OF TAXES</b>	<b>1035</b>			
<b>FEDERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>1040</b>			
Totals For: FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	0.00	29,306.00	29,306.00	0.00
<b>PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>1045</b>			
Totals For: PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT	1,989.00	113,814.00	111,825.00	1.75
Totals For: GRANTS IN LIEU OF TAXES	1,989.00	143,120.00	141,131.00	1.39
Totals For: TAXES	3,708,520.67	6,935,771.00	3,227,250.33	53.47
<b>SERVICES PROVIDED TO OTHER GOV</b>	<b>1050</b>			
Totals For: SERVICES PROVIDED TO OTHER GOV	42,878.23	84,100.00	41,221.77	50.98
<b>SALES OF SERVICE</b>	<b>1055</b>			
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>1060</b>			
Totals For: GENERAL GOVERNMENT	125.00	600.00	475.00	20.83
<b>PROTECTIVE SERVICES</b>	<b>1065</b>			
Totals For: PROTECTIVE SERVICES	0.00	5,400.00	5,400.00	0.00
<b>TRANSPORTATION SERVICES-OTHER</b>	<b>1070</b>			
<b>AIRPORT REVENUE</b>	<b>1075</b>			
Totals For: AIRPORT REVENUE	24,420.50	86,800.00	62,379.50	28.13
Totals For: TRANSPORTATION SERVICES-OTHER	24,420.50	86,800.00	62,379.50	28.13
Totals For: SALES OF SERVICE	24,545.50	92,800.00	68,254.50	26.45
<b>OTHER REVENUE FROM OWN SOURCE</b>	<b>1085</b>			
<b>LICENSES &amp; PERMITS</b>	<b>1090</b>			
Totals For: LICENSES & PERMITS	3,222.20	10,000.00	6,777.80	32.22
<b>MUNICIPAL FINES</b>	<b>1095</b>			
Totals For: MUNICIPAL FINES	5,179.40	15,100.00	9,920.60	34.30
<b>RETURN ON INVESTMENTS</b>	<b>1100</b>			
Totals For: RETURN ON INVESTMENTS	9,140.82	34,534.00	25,393.18	26.47
<b>PENALTIES &amp; INTEREST ON TAXES</b>	<b>1105</b>			
Totals For: PENALTIES & INTEREST ON TAXES	34,043.38	130,000.00	95,956.62	26.19



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REVENUE COLLECTED FOR OTHER GO	1110			
Totals For: REVENUE COLLECTED FOR OTHER GO	228,834.70	249,494.00	20,659.30	91.72
OTHER REVENUE FROM OWN SOURCES	1115			
Totals For: OTHER REVENUE FROM OWN SOURCES	50,640.64	311,000.00	260,359.36	16.28
Totals For: OTHER REVENUE FROM OWN SOURCE	331,061.14	750,128.00	419,066.86	44.13
UNCONDITIONAL TRANSFERS FROM	1120			
PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT	1125			
Totals For: PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT	83,404.00	360,178.00	276,774.00	23.16
Totals For: UNCONDITIONAL TRANSFERS FROM	83,404.00	360,178.00	276,774.00	23.16
CONDITIONAL TRANSFERS-OTH GOV'	1130			
PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT	1135			
Totals For: PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT	3,560.00	3,560.00	0.00	100.00
OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTS	1140			
Totals For: OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Totals For: CONDITIONAL TRANSFERS-OTH GOV'	3,560.00	3,560.00	0.00	100.00
TRANSFERS FROM OWN AGENCIES	1145			
Totals For: TRANSFERS FROM OWN AGENCIES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
OPERATING RESERVES	1150			
Totals For: OPERATING RESERVES	0.00	65,000.00	65,000.00	0.00
CAPITAL AND GAS RESERVES	1155			
Totals For: CAPITAL AND GAS RESERVES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Totals For: REVENUE	4,193,969.54	8,291,537.00	4,097,567.46	50.58
EXPENSE	1295			
GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES	1300			
LEGISLATIVE	1305			
Totals For: LEGISLATIVE	53,074.82	195,415.00	142,340.18	27.16
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	1310			
ADMINISTRATION	1320			
Totals For: ADMINISTRATION	87,402.17	374,537.00	287,134.83	23.34
FINACIAL MANAGEMENT	1322			
Totals For: FINACIAL MANAGEMENT	34,888.37	78,300.00	43,411.63	44.56
TAXATION	1324			
Totals For: TAXATION	123,649.04	299,382.00	175,732.96	41.30
Municipal Office Operations	1325			
Totals For: Municipal Office Operations	21,578.46	134,000.00	112,421.54	16.10
OTHER GENERAL ADMIN SERVICES	1330			
Totals For: OTHER GENERAL ADMIN SERVICES	70,012.82	222,904.00	152,891.18	31.41
Totals For: GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	337,530.86	1,109,123.00	771,592.14	30.43
VALUATION ALLOWANCES RELATED	1360			
Totals For: VALUATION ALLOWANCES RELATED	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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2nd GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICE	1365				
GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES	1370				
Totals For: GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES		30,976.44	68,564.00	37,587.56	45.18
COMMUNITY GRANTS	1375				
Other General Gov't Services	1377				
Totals For: Other General Gov't Services		38,246.00	123,235.00	84,989.00	31.04
Totals For: COMMUNITY GRANTS		108,546.00	231,965.00	123,419.00	46.79
Totals For: 2nd GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICE		139,522.44	300,529.00	161,006.56	46.43
Totals For: GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES		530,128.12	1,605,067.00	1,074,938.88	33.03
PROTECTIVE SERVICES	1380				
POLICE SERVICES	1385				
Totals For: POLICE SERVICES		307,238.00	1,231,640.00	924,402.00	24.95
LAW ENFORCEMENT OTHER	1387				
Totals For: LAW ENFORCEMENT OTHER		0.00	25,200.00	25,200.00	0.00
TRANSFER TO CORRECTIONAL SERVI	1390				
Totals For: TRANSFER TO CORRECTIONAL SERVI		26,660.00	106,641.00	79,981.00	25.00
FIRE PROTECTION	1397				
WATER SUPPLY AND HYDRANTS	1400				
Totals For: WATER SUPPLY AND HYDRANTS		196,687.50	433,474.00	236,786.50	45.37
FIRE DEPARTMENTS	1405				
Totals For: FIRE DEPARTMENTS		0.00	239,919.00	239,919.00	0.00
Totals For: FIRE PROTECTION		196,687.50	673,393.00	476,705.50	29.21
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES	1415				
Totals For: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES		2,024.39	14,000.00	11,975.61	14.46
PROTECTIVE INSPECTIONS	1417				
BUILDING SERVICES	1430				
Totals For: BUILDING SERVICES		50,017.84	180,913.00	130,895.16	27.65
Totals For: PROTECTIVE INSPECTIONS		50,017.84	180,913.00	130,895.16	27.65
OTHER PROTECTIVE SERVICES	1420				
DISPATCH SERVICES	1410				
Totals For: DISPATCH SERVICES		62,797.38	216,644.00	153,846.62	28.99
DOG CONTROL	1425				
Totals For: DOG CONTROL		14,497.59	33,500.00	19,002.41	43.28
Totals For: OTHER PROTECTIVE SERVICES		77,294.97	250,144.00	172,849.03	30.90
Totals For: PROTECTIVE SERVICES		659,922.70	2,481,931.00	1,822,008.30	26.59
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES	1435				
COMMON SERVICES	1440				
PUBLIC WORKS	1445				
Totals For: PUBLIC WORKS		24,704.66	102,716.00	78,011.34	24.05
Totals For: COMMON SERVICES		24,704.66	102,716.00	78,011.34	24.05

