

October 20-Election Day

The voting lists are out and the candidates are on the campaign trail. This election will be different from those in the past. Social media and e-voting have arrived. People have the option to vote via the internet, phone and in person at five polling stations throughout the district.

Polling Stations

District # 1- Acacia Valley Baptist Church Hall 118 Acacia Valley Road, Acaciaville (African NS School Board Vote Only) other position by acclamation.

District # 2 – Barton Consolidated School 8017 Hwy 101, Barton

District #3 Municipal Office 12548 Hwy 217 Seabrook

District #4 Tiverton Community Hall 3306 Hwy 217, Tiverton

District # 5 – Royal Canadian Legion 24 Back Street, Weymouth

Polling Stations are open from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm

Here Are the

Candidates:

District # 1
Jimmy MacAlpine
(Acclamation)

District # 2
Maritza Adams
Penny Foster
Fred Horner

District # 3
Linda Gregory
Todd Hall

District # 4
Helen Teed
David Tudor

District # 5
Allen Cooper
George Manzer
Christian Orde

School Board District 3:
Chris Outhouse
Donna Tidd

School Board District 4:
Faye Haley (Acclamation)

African Nova Scotian School Board
Michael Alden Fells
Darlene Lawrence



Tips for

a safe

Halloween

Halloween can be an exciting time for children and with the distraction of candy and costumes, safety rules can easily be forgotten. In fact, research shows that distractions can increase a child's chances of being struck by a car. Check out these simple tips to keep Halloween night a safe night for all:

1. Children under the age of nine should be accompanied by an adult or responsible older child since they lack the developmental skills to cross the street on their own at night.
2. Teach your child to stop at the curb, look left, right and left again, and to listen for oncoming traffic. Never rely on traffic signals alone - use your eyes and ears to make sure it's safe to cross.
3. It's unsafe to cross between parked cars or other obstacles - always cross at crosswalks, street corners or intersections.
4. Stay on the sidewalk or path when walking from house to house and

if there is no sidewalk, walk beside the road, facing traffic so drivers can see you & you see them - adult accompaniment and flashlights are recommended.

5. Select costumes with bright colours to increase your child's visibility and consider face paint instead of masks. Masks can make it hard for your child to see properly and often restrict peripheral vision.



Municipal Election

Questions & Answers

1. Am I qualified to vote for municipal council?

To vote for council, an elector must

* be 18 years of age on ordinary polling day (October 20, 2012)

* be a Canadian citizen

* have been ordinarily resident in the municipality for 3 months preceding ordinary polling day (since July 20, 2012), and continue to reside there on election day.

2. Am I qualified to vote for school board?

To vote for school board, an elector must

* be 18 years of age on ordinary polling day (October 20, 2012)

* be a Canadian citizen

* have been ordinarily resident in the school region for 3 months

preceding ordinary polling day (since July 20, 2012), and continue to reside there on election day

The school region is the area under the jurisdiction of the school board.

3. Am I qualified to vote for African Nova Scotian Member of a School Board?

To vote for the African Nova Scotian member of a school board, an elector must

* be qualified to vote for the school board, and

* be an African Nova Scotian or a black person, or the parent or guardian of an African Nova Scotian or a black person.

4. How do I find out if I am on the voters list? How do I get added to the voters list?

Call the Municipal building and ask for Andy Moir, Returning Officer, or Marsha Lewis, Assistant Returning Officer. The number is 245-4777.

5. Can I vote if I am not on the voters list?

Yes, you can be added to the voters list by calling the municipal office at 245-4779.

6. What if I am going to be away on October 20th (election day)? Voting can be conducted from anywhere in the world by going on a special website. The address for this special website will be included in the voter letter that will be mailed to every voter on October 5th.



Hwy 101 Task Force

Completing the Missing Link Digby to Weymouth

For many years the promise of a controlled access highway between Digby and Weymouth has been unfulfilled. Council has lobbied the province for the past 20 years to complete this missing link in the province. Progress has been sporadic. However, traffic levels have increased over the past 20 years but not to the levels the Transportation Department see as dangerous. The South West Nova Scotia Transportation Study of 2010 states that the Digby Weymouth 101 has double the vehicle fatalities and injuries

“High speeds and a residential area is a dangerous Combination”

Councillor Adams



compared to other 101 highway sections in South West Nova Scotia. Speed and uncontrolled access on and off the highway are the culprits. “This situation is not acceptable,” said Councillor Maritza Adams. Municipal representatives from Digby & Clare and the Town of Digby have formed a Task Force to deal with this problem.

The Task Force met on October 3rd and their first step is to talk to stakeholders in the area like the Tri County School Board; local residents; courier companies; shuttle services; Kings Transit and truckers. The second step will be to sit down with the Federal Minister of Transportation and the Premier to firm up future developments and establish a commitment.

