

Bear Cove in Tiverton has been leased to the Municipality.

The municipal open space initiative has sprouted some interest in the communities in the district. The public meetings were very well attended and community members expressed their concerns for diminishing access to the coastline.

The open space initiative has been set up by the municipality to address this situation. Two of the district's key supporters of public access have been Dianne and Laurence Outhouse of Tiverton. Laurence and Dianne have been advocates of open space for public use as a way to retain a connection to the land and sense of place in our communities. One such place



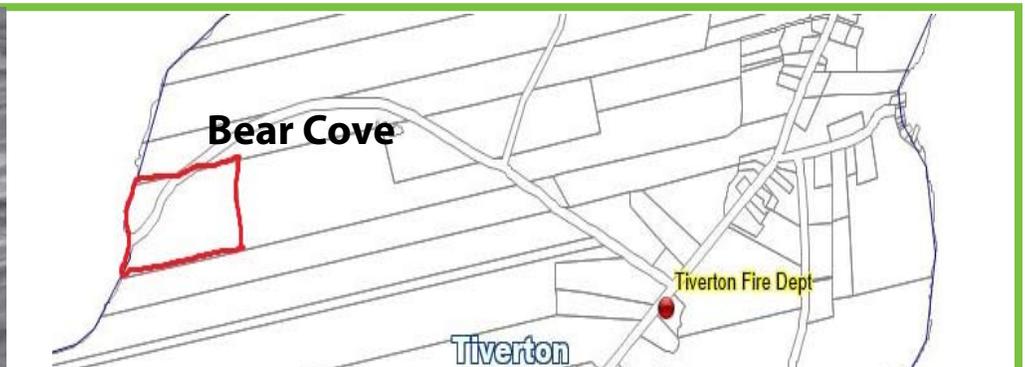
Bear Cove

is Bear Cove along the Fundy shore close to Tiverton. The cove is accessible by road and trail to the shore. There is approximately 180 meters of waterfront and 10 acres of land associated with the

parcel. The land is owned by Dianne and Laurence and this past March the couple signed a 25 year lease under the open space agreement to allow the municipality to manage and develop the site for public access. Sometime this year the municipality would like to have a trailhead and road sign installed as well as a picnic table and bench so visitors can enjoy this beautiful spot.

"I have been enjoying this cove all my life. It is one of those special places. We have been thinking about working with the municipality on this for sometime," said Laurence.

Council would like to thank Dianne & Laurence for their generosity .



Making a Welcoming Impression

Supporting Newcomers

The Town and Municipality of Digby have recognized over the years our approach, as a community, in welcoming newcomers and new immigrants can use a little work. As locals, it may seem to us, our families and friends, that we're a welcoming bunch, but with a high turnaround of immigrants leaving our end of the province we have to ask ourselves, why?

Digby indeed is a friendly place. Our seaside charm and peaceful, easy lifestyle is welcoming to all. But for some that isn't enough. The feeling of inclusiveness isn't there. That alone can be a reason to leave.

YREACH, a provincially funded program through the Nova Scotia Office of Immigration, offers settlement support to new immigrants and their families. YREACH is facilitated by the YMCA of Greater Halifax/Dartmouth and works in partnership with the Town and Municipality of Digby to put the councils' plan of implementing the Welcoming Communities' Initiative into action.

YREACH strives to strengthen the foundation of the Digby community, ensuring that newcomers feel welcome and have the essentials to learn, grow and thrive.

The program will offer community volunteers, a steering committee, and the support of local business and community organizations. Newcomers will be presented with a welcome package containing all the information

required to settle in, including what local services are available, amenities, recreation, and employment opportunities, as well as the civic addresses and contact information for YMCA Staff when they need an extra hand.

Similarly, by adopting this welcoming approach, as successfully implemented in communities across the county, the "Welcome Wagon" concept will help Digby County become a welcoming, and friendly community for all who decide to call it home.



