

Council Approves New Strategic Plan

2013-2016

The Council of the Municipality of the District of Digby, along with senior municipal staff came together on February 28th- March 1st, 2013 to engage in a strategic planning session. Input received from public sessions held during the development of the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP) was used as a basis for discussion. This four-year plan, based on the four pillars outlined in the ICSP include: **Economic, Environment, Social/Community and Culture/Heritage.**

The following goals were established:

Economic:

*Maximize our opportunities in

renewable energy.

*Ensure continued support for Tidal Servicing Centre in the Annapolis Basin

*Develop a marketable Industrial Park

*Engage stakeholders in creating a vision for sustainable job/industry development

Environment:

*Continue improvements to wastewater treatment to ensure safe shellfish harvesting from waters adjacent to wastewater treatment plants

* Reduce our carbon footprint

Social/Community:

*To establish a volunteer

welcoming committee for newcomers

*Continue to work on physician recruitment

*Engaging youth in local government

*Ensure for the continued access to critical open spaces

*More effectively engage/communicate with the community

Culture/Heritage:

*Enhance the creative culture of our community

*Ensure for the transition of area lighthouses from provincial to public ownership

A copy of the full plan can be found on our municipal website www.digbydistrict.ca

Spare Bus Operator



Position



Kings Transit Authority is currently accepting resumes for spare bus operator positions in the Weymouth area.

Wages: \$15 per hour **Terms:** On call basis

Applications can be accessed from our website at www.kingstransit.ns.ca.

Or may also be picked up at our office at 29 Crescent Drive, New Minas.

Applications along with a detailed resume, should be submitted to Stephen Foster, either through email at sfoster@kingstransit.ns.ca or Kings Transit, 29 Crescent Drive New Minas, NS, B4N 3G7

Phone (902) 678-7310 Fax (902) 678-2545



Municipal White Metal

Pick-Up Dates



If you need to discard your stove, dishwasher, dryer, fridge, microwave, hot water heater. All items must be curbside no later than 8am. The pick-up coincides with your regular garbage pick-up days.

Regular Garbage Day

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday

White Metal Pick-Up Day

Friday May 10
Friday, May 17
Friday May 24
Friday May 31

For more info call the Municipal Office 245-4777

New Staff

Norma Wamboldt

The municipal building department has seen some changes over the last year after the retirement of Hubert Vroom, Alfred Doucet is now the head building inspector. Cathy Barr has moved into the position of assistant building inspector, creating an opening for the position of administrative assistant. We are pleased to welcome Norma Wamboldt to our team to fill that



Norma Wamboldt

vacancy. Norma has a natural understanding of the building and construction process as her husband is a local contractor and she assists him with the administration end of the business. Norma said she is looking forward to modernizing the building

department's filing system by scanning current and past permits so they can be retrieved easily for future reference. She also enjoys meeting the clients and assisting them with permits and with their questions. "It has been interesting learning about how municipal government works. The municipality is involved in so many things,

I never realized," said Norma. Norma has two sons, Lucas and Logan. In her spare time she enjoys travelling and being a dedicated hockey mom. It's been a great year, with a new job and a new grandson, Noah!

Welcome aboard Norma

The Commitment by the People of Digby County is Commendable

**Deputy Warden
Jimmy MacAlpine.**

When it comes to reducing our environmental footprint on this planet, the people of Digby County are showing the rest of the province how it's done. This past June the Resource Recovery Fund Board, the body whose mission is to manage the province's carbon footprint and recycle solid waste, awarded the Digby and Yarmouth region the 2012 MOBIUS Award. The award is given in honor of those who have reduced their annual landfill garbage output to 300 kg per person. The Digby &

Yarmouth region has surpassed that by 8kg with a 292 kg average per person. This is the third time this award has been presented to this region. That is more than any other area in the province. Waste Check also received the MOBIUS Award for their innovative educational work and development of training tools to promote the importance of recycling in schools and with the general public. The current provincial target is 400 kg per person. The national target is 800kg per person. "This is a testament to the commitment by the residents of Digby. This award is for them," said Jimmy MacAlpine, Vice Chair of Waste Check and Deputy Warden of the District of Digby.

The Waste Check Authority has a very proactive board that has led the way to putting in place the needed infrastructure and tools to achieve this level of recycling.

The MOBIUS award's namesake was August Möbius (1790-1868), a German mathematician who's theories on recycling energy inspired the symbol for recycling, now used worldwide.

