

The Coastline



June 2014 Preserving Our Past ~ Developing Our Future

Juno Beach

June 6th 1944

Commemorative Tribute Marker Commissioned for Glendon Raymond

June 6 is the 70th anniversary of the Battle for Juno Beach in France. The Juno Beach invasion was part of a D-Day offensive and was to flank and protect the main invasion forces to the east. The invasion started with a heavy artillery bombardment of the German beach fortifications. The first wave of troops to make beach head were delayed due to rough weather and in turn suffered high casualties. With the continued bombardment and after many more waves of troops the beach was taken but at a very high cost of life. The victory at Juno Beach was part of a turning point in the war that slowly forced the Germany forces back through Europe.



Pte Glendon Raymond
North Nova Scotia Highlanders

One of the casualties of that day was a young man from Tiddville, Digby Neck, named Pte. Glendon Raymond. Pte. Raymond served with the North Nova Scotia Highlanders, RCIC, and was killed by mortar fire shortly after landing on Juno Beach. Pte. Raymond is the only man from the Digby area that was killed on Juno Beach that day.

To commemorate the 70th anniversary of the battle, the Juno Beach Centre in France is asking municipal governments to support the creation of a memorial to the fallen Canadian soldiers of Juno Beach. Municipal Council has commissioned the creation of a 36 inch tall tribute marker made of Canadian maple with Pte. Glendon Raymond's name inscribed on it. As part of the commemoration, the marker will be placed on Juno Beach along with markers for the 358 other Canadian soldiers who lost their lives that day.



Pte. Glendon Raymond's Grave site at Beny-Sur-Mer Cemetery Reviars France

Tiddville Boy Killed In France

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Raymond, of Tiddville, have received word from France as to the nature of the death of their son, Pte. Glendon Raymond, who was killed in action June 6. The message was as follows:

"Your son's career ended suddenly a few hours after landing in France, and was the first casualty in his company. We had stopped prior to our push inland and everyone was 'digging in' when the enemy put down Mortar fire on our area. The first bomb landed in our locality and a large piece of shrapnel struck him in the chest. Everything possible in medical aid was given, but he passed away bravely and peacefully a half hour later.

www.junobeach.org

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Courier August 10 1944

Balancing Rock Trail

Tiverton NS

World Class Experience

For the past several months the Municipality; the

Department of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism and the Digby Recreation Commission have been working with the Friends of the Islands Trails Society and the Freeport Discovery Centre to redevelop the Balancing Rock Trail in Tiverton.

The trail has undergone a considerable refit with 460

metres of new trail

and five new interpretive panels being part of this new development. The parking area will soon see some needed enhancement with a new trail gateway at the entrance and a new 12 ft high site sign which will be a photographic cut out of the balancing rock itself. The parking lot buildings have been given a new coat of paint and some repairs after a hard winter. The wetland trail has also been topped up with 4 inches of clear stone to resolve a puddle problem between the two boardwalks. The improvements will give the visitor

a more in-depth understanding of the importance of the trail's environments and the connection between the culture and the marine ecology. The trail will be the iconic trail experience for the area and will be a platform to promote other trails in the Digby area. The final enhancements should be completed by mid July. Come on down to the Balancing Rock Trail and discover this iconic landmark for yourself.



New trail at Balancing Rock

24 of this year. This development is one of the last steps to get in place before the site becomes fully operational.

The municipality is in the process of finishing the installation of the 300kw generator to burn the methane gas the digester produces to generate power. This power will then be sold to Nova Scotia Power at a rate of \$0.175 per Kilowatt/Hour. Under the provincial COMFIT (Community Feed-In Tariff Program) the municipality will eventually produce

a total of 600kw of clean, green, renewable energy. Nova Scotia Power is in the final stages of connecting the generator to the grid which should be in commercial operation over the next few months.

The project will also mitigate and help to serve as a disposal method for mink waste, an issue the mink industry, in conjunction

with the Province, have been working hard to address over the past numbers of years.

With the change to having our green bin organic material delivered to the Southwest Eco Energy site, there are two small adjustments in materials that are no longer allowed in green bins; large branches and carcasses are no longer to be placed in your green bin. Please be mindful of these changes the next time you place organic waste in your green bin. For more information contact Terry Thibodeau at 245-4767.