Jill Balsler, YREACH Settlement Staff Member

Festivals are a Big Part of Celebrating Summer with Family & Friends

Summer festivals are a tradition in this region. They mark the beginning of the summer season and fill the weekends with parades, games and delectable's. Festivals are one of the main attractions for visitors to the area and an opportunity for us to show our welcoming character. Volunteers are the driving force behind these festivals. A lot of the funding support comes from the private sector with assistance from vari-

ous government programs but it is the volunteers that make it happen year after year. Festivals are a big part of who we are. If you would like to volunteer in any way, contact the festival organization of your choice and bring some of your skills to the festivities. It's a great way to meet new people.

Festivals 2015

June 20 Digby Town 125 Birthday and Town Criers Competition

Late June – early September Beaux Vendredi, Belliveau Cove

July 1 Weymouth Canada Day celebrations

July 3-5 – Lobster Bash, Digby

July __ Good Times Days, Smith's Cove

July 18 Bear River Cherry Carnival

July 31, August 1 Sailabration, Digby

August 7 – 9 Digby Scallop Days

August 9 – 16 Festival Acadien de Clare, oldest Acadian festival in the world, 60th anniversary

August 15- 16 Freeport Days

August 26 – 29 Digby County Exhibition

August 30, 5.30pm Scallywag Bear Island Fun Run and Walk, Smith's Cove

September 2 – 6 Wharf Rat Rally

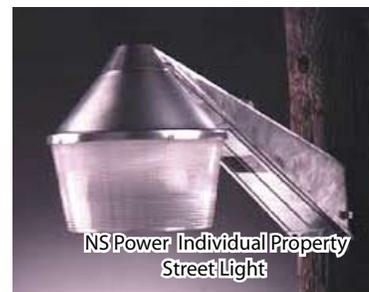
September 26 - 27 Tour de New France bicycle ride



What to do if your Street Light goes out

By now many of you may have noticed that the streetlights in the municipality have been swapped out to the new LED (Light Emitting Diodes) streetlight. Changing to LED from high pressure sodium or mercury halide lights was mandated by the government in 2011. The Municipality, for its part, decided to purchase its own lights (865) rather than have NSP own them and lease them back to the municipality which was the case in previous years. Because we now own these lights we wanted to bring to your attention the procedure for reporting an outage. If

the streetlight you are reporting as being out looks like this one: then it is a streetlight that you pay NSP a monthly rate for. Please notify NSP that this is the case in order for it to be repaired. If the streetlight that you are reporting as being out looks like this then indeed it is a streetlight owned and operated by the Municipality of Digby. In that instance either call a 1-800 number to report the outage or the municipal office.



Please provide your civic address or the number that is on the light: MD046 for example. With the identification sticker this will alert the line technicians of the exact location of the outage in order to make sure that the proper light is exchanged or repaired.

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902-245-4958 ext #2



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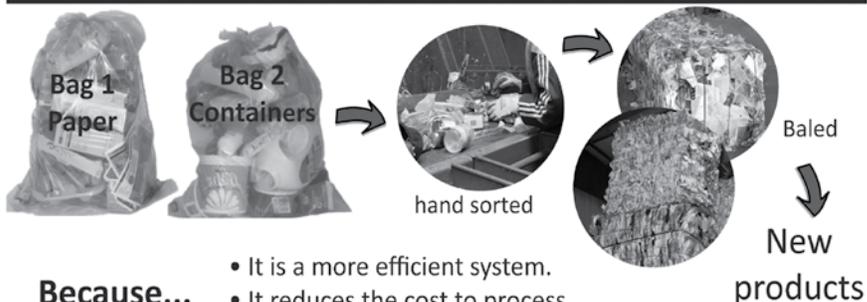
July 4th Lobster Bash

August 8 Scallop Days

September 5 Wharf Rat Rally



Why Two-Bag Recycling?



Because...

- It is a more efficient system.
- It reduces the cost to process.
- It results in higher quality recyclables.

