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PRESERVING OUR PAST - DEVELOPING OUR FUTURE

## Celebrating Our National Flag for 17 Years



Flag Day 2008



Flag Day 2012



Flag Day 2014



Flag Day 2013



Flag Day 2016



Flag Day 2011

February 15<sup>th</sup> will be our national flag's 53<sup>rd</sup> anniversary. To celebrate this national symbol, the municipality will be conducting a public flag raising ceremony at St. Mary's Bay Academy in Weymouth at 2:15 pm. The ceremony will take place in the school gymnasium with many participants. Provincial and territory flags will be carried by student flag bearers and legion flags will be carried by the Weymouth Cadet Corp members. War-

den Jimmy MacAlpine will be part of the stage delegation, as well as a representative for MP Colin Fraser, who is sitting in parliament at this time. MLA Gordon Wilson will bring greetings from the province and a special presentation will be given by students at the school. The guest speaker for the ceremony will be Greg Kerr, former MP for the area. Mr. Kerr was taught by the designer of the flag, George Stanley.

Municipal council would like to thank Principal McNutt and staff at St. Mary's Bay Academy for assisting municipal staff in organizing this event. Council see this ceremony as a way to impress upon our youth and community the importance of unity and the recognition of the flag as a Canadian symbol.

All are welcome to attend.

# Digby Represented at Boston Globe Travel Show

The Digby Area will be represented, along with five other Nova Scotian exhibitors, as part of a tourism delegation participating at the Boston Globe Travel Show February 9-11. The show attracts over 23,000 people annually and is considered one of the biggest travel shows on the Eastern Seaboard. Countries and cities from all over the world will be promoting their destinations. It will be an opportunity to showcase Nova Scotia on a world stage event.

The Nova Scotian pavilion has been organized and sponsored financially by Bay Ferries who will promote travel to Nova Scotia from New England via the CAT ferry service. Digby Area Tourism

Association chairperson, Greg Turner, will be attending the event and sees this travel show as a direct marketing initiative similar to the Saltscapes Expo but on a much larger scale. Mr. Turner is looking forward to being in the heart of one of Nova Scotia's main tourism target markets. Digby Area information will be available to visitors and area videos will be playing on a screen in the booth. The Town and Municipality are assisting DATA in this marketing venture with \$2300 for travel, accommodation and booth expenses. As part of the three-day event the Nova Scotia Pavilion will



be featured during a Taste of Nova Scotia culinary demonstration. Nova Scotian seafood cook, Laura Muise will be preparing pan-fried Digby scallops and Clara Harris' Hot Lobster on toast. Mr. Turner will be assisting in the demonstrations and providing commentary about Bay of Fundy Scallops and Lobster. This Taste of Nova Scotia is sponsored by the Municipality of Digby and Yarmouth and Acadian Shores.

## Chinese Tourism Industry Representatives are Scheduled to Tour the Area this Summer

As a direct result from the Digby Clare Annapolis visit to China to establish a dialog and foster a friendship with several cities and communities in China, the Digby Clare Annapolis region is preparing for a similar visit from the Chinese Tourism Industry. The visit will be an opportunity to showcase our communities and destinations that will intrigue our Chinese visitors. The tour of the area is a step to open cultural doors between both countries. The Chinese delegation will be in the area for five days and will take part in a variety of activities, from whale watching to experiencing

the best the Fundy region has to offer. The visit is an opportunity to establish a network with each other and to foster potential economic, educational and cultural developments for the future.

The visit is sponsored by Nova Scotia Tourism, Municipalities of Clare, Digby and Annapolis. Economic Development Consultant for the Municipality of Digby, Dan Harvey, is part of the organizing team and believes the visit is a very positive step. "The initiative is a modest investment compared to the potential economic possibilities", said Mr. Harvey.



If you would like an email copy of the Coastline, please email: [heritage@municipality.digbyns.ca](mailto:heritage@municipality.digbyns.ca) and ask for a copy.