Municipal Anaerobic Digestster Update



The Municipality of Digby, through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), has been sending its green bin organic material to the Southwest Eco Energy Limited anaerobic digester in Weaver Settlement since March

New on the Job at the Building Department



Miranda Pyne has stepped in for Amanda Marshall who is on maternity leave. Miranda was a student at the Digby NSCC and graduated in 2013 with a diploma in Business Administration. The building department position will give Miranda valuable job experience and skills to help her in the future. "I like the interacting with the contractors and residents. Learning the new office software has been a good challenge for me," said Miranda. "After my year term I am hoping to stay in the area but I am leaving my options open."

Interested in finding out more about the Municipal Green Energy initiative?



www.digbydistrict.ca/renewable-energy.html

Municipality of Digby Chooses Black and MacDonald to Convert Streetlights to LED Lights

The Municipality has moved another step forward in its efforts to take over ownership of streetlights within the district. On Monday, May 26, at the Committee of the Whole meeting, Council approved a recommendation to accept a bid from Black and MacDonald to supply, install and maintain the district's inventory of 859 streetlights; 229 which have already been converted to LED by Nova Scotia Power crews. Of the four requests for proposals received the Black and MacDonald submission provided more value for the ratepayers of the district.

On June 1, 2014, the Municipality of the District of Digby officially takes over ownership of streetlights.

Over the next few months you may see crews in your area swapping out streetlights. The benefits will be immediately noticeable. They include:

- Improved night time visibility and safety through better color rendering, more uniform lighting distributions and the

elimination of many dark areas between poles.

- Reduced direct and reflected up-light which are the primary causes of urban sky glow.
- 50 % energy savings.
- 50-75% street lighting maintenance savings.

To date, the Municipality has undertaken various efforts in anticipation of converting our lights. We have completed an audit of our current street light inventory and light levels. We know where every light is located and which pole they are on. Typically, Nova Scotia Power owns 60% of the poles in our District and Bell Aliant own the other 40%. We have a GPS location for each which will allow for easier conversion of the streetlights. We also have a clear picture of the style of luminaire(s)/lights (cobra-head, decorative acorn, decorative teardrop etc.) on each pole. For more information please contact Terry Thibodeau, Coordinator for Renewable Energy and Climate Change, 245-4767 or by email tthibodeau@municipality.digby.ns.ca.

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Council Activities

Deputy Warden Jimmy MacAlpine District #1

Attended the Adopt-a-Book campaign launch for the Western Counties Regional Library. On April 15th and 16th I attended a Renewables Energy Conference to look at partnerships and storage of energy. Also this spring the Municipality, with the Department of Transportation, is going to be installing a new crosswalk in Conway by Belair Drive.

Councillor Maritza Adams District #2

Attended the spring workshop for UNSM. Attended a workshop on citizen engagement in Halifax. Represented the Warden at the Battle of the Atlantic service at the Cornwallis Museum.

Warden Linda Gregory District #3

It has been another eventful time for myself, as the Warden of the Municipality of Digby. I attended a pleasant Provincial Volunteer Ceremony, where we honored Dorothy Tidd as our provincial Volunteer for the municipality. I also attended our Local Volunteer Ceremony where many volunteers in our area were honored and recognized for their tireless efforts and commitment. On another positive note, our new bus for King's Transit should be arriving soon. On a lighter note, a District meeting in Sandy Cove was held where no one attended. I got to attend our Spring Union of N.S. Municipalities Conference, where I learned about our new 2-1-1 program. This program is used when you need help with a problem that involves community or social services and it is not clear who to contact, so you dial 2-1-1. This service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. You can also use your computer ns.211.ca. I have been meeting with residents on a continual basis regarding their concerns. If you have a question or a concern do not hesitate to contact me. I have also been discussing concerns with our MLA Gordon Wilson. Let us continue to work towards 'community' in every sense.

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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Councillor David Tudor District #4

Working with the Island communities to establish an Island Business Association.

Assisting Community groups with their initiatives and the development of proposals for potential funding applications.

Assisting the Tiverton Harbor Authority with the proposal to establish a public washroom at the Tiverton Harbour parking area.

Councillor George Manzer District #5

Attended UNSM conference in Pictou, May 7,8,9

Participating in Relay for Life June 6

Music on the Sissiboo every Friday night, beginning July 4th

Art displays at Sissiboo Landing during the summer featuring local artists

Milestone Certificates

* Congratulations to: Jean Stephenson who celebrated her 90th Birthday May 16th

* Richard & Doris Thomas who celebrated their 63rd Wedding Anniversary on May 5th.

Municipal Council Meetings

Committee of the Whole June 9th at 4:30 pm

Council June 24th at 6pm

Council July 28th at 6pm

Committee of the Whole August 11 at 4:30 pm

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