

Warden's New Year's Message

This year has gone by quickly and Council has been very busy. Green energy still tops our priority list. Terry Thibodeau has been working alongside our Industrial Commission (comprised of municipal and town councillors) on Tidal Energy in efforts to maintain tidal turbines that will be deployed in the Bay of Fundy. We have been working hand-in-hand with the town on the new sewage system in Smith's Cove. Improvements will be a benefit to all.

Elections took place this past October. We utilized electronic voting (via telephone and internet) in the hopes of increasing voter participation, along with traditional paper ballots. A new councillor was elected in Weymouth, George Manzer, replacing Randall Amero who opted not to re-offer. In my district we saw a 49% turnout of voters. A big thank you to everyone that took the time to show their support to the candidates.

We have been working diligently designing an age friendly community. A committee was formed made up of stakeholders as

well as Councillor Maritza Adams representing Council. The mandate of the committee is to determine



Warden Linda Gregory

future trends that will affect an aging population.

Transportation issues continue to be a focus and we have seen an improvement in services. Kings Transit has seen an increase in ridership and Transport de Clare

has opened a Digby division to serve residents. Free bus service will be offered the two weeks in December, before Christmas on King's Transit. We are lobbying for the continuation of the ferry service to Saint John and envision the purchase of a new vessel in the future.

Our public drop off is being well utilized. We are working hard through Waste Check to reach the Province's mandate to have 300kg per person. The separation of waste is an efficient way to save tax payer's money in the cost of recycling. Our recycling now goes to Clare. Our compost material will soon be going to a new facility in the Weymouth area. South West Eco Energy Ltd. will be able to process this material in an anaerobic digester which is currently under construction.

Please feel free to contact myself or any of the councillors if you have any concerns or comments. On behalf of Council I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



**NEW YEARS DAY LEVEE
AT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE**

12548 HWY 217 SEABROOK

2 - 4 PM

COME RING IN THE FIRST DAY
OF THE NEW YEAR



Farewell to Randall

Last July Randall Amero announced that he would not be re-offering as a councillor representative for District 5. Randall wanted to spend more time with family and to pursue personal activities. He felt it was time to relax more and enjoy being just a normal citizen. Randall sees a lot of challenges for the new council but also sees opportunity with the potential tidal power maintenance centre. They will need to work hard to make this happen, the impact would be very significant to the economy. “I believe economic development is key to the retention of our youth and help secure the

existing businesses in the area. The population in the district is declining and the average age of those living here is over 45 years of age. It is important to focus on expanding existing business opportunities and nurture small business growth. These are some of the main challenges,” said Randall. Randall served as councillor for two terms and said his most gratifying part was the building of the new library in Weymouth. “It took a long time to get it built but it was worth it. The community worked together with the municipality to see it through. I was proud to be involved in it. My approach to being a municipal councillor was to make decisions on what I believe in and not let politics guide my decisions. Stay

focused on what your constituents need”.

“I would like to thank council, municipal staff and community members for making my eight years of service as a councillor enjoyable” concluded Randall.

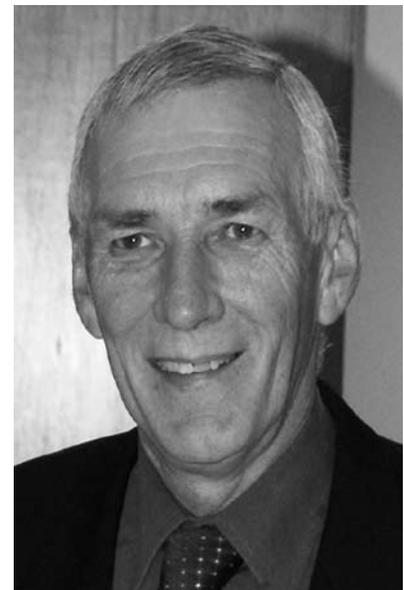


Randall Amero

George Manzer Our New Councillor for District 5

George is a retired junior & senior high school teacher from the Weymouth area. He lives in Ashmore with his wife Helen and has three children and eight grand children. Since retiring George has wanted to give back to the community, so being a councillor seems to be a good fit. “I still plan to substitute teach every so often and I enjoy working in the

woods and working the vegetable garden”, said George. “With regards to important issues at hand, I personally see the decline of the young families from the area as a major obstacle for a sustainable community. I think small business development is key in retention of our youth and we need to create a better small business environment in the area. Contact George Manzer at 837-4353 or email: gmanzer@municipality.digby.ns.ca



