

Canada Celebrates 145th Birthday

Weymouth Fireworks Display
Photo by Karla Kelly



A year passes quickly and July 1st is once again approaching. This year will mark Canada's 145th birthday and there are fun family and adult activities planned throughout the district. These events are community generated celebrations created and organized by volunteers who want their communities to gather in the spirit of being Canadian.

Weymouth Canada Day

***Friday:**

7pm Music on the Sissiboo (Live toe-tapping Music)

***Saturday:**

9am Junk in the Trunk Yard Sale at Sissiboo Landing

10am Ox Pull

11am Big Rig Show & Shine (downtown)

1pm Chicken BBQ

6pm 50/50 Bingo at the Legion*

***Sunday:**

7am Breakfast at the Legion

10:30 Church Service at the Landing

12-1pm Zumba Demo

2pm Parade

3pm Ball Games & Kids Activities, Cricket Field

4pm Flag Raising & Cake Cutting, Cricket Field

5pm Duck Race

6pm Magic Show

7pm Band "Sweet Tuesday"

9pm Legion Dance

Dusk Fireworks

Westport Canada Day

***Friday:**

6:30 pm Prize Bingo Firehall

***Saturday:**

9:30 - 2 pm Family day with bouncy castle, face painting, candy scramble, watermelon eating contest, yard sale

9pm - 1 am Dance "Yukon Jack" Firehall

***Sunday:**

1:30 pm Street Parade

3 pm Church of Christ Canada Day Cake & Social

4:30 pm Annual Community BBQ & Potluck at the RE Robicheau Store parking lot

***Monday:**

10 am Go Cart Races

12 noon Pet Fashion Show

3 pm Water Soccer Game, school field

Bear River Canada Day

Noon until 4 pm

Artists' demonstrations at the waterfront including pottery, painting, metal work, weaving, drawing, toy making. Children's games and prizes at the waterfront.

In-store specials on Main Street.

Sponsored by the Bear River Board of Trade. For more information, please check their website at :

<http://bearriver.ca>

Other Summer Events:

Smith's Cove Good Times Day July 7

Gilbert's Cove Family Picnic July 14

Bear River Cherry Carnival July 21

Digby Scallop Days Aug 8 - 12

Freeport Days Aug 17- 19

Wharf Rat Rally Aug 29 - Sept 2

Fall for Bear River Sept 28 - 30

So, get out and enjoy this year's festivities.

Jet Fuel Welcomed Service at the Digby Annapolis Regional Airport

As part of the infrastructure development and business plan at the Digby Annapolis Regional Airport, the facility now provides jet fuel to turboprop clients. The Department of Natural Resources and the RCMP both requested the service be provided. Other potential clients such as the Coast Guard, Department of Defense and Medivac also support the new service. Private

aviation operators in the area also encouraged the Municipality to



US Department of the Interior Turboprop Aircraft fuels up at Digby Annapolis Regional Airport

provide the service. Yarmouth International Airport was the only airport in southwest Nova Scotia to

provide the fuel. The installation cost \$80,000 which was financed through the Regional Airport Fund.

“The Digby Annapolis Regional Airport is the highest elevated airport in the province and is fog free more often than the Yarmouth International Airport and pilots like to have another option in the region. It’s like not providing diesel fuel at a gas station. Without the service, you are limiting your scope of opportunities,” said Deputy CAO Gordon Wilson.

Bay of Fundy Experience Centre Telling Our Story

For years it has been the wish of tourism operators in the area for a place where visitors could go to learn about our unique environment and history. A place that showcases the area’s assets from the inland water system to the estuaries that flow to the Fundy. A place to inspire the visitor to explore all that the area has to offer.

Such a facility would be a hub for anyone visiting the area and a place of enlightenment for local people. A committee has been formed to pursue this dream.



The Bay of Fundy Experience Advisory Working Group is a subcommittee of the Digby Area Tourism Association. The group

has applied and is pending federal approval through the Canada Revenue Agency as a charitable organization. The BoFEx group has requested proposals to conduct a feasibility study to determine the size, location, scope and cost of such a facility. Six companies submitted proposals which the BoFEx group short-listed to two. The facility could also be a multi faceted educational centre with aquaculture, tidal and wind power componets and a visitor information centre. The project has

received support in principle from all levels of government and the tourism industry. If you would like more information, contact the Co-Chair, Dean Kenley, at 245-5000.