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<b>ROAD TRANSPORT</b> 1450				
ROADS AND STREETS 1455				
Totals For: ROADS AND STREETS	14,095.14	75,751.00	61,655.86	18.61
STREET LIGHTING 1460				
Totals For: STREET LIGHTING	4,642.20	33,000.00	28,357.80	14.07
TRAFFIC SERVICES 1465				
Totals For: TRAFFIC SERVICES	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
Totals For: ROAD TRANSPORT	18,737.34	110,251.00	91,513.66	17.00
<b>AIR TRANSPORT, DISPATCH, PUBL</b> 1470				
DIGBY ANNAPOLIS REGIONAL AIRPO 1475				
AIRPORT EXPENDITURES-COMMON 1480				
Totals For: AIRPORT EXPENDITURES-COMMON	9,130.07	26,500.00	17,369.93	34.45
AIRPORT INVENTORY PURCHASES 1485				
Totals For: AIRPORT INVENTORY PURCHASES	15,433.66	66,200.00	50,766.34	23.31
DISPATCH GENERAL OPERATING EXP 1490				
Totals For: DISPATCH GENERAL OPERATING EXP	15,094.34	38,064.00	22,969.66	39.66
Totals For: DIGBY ANNAPOLIS REGIONAL AIRPO	39,658.07	130,764.00	91,105.93	30.33
Totals For: AIR TRANSPORT, DISPATCH, PUBL	39,658.07	130,764.00	91,105.93	30.33
<b>PUBLIC TRANSIT</b> 1495				
Totals For: PUBLIC TRANSIT	70,700.00	216,224.00	145,524.00	32.70
Totals For: TRANSPORTATION SERVICES	153,800.07	559,955.00	406,154.93	27.47
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH</b> 1500				
WASTEWATER COLLECTION AND DISP 1505				
ADMINISTRATION 1510				
Totals For: ADMINISTRATION	5,031.47	9,792.00	4,760.53	51.38
Totals For: WASTEWATER COLLECTION AND DISP	5,031.47	9,792.00	4,760.53	51.38
<b>WASTE WATER COLLECTION &amp; LIFT</b> 1520				
Digby 1525				
Totals For: Digby	63,365.27	82,500.00	19,134.73	76.81
Weymouth 1530				
Totals For: Weymouth	6,973.87	33,000.00	26,026.13	21.13
Smiths Cove 1535				
Totals For: Smiths Cove	40,139.00	58,000.00	17,861.00	69.21
Bear River 1540				
Totals For: Bear River	4,595.26	16,000.00	11,404.74	28.72
Totals For: WASTE WATER COLLECTION & LIFT	115,073.40	189,500.00	74,426.60	60.72
<b>SOLID WASTE COLLECTION &amp; DISPO</b> 1545				
ADMINISTRATION 1550				
Totals For: ADMINISTRATION	4,124.50	16,800.00	12,675.50	24.55
COLLECTION & DISPOSAL 1555				

