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Municipality Takes Ownership of the Natural Resources Property in Hillgrove

The Municipality of Digby has acquired the land and assets of the former Digby District office of the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The site is located just off the Ridge Road in Hillgrove and features approximately 12 acres of land, along with several office and storage buildings and lovely lake access on Haines Lake.

“This is a beautiful setting and we wanted to make sure it was made open and available to our municipal residents and visitors,” said Linda Gregory, Warden for the Municipality of Digby. Gregory added that the Municipality had been in talks with the DNR for two years before the transition was secured. The DNR office had been relocated to Cornwallis Park in shared area facilities with the provincial departments of Fisheries, Aquaculture and Agriculture. Bob Powell, Manager of the



David Oliver, Municipal Public Works staff, stands at the former DNR site in Hillgrove

Digby Area Recreation Commission which will partner with the Municipality on site programming, was particularly excited about the possibilities this new site can offer in terms of recreational opportunities. “The acquisition is also very timely since we are just beginning to roll out our new municipal Open Space Strategy and this will be a key component in our planning,” Powell explained.

“The Open Space Strategy now

ensures that the site will be available for public use,” Powell pointed out.

Clare Digby MLA Gordon Wilson was very active in helping to facilitate the property transfer from the Province to the Municipality. “I have long been a supporter of the Municipality’s Open Space Strategy and saw this as a real and lasting opportunity to support this initiative,” Wilson stated.

The area MLA also credited the work and interest shown by provincial government Minister Zack Churchill in securing this as a community resource.

The Municipality of Digby plans to hold community meetings to seek input from citizens about programs and public usage policies for its new Haines Lake property and will be announcing the dates and locations for these meetings shortly.

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Woodlot Owner of the Year Award

The recipients of the 2016 Woodlot Owners' Award for the Western Region of Nova Scotia are Larry and Greta Goodwin of Hillgrove. The Goodwins are the third recipients from the Digby area to win the award in the past 18 years. The Goodwins purchased the 230 acres of land in 1968 from Larry's grandfather who purchased the land in 1912. What makes this particular lot of forest special is the wide diversity of tree species. There are approximately 15 variations of species growing on the lot - some young and some dating back several hundred years. "Managing the lot using silvicultural practices results in a faster growth cycle and higher yields during harvest," said Larry Goodwin. Another factor that contributed to receiving the award was the extension of the Acacia Valley Trail into the Goodwin lot. The extension has received recognition from Hike Nova Scotia and was featured during the Nova Scotia Hiking Summit held in Digby this past spring.

Larry and Greta would like to thank the Digby Recreation Commission and the Fundy Erratics for promoting the trail and a special thanks to Bill and Jacqueline Amirault for nominating Larry and Greta for the award.

The Nova Scotia Woodland Owner of the Year Award (WOYA) recognizes and rewards landowners for outstanding stewardship of their woodlands. It was developed to encourage woodlot owners to practice sustainable woodland management and to increase public awareness of the importance of private woodlands in Nova Scotia and good woodland management. Woodland owners are evaluated on their effort and commitment to setting and meeting sustainable goals for

their land; improving their knowledge or understanding of the forest land or the forest in general; improving the condition of, access to and health of their woodland; using integrated resource management, with an emphasis on wood production; and considering values such as wildlife habitat protection and recreation. (DNR website)



Greta and Larry Goodwin

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Syrian Families Settling in and Adapting



The Kenaan Family

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It has been nearly a year since the first Syrian family, sponsored by the Hillgrove Baptist Church and other supporting churches, arrived in the Digby area. Since then, the families have been busy learning a new language and getting to know the community. Over the past nine months the children of the Kenaan family have become bilingual and are participating in school sports and activities. Mr. and Mrs. Kenaan have enrolled in an English language course at the DALA Centre four days a week in Cornwallis. The Kenaan's enjoy living in Digby and it has been a positive experience. The Wesleyan Church sponsored family is also settling into the area and the ABCDS church(es) sponsored family, the Alsahou family, are also adapting to a new language and climate. The three families get together frequently and are a great support group for each other. "The speed the children adapt is astounding," said Wendy Bradley, the Hillgrove Baptist Church group representative. "In nine short months they are able to communicate in English. It is so good to see the churches working together to make this such a positive initiative," concluded Wendy.

