

The Coastline



April 2014 Preserving Our Past ~ Developing Our Future

Municipality of Digby and Town of Digby

Joint RCMP Advisory Board

Last year the Municipality of Digby and the Town of Digby merged their respective RCMP Advisory Boards to form a Joint RCMP Advisory Board. The function of the RCMP Advisory Board is to provide advice to Councils in relation to the enforcement of law, the maintenance of law and order and the prevention of crime in the municipality, but the advisory board shall not exercise jurisdiction relating to complaints, discipline, personnel conduct or the internal management of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

One of the main functions of the RCMP Advisory Board is to work with the local RCMP Detachment Commander and the communities, to determine local priorities and objectives of the RCMP service that are reflec-

tive of the community's needs and values. In other words, the Advisory Board acts as a conduit between the community and the RCMP service.

If you wish to contact any of the members of the Joint RCMP Advisory Board regarding policing issues in your community, please feel free to contact any of the following:

Municipality of Digby: 245-4777
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245-4253

Councillor Maritza Adams
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245-4187

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Town of Digby: 245-4769
Councillor Danny Harvieux
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Councillor Peter Turnbull
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Darleen Manzer,
Citizen Representative
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245-5187 PO Box 1115, Digby



Dorothy Tidd

Municipality of the District of Digby
Volunteer of the Year



Always upbeat, smiling, with pep in her step Dorothy recruits and encourages others and leading by example she makes volunteering fun. Dorothy was the spark that ignited the Digby Neck Sizzling Seniors and is Presi-

dent. Her inspiration keeps the group growing as she leads them through monthly activities from renovation of the seniors meeting room, bus trips, singsongs, organizing variety shows, and more. Dorothy is a commissioner for the Digby Neck Fire Preservation Society and secretary for the Lake Midway Union Burial Ground Committee. She has been the organist for many years at the Zion United Church. Dorothy walked for Terry Fox, canvassed door to door for charities and recently was collecting signatures to

support the Medibus. Dorothy's heart is always open. She writes notes of encouragements and visits the sick, the shut-ins and the bereaved, Her willing hands are always hard at work, making and donating quilts, making delicious chowders and baking for numerous community breakfasts, suppers, teas and fundraisers and then buys generously too. As an elementary school teacher for many years, Dorothy is still teaching us how to smile and make the most out of life.

New Financial Billing System

Up & Running

The municipality has implemented a new financial system. The new system will save counter staff time in serving our residents and greatly reduce the amount of paper documents and in turn reduce the amount of storage space needed for archiving these documents. The system will also provide more comprehensive information for the counter staff with regards to a person's property(s). The old system which was installed in the 1980's used several filing locations for tax information. The system will file everything under one centre location and make it easier for staff to process and update your account. Even the building department will use the new system for issuing building permits and collection of fees.

The benefit to the residents is that they will be served more efficiently and faster. In addition, QR Codes will be included with name and address on the tax bill. The QR Code by itself will identify the individual and give the counter staff all they need to process a payment. Residents can still pay their tax bill over the phone or through their internet banking. Remember to bring your bill with you when paying at the counter.

It is important to note that the municipality will still be mailing out the usual looking tax bill for the next two bill periods as the municipality has a one-year reserve of bills forms that need to be used before converting to the new billing document format.



QR Code

Council District Public Meetings



Municipal Council
Front Row: Warden Linda Gregory CAO Linda Fraser
Back Row: Deputy Warden Jimmy MacAlpine, Maritza Adams,
George Manzer, David Tudor

Over the next few months, Councilors of the Municipality of the District of Digby will be holding community meetings in each of their districts in an effort to inform and engage the public on various topics relating to municipal services. Information regarding the RCMP Annual Policing Plan, Senior Safety, and other issues will be available at the meetings.

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Council recognizes that there are a lot of citizens who may have municipal related concerns, issues and ideas, but their schedule may not allow them to attend regular meetings of the Council. Warden Gregory said, "We want to hear from everyone who has information or ideas and use that information to guide our decisions as we move forward."

Public Meeting Locations & Times

District 1 Deputy Warden
Jimmy MacAlpine
May 1, 2014 at 7:00 pm – Smith's
Cove Fire Hall . RCMP, Senior Safety,
Transportation Reps. in attendance.

District 2 Councillor Maritza Adams
May 21 at 7:00 pm Barton
Consolidated School. RCMP * Senior
Safety Coordinator in attendance.

District 3 Warden Linda Gregory
April 15, 2014 at 7:00 pm – Digby
Neck School, Sandy Cove. Dan
Harvey, Economic Coordinator *
Senior Safety Coordinator* RCMP in
attendance.

District 4 Councillor David Tudor
April 24, 2014 at 7:00 pm - Little River
Baptist Church

District 5 Councillor George Manzer
April 17 Weymouth Fire Hall 6:30
pm. RCMP * Senior Safety * Healthy
Living Coordinators in attendance.

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF DIGBY APPLICATION RESPECTING 2014/15 TAX EXEMPTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the District of Digby, that an exemption from taxes for 2014/15 be granted pursuant to Section 69 of the Municipal Government Act in an amount not exceeding **\$200.00** and; **THAT** the exemption be granted to every person with respect to taxable property in the Municipality of the District of Digby whose income from all sources in 2013 does not exceed **\$22,000.00** (including income of all individuals residing in the home), and **THAT** the exemption be granted only in respect of property owned and occupied as his/her home, and **THAT** the property have no outstanding tax arrears from previous years.

APPLICATION FORMS are available at the Municipal Office, Seabrook, and must be returned no later than **JUNE 30, 2014**.