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Totals For: COLLECTION & DISPOSAL	176,475.53	685,240.00	508,764.47	25.75
RECYCLING 1560				
Totals For: RECYCLING	20,557.17	84,000.00	63,442.83	24.47
COMPOSTING 1565				
Totals For: COMPOSTING	15,641.94	69,000.00	53,358.06	22.67
SOLIDWASTE COLLECTION & DISPOS 1570				
Totals For: SOLIDWASTE COLLECTION & DISPOS	8,048.23	11,500.00	3,451.77	69.98
Totals For: SOLID WASTE COLLECTION & DISPO	224,847.37	866,540.00	641,692.63	25.95
DEBT CHARGES 1575				
Totals For: DEBT CHARGES	3,075.63	24,674.00	21,598.37	12.47
Totals For: ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH	348,027.87	1,090,506.00	742,478.13	31.91
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES 1580				
HOUSING 1585				
Totals For: HOUSING	0.00	45,000.00	45,000.00	0.00
Totals For: PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES	0.00	45,000.00	45,000.00	0.00
ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT SERV 1590				
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT 1595				
Totals For: PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT	8,863.62	28,500.00	19,636.38	31.10
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 1600				
TRANSFER TO REGIONAL AUTHORITY 1605				
Totals For: TRANSFER TO REGIONAL AUTHORITY	0.00	45,771.00	45,771.00	0.00
OTHER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 1610				
Totals For: OTHER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	13,965.51	65,560.00	51,594.49	21.30
INDUSTRIAL PARKS 1615				
Totals For: INDUSTRIAL PARKS	5,000.01	20,000.00	14,999.99	25.00
Totals For: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	18,965.52	131,331.00	112,365.48	14.44
TOURISM 1620				
Totals For: TOURISM	27,668.68	28,000.00	331.32	98.82
RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT 1625				
Totals For: RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT	40,879.66	197,900.00	157,020.34	20.66
Totals For: ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT SERV	96,377.48	385,731.00	289,353.52	24.99
RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVIC 1630				
RECREATION 1635				
Totals For: RECREATION	2,672.48	325,383.00	322,710.52	0.82
LOCAL LIBRARIES 1640				
Totals For: LOCAL LIBRARIES	6,141.25	50,926.00	44,784.75	12.06
REGIONAL LIBRARY 1645				
Totals For: REGIONAL LIBRARY	12,163.25	49,026.00	36,862.75	24.81
Totals For: RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVIC	20,976.98	425,335.00	404,358.02	4.93

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HERITAGE	1650			
Totals For: HERITAGE	14,414.29	73,881.00	59,466.71	19.51
EDUCATION	1655			
Totals For: EDUCATION	354,208.63	1,399,131.00	1,044,922.37	25.32
CAPITAL	1660			
Totals For: CAPITAL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
EXTRAORDINARY OR SPECIAL ITEMS	1665			
Totals For: EXTRAORDINARY OR SPECIAL ITEMS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FINANCING AND TRANSFERS	1670			
PRINCIPAL INSTALMENTS	1675			
Totals For: PRINCIPAL INSTALMENTS	0.00	110,000.00	110,000.00	0.00
TRANSFER (TO) OPERATING RES	1680			
Totals For: TRANSFER (TO) OPERATING RES	0.00	55,000.00	55,000.00	0.00
TRANSFER (TO) CAPITAL RESERVES	1685			
Totals For: TRANSFER (TO) CAPITAL RESERVES	0.00	60,000.00	60,000.00	0.00
TRANSFER (TO) TRANSFER TO GE	1690			
Totals For: TRANSFER (TO) TRANSFER TO GE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CHANGES IN EQUITY	1695			
Totals For: CHANGES IN EQUITY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Totals For: FINANCING AND TRANSFERS	0.00	225,000.00	225,000.00	0.00
Totals For: EXPENSE	2,177,856.14	8,291,537.00	6,113,680.86	26.27
<b>Total Income:</b>	\$ 4,193,969.54	\$ 8,291,537.00	\$ 0.00	50.58
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	2,177,856.14	\$ 8,291,537.00	0.00	26.27
<b>Totals:</b>	<u>\$ 2,016,113.40</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>24.32</u>

<b>Jordantown-Acaciaville- Conway Betterment Association (JACBA)</b>	<b>Memorandum of Understanding</b>  <b>Between</b>  <b>AND</b>	
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In order to advance the pursuit of knowledge, Acadia University and the Jordantown-Acaciaville-Conway Betterment Association (JACBA) endorse this Memorandum of Understanding to promote educational, cultural, and academic exchanges between the two institutions.

Both organizations will make every reasonable effort to encourage direct contact, educational, and research cooperation between their constituents, including students, faculty members, departments, schools, and research institutes, and will endeavour to cooperate in the fields with which both institutions are concerned. Within spheres that are mutually agreed to, these institutions agree on the following general forms of cooperation, and will explore opportunities to cooperate in these areas:

1. Joint educational and research activities, especially as these pertain to the cultural life and history of the JACBA communities;
2. A joint exploration of ways of encouraging supporting JACBA youth to attend Acadia University;
3. Use of JACBA facilities for workshops, conventions, and other academic meetings;
4. The establishment of collaborative relations with those departments and schools at Acadia that can most contribute to the cultural pedagogy of the JACBA communities.

Themes of joint activity and the conditions for utilising the results achieved and arrangements for all forms of cooperation, including research accommodations and other facility uses, will be negotiated for each specific case. Both institutions understand that all financial arrangements will be negotiated and identified in an Exchange Agreement prior to the commencement of the associated activities.

It is understood that the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding will commence on the day of signature, and will continue thereafter for five years, subject from time to time to revision or modification by mutual agreement. Representatives from both institutions will discuss the terms of a renewal at least six months prior to the natural termination of the current Memorandum of Understanding.

