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## Christmas Greetings from Warden Jimmy MacAlpine



It is a great pleasure to extend my best wishes for a happy and festive Christmas season to all the citizens of the Municipality of the District of Digby.

This is my first opportunity to extend greetings in my new role as Warden for this wonderful community, and to be joined by all the members of our new Council in offering our best holiday wishes..

In addition to all of us who have the pleasure of living here year round I also want to offer a warm welcome back for the holidays to those who have come home to be with their families, and to extend Council greetings to those who may be spending Christmas away, including our many regular summer residents, all of whom may be reading this message via the CoastLine or on our web site.

I also want to offer warm festive seasonal wishes to our newcomers, especially those who have come to our community seeking peace, happiness and a new beginning for their families; and extend a sincere

thank you to those organizations and individuals that have assisted in helping our newcomers find these blessings.

The holidays offer a time for families and friends to gather to celebrate, reflect on the year gone by, and an opportunity to be thankful for what we have and support those who are



Warden Jimmy MacAlpine

less fortunate.

For most of us this is a happy time of year, but for some it is often filled with worry, and stress. I encourage all of us to reconnect with the meaning of Christmas and actively attend to those in our community who might need that extra helping hand.

To that end I want to recognize those volunteers, community groups and organizations who work tirelessly during this time of the year to support those in need. Thank you all for your generous contributions which continue to make a positive difference in our community.

On a personal note, I want to thank our staff and Council for continuing to work as a team to make the Municipality of the District of Digby a great place to live, work and enjoy time with family.

I am looking forward to the upcoming year, to working with our MLA, our MP and our neighbouring Municipalities to continue to advance the goals of our Municipality and the region. I can assure everyone that your new Council members will endeavour to continue in that spirit of mutual dedication to our community.

On behalf of myself, my family, our staff, Councillors and their families, we wish you all a safe and happy holiday season.

Merry  
Christmas

# Boar's Head Lighthouse Now a Municipal Property!



This past October Boar's Head lighthouse was officially, divested to the Municipality. Like Point Prim, Boar's Head was one of several district lighthouses that the Federal government decreed to the community to be maintained as public spaces.

A recommendation from Municipal Council has been filed at the Registry of Deeds Office to register Boar's Head lighthouse in Tiverton as a Municipal Heritage Property. The recommendation is the first step in the process to declare the lighthouse as a historic landmark. Boar's Head and Point Prim lighthouses were designated Canadian Heritage Lighthouses this past summer as part of the divestiture process.

The current lighthouse at Boar's Head was constructed in 1955 and is the second lighthouse to be built on that site since 1863. Craig Buckman, a member of the Friends of Boar's Head Society, said the society has been working diligently to better prepare the lighthouse for visitors. Plans are in the works to expand the parking area and develop the trail between the Althouse Trail and the lighthouse.

Boar's Head Lighthouse & Horn Station circa 1900



# The Municipality Adds a New 50 Kilowatt Turbine in Culloden

To support reductions in our greenhouse gases and invest in renewable resources, the Municipality has purchased a 50 kilowatt wind turbine and has installed the turbine next to the 800 kilowatt turbine in Culloden. This is now the third turbine purchased by the Municipality. The new turbine is capable of contributing over 200,000 kilowatts of power annually. The power generated is sold to Nova Scotia Power under the Comfit Community Feed-In-Tariff Program. The money generated from selling the power pays for the purchase, maintenance and operation of the turbine.