New Provincial Dog Tethering Law Proposed

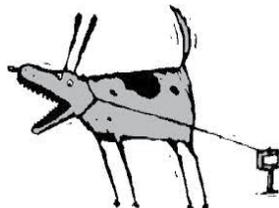
Go to :
<http://novascotia.ca/agri/animal-protection-act/>
to find out more.

Dogs won't be allowed to be tethered for more than 12 hours at a time under new draft regulations released this past February by Agriculture Minister Keith Colwell.

The new standards of care aim to prevent distress and cruelty and strengthen protection of companion animals in Nova Scotia. They include regulation of companion animal restraints, outdoor care, shelters and pens as well as the transportation and sale of companion animals.

"When it comes to caring for pets common sense needs to play a part regarding the daily care for pets. If a dog is to spend time outdoors then a dog needs proper shelter in a safe setting. Respect your neighbours and make efforts to correct excessive barking," said Municipal Dog Control Officer, Scott Cromwell.

Contact the Municipal Dog Control Officer at **245-5885**



Western Regional Enterprise Network



Digby Yarmouth Counties

The awaited Western Regional Enterprise Network (WREN) is about to start up. The Western Regional Enterprise Network Liaison Committee will hold a meeting on April 11th at which time the inter-municipal government agreement will be tabled for ratification by each municipal council from Digby to Yarmouth. The committee hope to have the agreement passed by the end of April. Once ratified the next step will be to hire a Board CAO followed by hiring support staff. The head office will be in Yarmouth with field officers situated throughout the region.

The Board of Directors consist of prominent business people from the region and will not contain any elected representatives. The focus of WREN will be to work with existing and new private sector businesses in the region to improve their competitiveness and in turn create jobs. The first step to be taken by the board will be to develop a regional strategic plan.

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Comprehensive information
on municipal services

Council Activities

Deputy Warden Jimmy MacAlpine District #1

February 22nd I attended the South West African Heritage Month dinner, on February 24th I attended a meeting with Joe Crowell, Department of Transportation Safety Officer and Council to discuss Transportation safety issues, in particular a crosswalk at Belair Drive on the 303 in Conway and also safety concerns regarding Pleasant Street in Bear River. Also on the 24th as chair of Western Counties Regional Library Board, I met with Minister Zach Churchill to discuss Provincial funding for the Libraries.

Councillor Marizta Adams District #2

Attended FCM Sustainability Conference in Charlottetown
Attended the Roundtable on Municipal Recreation in Berwick with the theme of Building Healthy Public Policy Together.
Attended a dinner meeting with staff from TIR in Cornwallis.
Attended the launch of Black Heritage Month in February and the Gala Dinner later in the month.

Was present at the Heritage Day Tea at the Admiral Digby Museum. Council met with our MP Greg Kerr and Gordon Wilson our MLA.

Warden Linda Gregory District #3

As the Warden of the Municipality of Digby attending various meetings keeps me busy and engaged in community highlights and concerns. It also gives me the honour and opportunity to take part in events. I got to attend and give greetings at the African Heritage Launch held at the Municipal building on February 7th, 2014. I very much enjoyed being in attendance and speaking at the African Heritage Gala. I gained some great information at the FCM Sustainability Conference I attended. I got to enjoy the Admiral Digby Museum tea. I always enjoy going to the Senior Days at the Digby Curling Centre. A wonderful opportunity for all 3 levels of government getting together and working together got to happen when our Council met with MP Greg Kerr and MLA Gordon Wilson. I also attended a Waste Check dinner where the 300 Club and Business of the Month recipients gathered together to be honoured. I look forward to the continued gatherings, conferences and events.

Councillor David Tudor District #4

If you are thinking of starting a new business contact me at 245-4165 Working to bring high speed internet to the district.
Attended many meetings regarding local municipal affairs.
If you or someone you know needs help, please contact me at: 245-4165.

Councillor George Manzer District #5

Adopt-A-Highway clean up in Weymouth area will be in early May. For more information contact Pete Comeau 837-4505
District meeting in Weymouth on April 17th at the Weymouth Fire Hall
Attended: Sustainability Conference in PEI
African Heritage Celebration in Digby
Building Healthy Public Policy in Berwick

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.

The **Coastline** is published by the Municipality of the District of Digby. Any comments can be sent to: P.O. Box 429, Digby, N.S. B0V 1A0 or dropped off at 12548 Highway 217 weekdays from 8:30 - 4:30. Or call 245-4777 or e-mail heritage@municipality.digby.ns.ca

The Municipal Council is seeking applications from residents of the Municipality of the District of Digby who are interested in serving on the following committees or boards.

*Reimbursement of travel expenses is provided.

***The Digby Town and Municipal Housing Corporation** (Tideview Terrace)

***Heritage Advisory Committee** (for more information contact 245-4757)

Letters of application will be received from residents of the Municipality by the undersigned until **12:00 PM (Noon) on April 25, 2014.**

Letters of application should include a brief biography of the individual and information on skills or assets that will be useful to the committee. **Linda Fraser Chief Administrative Officer**

Municipality of the District of Digby

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DALA's Mission Statement: To promote and facilitate lifelong learning opportunities that support individual success.
DALA offers lifelong learning through:



* Early childhood education at the Learning Grove Childcare Centre

* Family learning through the Family Literacy Program

* Adult learning through the Digby Community Education Centre

Check out our web site: www.dala.digby.ns.ca or phone: 245-7530

Milestone Certificates

Congratulations to LeRoy and Marie Warner who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary February 25.

Municipal Council Meetings 6 pm

Committee of the Whole (4 pm)	April 14
Council	April 28
Committee of the Whole	May 12
Council	May 26

Directory of Municipal Services

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David Tudor

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Building & Fire Inspector	245-6776
Airport	245-5885
Dog Control Officer	245-5885
REMO	245-6252
Heritage	245-4757
Renewable Energy/Climate Change	245-4767