Councillor George Manzer

 **Go For a Free Ride ! From December 10th to 24th**
Compliments of the Municipal Council *

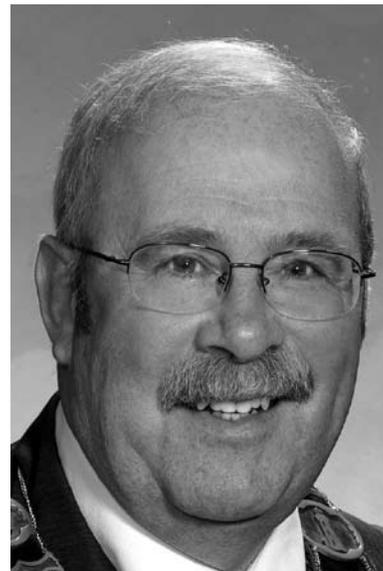
KINGS TRANSIT



Jim Thurber Receives the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Award

This past fall former Municipal Warden Jim Thurber was presented a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for his outstanding community involvement. Jim received the award at a council meeting in October. The Municipality nominated Jim for his strong community involvement as a Freeport village Commissioner, Freeport Development Association member, President of the Islands Inshore Fishermen's Association

& Lobster Advisory Board. Jim also was a councillor and Warden for the municipality for ten years. One of Jim's most important contributions is his continued work with the Digby Saint John Ferry Coalition of which Jim chairs. Jim's reputation as a reasonable man, respected throughout the province, led to him being asked by the provincial government to serve as a councillor for the Town of Bridgetown during their financial and governmental restructuring. The Diamond Jubilee award celebrates community champions like Jim and gives council an opportunity to thank Jim for the years of service to the people of the municipality.



Jim Thurber



Recipient of the 2012 Heritage Property Award

The Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee has chosen the Bayview Presbyterian/United Church in Bayview as the recipient of the Heritage Property Award for excellence in heritage preservation.

This church is a fine example of the small rural churches that are scattered throughout the province. The trustees have kept this church in excellent condition both inside and out. Recently a picket fence

was installed in the front of the church to replace an old fence that once stood. The church still has no electricity or running water. Kerosene lamps still light the interior. Built in 1873,



Bayview United Church

the Bayview United Church took a full community effort to construct. The community at the time felt the community was not complete without a community church. Regular services ended

in the 1970's and today there is only one special service a year. The Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee would like to thank the trustees of the Bayview Presbyterian/United Church for

their efforts to maintain this beautiful little church.

A special presentation is planned in the spring 2013. "I think it is quite appropriate that the Bayview United Church be awarded this recognition as council has implemented a five year assistance program for municipal registered heritage churches", said Chair of

the Heritage Advisory Committee, Councillor Maritza Adams.

For more information on the Bayview United Church go to www.digbydistrict.ca look under Registered Heritage Properties.

Along the Coastline



*Please note that the Municipal administrative office located at 12548 Highway 217 will be closed from December 24, 2012 at 12:00 noon to January 2, 2013 at 8:30am.

*Municipal Council continues to investigate concerns relating to the lack of internet services within the Municipality. Complaints regarding the provision of wireless broadband by Eastlink have been brought forward in the Digby Neck, Culloden and Bear River areas. The broadband internet initiative has been ongoing since 2009 and is scheduled to wrap up December 31, 2014. Several customers have been waiting an extended time for connections and the Municipality is working towards resolving this. If any residents of the Municipality are experiencing issues with their broadband service they are encouraged to call Eastlink and/or call the municipal office.

*Council is preparing plans to host another New Years Levee. Your municipal councillors would like to ask that you please make note of this and plan on attending. The levee will be from 2- 4 pm and is a good time to kick off the new year and meet your councillors.

*The Municipality and the Town of Digby are beginning discussions towards developing an inter-municipal service agreement for wastewater management. Operations between the Town and Municipality have merged with the expansion of the Smiths Cove Sewer Treatment facility and the construction of the new force main. Both municipal units have staff and resources serving the current wastewater collection and treatment facilities. Coordination of staff responsibilities will provide a good solution to enhancing services. The Town and Municipality currently have several inter-municipal service agreements in place that provides good governance and sharing of resources.



From Council & Staff

Milestone Certificates

Council provides a certificate of recognition to groups and individuals for significant milestones or achievements. To find out more go to:

www.digbydistrict.ca for details.

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Highway 217 weekdays from 8:30 - 4:30. Or call 245-4777 or e-mail heritage@municipality.digby.ns.ca

Look for **Climate Change Action Plan** article in the **February issue!**



DALA is offering two new adult programs at the Digby Community Education Centre: Evening School – FREE tutoring for adults 19+ who need help with reading, math or GED preparation. Sessions are held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 5:00 - 9:00 pm.

Daytime Information Technology – FREE tutoring for adults 19+ interested in learning to use programs such as Microsoft Word, Excel, setting up an email account, or using the internet.

For more information please call 245-7530

Milestone Certificates

- * **Theresa Belliveau** in celebration of your 100th Birthday Nov 28
- * **Zellie Frankland** in celebration of your 85th Birthday Jan 2 2013
- * **William & Eleanor Gidney** in celebration of their 50th Anniversary Nov 10
- * **Parker & Thelma Manzer** in celebration of their 65th Anniversary August 29
- * Congratulations to **Greg Thomas** for his efficient managing of the Public Drop Off Site.

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