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Municipality Launches Heritage Website

A special website has been created by the municipality that offers five distinct heritage resources that focus on the Digby area. The intent of the site is to pool together heritage resources for the convenience of students and the general public who are interested in finding out more about Digby history. Three of the heritage resources on heritagehub.ca have not been available online until now.

What's on the Site?

District of Digby Heritage Home Inventory



Twenty years ago the Municipality started a heritage property inventory of homes built before 1914. The research focused on the life history of nearly 500 homes from all communities in the District of Digby. In 2018 the database was updated and redesigned as an online site. This inventory is one of the largest heritage home inventories on-line in the country.

Digby Courier 1877 - 1977



This document contains nearly 40,000 PDFs, chronologically listed. The amount of history in these pages cannot be understated.

The Elder Transcripts



The Elder Transcripts project was conducted 19 years ago. The project consists of 50 interviews with elders from communities in the District of Digby. In 2017 the Elder Transcripts was updated and improved. The new version contains the entire video interviews that were conducted in 2000.

The AF Church Map of Digby County



The AF Church Map was originally created in 1871. Over the years this map has become difficult to find in good condition. Today there are very few maps available to view. The AF Church Map contains the names and locations of all the homes and businesses in Digby County in the year 1871. The map is a time capsule of families living here and where they lived.

John Collier Jr. Photographic Collection 1950 - 1951



This collection contains approximately 3800 photographs taken in the years 1950 to 1951. These photographs are a time capsule of Digby County. The photographs depict life, work and communities in the Digby and Clare area. Check it out and the other heritage resources at: www.heritagehub.ca

Flag Day at Islands School

This past February the Municipality conducted a National Flag Day ceremony hosted by the Islands Consolidated School in Freeport, Long Island. The ceremony was attended by the student body, teachers, staff and residents from the area. Municipal Deputy War-

den Linda Gregory and Councillor David Tudor brought greetings and spoke to the students about the importance of our national flag as a symbol of Canadian identity. Eighteen students from the school directly participated in the ceremony. All provincial and territorial flags were represented by flag bearers and Master of Ceremony duties was conducted by two students, Madison Lent

and Bella Titus. Soloist, Dakota Titus sung the National and Royal anthem. The guest speaker was Jonathan White. Mr. White has been a world traveler for the past 40 years and is now living in Little River. Mr. White delivered a passionate speech about his perspective of Canadians, the virtues of being Canadian and the true sense of place he feels living here. Mr. White received a standing ovation from the audience. Check it out on Youtube:

Flag Day Digby County 2019

The Student body and staff gather to commemorate Canada's National Flag with a school photo

Photo: Joan O'Neil



Plympton & Gilbert's Cove Volunteer Fire Department is looking for volunteers to come out, join and become a volunteer firefighter. There's a job and place for everyone.

Maybe it's time to add a new suit to your wardrobe?

- *Interior & Exterior Firefighters
- *On -Scene Safety
- *Administrative support
- *Drivers/ Operators
- *Scene Support
- *Radio Operators
- *On- Scene Accountability
- *Traffic Control

Plympton & Gilbert's Cove Volunteer Fire Department
7208 Highway #101
Plympton, NS
Call 902-837-4280
Or stop by the Plympton & Gilbert Firehall
We meet every week on Monday night at 7pm

We are looking for volunteers !



Grass Burning Myths

To many people, burning grass is a tradition, and rite of spring. Upon closer examination, however, the reasons for spring grass burning are largely unfounded and rather than being beneficial, grass burning is destructive and dangerous.

Myth: Spring burning improves the new grass crop.

Fact: Burning actually reduces grass yield 50 to 70 per cent

Myth: Burning makes the new grass come in greener.

Fact: The new grass will be the same color whether burning took place or not. It just appears greener due

to the contrast against the bare, blackened ground.

Myth: Spring burning is the easiest way to get rid of last year's vegetation.