Signed in (Location of Institution) on the ___ day of ___, 20XX   <hr/> (Name and Title of President / Principal)	Signed in Wolfville, NS, Canada on the ___ day of ___, 20XX   <hr/> Raymond E. Ivany President & Vice-Chancellor Acadia University
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July 5, 2016

Warden Linda Gregory  
District of Digby

Dear Warden Gregory:

Eighteen years ago, the UNSM negotiated the HST Offset Program with the Province. It is intended to lessen the financial impact on municipalities of paying the Harmonized Sales Tax. Over the past decade, the Program has provided approximately \$102 million to municipalities. Payments are based on municipal expenditures in the previous year.

I am very pleased to inform you that your 2016 payment is \$18,818 (as determined by SNSMR after their audit of the forms). SNSMR has advised that you should receive this payment in the near future, if you haven't already.

Mayor Cecil Clarke  
President



Phone: (902) 423-8331

Fax: (902) 425-5592

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cc: Ms. Linda Fraser, Chief Administrative Officer, District of Digby



Thank you for the beautiful bracelet! It was great coming to Digby to visit. I really enjoyed the great hospitality.

Sincerely,

Brianna Northcutt, Princess Berwick,  
1<sup>st</sup> Lady in Waiting to Queen Annapolisa  
the 84<sup>th</sup>



June 27, 2016

JUL 25 2016 CORRESPONDENCE

COUNCIL

Dear Honorable Gordon Wilson,

This letter is an urgent request asking that you take a stand to help protect the future of Canada Post for all Canadians. There are several incidents that you should know of that reflect how the former Conservative government regarded Canada Post's door-to-door-delivery, Canada Post's large work force and the CEO's mission to devalue Canada Post's services making it less relevant to the public.

First the former MLA of Digby-Clare, Greg Kerr, in a reply letter to me mentioned that Canada Post is not a Crown Corporation because it operates at an arms length of Government, it is my understanding that any and all Crown Corporations do in fact operate at an arms length of the government. This does not make it any less of a Crown Corporation.

I write to you today as a customer of the postal services provided by Canada Post and as an employee of Canada Post.

Post Offices all across Canada serve the public... and we as employees of Canada Post come to know our customers on a first name basis. You see it is more than just a "JOB".

Canada Post has been operating successfully, making profits in the last *19 out of 21 years*. There were one-time events in 2011, the year that CUPW began "Rolling Strikes", which did not STOP delivery of mail, but then Canada Post *locked out their employees completely stopping daily deliver*, and also in 2013 due to the introduction of an accounting change.

In a twist of events Canada Post went to the Government to legislate CUPW Urban Operations employees back to work. I also point out that this was the same year that Canada Post had to pay out \$200-million to the Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC) for a 30 year old pay equity lawsuit.

CUPW has been trying to negotiate with Canada Post since December 2015. Do you recall that Liberal quote, "Because it's 2015"? Well now it is 2016 and there is one key issue... equality for the female-dominated members, the Rural and Suburban Mail Carriers (RSMC). Would it surprise you to know that 70% of this group are women and they're making 28% less than the male-dominated urban group, who do the same job with the only difference being that the urban group walk their route, while the rural and suburban mail carriers use, still in many cases, their own private vehicles.

The union is asking that the principle of pay equity be applied to the rural and suburban carriers. Please do not forget that the Pay Equity Committee recently publicized a report requesting proactive pay equity legislation to stop gender discrimination and pay women equally for work of equal value. As one of those waiting for this equality I can tell you that I feel disrespected for the work I do on a daily basis, in all kinds of weather, while my urban brother's and sister's are paid 28% more than I for the exact same work, and in many cases out of the same postal stations. We can't wait for equality anymore. I can't wait for equality any longer!

It is my opinion that there are very few people who wanted CEO Deepak Chopra's exercise program community mailboxes (which due to the Traffic Safety Assessment Tool are still being serviced by employees such as myself who lost thousands of dollars in pay per year) and nobody wants Deepak Chopra's cutbacks, which includes the real owners of Canada Post, Joe Q Public. I do not believe that the public provided Mr. Chopra with a mandate to destroy our postal system, drive away business and force tens of thousands of hard working Canadians out onto the streets as his regular duties or especially during negotiations for a new contract.

Looking at the financials anyone can see that Mr. Chopra crying poor has no real basis for concern or cutbacks and unfair treatment of one specific bargaining unit, that of the RSMC. It is my understanding that CUPW submitted to the Postal Review Task Force a detailed breakdown of Canada Post's finances which clearly shows that Canada Post has been profitable for the past 19 out of 21 years. And if you take in to consideration one-time events in 2011 and the introduction of an accounting change in 2013, Canada Post would be celebrating its twenty-second straight year of profitability, showing a mere \$44 million in profit for the first quarter of this year alone.

Most companies want to brace their shoulders back and yell from the roof top about their success, not Canada Post, they shy away from telling the truth. By now you are likely aware of the hidden study that was conducted a few years ago regarding postal banking which showed that it could be a win-win strategy for Canadians. Canada Post has been successful at one thing, lying to owners of the Crown Corporation. They have misled the public into falsely believing that Canada Post is in financial trouble while it continues to make profits, year after year and give hefty bonuses only to a group of short-sighted businessmen.

Deepak Chopra many times has referred to a "cash crunch", which could result in losses of \$1 billion a year by 2020.

