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PRESERVING OUR PAST - DEVELOPING OUR FUTURE

## Council Approves 2018-2019 Operating Budget \$ 8,590,759

On June 25<sup>th</sup> Council approved the 2018-19 Operating Budget with no increase in the tax rate of \$ 1.30 per \$ 100 of residential and resource assessment and \$ 1.85 per \$ 100 of commercial assessment. In this budget Council approved a Low-Income Tax Exemption of \$250 for those whose 2017 income

from all sources is less than \$26,000. Residential assessments increased by less than 2% and commercial assessments decreased by 2.4%.

### How Are My Tax Dollars Used?

To the owner of an average home assessed at \$ 100,000 the base budget would levy taxes of \$ 1,300

per household. If you factor in a .05 cent fire area rate and a .0407 street light rate, that adds an additional \$ 90.70 for a total tax bill of \$ 1,390.70. This does not include any sewer charges that may apply.

A copy of the budget presentation is available on our website at [www.digbydistrict.ca](http://www.digbydistrict.ca)

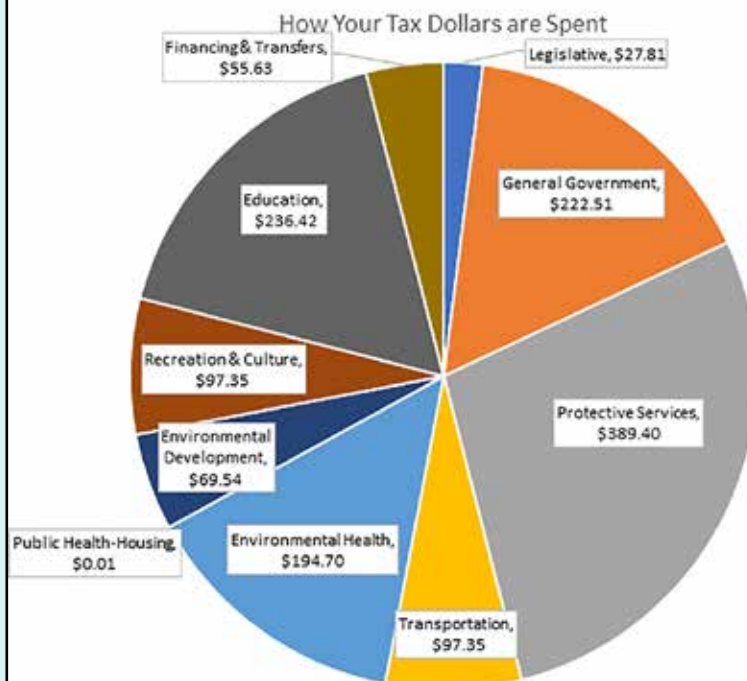
### Did You Know

If you are currently receiving the Guaranteed Income Supplement as of January 1st, 2018, your taxes are up to date and you live in your home, you could be eligible to receive a tax refund up to 50% from the Province.

See Municipal Counter staff for details.



Pat Stevens



### Did You Know

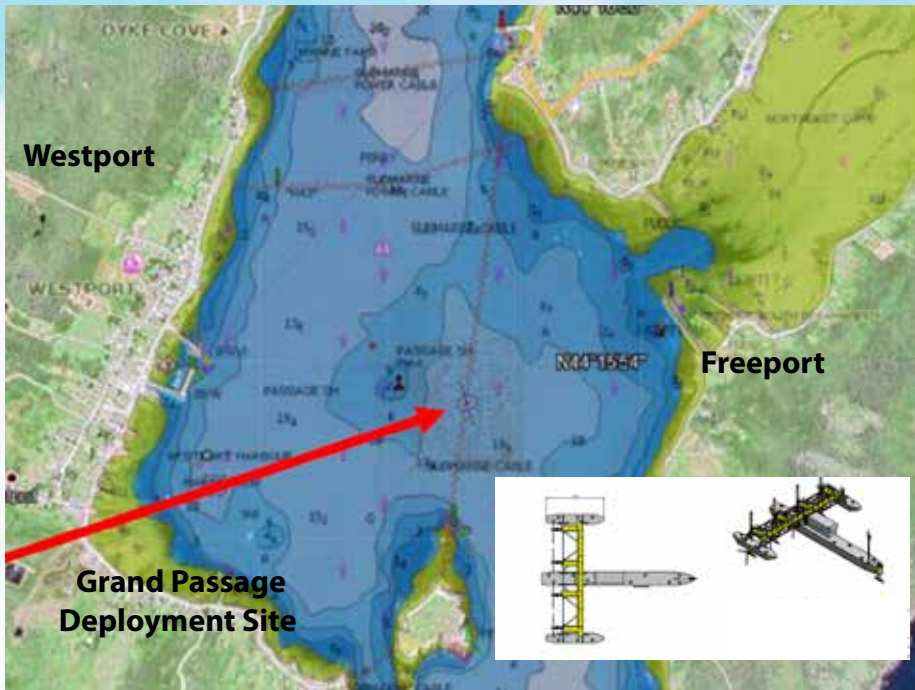
Sign up to have your tax payment withdrawn automatically from your bank account either twice a year or monthly.

See Municipal Counter Staff for details.



Miranda Titus

# Test Turbine Scheduled to be Deployed in Grand Passage



A tidal power test turbine is scheduled for Grand Passage later this summer. The floating platform design is a shallow depth concept designed to reduce environmental impact and is more practical for monitoring purposes. Grand Passage is an ideal location as it has a 2.5 - 3 meter per second current and is a natural shelter from ocean waves. The passage also allows easy access to the turbine platform and the clarity of the water is excellent. This off grid prototype is the first for North America and has the ability to generate 280 kilowatts of power.

