



PRESERVING OUR PAST - DEVELOPING OUR FUTURE

Council approves Operating Budget \$ 8,973,098

A copy of the budget presentation is available on our website at www.digbydistrict.ca

On June 24th, Council approved the 2019-20 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 scaled Low-Income Tax Exemption of \$250 to \$500 for those whose 2018 income from all sources is less than \$26,000. Residential assessments increased by more than 3% and commercial assessments decreased by 1.9%.

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.



Welcome to the Team!

New Climate Change Officer and Field Specialist hired



Tracey Tanaka

As part of continuing efforts by the municipality to address the impact of climate change, the Municipality, Towns of Digby and Annapolis are joining forces and have received federal assistance from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. We welcome Tracey Tanaka to the new Climate Change Officer and Field Specialist position. Tracey has been hired for two years thanks to financial support from the Municipalities for Climate Innovation Program, as well as from the Municipality and the Towns of Digby and Annapolis Royal. The aim of this program is to support the identification and implementation of initiatives that assist with adaptation to the effects of climate change. As part of her position, Tracey will be working on a number of activities including updating our Municipal Climate Change Action Plan and completing the five milestones laid out by the Partners for Climate Protection.

Milestone One: Create a Green House Gas emissions inventory;
Milestone Two: Set an emissions reduction target;
Milestone Three: Develop a local action plan;
Milestone Four: Implement the local action plan or set of activities;
Milestone Five: Monitor progress and report results.

"Digby has already implemented several important measures to mitigate the effects of climate change, such as the installation of Electrical Vehicle Charging units and the conversion of street lights to LED technology. I look forward to building upon these initiatives and further assist the Municipality and Towns to build resilience to the risks associated with issues such as severe weather events and sea-level rise," said Tracey.

For information on what the Municipality is doing to reduce our carbon footprint, contact Terry Thibodeau at 902 245-4767 or email: tthibodeau@municipality.digby.ns.ca

Kings Transit Senior Champion

The Kings Transit Authority has engaged Sandy Buchan to serve as Seniors' Transit Champion, under the Age Friendly Communities program funded by the Province of Nova Scotia. In his role, Sandy travels throughout the Annapolis Valley to speak with seniors, provide information on public transit and conduct focused travel training for those who are unfamiliar with the system and its use.

For more information, please contact Sandy at the Authority:

Email: info@kingstransit.ns.ca
Phone: 902-599-0470



On the Trails

Fixing up the Digby Railbed Trail

Summer and fall is the sweetest time on the Digby Railbed Trail. Beautiful wildflowers line the trail, birds are singing in the bushes and a lot of the puddles are starting to dry up under the hot sun.

Not all the puddles are drying up on their own. Volunteers have started working on various sections, started figuring out their capacity with machines and energy and starting to tackle the little jobs as we gain better understanding of what needs to be done to get the trail to our end goal of safe and attractive.

Volunteers are needed for all kinds of big and little jobs – from pruning back alders and rampant wild roses, to mowing trail shoulders and even digging ditches (we're thinking tractors/ backhoes here).

If you have ideas, machinery or a few spare hours and want to help move the Digby Railbed Trail towards that end goal of safe and attractive, please reach out to the trail coordinator, Jonathan Riley at 902-245-2861.



Sweet shady walking, biking or riding on the Digby Railbed Trail

You are invited to a special National Heritage Lighthouse Plaque Unveiling Ceremony and Social

September 14th 1pm
Point Prim Lighthouse
Lighthouse Road



The Digby Regional Emergency Management Organization

Hurricanes and tropical storms

Most hurricanes and tropical storms occur in August, September and October when the ocean's waters are at their warmest. On average, three to four tropical storms or hurricanes pose a threat to Canada or its waters each year.

To learn more about hurricanes, please visit the *Environment & Climate Change* website for more information.



Heat injuries

In the summer, the combination of high heat and humidity can be dangerous for some people.

Those most at risk include the elderly, people with certain chronic conditions (such as heart or lung problems), people who can't move or change position by themselves, infants and preschool children, people who work or exercise outdoors for a long period of time, and people taking certain medications, especially those for mental health conditions.