It seems to me that he causes the so called "cash crunch" on his own with legal battles such as the Local Joint Health and Safety Committees (LJHSCs) and Health and Safety Representatives (HSR) in the on-site inspections and investigations for the Traffic Safety Assessment Tool (TSAT), which was used to assess the safety of delivery to rural mail boxes and the removal of roadside mailboxes. On my route alone there are customers who now must travel 24 kilometres (round trip) to pick up their mail, when they were told that the Community Mailbox Sites would be within 2 kilometres of their homes.

Because of this CUPW filed a complaint under the Canada Labour Code. In December 2008, Labour Canada **ordered** Canada Post to *consult* with the Union but the decision did not address the Union's demands that LJHSCs and HSRs should be directly involved in the process and that all TSAT assessments should be provided to the National Joint Health and Safety Committee. The Union appealed this decision and on August 8, 2013, after **almost six years** of legal action, the Occupational Health and Safety Tribunal ruled *completely in favour of the Union*.

Canada Post has since filed a request for judicial review in the landmark decision over union inclusion in health and safety investigations and inspections. If there is a "cash crunch" why is CEO Deepak Chopra willing to waste money on long legal battles. In case you are not aware, Canada Post's track record in court is NOT good, losing MOST of the time.

Canada Post has made some horrific decisions over the years that serve to demonstrate how inept they are at improving the bottom line. Former MLA, Greg Kerr pointed out in his form letter to me that mail volumes are down and have been since 2008. While this is likely the case for "letter" volume it is not the case for parcel volumes. Canada Post does not seem to want to do anything to improve volumes, such as provide RSMC's with route appropriate corporate vehicles to help with the delivery of increased parcel volume and the demands it puts on their private vehicles.

A past decision to invest almost \$3 billion dollars on **antiquated** machinery from the United States Postal Service for mechanized sortation for a plan called "Modern Post" at a time when Canada Post was crying that letter mail volumes were supposedly dropping, does not seem to make good fiscal sense. In some cases this acquired machinery has not, to date, been put into service. For instance, there is machinery waiting to be unleashed into service in Halifax, Nova Scotia, but will likely never see service in Canada Post. MORE WASTED public dollars.

The former Honourable Gregg Kerr also points out that Canadians are sending less mail. Here is a bit of news for all of Parliament, Canada Post is ENCOURAGING the public NOT to use their own mail services.

The advertisements are everywhere. Canada Post advertises "ePost" on their own fleet vehicles and offers cash prizes if anyone will convert their bills online. **Advertisements/flyers are being mailed to customers from Canada Post and delivered by letter carriers and RSMC drivers** encouraging the public to sign up to receive bills online. A bit contradictory don't you think?!!!

Canada Post is creating their own calamity, crying that mail volumes are decreasing as their excuse to cut door-to-door delivery, all while publically inviting people to convert. This alone would create a decline in volume, a decrease which is created by the very organization that is to provide the service.

Just recently there was a Retail Postal Outlet installed at a Pharmasave drugstore in Wolfville, NS with only a parking lot between the new retail outlet and the Wolfville Post Office. In October 2014 one was installed and opened right across the street from the Annapolis Post Office at the Hutchin's Pharmacy in Annapolis Royal, NS. Please tell me if that makes any sense at all. This is the case all across Canada. **Canada Post goes into competition with itself and then cries there is no mail to deliver.** Well of course not when they are letting employees of the Retail Postal Outlets, who are not trained or security cleared as all other employees in Canada Post who handle the mail, and they will not be paid any more by the pharmacy to do the extra work. These untrained well intentioned employees of the Retail Postal Outlets will be and are overwhelmed by their new duties (I know they tell me every day). There is NO security of the mail at these locations, and OFTEN times parcels and letters go missing creating more of a "cash crunch" when insurance claims have to be paid out to customers for lost or stolen mail.

Anyone can make up numbers to fit the cause of declining volumes of mail. For instance, on occasion Canada Post employees are requested to "count" parcels that come into a postal outlet for the purpose of deciding if there is sufficient volume at that location to warrant filling a vacant position, keeping a position or for closing out that location.

In a most recent volume count at the Annapolis Royal Post Office only half of the mail routes in the post office (2 of 4 routes) were actually required to count parcels and only SPECIFIC parcels could be counted, not the actual amount of parcels that did come into the Post Office. It is very easy to make numbers work in your favour or against when you use limiting criteria as a basis for the equation.

Opening franchises next to, or in close proximity of a Postal Station, is another way of creating their own "cash crunch", allowing Canada Post to cry poor and giving what could be deemed as permission to close a Post Office. Canada Post has been on a mission to devalue its services making it less relevant to the public for years.

It is humorous and laugh out loud ridiculous that the former Canadian Government wants the public to forget the praise and acclamation it poured out for Canada Post in the summer of 2011 and the IMPORTANT role it plays in services when, in June 2011, Bill C-6 was argued in the House of Commons. I remind you of what the then Minister of Labour Lisa Raitt said in the House:

"Many of our citizens depend on the services of Canada Post to receive essential Government information and benefits. In fact, everyone will be affected by the work stoppage **but people with disabilities, elderly people and people who live in remote communities will be hurt the most. This will cause undue real hardship to many Canadians.**"

I can tell you that if Canada Post does end door-to-door delivery that these very same people mentioned by former Minister Raitt will indeed be affected. Many on my route have been subjected to undue hardship due to the Traffic Safety Assessment Tool which removed more than half of my route to community sites and they still have to travel 24 kms in all kinds of weather to receive their mail. The decision by Canada Post to put a stop to the "5 Year Plan" to end door-to-door delivery, which was ongoing just prior to the 2015 election, and the installation of new community mailbox sites has done nothing to restore service for all those who lost their door-to-door mail service to roadside mailboxes because of the Traffic Safety Assessment Tool. These are the same people the government claimed to be protecting when postal workers were locked out and legislated back to work.