Go to facebook: Digby Welcomes Refugees

for the latest activities. ABCDS = Bear River Advent; Baptist; Clementsport Baptist; Deep Brook Baptist and the Smith's Cove Baptist

John and Andrea Hakim were recognized last June by Provincial Minister of Justice and Immigration, Lena Diab, for their commitment and work with refugees in the Digby area. The Hakims are a vital part of making the refugees feel connected to the community by providing translation, friendship and assisting with overcoming the challenges facing the refugees in a new country. Council would like to thank the Hakims, and Evelyn and Leo Zakhour for their outstanding committment.



John and Andrea Hakim

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Municipal staff and Community Pasture volunteers repair the gravestone of Loyalist Captain Frederick Williams.

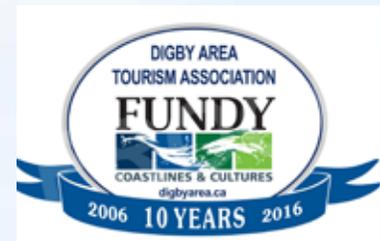


(R) Dale Marshall, James Marshall, David Oliver, Mike Como, Malcolm Melanson, Tom O'Neil, Rob Hersey

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District Activities

Jimmy MacAlpine District 1

- * August 4th, I was privileged to participate in the Review Party of Camp Acadia Sea Cadets
- * August 16th, I attended the Infrastructure Funding announcement by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau in Bridgetown, on behalf of Council
- * August 31st, had the pleasure to attend a funding announcement for the Bear River Legion and BREDS, by MP Colin Fraser
- * September 10th, I attended the Digby and Area Sports Wall of Fame Awards at the Digby Heritage Centre
- * September 18th, was pleased to be able to attend a Memorial Service at Digby's Waterfront Park for fishermen lost at sea.

Maritza Adams District 2

Attended:

- * Heritage/Princess Tea for Scallop Days
- * Ducks Unlimited Dinner at the Fish and Game
- * Volunteered at Scallop Days

Warden Linda Gregory District 3

- * The last 2 months have gone by swiftly, like the heat of the summer sun. I have kept busy, as per usual.
- * I have been attending UNSM meetings.
- * I took part as a Volunteer for Digby Scallop Days and the Wharf Rat Rally.
- * I truly enjoyed attending Digby Neck Fire Chief, Lee Wentzell's, 60th birthday party.
- * I have been attending several meetings on rural internet
- * I attended the Atlantic Mayor's Congress; one of the concerns was about derelict boats in Atlantic Canada.
- * I attended the announcement by the Federal Government regarding grants to Bear River Legion & Bear River Economic Development Society.
- * I also attended the Induction Ceremony at the Digby Sports Hall of Fame. Congratulations to all who were

Milestone Certificates

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recognized.

* I went on a tour at Tideview for Continuing Care month.

* I attended the Fisherman Memorial Service at Fisherman's Park

If you wish to contact me please call my office, home or cell or you can email me as well at:

lgregory@municipality.digby.ns.ca

David Tudor District 4

- * Working with others to get the Ferry approaches project.
- * Putting together a committee to take advantage of the science project happening in the Brier Island Bog and get a boardwalk put in.

* Still plugging away at getting the Neck proper high speed internet.

If you or anyone you know needs help, please let me know by calling 902-839-2630

George Manzer District 5

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with another successful Wharf Rat Rally.

Hope everyone had a pleasant summer and enjoyed the local festivals

Milestones

Congratulations to Ivan & Maxine Bain celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to Diane and Robert Jordan on their 50th Wedding Anniversary

Council Meetings

Council October 24 - 6 pm

COTW November 14 - 4:30 pm

Council November 28 - 6 pm

COTW December 12 - 4:30 pm

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