



PRESERVING OUR PAST - DEVELOPING OUR FUTURE

Barton School Open House *Looking for Community Input*

The municipality is seeking community input regarding the future use options for the former Barton Elementary School. On Tuesday May 22 from 3 pm – 7 pm there will be an Open House at the property for the community to express their thoughts and wishes regarding options of reuse of the building and grounds.



consultation with the community to assure the facility remains a positive asset for the area.

Please look for further public meetings notices in the future.

The property statistics are as follows: Lot size 8.13 acres * Building size 75ft X 53 ft * the interior is 3,975 sq feet * PID number 30185862 * Built in 1960 * Assessed for \$309,600

Municipal councilors and staff will be on hand to answer questions and to listen to any public suggestions. People will be able to walk and view the premises and tour the interior to see for themselves the interior layout. The open house is the first step towards



Interior Classroom



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APPLICATION RESPECTING 2018/19 TAX EXEMPTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the District of Digby, that an exemption from taxes for 2018/19 be granted pursuant to Section 69 of the Municipal Government Act in an amount not exceeding **\$250.00** and; **THAT** the exemption be granted to every person with respect to taxable property in the Municipality of the District of Digby whose income from all sources in 2017 does not exceed **\$26,000.00** (including income of all individuals residing in the home), and **THAT** the exemption be granted only in respect of property owned and occupied as his/her home, and **THAT** the property have no outstanding tax arrears from previous years.

APPLICATION FORMS are available at the Municipal Office, Seabrook, and must be returned no later than **JUNE 30, 2018**.

Canadian Red Cross Seeking More Disaster Volunteers!

As Spring is a busy season for Canadian Red Cross volunteers who help people displaced by residential fires or other disruptive events like ice or wind storms, prolonged power outages, storm surges and flash floods, the organization is hoping to recruit more volunteers in all areas of the four Atlantic provinces. We have no volunteers in Clare or Digby Neck and Islands; however, volun-



Canadian Red Cross Disaster Management Volunteers Tina Hiltz and Marsha Lewis with Charlee and Leland Mullen.

teers are needed for all of Digby County.

Basic requirements include being 18+ years old, a satisfactory criminal record check, completing first-aid and other specialized

disaster training that the Red Cross provides at no charge, and agreeing to be available to help 24 hours a day, when possible.

While some Red Cross volunteers opt to respond only to events in or near their home community, many also deploy to larger-scale events elsewhere in their province or across Canada. Recent examples include deployments to support evacuees of this past summer's record

forest fires in British Columbia and the 2016 wildfire evacuation of Fort McMurray, Alberta.

Additional details and instructions for applying are available online at redcross.ca/volunteer.

The Digby Regional Emergency Management Organization (Digby REMO)

What do we do?

We constantly prepare to deal with any emergency situation that could threaten our community.

This is done in three ways:

Planning - An Emergency Response Plan for our area is in place and under regular review.

Mitigation - Community Planning - By Laws - Fire and Police

services.

Training - There is a team of staff from the Town and Municipality who have undergone a whole battery of courses to prepare them to run an Emergency Coordination Centre. The courses were:

* *Basic Emergency Management*

* *Incident Command System 100*
 * *Incident Command System 200*
 * *Emergency Coordination Centre Training*

The ECC team will conduct a Table Top Exercise this year and a full scale exercise in 2019. (more up-dates next issue).



Municipal REMO Team
 (L) Terry Thibodeau; Jeff Sunderland; REMO Coordinator, Bruce Snell



Town of Digby REMO Team
 (L) Tom Ossinger; Matthew Raymond; Ed McCormick; Daniel StOnge

The Health File

Digby Collaborative Practice Team Update



Left to right: Angela Morgan RN, Erin Bohan NP, Dr. Jennifer Chang, Kayla Gavel (admin) and Chantelle Hazelton LPN. Photo taken by Lynn Harris.