Fact: Easy perhaps, but not good for the soil. Burning results in most of the old plants' nutrients going up in smoke or remaining in ash that is washed away. Burning also releases CO2 into the atmosphere. Ploughing old plants under, or allowing them to decompose, allows carbon and fertilizing elements to go back into the soil.

Myth: It's pretty safe to burn grass here. There's a fire hall just down the road.

Fact: Under the Forests Act, if you light a fire, you are responsible for it. If your fire gets out of control you may be liable for the cost of

fighting the fire, the destruction of others' property, and face criminal penalties for violating burning regulations.



Provincial Burning Restrictions
<https://novascotia.ca/burnsafe/>

Renal Dialysis at Digby Hospital

The project to build a six-station renal dialysis unit at Digby General Hospital is making progress.

There are two phases to the project. The first phase is nearly finished. This saw renovations to the third floor to make room for offices that must be moved in order to start phase two, which is the construction of the renal dialysis unit on the first floor.

We know residents in Digby and Annapolis counties are looking forward to being able to receive this service closer to home. The Nova Scotia Health Authority Renal Program is committed to working toward providing the best possible access to dialysis services throughout the province.

Digby Hospital has been a busy place for renovations over the past few months. Work has also been done to replace much of the roof. Patients and visitors are always asked to use caution around construction areas.



Concept drawing of the Digby Hospital Renal Dialysis Unit

Digby Area Tourism Association

AGM May 8, 2019

Municipal Office 6 pm Social

6:30 pm Meeting

Come see the launch of the new logo

Canada's Natural Aquarium

Check out the 2019 Visitor Guide at:

digbyarea.ca



Along the Coastline

Low-Income Tax Exemption Household Income for 2018	Maximum Rebate Value
Less than \$ 9,999	\$ 500
Between \$ 10,000 and \$ 14,999	\$ 400
Between \$ 15,000 and \$ 19,999	\$ 300
Between \$ 20,000 and \$ 25,999	\$ 250

✓ * Council has approved a Low-Income Tax Exemption for those home owners whose **2018** income from all sources does not exceed \$26,000. More details and application forms can be found at the Municipal Office.

* The Municipality was very pleased to conduct the 2019 Flag Day Ceremony at Islands Consolidated School. Many thanks to students and staff and guest speaker Jonathan White for his very inspiring talk.

* The Municipal Tax Sale was held on March 22nd.

* New washroom facilities have been completed at the Haines Lake Property.

* Council and staff have begun discussions around the 2019-2020 operating budget.

* Congratulations to the Roger Outhouse, the Municipality of Digby volunteer of the year for 2019.

* Councillors have been busy in their districts meeting with constituents and attending various functions and events.

Council Meetings

Council	April 23	6 pm
Committee of the Whole	May 13	5 pm
Council	May 27	6 pm
Committee of the Whole	June 10	5 pm

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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On the Trails

Digby Home to our Provincial Lichen

The District of Digby is perfect habitat for our provincial lichen. Blue Felt Lichens are striking and beautiful: a thick scallop-shaped deep-blue body often with yellow highlights growing on a dark blue mat set off by bright red fruiting bodies on top.

Blue Felts are a species at risk that, in Canada, has only been found in the Atlantic region with its main population here in Nova Scotia. Volunteer surveys since January have turned up three new sites in the Digby area where previously no one knew the Blue Felt Lichen was growing. One of those sites in particular, Crown land around the Acacia Valley Trails, is home to at least 13 colonies over an area of just 50 acres.

Why Acacia Valley? The long valley funnels moist foggy air from the Bay of Fundy via the Annapolis Basin and the Joggin into the swamps and maples swales of this coastal upland. Blue Felts need humidity and are vulnerable to drying out if forestry operations are carried out nearby.

Megan Moore identifies the Blue Felt Lichen, a species at risk recently named our provincial lichen, this lichen thrives deep in the swamps around the Acacia Valley Trails.



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