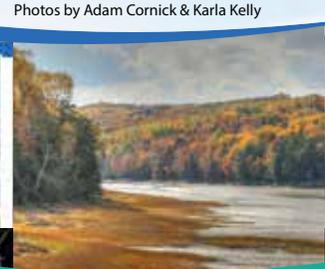
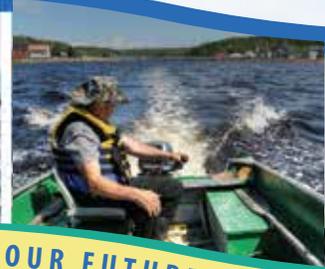




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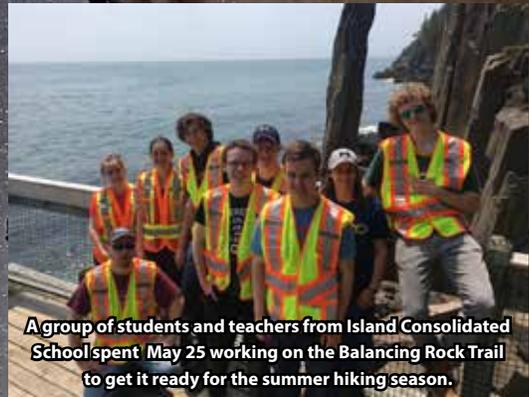
Community Effort Helps Keep Balancing Rock Trail Ship Shape

Students from the Island's Consolidated School have helped get the Balancing Rock Trail ready for the summer hiking season.

Balancing Rock is a major tourism draw for the Digby area and students from ICS usually spend at least one day every spring grooming the trail.

"The students are a great help," says Jonathan Riley, trails and open space Coordinator with the Municipality of the District of Digby. "There's always a good, long list of spring cleaning tasks – we just divide that up and it's amazing what they can get done in a day."

The Islands students spent Friday, May 25, outdoors and working at Balancing Rock. They cleaned up garbage from around the parking lot and along the trail, removed branches and leaves from the trails and swept the steps and stairs clean. They reburied a culvert that was sticking up, re-attached two interpretive signs and pruned back brush from the sides of the path. They also carried in lumber for repairs and tore up the oldest section of the wooden steps.



A group of students and teachers from Island Consolidated School spent May 25 working on the Balancing Rock Trail to get it ready for the summer hiking season.

Balancing Rock is a 20-foot-high finger of basalt on the rocky shore of Long Island in Digby County.

Photo: Barry Burgess <https://500px.com/barryburgess323>

Improvements at the Digby Arena and Ballfield

For several months now the Digby Area Recreation Commission has made some important improvements to the arena and ballfield. The arena now has nine new player gates to the ice and the Zamboni doors have been replaced. These improvements will make it safer and easier for players to enter and leave the ice. The team benches have also been replaced. A fresh coat of paint has enhanced the surroundings in the curling club for those using the facility for community functions. "User groups will really notice the improvements in both facilities," said Facility Manager, Danny Harvieux. Project cost for the arena and curling club is: \$67,337.00.

After a request from Digby Minor Ball and the men's league, the Digby ballfield received some needed upgrades that included protective fencing in front of the dugouts. The entire infield was graded and re-rolled with excess materials used on town trails. The batter's box and the pitcher's mound also received new clay material. The project cost for the ballfield is \$16,280.00.

Both projects received support from the Municipality and the Town of Digby with additional support from Communities Culture and Heritage, Sport and Heritage division.



Curling Club

Digby Trails

Feedback please on railbed trail plan

The Digby Railbed Trails will be developed on the 40-km of abandoned rail corridor within the Municipality of the District of Digby.

The Municipality of the District of Digby wants to hear what the public thinks of the Municipality's plan for developing the rail bed into a trail. The Municipality wants to hear from as many residents as possible and will be particularly interested in hearing from those who own land along the abandoned rail corridor.

The plan is available online at: www.digbytrails.ca/railbed.html or by calling or emailing the trail coordinator at (902)245-2861 or jriley@municipality.digby.ns.ca. The above contact info can also be used to provide feedback on the plan. If you'd rather, there is also a short survey online or people can send feedback by regular mail as well, care of Jonathan Riley at PO Box 429 in Digby.

The Municipality is also holding an information session on June 19 from 6pm to 7:30 p.m. at the Digby East Fish and Game to present the plan and explain how the public can provide feedback.

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Company is coming !

Let's Keep Digby and Area Clean and look our Best.