Our team is growing! Digby & Area Health Services Centre

We are excited to announce that we have recently added a licensed practical nurse to our collaborative team of healthcare providers at the Digby & Area Health Services Centre, and we are currently looking to hire a social worker. These new staff will be a great addition to our team of physicians, nurse practitioners, registered nurses, dietician and administrative staff. By having a diverse team of healthcare providers we can ensure that our patients are seen by the right provider to meet their needs.

Upcoming clinics:

Duty clinics: Duty clinics are held every Wednesday morning and are

open to any patients of the Digby Health Services Centre. Appointments are booked each Wednesday starting at 8:00am on a first-come first-served basis. Call the clinic at (902) 245-1307 to book your appointment.

Pap clinic: Pap clinics are held monthly and are either afternoon or evening clinics. Our pap clinic is open to anyone in the community who needs a pap test. Female nurses, nurse practitioners and physicians complete the exams. Call the clinic at (902) 245-1307 to book your appointment. Some upcoming dates for pap clinics are: April 18, May 23 and June 27, 2018.

Digby Trails

Spring Bucket List

Spring is here, the brooks are flowing and, with the warmer temps, come a whole new list of fun things to do outside.

Trout fishing started here April 1 – a great way to get young people hooked on the outdoors (see what I did there?) and teach them to respect and care for the environment.

Waterfalls are at their splashiest and showiest this time of year and nothing beats strolling through the woods, listening to the low susurrations of the stream punctuated with the songs of the migrating birds.

What interesting birds are you seeing or hearing? Which are your favourite falls and streams to visit?

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Become a Connector

The Western REN Connector Program can help employers gain access to the global marketplace by getting in touch with this group of skilled workers who already live in our community, and are work ready and are looking for opportunities.

Who are Connectors?

Connectors are people who know large numbers of people and who are in the habit of making introductions. By becoming a Connector in our program, employers will benefit from:

- Access to local talent- we make the introductions and you get to find out the immensely skilled people who are already here and actively looking for work.
- Knowing you are opening doors for people and helping them succeed in the Western Region
- Making our region a more welcoming and diverse community
- Reducing your risk when hiring a new employee with pre-qualified candidates

All that is asked is that the Connector meets with the Connectee once, informally- maybe over a cup of coffee. Listen, ask questions, and share knowledge of your industry and the skills required in your field and provide them with 2-3 other relevant contacts in their industry.

Get in touch with our Connector Program Team and become a new Connector today!

www.westernren.ca/get-connected/

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Along the Coastline

- ✓ Council has approved a Low-Income Tax Exemption in the amount of \$ 250 for those home owners whose 2017 income from all sources does not exceed \$26,000. More details and application forms can be found at the Municipal Office.
- ✓ Warden Jimmy MacAlpine, along with MLA Gordon Wilson and Warden Ronnie LeBlanc from Clare, travelled to Sherbrooke, Quebec to meet with medical students attending the University of Sherbrooke Medical School. The group spent over three hours with 11 medical students, two of whom had already met with members of the local recruiting committee.
- ✓ Council will be holding an open house at the Barton School on May 22nd from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm. This open house format is 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 school.
- ✓ Council will be holding their May 28th Council meeting at the Freeport Fire Hall beginning at 6:00 pm.
- ✓ The Planning Advisory Committee will be hosting an open house on Tuesday, May 29th from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm and from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the Council Chambers. The purpose of the open house is to hear public comments on the review of the 2010 Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law for the Regulation of Wind Turbine Development.

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

Check us out on facebook:
[municipality of digby](https://www.facebook.com/municipalityofdigby)

Digby Trails Cont.



The waterfalls east of Red Head in Rossway have changed shape due to erosion on the shore this winter.

I have more information about my Spring Bucket List at: www.digbytrails.ca – check it out and let me know what’s on your list this spring

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Council Meetings

Council * April 23, 6 pm

COTW * May 14, 5 pm

Council * May 28, 6 pm

COTW * June 11, 5 pm

Council * June 25, 6 pm

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