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Electric Vehicle Charging Stations Coming to Bear River and Weymouth

In 2015 the municipality conducted a survey to determine the feasibility of providing adequate charging stations for electric vehicles in the district. The report outlined the potential savings in the use of fossil fuel emissions into the atmosphere. If 10% of the vehicles in the district switched to electric, the area would defer 3.3 million liters of fuel on an annual basis greatly reducing the carbon footprint. Also these electric vehicle charge stations operate on their own battery storage. The stations recharge themselves during the night at a reduced power rate. This means a vehicle can recharge for a 100 km trip for about \$3.00. There are currently two electric vehicle charging stations in the area. The Town of Digby has a EV station at the Town Hall and a station is soon to be installed at the Digby Superstore by NS Power. These charging stations operate at a standard capacity and will take a vehicle up to 2 hours to charge from a completely drained battery. However, most vehicles recharge at these remote stations with a half a battery charge. With the addition of the



two stations at both ends of the district it is becoming more practical to own and operate an hybrid or electric vehicle. There are currently 50 EV stations in the province of Nova Scotia. These stations are steps towards becoming a Smart Community where power storage is collected during low power rate periods and reused during peak periods. Renewable energy is created and applied to the power grid from sources such as wind turbines and biofuel from animal waste and compost materials. The EV Stations are further proof of Council's commitment to a cleaner tomorrow for our children. Efforts are also underway to install a fast charge station in the area reducing charge times to only 5 to 15 minutes. Soon it could be feasible for residents to conveniently operate their own hybrid or

"The EV station is a welcome addition to our community. It is a great opportunity for residents and visitors to Bear River to better utilize hybrid vehicles."

Larry Knox
Bear River Board of Trade

New Trail and Open Space Coordinator Jonathan Riley



Jonathan Riley

The Municipality is pleased to announce that we have hired Jonathan Riley, former reporter for the Digby Courier as our new Trails and Open Space Coordinator. Trails and open spaces have been an area of focus for Council for a number of years and during council's strategic planning session in January the need for a trails and open space coordinator was identified. Jonathan will work with community groups to continue to develop and improve our current trails, to establish new trails, develop signage and marketing materials and implement the recommendations from the Open Space Strategy conducted in 2015. One of the other main roles will be leading the development of the former Department of Natural Resources site on Haines Lake. We expect the trail coordinator to start work in mid-June.

Notice!!

**Vantassell Lake Trail and the
Municipal Wind Turbine site
Grand Opening Event
this summer!
date and time TBA**

2017 Community Festivals

- * *Lobster Bash June 30 July 2*
- * *Weymouth Canada Day July 1st*
- * *Bear River Cherry Carnival July 15*
- * *Festival Acadien de Clare July 29 – August 5*
- * *Annapolis Royal Natal Days August 3 – 7*
- * *Breaking Waves Music/ Art Festival Freeport August 4 – 6*
- * *Digby Scallop Days August 11 – 13*
- * *Tall Ships in Digby August 15 – 16*
- * *Digby County Exhibition Bear River August 23 – 26*
- * *Wharf Rat Rally August 30 – September 3*
- * *Gran Fondo Baie Sainte-Marie September 23 – 24*



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Ongoing events over the summer

Beaux Vendredi Belliveau Cove every Friday from June 23 – September 8

Music on the Sissiboo, Weymouth waterfront every Friday evening during July and August

Weymouth Tea days Thursday from July – September Weymouth Historic Society

Annapolis Royal Farmers Market Saturday mornings May – October

For a full list go to digbyarea.ca

Canadian & US Military Exercise at the Digby Airport

The exercise started on April 19th at 23:00hrs with a crew from Greenwood setting up a field refueling station for a flight of helicopters. Its snowed during the early hours of the 20th so the helicopters were forced to cancel their flight.

On April 21st at 01:25 hours, a flight of three Canadian Griffin helicopters arrived closely followed by two US Casa medium transport planes. Large enough to carry forty troops each. A US naval plane arrived at 02:19hrs. The airport was a

hive of activity for the day. A large jet tanker turned up and refueled the CASA's. The NAVY plane used our refueling facilities.