December 2011 ended an eight year contract with the Rural & Suburban Mail Carriers (RSMC).

During those eight years RSMC did not enjoy some of the same benefits or bonuses as other postal employees. As a member of the CUPW bargaining unit I received letters from Canada Post telling me that "RSMC's would **never** receive the same benefits as other Canada Post employees." After reading the first global offers from Canada Post Corporation for the Urban and RSMC units for our current 2015/2016 negotiations, it appears that the above statement is true. While some employees were receiving bonus cheques, RSMC's received T-Shirts, or a \$50 gas card, which was almost impossible to activate. In 2012 when a new RSMC contract was signed there was little-to-no sharing of profits for anyone. Funny that after this new contract Canada Post was all of the sudden poor, unless of course you were amongst the some 7000 managers who did receive bonuses.

Currently the RSMC and the Urban Operations members contract is up and we are facing a possible lock-out or strike. RSMC and letter carriers do the same work. But the female dominated RSMC group continue to receive much less pay, inferior benefits and worse working conditions then their urban brothers and sisters. CPC still refuses to pay RSMC's for all hours that they work. Not much has changed since our first contract expired.

CEO Deepak Chopra has an annual salary of around \$595,000.00+, almost that of the Prime Minister of Canada. He recently spoke of an additional \$200,000.00 bonus at a Transportation Committee hearing all whilst crying poor to employees and the public. Canada Post internally rewards failures, ineptness

and mismanagement of the company. *In any other company it is assumed that the CEO would have a mandate to make a company profitable; at Canada Post it seems just the opposite and they reward the bungling and stupid decisions that would have any other CEO fired. It is evident that it is not the mandate of Canada Post or its CEO or the former Government of Canada to run a public post office in this country. Management would rather sell it off bit by bit in tiny pieces to the highest bidder.*

As an owner of Canada Post I would like to send a very clear message to you and Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada AND the entire Canadian Government that as a **Canadian I want and deserve more from my public post office**. My public post office provides a valued service every day of the week, decent employment to many Canadians, equality for women and provides a service which delivers to EVERY door in Canada, including rural and Indigenous people, not the current devalued service at some "Community" site where **people with disabilities, elderly people and people who live in remote communities are hurt the most.**

I want Canada Post to continue to be a profitable, public-sector success, and I want my elected government to know that Postal Banking and other revenue-generating services will make the best of our large network and will help keep the post office thriving well into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Don't cry poor when clearly the perceived loss of profits is due to the mismanagement and hefty bonuses to a group of short-sighted businessmen, and of the company which is still acting on the mandate of the former Prime Minister of Canada, Stephen Harper.

Sincerely



Darlene Mills, RSMC Canada Post, Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia

cc: Prime Minister Justin Trudeau

Hon. Rona Ambrose, Leader of the Official Opposition, PC

Hon. Thomas Mulcair, Leader of the NDP

Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, Leader of the Government in the House of Commons

Hon. Judy M. Foote, Minister of Public Services and Procurement Canada

Colin Fraser, MP, West Nova, Lib

Premier Stephen McNeil, Nova Scotia

Warden Reg Ritchie, Municipality of the County of Annapolis

Warden Linda Gregory, Municipality of the County of Digby

thank you

Dear The Municipality of Digby,

I would like to extend to you my sincere gratitude for your support of the 84<sup>th</sup> Annual Apple Blossom Festival's Royal Party. We so appreciate your support and generosity and the beautiful jewelry gift we received during our visit. Thank you so much!

Sincerely,

Hannah Smith

Princess Kentville  
and  
Miss Community  
Spirit 2016



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June 14, 2016

Ms. Linda Gregory  
Warden  
Municipality of Digby  
P.O. Box 429  
Digby, Nova Scotia  
BOV 1A0

Dear Warden Gregory:

Thank you for your letter expressing your support for the Clean Ocean Action Committee.

We have taken the liberty of forwarding your correspondence to the office of the Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard, for their consideration.

Again, thank you for taking the time to write to us on this matter.

Yours sincerely,



Honourable Keith Colwell, E.C.N.S.

c. Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard



Dear Warden Gregory, Municipal Council and Municipality staff,

The Digby Scallop Days Association invites you to volunteer with us at the 2016 Digby Scallop Days festival which will take place from August 5-7, 2016. It is an event to celebrate the culture and heritage of the scallop fishing industry which is a staple of our local economy. As you may be aware, Digby Scallop Days has provided a family orientated event to the citizens of Digby for more than 40 years making it Digby's oldest and longest running festival.

Digby Scallop Days Association is a not for profit society and relies on fundraising and donations from businesses and organizations. During the festival Digby Scallop Days will be running several fundraisers and requires the support of community members like yourself. This is a formal request for the council and staff of the Municipality of the District of Digby to provide volunteer support to Digby Scallop Days. All funds raised will go to cover festival costs: fireworks, prizes, entertainment, volunteer thank you gifts, fees and expenses are examples of such.