Local Festivals 2018

Weymouth Canada day July 1st

Lobster Bash June 31 – July 1st

Bear River Cherry Carnival July 21

Breaking Waves Music & Film Festival August 2- 4



Annapolis Natal Day August 6th

Scallop Days August 9- 12

Digby County Exhibition August 22-25

Wharf Rat Rally August 29 Sept 2



Many Nova Scotians' homes and possessions are threatened by forest, brush and grass fires every year. As Digby County experienced a fairly dry winter, we have already had a number of fires of this nature in our area. So what can you do to protect your home?

Prepare Your Home

- * Create and maintain an area approximately 30' away from your home that is free of anything that will burn, such as wood piles, dried leaves, newspapers, brush, and other landscaping that can burn. From 30 feet to 100 feet, reduce or replace as much of the most flammable vegetation as possible, prune vegetation and create "fuel breaks," such as driveways, gravel walkways, and lawns. Work with neighbors to create spaces up to 200 feet around your homes where vegetation is thinned to remove underbrush and tall trees do not touch each other for continuous canopies.
- * Regularly clean the roof and gutters.
- * Connect garden hoses long enough to reach any area of the home and fill garbage cans, tubs, or other large containers with water.
- * Review your homeowner's insurance policy and also prepare/update a list of your home's contents.
- * Check out this link online to find out how to do a risk assessment on your home and more.
<https://novascotia.ca/natr/forestprotection/wildfire/firecentre/pdf/Wildfirebrochure2.pdf>

A Prescription to Read at Digby & Area Health Services Centre

When children come to see Angela Morgan, the family practice nurse at the Digby & Area Health Services Centre, they don't just get needles.

When Angela sees children for their wellness checks she asks if they are being read to daily. "When children are read to daily, it has a positive impact on their outcomes," said Angela. "It can improve kids' success in school, their language and social skills, and even help when they eventually enter the workforce. Being read to makes kids healthier."



(photo from left to right: A young patient receives a new book from Nurse Practitioner Crystal Harris and Family Practice Nurse Angela Morgan.)

When Angela noticed how many families were not reading together, she decided to do something to help. Angela came up with a plan to put free books in the hands of the children she sees in the clinic. The books would be combined with a conversation about just how important reading is for kids' health.

With the help of the fundraising efforts of a local young man

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How the Western REN supports local business with their workforce needs



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.



Connector Program

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

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

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Along the Coastline

* For a second year, Council has agreed to partner with the Town of Digby and Bay Ferries Ltd to fund a Visitor Information Counsellor on the Fundy Rose for approximately 12 weeks from mid June to mid September.

* Council has appointed Mr. Keith Comeau to the Tideview Terrace Board and to the Senior Safety Committee. The Municipality is still looking for citizen representatives to sit on the Planning Advisory Committee and the Digby Source Water Protection Advisory Committee. If you are interested please call the Municipal Office at 902 245-4777.

* Councillors attended a Joint Council Session with Municipalities of Argyle, Yarmouth, and Barrington to discuss next steps in accessing Federal and Provincial funding to bring reliable and fast internet to Western Nova Scotia. A representative from the Provincial Department of Business gave a presentation on the new \$ 120 million Internet Trust.

* Council has approved nearly \$ 70,000 in community grants to support local organizations, festivals, and events for the 2018-2019 budget year. Another \$13,100 will be granted to local organizations for animal care and control.

* Council plans to approve the 2018-2019 operating budget at the June meeting of Council. More details on the budget will be in the August edition of the Coastline.

Barton Brighton Firehall Grand Opening Sunday June 24th.

Stop by and check out the new firehall. Free hamburgers/hotdogs and drinks sponsored by AA Munro Insurance.



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

Health Services....

named Quintin Sweeney and the Digby & Area Health Services Charitable Foundation, Angela was provided with funds to purchase new books from First Book Canada. First Book Canada provides low-cost books to organizations that provide services to low-income children.

These books are now being given to all children who come to see Angela for wellness checkups, along with a big dose of encouragement. Angela is hoping these books will help foster a love of reading and ultimately, healthier children in our community.

Digby Collaborative Family Practice Team Welcomes new Nurse Practitioner



Gabriela Vellego, Nurse Practitioner, started working with the team on Monday May 7. Originally from Brazil, Gabriela has been a nurse since 1995. She has worked in Quebec for the past 10 years. She enjoyed vacationing in our area, and when a Nurse Practitioner position became available she decided to make a move to Digby. Join us in welcoming Gabriela, her husband and young child.

Gabriela's position is one of two Nurse Practitioner positions being recruited for Digby and area. Once Gabriela has completed the orientation of her new role, she will work 50% at the Islands Health Centre and 50% at the Digby & Area Health Services Centre.

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