Recyclables Bag 1

Paper Products

- ▶ Boxboard (e.g. cereal & shoe boxes)
- ▶ Catalogues
- ▶ Paper egg cartons
- ▶ Envelopes
- ▶ File folders
- ▶ Flyers
- ▶ Magazines
- ▶ Newsprint
- ▶ Books (hardcover & paperback)
- ▶ Phone books
- ▶ Writing paper

Corrugated cardboard must be flattened and tied in bundles.

Place recyclables in blue transparent bags.

ALL recyclables must be clean & dry.

Thank you for Recycling!

Please No styrofoam No diapers No kitty litter

Recyclables Bag 2

Beverage Containers*

- ▶ Health & sports drinks
- ▶ Juice cans/bottles/cartons
- ▶ Liquor/beer bottles
- ▶ Milk (cartons/jugs)
- ▶ Pop/Water bottles

Glass

- ▶ Bottles

Jars

Metal

- ▶ Aluminum plates, trays & wraps

Food cans

Plastic

- ▶ Bags
- ▶ Containers #1-7 (excluding styrofoam)

*Beverage containers (excluding milk) can be returned to an ENVIRO-DEPOT™ for a refund.

For more information on sorting, please contact Waste Check at 1-800-569-0039.

Council Activities

Jimmy MacAlpine District #1

* I attended the Smart Energy Conference in Halifax, I took in sessions on tidal, wind, solar, gasification and energy conservation.

* On May 6-7th I participated in the UNSM Spring Workshop and two of the highlights were the Rural Caucus meeting and a presentation by Don Mills with regards to Nova Scotia's economic outlook a year after the Ivany Report.

* I also attended a one day session at Acadia University regarding the National Report on Community Energy Plan Implementation hosted by QUEST "Quality Urban Energy Systems of Tomorrow".

* On May 22nd I held a joint Community meeting in Bear River with Warden Reg Ritchie. It was a very well attended session and it was great to hear from the community about their concerns.

* Lastly I wish say that our Council with the support of the Provincial government and the Bear River Board of Trade are nearing completion of the Bear River First Impressions Project, this will enhance the downtown, with improvements to the parking lot adjacent to Cherry Brook store as well as Welcoming signage and way finding signage for the artist's studios.

Maritza Adams District #2

* Attended the Battle of the Atlantic Service at Cornwallis, the Spring Workshop of the UNSM

* RCMP Open House to celebrate Police Week; went to South Range for the presentation of the website highlighting the John Collier Jr. photographs showing life in Digby County in 1950's

Warden Linda Gregory District #3

* Recently, I have freed up my schedule to devote more of my time and energy to Municipal/Community concerns. I have done this by retiring from my position at the Digby General Hospital.

* Here is a view of my recent activities: I attended a Regional meeting of the Rural Caucus of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities as well as the Spring Conference of the UNSM. I also attended a Wharf Rat Rally meeting for volunteers. One of the many wonderful experiences I get to enjoy was the Provincial Volunteer Ceremony where municipal and town volunteers were

recognized. I then attended our Local Volunteers Banquet where I got to dust off my serving skills and serve dinner.

* We are working hard on the recruitment of new physicians for Weymouth, Clair municipality, the Village of Weymouth as well our as our own municipality. We have been working diligently on our budget. I was in attendance at a Warden and CAO Workshop on Leadership Skills. I had the opportunity to attend the High C's Choral festival; what wonderful music! I attended the Collier Photographs unveiling and new web site. I have also met with our MLA Gordon Wilson over municipal concerns.

If you have concerns or questions please feel free to contact me.

David Tudor District #4

* Seeking grants for the ferry approaches beautification project

* Working on improving local trails

* Exploring niche marketing opportunities for the area

* Trying to improve the local housing situation

George Manzer District #5

*Thanks to all the volunteers who give of their time and talents in our communities. We are a better place because of you.

* April 15: Attended the Volunteer Awards night at the Digby fire hall.

* April 17: Judged entries at the St. Marys Bay Heritage Fair.

* May 13: Attended the R.C.M.P. open house in Digby

Council Meetings

Council June 22 6 pm

No Committee of the Whole in July

Council July 13 6pm

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