The turbine is equipped with an array of monitoring devices to track and react to marine life of every sort. The entire system can be very quickly shut down if any large marine species appear in harm's way.

The project summaries of applications under review will be posted to this page for a 30-day public comment period. Public comments received may be shared with any government department or agency that exercises regulatory authority over any aspect of the activities to be carried on under the proposed project. Please send your comments to [marinerenewables@novascotia.ca](mailto:marinerenewables@novascotia.ca)



**Beach Cleaners**

# Digby Trails

Local high school students and community volunteers picked up almost 10 metric tons of trash from beaches and roadsides in the Municipality of the District of Digby this spring – and that's just the big organized clean ups – here are some of the results:

April 24 – Fort Point: **350 kg**

May 11 - Acacia Valley Trails, DRHS students with AVTS – not weighed but last trail platform repaired and safe

May 14 - Culloden Wharf Road, DRHS students and Waste Check: **1.12 Metric Tons**

June 2 – final push on Sandy Cove beach: **2.84 MT**

June 8 – Boar's Head clean up with NCC and ICS O2 students: **380 kg**

June 4 - Gulliver's Cove beach, with Gulliver's Cove Trails and DRHS students: **2.24 MT**

June 9 – Pond Cove beach on Brier Island: **2.58 MT**

June 12 – Marshalltown – DRHS students cleaning along the side of the Middle Cross Road 4.3km – **409 kg**

All this work has made our beaches and roadsides a great deal prettier. You can help too by taking your trash home with you, and if you see something someone else forgot, please take that too. **A big thank you to all the volunteers for their hard work.**

*Digby Regional High School Students, staff from Waste Check and community volunteers picked up a metric ton of garbage on the beach at the Culloden Wharf in May.*





Wharf Rat Rally will soon be here. This event brings the largest gathering of people to our area each year. Digby REMO assists in the coordination of the safety plan for this event. Risk assessments, mass gathering reports, radio safety nets and facilitating inter agency meetings are a few of the tasks we do. The main meeting for all the first responders was held in the Town Hall on the 18<sup>th</sup> of July. This included representatives from RCMP, EHS, Digby Fire Department, Digby General Hospital, Digby Ground Search and Rescue, TIR, Red Cross, Transport De Clare, Public Works, the Town, Public Safety Field Communications and the event Organizers. The main aim is to keep our community safe. The Town Hall will be the site of a Joint Operations Centre for the duration of the event.



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 Municipal Services



## Welcoming the New Nurse Practitioner

The communities of Long and Brier Islands had a chance to say *bem vindo*, the Portugese phrase for welcome, to their new nurse practitioner and her family, July 10.

Gabriela Vellego has met many people since starting in May, but the meet and greet at Islands Health Centre was a chance to introduce her husband Martin and son Olivier to the friendly community.

Gabriela and her family fell in love with Digby County when they stepped off the ferry during a vacation last summer. They dreamt of moving to rural Nova Scotia, and when she learned the area was recruiting nurse practitioners, the dream became a reality.

Recruitment is ongoing for another nurse practitioner to join Gabriela and the collaborative family practice team to serve the residents of Digby and area.



Photo: Gabriela Vellego, nurse practitioner, smiles as her son Olivier entertains at Islands Health Centre.

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
 The collaborative family practice team at the Digby and Area Health Services Centre is accepting patients who are pregnant, or children 6 years of age or younger. They also offer regular pap clinics to any woman in the community. Call the Health Services Centre at 902-245-1307.



**BusinessNow:**  
 Western REN Services to Businesses



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Often the first point of contact between the Western REN and regional companies is **Business Retention and Expansion**, a program designed to support or grow local businesses. Contact the newest member of the Western REN team, Matthew Trask at 902-749-8270.



Gino Thibeault

Helping employers overcome persistent labour shortages is the goal of the **Atlantic Immigration Pilot**. Ask Gino Thibeault for more information 902-307-2771.



Brenda LaGrandeur

Intentional networking with the **Western Connector Program** connects skilled local job seekers with business leaders. Brenda LaGrandeur will be happy to answer your questions at 902-653-0369.

# Along the Coastline

\* Council approved the 2018-19 Operating Budget with no increases to the tax or area rates. The detailed budget can be found at [www.digbydistrict.ca](http://www.digbydistrict.ca)

\* The October regular meeting of Council will be held at the Barton-Brighton Fire Hall on Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 pm. All welcome.

\* Council has re-appointed Mr. Keith Weagle to the Municipality of Digby Planning Advisory Committee. We are still looking for the second citizen representative to sit on that committee. If you are interested please call the Municipal Office at 902 245-4777 and ask for Pat Stevens.

\* Councillors have been busy attending various functions & festivals in their communities. Thank you to all the volunteers who make these events such a huge success.

## Council Meetings

Committee of the Whole September 10 - 5 pm

Council September 24 - 6pm

Committee of the Whole October 9 - 5 pm

Council October 22 - 6 pm Barton Brighton Firehall

### 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](http://www.digbydistrict.ca) for details.

Or call 902-245-4777 or e-mail: [heritage@municipality.digby.ns.ca](mailto:heritage@municipality.digby.ns.ca)

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**Electric Car Charging Stations in the Area**

Digby Town Hall  
Sissiboo Landing  
Village of Bear River  
Sobeys

Terry Thibodeau  
\* Jeremie Bernardin,  
Pres. EVA

## Provincial Heritage Conference Annapolis Royal



September 26-28

Register at: [nsheritage.ca](http://nsheritage.ca)

**Point Prim Lighthouse  
Municipal Heritage Property  
Plaque Unveiling Ceremony  
Saturday  
Sept 15th 1pm**



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