## The Anatomy of Installing the New Municipal Wind Turbine in Culloden



1 Re-enforced concrete platform



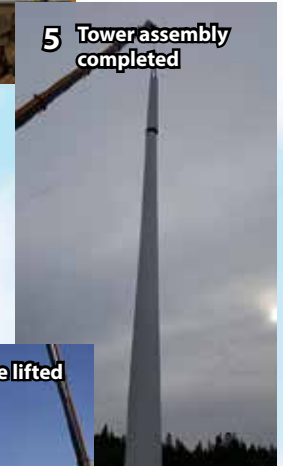
2 Second platform with tower base



3 Completed base platform



4 Tower assembly



5 Tower assembly completed



6 Nacelle piece lifted into place



7 Nacelle assembly completed



8 Both Municipal turbines in Culloden

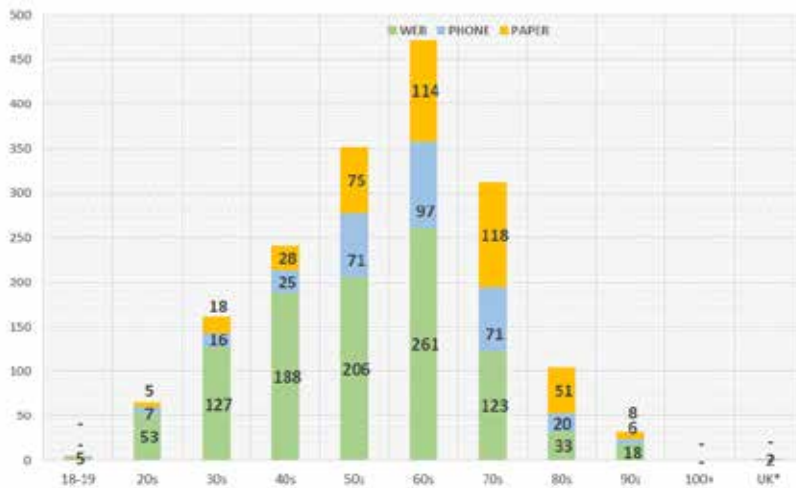
# 2016 Municipal Election Voting Statistics



## 2016 Municipal and School Board Elections The Municipality of the District of Digby

Information Base		Number	%	Age Breakdown of Who Voted						
1	Number of eligible electors in Intelivote system.	5,700		Age	ELIG.	VOTED	WEB	PHONE	PAPER	% Part.
2	Number of electors who cast at least one ballot.	1,746		18-19	8	5	5	-	-	63%
3	Participation rate.	30.6%		20s	507	65	53	7	5	13%
4	Voters who used the Internet to vote.	1,016	58.2%	30s	639	161	127	16	18	25%
5	Voters who used a phone to vote.	313	17.9%	40s	930	241	188	25	28	26%
6	Voters who used a paper ballot to vote.	417	23.9%	50s	1,155	352	206	71	75	30%
7	Average amount of time a voter spent voting using the Internet	1m 26s		60s	1,250	472	261	97	114	38%
8	Average amount of time a voter spent voting using the phone.	2m 56s		70s	765	312	123	71	118	41%
9	Number of voters on the elector list with age listed.	5,695	100%	80s	339	104	33	20	51	31%
10	Number of voters on the elector list with no age listed.	5	0%	90s	98	32	18	6	8	33%
11	Atlantic Region sessions - Total phone and Internet sessions from 4 Atlantic provinces. *Atlantic relects NS, NB, NL, PEI.	1348		100+	4	-	-	-	-	
12	Other Canadian Provinces sessions - Total phone and internet sessions from 4 provinces. (MB, ON, QC, SK)	104		UK*	5	2	2	-	-	40%
13	United States sessions - Total phone and internet sessions from 2 US states. (CA, FL)	2		Total	5,700	1,746	1,016	313	417	30.6%

Method of Voting by Age



tunity to attend a meeting with a business person from China and we are looking to see what partnerships could be developed between the Digby area and Suqian, China.

November 10th: I took part in a Remembrance Day service at Digby Regional High. It was a very good service and was pleased to see the number of students in attendance

\* November 11th: I had the honour to lay wreaths at the Remembrance Day services in Bear River and Smith Cove. It's very important to thank the veterans for their service and the sacrifices that they endured on behalf of our freedom.

\* November 16th: Our Municipality is looking to partner with other Municipalities in Western Nova Scotia to provide high speed internet to our residents and I attended a meeting to discuss this issue with other councillors.