Getting on the Map District Mapping Project

This summer the Municipality will be conducting a district mapping project to begin the development of a municipal mapping system. The mapping system is a central place to access various levels of services and infrastructures that are offered by

the municipality. The project will take advantage of a partnership with the Towns of Annapolis, Middleton and Bridgetown. These towns have been mapping their

infrastructure services into a Land Information Utility (LIU) for the past several years. The first phase of this project will be to digitize the hardcopy information and plot it into the system. The Municipality will be hiring a student from the Centre of Geographic Sciences (COGS) in Lawrencetown. This person will be working from the municipal office and will be travelling throughout the district collecting field data and inputting it into the system. This phase of the project should be completed by this fall and made public by next spring.



Deputy CAO Gordon Wilson discusses features with Terry Thibodeau regarding the LIU Unility

Digby County Welcomes Heritage and Diversity

On May 4th an event took place at Digby Regional High School that was attended by over 1,000 people. This event was a kaleidoscope of musicians, dancers, artworks, presentations and performers about the county's rich past, present and future. The event also included welcoming newcomers to communities with opportunities for students, such as, involvement in a variety of community projects, apprenticeships and mentoring from seniors and skilled workers. The international foods sampled

were well received. Consideration is being given to offering some international foods at the schools within Digby County along with options for holding international cooking classes.

is underway for additional community projects and social events throughout Digby County. These will be announced on the www.annapolisdigby.com website along with other local newsletters and publications. Newcomer guides, brochures and other types of materials are being developed and will be provided to newcomers and mentors. All local residents and newcomers are encouraged to forward suggestions for events and/or



May 4th Assembly DRHS Gym

Photo By Tim Wilson

Newcomer/local resident meetings have been held throughout Digby County to find mentors to assist newcomers in settling/adjusting to their new communities. Preparation

requests for assistance to the Newcomer Navigator through www.annapolisdigby.com or by telephoning (902) 638-8784.

Along the Coastline

*Municipal Council has begun meeting to review funding requests and develop the 2012/2013 statement of estimates for the upcoming budget. The CAO is also planning to schedule further meetings to prepare a capital budget for the 2012/2013 budget.

*The Municipality of the District of Digby has been seeking provincial assistance with removal of a dead whale from the beach in Sandy Cove. Under the Health Protection Act the landowner is deemed responsible for disposal of deleterious substances. Correspondence to the Minister of Service Nova Scotia has been passed on to the Department of Natural Resources and Department of Health for their involvement in resolving this situation. Historically the responsibility for removing dead marine mammals from beaches has fallen within municipal jurisdiction. Many municipal units have questioned the rationale for this as it is a federally managed resource resting on provincial crown land.

*Final paving of the Conway sidewalk will be completed this summer. D.J. Lowe Paving was awarded the \$33,201 (plus HST) contract for the section. This will complete the sidewalk resurfacing and widening along all of Highway 303 in Conway.

*The Municipality is working closely with the NS Department of Seniors to begin the process of having the Town of Digby and the Municipality of Digby designated as an "Age-Friendly Community". This involves the development of a strategic plan of action that includes needs assessment developed with older adults. An advisory committee has been established and has held public meetings in Weymouth, Digby, Smiths Cove & Sandy Cove. Personal interviews have also been conducted. One of the requirements of the Age-Friendly Communities initiative is that older adults be consulted and involved at every step of process, including the assessment phase. An age-friendly community is a community which enables

older persons to live in security, maintain their health and participate fully in society. The Town of Digby and the Municipality of the District of Digby are interested in understanding the age-friendliness of our community and to develop a strategy for improvements.

Municipal Council Meetings

- *Committee of the Whole June 11 6pm
- *Joint Council Digby & Clare June 18 7pm
- *Council June 25 6pm
- *Council July 23 6pm
- *Committee of the Whole August 13 6pm

Safe Grad Activities in the District



Students graduating from St. Mary's Bay Academy will enjoy a night at the Universite Sainte-Anne's gym and pool, then to Le Chateau for karaoke and dancing and finally to the Acadian Bowling Lanes. This year the St Mary's Bay Academy graduation class will not have a prom dance but will conduct a grad march to the school followed by a reception. The graduation ceremony is June 27.

Students at the Islands Consolidated School are planning a trip to Halifax to enjoy a night of fun at the Grafton St. Dinner Theater, then on to play a game of laser tag. Students also plan to take part in Halifax waterfront activities. Island's School prom is June 26 and the Graduation is June 28.

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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