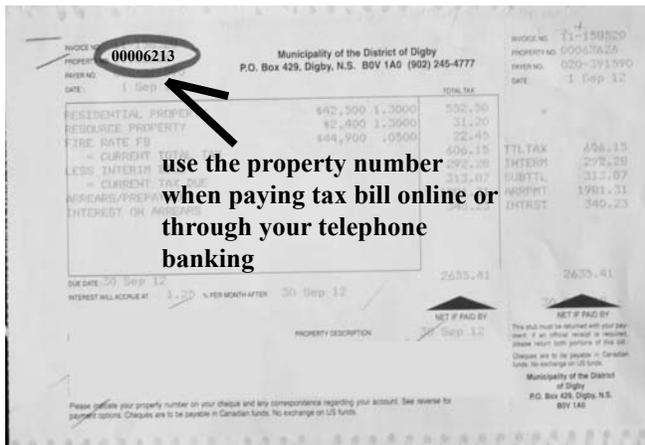


Mobius Symbol & Award

Paying your tax bill online or over the telephone

Tax bills have been issued in April and as online and telephone banking are becoming popular options for paying bills, it is important that the right account numbers are being used so that the proper account is being credited. Pieces of property all have their own unique

number (property number) that is attached to the property. It is different than most organizations which have account numbers attached to individual people. If someone sells a property, the “property number” goes along with the property and the new owner uses that number to pay their property taxes. If you have any changes in property purchased or sold, please make sure to update your account number in your internet/ telephone banking system to ensure you are paying for the correct property when making a payment.



use the property number when paying tax bill online or through your telephone banking

In and Around the Airport

In the last issue we gave a brief overview of the airport. This issue will cover the dispatch services.

The Dispatch Center, based at the Digby Annapolis Regional Airport, provides 24 hour services for 14 Fire Departments, a Police Department, a Private Security Company, Digby Ground Search and Rescue and The Municipality of Digby including the Emergency Measures Organization (EMO).

In the case of the fire departments the service is processing emergency calls and paging the required departments to the scene. Once the departments are responding, dispatch provides any assistance they may need. This can include dispatching another fire department for mutual aid, Nova Scotia Power Corporation, RCMP, EHS, Fire Marshals, tow trucks, Department of Transportation, Department of Natural Resources and any other assistance they may require.

Dispatch is on standby for the duration of the call and provides a report to the department once the call is completed.

The next issue will cover the Police, Security Company, Digby Ground Search and Rescue, Municipal coverage and EMO.

THE GRASS FIRE SEASON IS HERE!!

The western area of the province experiences too many grass/brush fires that require emergency assistance every spring. These can be due to carelessness. In some cases, this can be a cigarette thrown out of a car window or a badly controlled field/brush burn.

The Municipality and Town of Digby Fire Fighters are all volunteers and most have full time jobs to contend with. They are there to serve the community and ensure your safety. If the Fire Departments are busy putting out preventable grass/brush fires their response to other emergencies may be put at risk.

So, before you throw that cigarette out of the window or burn that field, be aware you might be putting lives at risk.

Have a safe spring.

Second Annual Digby Fire Truck Rally

June 14, 15 & 16, 2013

Competitions ~ Training ~ Trade Shows
Public Education ~ Displays ~ Midway

Rescue Boat Challenge, Vehicle Extraction Challenge, Bucket Brigade Challenge

See you there!

Council Activities

District #1 Deputy Warden Jimmy MacAlpine

Met with Annapolis County Warden Reg Ritchie and Manager of Community Economic Development, Cody Joudrey to discuss plans to enhance Bear River's arts community.

District #2 Maritza Adams

There will be a public meeting April 30 at 7 pm at the North Range Community Hall to discuss road conditions. Area Site Manager, Brian Foote, and Regional Manager, Don Maillet Department of Transportation, will be in attendance.

District #3 Warden Linda Gregory

*Attended "Making the Connection" in Saint John, N.B. where I met with the Deputy Mayor of Saint John over potential economic opportunities. Another important issue discussed was our Digby / Saint John ferry as funding will be running out next Spring. I also met with Enterprise Saint John on the same issues. Mayor Cleveland attended these meetings as well.

*Still dealing with road issues in District #3 with the Dept. of Transportation.

*Attended workshop with Councillor Adams on Financial Training and Budget Planning.

* Working on Doctor Recruitment with our Weymouth committee as well as talking to a doctor interested in the area.

District #4 David Tudor

Meetings will be held to address the declining population in District #4

Westport Fire Hall April 23 3 - 5 pm

Freeport Fire Hall April 23 6 - 8 pm

Digby Neck TBA

District #5 George Manzer

From May to October the Weymouth Falls power dam and generating stations will be upgraded.

Open House

*Municipal Office and at the Airport April 25
from noon - 2pm*

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



DALA has expanded, and currently offers over a dozen learning programs for people of all ages. The following are a few of our free programs:

* Family Literacy-children and adult family members learn together using fun activities (Digby and Digby Neck locations)

* Evening School: tutoring for adults 19+ (work on your reading, writing or math skills, or work towards a GED)

* Adult Learning Programs: day school for adults 19+ (enroll today)

For more information please call 245-7530.

Milestone Certificates

Richard R. Journey in celebration of his 95th Birthday, April 30th.

Harold & Shirley Ritchie in celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, March 30

Property Tax Exemption

If your gross family income does not exceed \$22,000 then your property is eligible for a tax exemption. Go to:
www.digbydistrict.ca for details.

Municipal Council Meetings

Council April 22

Committee of the Whole May 13

Council May 27

Directory of Municipal Services Councillors

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Building & Fire Inspector 245-6776

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