**Council Expenses are now Online**

[digbydistrict.ca](http://digbydistrict.ca)



# Digby Emergency Management Organization



The REMO Advisory Committee consists of the following: Mayor, Councillor and CAO from the Town of Digby; Warden, Councillor and D/CAO from the Municipality of Digby; Regional Emergency Management Coordinator (REMC).

REMO Planning Committee – D/CAO of the Municipality, Red Cross, Community Services, Emergency Health Services, RCMP, Digby Amateur Radio Club, Emergency Measures Organization (NS), Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal, Natural Resources, Ground Search & Rescue, Digby County Fire Services, Nova Scotia Power Incorporated, Public Works, ATV Club and The Regional Emergency Management Coordinator.

## Who Are We?

The Digby Regional Emergency Management Organization (Digby REMO) is responsible for providing a prompt and coordinated response to emergencies that occur within its jurisdiction. An *Emergency* is; an abnormal situation which, in order to limit danger to people, or damage to property or the environment, requires prompt action beyond normal procedures’.



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## Three ways the Western REN supports local businesses.

### BusinessNow

A professional visitation program designed to encourage business growth and retention.

Contact Victoria Brooks 902-841-1827 for information or to book an appointment.



Gino Thibeault

### Immigration for Employers

Employer-driven immigration stream created to help overcome persistent labour shortages through the Atlantic Immigration Pilot.

Can this program help your labour needs? Contact Gino Thibeault at 902-307-2771.



Brenda LaGrandeur

### Connector Program

Intentional networking program to connect skilled local job seekers and business leaders.

Get and keep skilled workers in the region. Contact Brenda LaGrandeur at 902-653-0369.

## Home Emergency Kit

 A list of important contacts and numbers	 Canned and dry foods	 Pet care
 Manual can opener	 First-aid supplies and a list of your prescription medicines	 6 litres of water per person (2 litres per day)
 Wind-up or battery-powered flashlight	 Wind-up or battery-powered radio and extra batteries	 Charge bank for your cell phone

# Along the Coastline

- ✓ Municipal Council and staff were very shocked and saddened to hear of the sudden passing of Claredon Robicheau on January 6<sup>th</sup>. Claredon founded Transport de Clare in 1996 which was the first non-profit, community-based transportation service in Nova Scotia. He was instrumental in expanding the operation into the Digby area. Claredon was also a very strong advocate for rights of persons with disabilities. On behalf of Council and staff we send our condolences to Claredon's family, friends, and to the community.
- ✓ On Dec 14<sup>th</sup> Municipal staff welcomed many children and adults into the municipal building to view and vote for their favourite decorated office.

From Charlie Brown's Christmas, Santa's Workshop, Whoville, and the winning team; Digby Skating Oval, staff enjoyed the opportunity to invite people into the municipal building who normally wouldn't stop by. Rumor has it that plans are already underway for next year.

- ✓ Council will be holding an open house at the former Barton School building sometime in the spring to get input from the community on what they envision for the sustainable future use of the school given certain fiscal realities that come with the building. More details on the open house will be available later this winter.

## **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 902-245-4777 or e-mail: heritage@municipality.digby.ns.ca***

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# Digby Trails

## **A Plan for Haines Lake Recreation Area**

The Municipality is looking for feedback on its plan for the Haines Lake recreation area at the former DNR base in Hillgrove. The plan, based on feedback received at the open house in September, includes renovating part of the former office building for washrooms and change areas, plus making some improvements at the shore to provide better access for swimming, canoeing and kayaking. For more information on the plan, see [www.digby-trails.ca/haines-lake.html](http://www.digby-trails.ca/haines-lake.html) or contact Trails and Open Space Coordinator Jonathan Riley at 902-245-2861 or [jriley@municipality.digby.ns.ca](mailto:jriley@municipality.digby.ns.ca).



## **Council Meetings**

**Council February 26 6 pm**  
**Committee of the Whole March 12 5 pm**  
**Council March 26 6 pm**  
**Committee of the Whole April 9 5 pm**  
**Council April 23 6 pm**

## **Directory of Municipal Services**

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