Digby Scallop Days will operate two booths during the festival. The primary booth will be at the Lighthouse on Admiral's Walk and the secondary booth will be located in the Marina parking lot. At these booths, the following fundraisers which we need volunteer support for will be running:

- Raffle basket ticket sales
- 50/50 ticket sales
- Fresh and frozen scallop sales (1 lb bags)
- Raffle tickets on a piece of Jay Boss spray paint artwork
- Glow bracelet sales
- Donation bucket for fireworks
- Aqua Golf

The main activity of a municipality volunteer would be to handle transactions for the abovementioned fundraisers. They are described in detail in the subsequent pages. The following section outlines the schedule for volunteering at the Digby Scallop Days booth. Volunteers may sign up for the times they are able to fill. This booth requires a minimum of five volunteers to run the fundraisers smoothly. Digby Scallop Days is approaching various organizations and groups to fill the time slots.

Marina  
Friday  
9am-12pm  
  
12pm-3pm

3pm-6pm  
  
6pm-9pm

**Digby Scallop Days Association - P.O. Box 983 - Digby Nova Scotia, Canada - B0V 1A0  
1-902-308-9445 - [www.digbyscallopdays.ca](http://www.digbyscallopdays.ca) - [digbyscallopdays@gmail.com](mailto:digbyscallopdays@gmail.com)**



Saturday	
9am-12pm	3pm-6pm
12pm-3pm	6pm-9pm
Sunday	
9am-12pm	3pm-6pm
12pm-3pm	6pm-9pm

Your volunteer support will help insure the success of Digby Scallop Days.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns, including alternative volunteer opportunities. We look forward to speaking with you at your earliest convenience. You are also to attend our volunteer meeting on July 27, 2016 at 7pm at the Heritage Centre in Digby.

Sincerely,

Digby Scallop Days Volunteer Committee  
Debbie Dupuis 902-245-5986  
Nicole Oliver 902-308-6000 (nicole.a.oliver@gmail.com)

## **Digby Scallop Days Fundraisers**

Fresh and frozen lb bags of scallops will be sold at \$16/lb (this price may change closer to the festival – posters will be set up at the booth indicating the price of each item). The DSD freezer will be set up in the Lighthouse to house the frozen scallops. Nicole and Keith's small fridge will be set up in the Lighthouse to house the fresh scallops. Cashbox will be shared with the barbeque. A float will be provided.

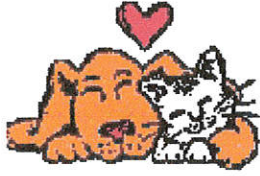
Raffle basket tickets are sold for \$5 each. The basket is worth over \$1200. The winning ticket will be drawn at Closing Ceremonies (August 7, 2016). This will have it's own cash box. A float will be provided.

50/50 tickets are sold at \$2 each or 3/\$5. The jackpot will grow over the summer and festival and will likely reach \$5000. The winning ticket will be drawn at Closing Ceremonies (August 7, 2016). This will have it's own cash box. A float will be provided.

Jay Boss spray paint art estimated value \$80. Raffle tickets will be sold for \$5 a piece and the draw will be made at Closing Ceremonies (August 7, 2016). This will have it's own cash box. A float will be provided.

Aqua Golf participants will have three chances to hit a golf ball onto a floating dock. Three balls go for \$2. The first person to hit a hole in one will win a laptop from RAM Computers. Any person whose ball hits the green will receive \$10 on the spot. This will have it's own cash box. A float will be provided. (Note: This fundraiser will only occur at the Admiral's Walk location)

Cash from each fundraiser will be picked up at three hour intervals by a Digby Scallop Days board member.



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Attn: Linda Fraser, CGA  
Chief Administrative Officer  
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Dear Mrs. Fraser

Thank you for the recent grant of \$5,000.00 to assist in the operation of our Shelter.

We very much appreciate the support of the Municipality in helping us to continue with our work of rescuing abandoned, abused and unwanted animals.

Yours sincerely,

Preston Andrews  
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July 12, 2016

Ms. Darlene Mills  
673 Riverview Road  
RR1 Bear River, Nova Scotia B0S 1B0

Dear Ms. Mills,

Thank you for taking the time to write to me about Canada Post. I appreciate your thoughts and concerns.

On May 5, 2016, the Honourable Judy Foote, Minister of Public Services and Procurement, announced a full review of Canada Post services, to be undertaken by an independent Task Force.

During the election campaign, we promised Canadians they would receive quality service from Canada Post at a reasonable price, and that is what we are delivering on with this independent review of Canada Post services.

The review is being carried out in two phases. In the first phase, the independent Task Force collects information and prepares a discussion paper that presents viable options, costs and associated implications for Canada Post services.

The Task Force's discussion paper will form the basis for the second phase — an informed public dialogue led by a parliamentary committee. This process will allow Members of Parliament from all political parties to engage with Canadians and their colleagues on this important topic.

Public input is being sought throughout this two-phase review, through a variety of channels, and I encourage all Canadians to take part in this important discussion.

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Canadians may join the discussion on Twitter and on Instagram by following or posting at #CPReview2016, on Facebook at “Canada Post Review” or by viewing and commenting the Canada Post Review launch video on Youtube.