2012 Wharf Rat Rally

Volunteers & the local people are the secret

The Wharf Rat Rally has become a staple in the bike rally circuit along the eastern seaboard. The 8th annual rally was the biggest to date, with approximately 6500 bikes and 80,000 visitors. The organizers are noticing that more car traffic is attending the event. The spectacle of bikes is drawing people from all across the Atlantic Provinces, not just bikers. Also there has been an increase in the vendor participants this year by 17%. Another indicator that the event was bigger is that the 50/50 draw over doubled this year, raising \$21,000. This was largely due to the Shriners selling the tickets. “People trust the Shriners, they organized themselves well and set up in key locations and really worked the crowds,” said Wharf Rat Rally, Coordinator Laura Simmons.

One of the key components to a successful rally is traffic control. This year a team of 34 volunteers, mostly from Digby Ground Search & Rescue, organized and effectively performed traffic duties during the rally. This group of dedicated people are already meeting to plan for next year’s rally to make the traffic control even more efficient.

“We asked bikers why they come back every year. Their answer is the people. Bikers feel more than just welcome. They see and feel a community that likes having bikers in town. Bikers know they are loud and disruptive to the community but the community make you relax and want you to have a good time. The scenery is also a big factor. The waterfront is a spectacular venue for the event,” continued Ms. Simmons.

“The Wharf Rat Rally is successful because of the volunteers. They are the front line, representing the community, and they are doing a phenomenal job. We have 115 volunteers that work over a five-day period for a total of 14 hours each,” said Ms Simmons.

Volunteers choose the job and the hours they want to work. Some say it is the best way to experience the rally. A total of 1580 hours of volunteer time was given by the community to make the rally a success and a sincere thank you is given to all the volunteers for their commitment and time. Good Job!!



Biker from Calgary AB sits on the waterfront enjoying the boat races
Ed Voulter Photo

Extension of the Smith’s Cove/ Bear River Waste Water Collection System

This past September the extension to the Smith’s Cove Waste Water Collection system started. Nearly

25,000 feet of piping will be installed from Bear River Bridge on ramp in Smith’s Cove to Bear River that will provide collection services to potentially 30 new homes along the route. One lift station will be installed to complete the project. The system should be completed by December, weather permitting.



Bear River Lift Station

Along the Coastline

* The request for proposals for Tidal Power Service Site Selection and Development Plan has closed. Six bids were received and a decision to award a successful bidder took place in early August. This is part of an ongoing process to assist with building a strong business case for the Digby area to service the tidal project proposed for the Bay of Fundy. The Industrial Commission has reviewed and scored the six proposals submitted in response to the RFP. The study has a budget of \$100,000 with funding coming from the Industrial Commission; Provincial Office of Economic Development and ACOA. The contract has been awarded to EXP Services Inc. from Halifax. The first meeting with EXP was on Sept 5th and a final report is due in January, 2013.

* The Draft Capital Budget was presented at the September 17th By-law & Policy Meeting. Several key infrastructure initiatives were reviewed including the Bear River to Smiths Cove wastewater expansion, a new transit bus and the Anaerobic Digester generating plant. Final approval of the capital budget took place at the September 24, 2012 Council meeting.

* Warden Linda Gregory, Councillor Randall Amero, and Linda Fraser, CAO, met with Deputy Warden Ronnie LeBlanc from the Municipality of Clare to discuss ideas for establishing a doctor recruiting committee. The Municipality of Clare has been very successful in recruiting doctors for several reasons and Council sees an opportunity to learn from their successes. Further meetings with the Village of Weymouth Commissioners are to be scheduled with the hope of establishing a recruiting committee for the Weymouth clinic.

* The Bear River to Smiths Cove sewer force main tender has been awarded to GK Morse Trucking Ltd with startup date of September 24th. The CAO, engineers and contractor met with TIR staff to look at options on the River Road for pipe installation. The contractor will be working on the river side of the road when possible to avoid the more rocky side. The contractor intends to do directional drilling in places where there is little room between asphalt and guard rail. Residents and travelers along the River Road are asked to use caution when driving in this area.

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

* The Municipality of Digby was informed that plans are being made by the provincial government to relocate the Department of Natural Resources, Regional Services district office in Hillgrove to Cornwallis Park, Annapolis County. Council feels that relocation of this office will seriously impact service delivery within Digby County and impact stakeholder access to Department of Natural Resources staff and services. Areas of immediate concern include increased fire response time and extra costs to deliver essential regional services to the county. There is also a negative impact regarding access to the district office by any Digby County residents needing to travel the extra distance. A meeting has been requested by Warden Linda Gregory, Mayor Ben Cleveland and Warden Jean Melanson to discuss this issue.

Municipal Council Meetings 6 pm

Council	October 22
Special Council Meeting	November 5
Committee of the Whole	November 12

The **CORNWALLIS MUSEUM's** Annual Tea and Sale is at the museum on Saturday, October 20th, 11am – 2pm. Crafts, baked goods, a Silent Auction, Door Prizes, 50/50 Draw and tea and coffee with delicious sandwiches and sweets will be available. Tickets for the Tea are available at the door for \$6, which includes a free tour of the museum. Table rentals only \$5. Contact Lynn at 638-8009 or nordland@eastlink.ca for table booking or other information.

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