02:45 hours the helicopters departed. One CASA aircraft left in the morning followed by the other one in the afternoon.

The aircrews were accommodated in the Town and brought in revenue to the area. The officer in charge thanked all who assisted in a successful exercise.



Municipality of Digby and Town of Digby

Joint RCMP Advisory Board

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 municipal area, 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 Boards is also to work with the local RCMP Detachment Commander and the communities to determine the local priorities and objectives of the RCMP service that are reflective 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 :

* Deputy Warden Linda Gregory lgregory@municipality.digby.ns.ca
902 247-0356 245-4777

* Councillor Matthew Ross mross@municipality.digby.ns.ca 902 247-5555

Province:

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Town of Digby:

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Citizen Representatives:

* Darleen Manzer, manzerde@ns.sympatico.ca 902 245-5187

* Greg Thomas glthomas@ns.sympatico.ca Phone 902-245-2657

* Lance Hasselbring, CHasselBring@ymail.com

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WESTERN
REGIONAL ENTERPRISE NETWORK



Victoria Brooks Economic
Development Officer

The Western REN (Regional Enterprise Network) is often asked how they support the businesses in our region. Their *BusinessNow* program is one of their tools.

What is BusinessNow?

A business retention and expansion program supporting business owners in Western Nova Scotia. Whether a start-up, expansion, or succession, we can help.

Why participate?

Identifying and accessing resources and supports for the private sector can be challenging. Let us help you navigate to your next step. You will also have an opportunity to access or improve your network with colleagues, suppliers, and other resources.

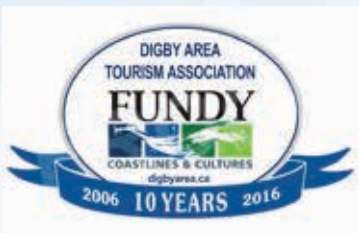
What happens to my business information?

Confidentiality is critical. Your information is only shared for the purpose of accessing programs; and only with your permission.

Contact Victoria Brooks, Economic Development Officer, *BusinessNow*.

Phone 902-841-1827 or email vbrooks@westernren.ca.

www.westernren.ca



Check out our new area promotion videos on digbyarea.ca



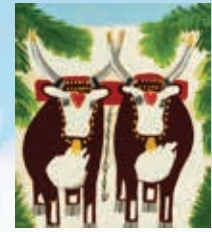
**Council Expenses
are now Online**
digbydistrict.ca

Along the Coastline

- ✓ The maximum loan per application for the Clean Energy Financing Program has been increased from \$ 10,000 to \$15,000. Check out the You Tube Video **Clean Energy Financing in the Municipality of Digby.**
- ✓ Check them out... Electric Vehicle Charging Stations are coming soon to Weymouth and Bear River.
- ✓ This summer the Municipal Float will be pulled by a pair of oxen this summer owned by Gregory Haight.
- ✓ The Municipality has installed a bench at Maud and Everett Lewis's gravesite.
- ✓ Council is holding the tax rates for the twelfth year in a roll, more information on the 2017-18 operating budget will be in the August edition of the Coastline.
- ✓ Council will be holding joint meetings with the Town of Digby in May and the Municipality of Clare in June.
- ✓ Dan Harvey from DH Business Services is developing an Industrial Park Positioning Statement that will help improve our investment readiness and better market the park to potential investors.

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.

Or call 245-4777 or e-mail: heritage@municipality.digby.ns.ca
Check us out on facebook: [municipality of digby](https://www.facebook.com/municipalityofdigby)



Maud Lewis Burial Site

Maud Lewis is buried approximately 13 kms from the memorial site in Marshalltown at the North Range Cemetery. This cemetery is located on the right side of the North Range Cross Road, 5 kms from the turn off from Hwy 101 in Barton. Look for the Oxen

Maud died on Thursday July 30, 1970 and was buried in a child's coffin on August 3rd.

Take Photo of code for link to map site



Council Meetings

Council June 26, 6pm
Committee of the Whole August 14, 5 pm
Committee of the Whole September 11, 5 pm
Council September 26, 6 pm

Directory of Municipal Services

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