For more information on heat and humidity, and tips on preventing heat-related illnesses go to the home page of the Municipal web site: digbydistrict.ca look for **Tips to Beat the Heat**

Health File



Breast screening saves lives

The digital mobile mammography breast screening van will be in Digby and area during the month of August at the following locations:

Digby General Hospital
– August 6 – 12

Long Island – Royal Canadian Legion – August 22 - 23

Comeauville – Radio CIFA Building – August 24 - 31

Statistics show that 1 in 9 women in Nova Scotia will develop breast cancer in her lifetime and the risk increases as a person grows older. A mammogram is a low dose x-ray that can help find breast cancer at an early stage.

Women aged 40 and over, have your Health Card ready when you call for a breast screening appointment: 1-800-565-0548

The Nova Scotia Breast Screening Program is a partnership of Nova Scotia Health Authority and IWK Health Centre. Find information on breast screening, wait times and more, online:

www.Breastscreening.nshealth.ca



Looking to buy or sell a business in the next 1–2 years?

Only 9% of business owners have a formal succession plan.

48% of business owners have not identified a buyer.

Do You Have a Plan?



We can help you with this process by:

- * *Connecting buyers & sellers*
- * *A commission free way to sell your business*
- * *Information & resources for family transitions, management buyouts or third party sales*
- * *Three levels of privacy to control who sees your information*

Limited spots available

To find out if you qualify, contact:



Brenda LaGrandeur

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902-653-0369

Made possible by funding from



Along the Coastline

Council is very pleased to be able to continue to provide funding for local community groups and festivals. The following groups applied for and received funding for the 2019-2020 year.

COMMUNITY GRANTS			
Admiral Digby Museum	\$2,500	Islands Women's Centre	\$500
Annapolis Royal Gardens	\$500	Royal Canadian Legion Br 20	\$500
Digby Area Soccer	\$506	SW Nova Biosphere Reserve	\$1,000
Digby Area Learning Assoc	\$2,500	Tiverton Board of Trade	\$1,000
Digby Area Tourism Assoc	\$10,000	Transport de Clare	\$28,000
Digby Choral Group-High C's	\$ 500	Tri-County Women's Centre	\$1,000
Digby County Exhibition	\$3,000	Trinity Anglican Church	\$500
Digby East Fish & Game Assoc	\$1,500	Upper Clements Park	\$5,000
Digby Neck Collective	\$1,000	Victoria Quilts	\$750
Electric City/New France Society	\$5,000	Weymouth Amateur Athletic	\$5,000
Family Centre- Digby	\$2,000	Weymouth Board of Trade	\$500
Freeport Community Hall	\$3,000	Weymouth Waterfront Dev	\$750
Freeport Community Dev Assoc	\$1,000	Westport Rec Auxiliary	\$200
Ground Search & Rescue	\$2,000	Youth Grant Budget	\$3,000
FESTIVALS AND EVENTS			
Bear River Cherry Carnival	\$500	Wharf Rat Rally	\$15,000
Lobster Bash	\$2,000	Westport Canada Day	\$1,000
Scallop Days-Annapolis Blossom	\$3,500	Weymouth Canada Day	\$500
Scallop Days	\$1,000		
VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRES			
Digby VIC	\$3,000	Tiverton VIC	\$3,000
Weymouth VIC	\$3,000	Fundy Rose VIC	\$2,500
Bear River VIC	\$3,000		

DARC Haines Lake Recreational Facility Whats Happening in August



Summer Day Camp is offered Monday to Friday from 8:00am until 4:30pm. The cost is \$75.00 per week per child. We welcome children that have completed grade primary up to the age of 12. Each week includes swimming, a day trip and lots of active fun! Drop off and pick up is at Digby Arena. Registration is required online or call 902-245-4344!

Summer Day Camp Weeks and Themes

Aug 12 – 16 – **Kayak Camp** ages 8- 15
 Aug 18 – **Family Lake Day and Bon Fire** 3pm - 9pm
 Aug 22/23 – **Overnight Camp** ages 8- 10
 Aug 26/27 – **Overnight Camp** ages 11 - 12



You are invited to attend a Municipal Heritage Plaque Unveiling Ceremony at the Riverside Baptist Church, Weymouth Saturday August 17th at 2 pm

Refreshments to follow



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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Council Meetings

Committee of the Whole	Sept. 9	5 pm
Council	Sept. 23	6 pm
Committee of the Whole	Oct. 7	5 pm
Council	Oct. 21	6 pm

Directory of Municipal Services

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REMO 902-245-6252

Heritage 902-245-4757

Renewable Energy/Climate Change 902-245-4767

Economic Development, Dan Harvey 902-847-1217

Trails Coordinator, Jonathan Riley 902-245-2861