

The Coastline



October 2014 Preserving Our Past ~ Developing Our Future

Lighthouses in the hands of the Community.

Smith's Cove, Point Prim and Boar's Head Lighthouses are undergoing divestiture proceedings between the Department of Fisheries & Oceans and the municipality. These lighthouses have been on a surplus list for many years and the divestiture will place the properties under municipal ownership.



Point Prim and to raise funds to maintain the properties and improve the amenities that currently exist. The Municipality will take title of the properties only if there is a community group willing to maintain the property and buildings on the premises. If the divestiture is

All three lighthouses are currently stewarded by community groups whose mandate is to make sure these locations remain accessible to the public



Boar's Head



Smith's Cove Light

declined by the Municipality the properties could then be placed on the open market. It is this scenario that brought together the community groups who want to make sure these lighthouses stay in the public domain. General up-keep and insurance will be the responsibility of the community groups, so if you would like to make a donation or become a community group member please contact the following: Friends of Boar's Head, Kendall Ossinger 839-2351 * Friends of Point Prim, Robert Hersey 245-4455 * Smith's Cove Historical Society, Dorothy Gray 245-4665.

The Municipality has conducted a survey to determine the public's interests and desires with regard to the development of a Parks Open Space strategy for the district. This strategy would help the Municipality move forward with future public space development. There is an update on open spaces in this issue of the Coastline.



Please remember to slow down in school zones and obey stop signals from school buses.



International Conference on Ocean Energy

Advancing Industry Development in the Region



Halifax welcomes the 5th International Conference on Ocean Energy (ICOE), the global event focused on the industrial development of marine renewable energy. Hosted by Marine Renewables Canada in partnership with the Government of Canada, Government of Nova Scotia, and Offshore Energy Research Association, the 2014 ICOE will be a North American first. The 2014 ICOE Chairman is Graham Curren, Director Marine Business Development at J D Irving Limited. ICOE is the global venue for exchange of information and building relationships, in order to grow a world-wide marine renewable energy industry. ICOE was first established in 2006 and is now held every two years. It has grown to almost 1000 participants from almost 40 countries, had a significant tradeshow in 2012, and is now recognized as the world's pre-eminent industry-development event. The goal of the conference and exhibition is to advance industry

development by sharing recent experiences from development, demonstration and technology transfer efforts. It aims to accelerate development by stimulating collaboration between companies, researchers and development centres. It also targets engagement of operators with experience in related marine and power industry sectors. This year's conference is expected to engage the developing world of marine renewable energy and continue growing industry-to-industry linkages. We will also continue to strengthen the engagement of the International Network on Offshore Renewable Energy (INORE), ensuring that the young professionals who will build this industry connect with its current pioneers. For more information on Tidal Energy developments in the District of Digby contact Renewable Energy Climate Change Program Coordinator, Terry Thibodeau at 902 -245-4767.



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Check It Out!

Broadband Internet for the Islands Vital for Island Business Development

The residents of Long and Brier Islands are ecstatic with the quality of the broadband service provided by Mainland Telecom from the Annapolis Valley. The wireless service is delivered via a small receiving dish attached to the resident's or business's property that can deliver 10 to 40 mbps of upload and download speeds. "This changes everything," said Councillor David Tudor. "This service is vital for island businesses development." Island residents are encouraged to register with Mainland Telecom if they want broadband internet service for their home or business. The registrations will help the company focus on the next potential areas of service. Go to: **ruralbroadband.system** to register or call 902 365-3132 for more information.



Engaging Youth in the Civic Process



The Youth Civic Engagement Workshop will be held on November 14th and 15th. The event on Friday, the 14th will focus on high school students in grades 10, 11 and 12. The Saturday event will take place at the Digby Nova Scotia Community College site. The Saturday event will be targeted at youth between 18 and 29 but is open for anyone to attend.

The Municipality and our partners on this initiative, the Digby Area Board of Trade through the support of Democracy 250, are thrilled that Springtide Collective (www.springtidecollective.ca) will be joining our team on this project. The Springtide Collective is an organization dedicated to reconnecting Nova Scotians with the democratic process and imagining ways of doing politics differently. Springtide is a non-partisan and non-profit organization.

The November events will focus on what services the municipality provides, where we fit in the three levels of government. There will also be a strong focus on democracy and importance of being involved members of your community.

As part of the event the Municipality will be establishing a Youth Advisory Council that council and staff will meet with regularly to discuss issues that are important to youth in the community.

Parks & Open Spaces Strategy Update

Reminder the deadline for Senior Tax Rebate is December 31

Go to www.novascotia.ca look under "Service for Individuals/ Citizen Rebates/Property Tax Rebate for Seniors" to print forms (at bottom of page). Print the Property Tax Rebate for Seniors – 2014 Application. There is also an information sheet that can be printed.



Sandy Cove Beach

Council Activities

Jimmy MacAlpine District #1

Attended the Western Regional Enterprise Network (WREN) start-up meeting.

Attended the Nova Scotia Library Board Association conference in Amherst.

Attended a Greener Nova Scotia Economy session in Halifax to work towards promoting green industry in Nova Scotia.

Attended a meeting with the communities of Clare, Digby, Hantsport and Parrsboro to look at ways to work together to develop tidal energy in the region.

Maritza Adams District #2

Attended the opening of the Digby County Exhibition and the Digby Port Days

Hosted the public meeting on Open Spaces and Parks at the Barton School.

Preliminary work on the paving of the French Road has begun.

Would like to commend the Digby 4H club for the great work they have done at the Maud Lewis site .

Warden Linda Gregory District #3

It was a very busy summer and now fall is upon us; the bold and brilliant gold, red and orange peek out at us from the tree line. As always, there are lots of things to do. We are working diligently on our green energy plan; exploring what we can do with Tidal Power. I attended a tidal energy summit. I also got to attend various activities at our Scallop Days Festivities. I would like to extend a hearty congratulations to the new 2014 Queen, Courtney Doucette. A highlight was having the opportunity to attend the 135th anniversary of the Digby County Exhibition which was a great privilege. We have the oldest running exhibition in Nova Scotia. I also attended Port Days held in Digby. It was very successful with great speakers. I attended a conference entitled 'Flowers in Bloom' which was an informative endeavour about community gardens, flowers, vegetables, green spaces, trails and beautification. We are working on a strategy for sustainable management of parks and open spaces which is

Milestone Certificates

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

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publically owned or publically accessible land for community enjoyment and benefit. We are holding meetings in all parts of the municipality. We hope you will attend. Our new bus is being used. On Wharf Rat Rally Saturday we engaged both buses which were used by over 300 passengers. I attended various functions at the Wharf Rat Rally and enjoyed the opportunity of being a volunteer. We are still dutifully working on doctor recruitment which seems to be a difficult and lengthy process for our area. I am keeping in touch with other levels of governments to help our municipality. I am answering people's concerns. Please feel free to contact me at any time. Please keep in mind, I am not savvy with Facebook and its applications.

David Tudor District #4

Working to improve road conditions in the district.

Continued to work with communities' members to improve and beautify the ferry crossing sites to and from the Islands.

Also assisting individuals with their concerns and problems.

George Manzer District #5

Attended Port Days in Digby this past September and took part in a two-day planning session at Tideview Terrace. Also attended a Tideview Terrace employee awards ceremony and volunteered at the Tour de New France Bike Rally.

Council Meetings

Committee of the Whole	October 14th	4:30pm
Council	October 27	6 pm
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Council	November 24	6 pm

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