\* November 21st: Our Council had the opportunity to meet with the senior management and the Deputy Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure

\* November 22nd: I attended a meeting in Bear River with Michael Gunn, the Annapolis County Councillor, and members of the Board of Trade to discuss a number of issues; potable water, trails, the waterfront and other topics.

### Council Meetings

Committee of the Whole January 9 - 5pm

Council January 23 - 6 pm

Committee of the Whole

February 13 - 5 pm

Council February 27- 6pm

### Council Activities

#### Warden Jimmy MacAlpine District 1

\* October 22nd, I attended a fundraising dinner called Dining Among the Stacks, for the Western Counties Regional Library which was very successful.

\* November 10th: I had the oppor-



## Matthew Ross District 2

- \* Nov 7th -Sworn in by council
- \* Nov 8th to 10th -Attended Council Orientation in Truro
- \* Nov 11th - Attended Remembrance Day at St. Mary's Bay Baptist Church and laid Municipal Wreath
- \* Nov 16th- Attended Internet Workshop in Caledonia Firehall and went to Digby Area Recreation Meeting that evening
- \* Nov 17th- Attended Upper Clements Parks Society Meeting
- \* Nov 20th- Attended meeting at North Range Community Hall with Barton Brighton Fire Dept. They held a meeting with the public asking to vote on a 5 cent fire rate increase to finish the new department.
- \* Nov 21st - Attended Hwy 101 task force meeting and later went to dinner with Dept. of Transportation and Public Works at Annapolis Basin Conference Center (ABCC)

## Deputy Warden Linda Gregory District 3

- \*I wish each and every one a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Remember to attend our New Year's Day Levee, a great social event with great treats, I hope to see you there.
- \*I have remained busy and active in our great community.
- \*I attended the New Horizons in Weymouth, where they received a grant for repairs and programs from MP Colin Fraser.
- \*I took part in a Beach Sweep in Sandy Cove with the N.S. Aquaculture Association, Dept. of Fisheries (Fisheries Minister) and Lean N.S.
- \*I attended the public meeting committee for the Weymouth Doctor recruiting.
- \*I was in attendance at the TLC and Friend to Ferral's fundraisers.
- \*I attended 'Walk a mile in my moccasins', this was in honour of murdered and indigenous women.
- \*I had meetings with Colin Fraser on phase 2 of Hwy.101 and Tidal Energy.
- \*I met with the Korean ambassador on potential opportunities in Digby Municipality thanks to the Digby Board of Trade (Karen Enright). I also met with David Wa on opportunities with China and Digby Municipality.
- \*I had the opportunity to attend a Remembrance Day Service at DRHS on November 10th.
- \*I also attended the Remembrance service in Digby on

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Nov 11th and then enjoyed a delicious meal at the Legion afterward.

\*A few more events I attended include: the Family Center open house, the Black Rock Tidal Public Consultation session as well as Moving Forward Together on rural housing in N.S.

I look forward to participating in more events, gatherings and meetings in the coming months. Linda Gregory Deputy Warden District of Digby 902 245 2616 (h) 902 247 0356 (c)

## David Tudor District 4

- \* Working to bring better rural Internet to the district.
- \* Helping with housing, form filling, volunteer organizations and whatever people need.
- \* I am excited to see the study being done by the Digby Area Health Coalition.

If you or anyone you know needs help please call me at 902-839-2630

## George Manzer District 5

- \* I look forward to another 4 years as municipal counselor and thank you to everyone who voted.
- \* On Oct. 18 I attended the Weymouth and Area Health Crisis meeting. There were 100 people in attendance at the meeting .We were informed by the Health Authority that there will not be a doctor position in Weymouth.
- \* On November 11 it was heart-warming to attend a full house at the Weymouth Legion to pay tribute and honor our veterans.
- \* On Nov. 16 I attended an information session in Caldonia on supplying internet to rural areas.
- \* The annual Festival of Trees at Sissiboo Landing will showcase nearly 30 trees; this event is Nov. 26 and 27.
- \* On December 17th a fun event for the entire family will be the annual Parade of Lights in Weymouth at 6pm .

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