Canadians may also submit their views directly to the Task Force by e-mail at [TPSGC.ExamendeSPC-CPCReview.PWGSC@pwgsc-tpsgc.gc.ca](mailto:TPSGC.ExamendeSPC-CPCReview.PWGSC@pwgsc-tpsgc.gc.ca), by fax at 1-844-836-8138, or by mail to the following address:

Canada Post Review  
P.O. Box 2200  
Matane, QC G4W 0K8

I will also be holding my own public town hall consultation regarding Canada Post at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 276 P.F. Comeau Road in Comeauville on August 23, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

If you or other interested constituents are unable to attend the town hall meeting in Comeauville, constituents may raise any issues they wish to discuss, including Canada Post, during the second half of the following meetings:

**Veterans**

Date: August 17, 2016  
Time: 6:30 p.m.  
Location:  
Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 98  
1472 Veterans Lane, Kingston

**Employment Insurance Quality Review**

Date: August 18, 2016  
Time: 6:30 p.m.  
Location:  
Digby Curling Centre  
27 Shreve Street, Digby

**Climate Change**

Date: August 30, 2016  
Time: 6:30 p.m.  
Location:  
Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 33  
20 Jeffrey Street, Bridgetown

**Electoral Reform**

Date: September 6, 2016  
Time: 6:30 p.m.  
Location:  
Yarmouth Lions Club  
87 Parade Street, Yarmouth

**Innovation Agenda**

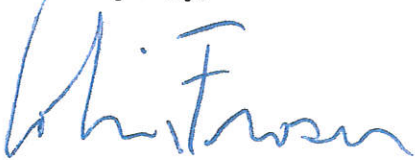
Date: September 7, 2016  
Time: 6:30 p.m.  
Location:  
Berwick and District Lions Club  
250 Veterans Drive, Berwick

**Trans-Pacific Partnership**

Date: September 13, 2016  
Time: 6:30 p.m.  
Location:  
Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 66  
668 Highway 335, West Pubnico

Thank you again for writing to me, and I will certainly take your comments under advisement as I prepare my submission on the Canada Post Review. I am proud to be working for you, representing your concerns in Ottawa.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Colin Fraser". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Colin" and last name "Fraser" clearly distinguishable.

Colin Fraser, M.P.

Cc: The Honourable Stephen McNeil, M.L.A. for Annapolis and Premier of Nova Scotia  
Gordon Wilson, M.L.A. for Clare-Digby  
Warden Reginald Ritchie, Municipality of the County of Annapolis  
Warden Linda Gregory, Municipality of the County of Digby



June 27, 2016

Warden Gregory and members of the Digby Municipal Council

Thank you for the opportunity to present here this evening. I am speaking on behalf of the Digby Area Health Coalition (DAHC), a registered Not-For-Profit incorporated April 20, 2016. I am speaking in the capacity of acting Coordinator for the DAHC. Other members of the coordinating group are present this evening.

As most of you know, the DAHC was founded at the Digby Legion on March 23, 2016 and is a democratic response to the ongoing malaise or illness that seems to be a constant in the provision of health care in the Digby Area. The organization has in a short time conducted public dialogue with literally hundreds of citizens from the area at public meetings in both Digby and in Weymouth as well as maintaining an online dialogue with a great many more concerned individuals.

The organization has received the generous and ongoing support of those who are concerned about what has happened here. Our supporters reside in the county, elsewhere in the province, and in the country as well as those who are keen to support us from more distant locales. The common concern is a lack of adequate access to quality health services simply because such services are thin on the ground here. As noted in previous public presentations there is both a history and a fog surrounding what has happened in this area. The DAHC aims to provide the history and to clear the fog.

The DAHC has fourfold aims:

- \* To tell the story of the decline of health services in Digby from 1995 to 2016
  
- \* To insist that the provincial government provide a public audit of the Nova Scotia Health Authority and its agents' ongoing failure to properly staff our local health care institutions
  
- \* To shed light on the NS Health Authority and its predecessors' failure to adequately recruit and retain health care professionals for service in the hospital and in the county
  
- \* To advocate for citizen-informed solutions to the ongoing problem of the erosion of healthcare in this under-served area

*- Adopted March 23, 2016 public meeting Digby Legion*

The method we are presently using to achieve both TRANSPARENCY and CHANGE here is two pronged:

- a) Initially engage in the necessary social science research that will provide the community and local governments a cohesive account of what has happened dating back to at least the time of the transition from the former medical center to the now collaborative clinic. These developments are local, regional, provincial, and in some measure national as many initiatives have their origins elsewhere. That said, our focus is on the local as we work to tell the story of what has happened here. We are about to employ a highly qualified researcher who will widely interview citizens with the goal of piecing together, from the citizens' point of view, what has happened here.
- b) Engage in an audit of public documents including the financial trail of monies allocated to the Digby area during the past three decades and the gains or



losses each of the fiscal transactions has brought to the area as a whole. The second kind of audit we intend is to talk with the past ten or more of the professional staff (Doctors) who worked in Digby in order to discover what factors led to their short term employment in the area. At this late stage, Minister Glavine and the Authority speak of exit interviews for those who leave. The Coalition believes that the interviews must be conducted by independent agents, well removed from the Health Authority, and that the resultant interviews should be made public. This could be the work of the Department of Labor or perhaps the Provincial Ombudsman. Meanwhile we intend to speak with at least the past ten who have been employed here.

Our bridging budget for this work requires overall funding of \$8000.00. We have raised over \$4000.00. The Municipality and its citizens will clearly be the ones to benefit from this work. Therefore we are asking the Council at this time to do two things:

- 1) Provide moral support, that is to say provide in principle support for our goals.
- 2) Consider matching the monies we have raised to date so that our work will be expedited and the Citizens Report on Health Care in the Digby Area will be in your hands by late Fall 2016.

Thank you for the opportunity to present. If you have questions we are here to respond.