

The Coastline



April 2015 Preserving Our Past ~ Developing Our Future

Heritage Minister, Shelley Glover visits the area to talk about a Cultural Initiative for the Region.

Canada's Minister of Heritage and Official Languages got a firsthand look at how Southwest Nova Scotia is preparing for the country's 150th birthday celebrations.

The federal Government is commemorating and supporting significant heritage milestones of a broad national perspective through the "Road to 2017" plan. The Hon. Shelly Glover, federal Minister for Canadian Heritage and Official Languages, toured the area from Clare to Kings County and met with municipal representatives, heritage and cultural groups, and business associations to explain and promote the initiative.

The visit was arranged and conducted by West Nova Member of Parliament, Greg Kerr, as part of his ongoing effort to encourage community preparedness and collaboration to benefiting from the commemoration.

"The area has to work together to design and advance a plan that best recognizes, supports and promotes its legendary historical and cultural legacy," Kerr said, explaining, "Canada 2017 presents us with an opportunity

that cannot be ignored."

"This is an opportunity for this wonderful area to accurately define the exceptional contribution it has made to Canadian culture and heritage," Glover said,



(l-r) Annapolis Royal Mayor Michael Tompkins; Alain Melanson (as Samuel de Champlain); Heritage and Official Languages Minister, the Hon. Shelley Glover; Municipality of Digby Warden Linda Gregory" Photo P. MacLellan

The Minister commented that she was impressed with the level of community teamwork she witnessed during her visit.

"Keep working together, because this is not about a series of local initiatives; it is about building a collective legacy initiative that will connect us, and especially our children, with all of Canada," she insisted.

It was a message that the Heritage Minister also pressed on Friday evening as she spoke to a gathering of municipal representatives from Argyle to Kings County, along with heritage and cultural leaders in Cornwallis Park.

Attending the event, Warden Linda Gregory of the Municipality of Digby, said that area communities were already working together, "We have been directly communicating with each other as municipal units and closely involving our heritage, cultural and business sectors."

Recently, seven area municipal units announced they had agreed on a collaborative initiative to develop a regional heritage and cultural funding strategy to mark Canada's 150th birthday, indicating that their respective municipal units would entertain a draft inter-municipal agreement to identify and pursue specific legacy initiatives that would benefit the entire area.

The agreement would also allow for a corporation, or not-for-profit organization to be created, giving more flexibility to the municipal units.

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This past winter was a hard one, especially hard for our seniors. The relentless snow and wind and cold created hardships not normally experienced in this region. Many seniors and shut-ins became isolated under the deep snow that even a simple plow could not penetrate. This situation needed a community to come together. "Neighbour helping neighbour", to assist those who could not help themselves and avoid a personal crisis. The Aging Well Coalition, a group focused on assisting seniors decided that something needed to be done to make people aware that there are people who need assistance due to the weather conditions. Dawn Thomas, the Senior Safety Coordinator for the area, has heard many stories of people helping people. "I had some seniors tell me about their neighbour who brings her dog over to visit, and while she's there, she does some shoveling. Neighbours rally around an older woman going through cancer treatments so she is able to go home to live and not have to worry about getting to ap-

pointments, cooking and being alone. People are helping, but for everyone that receives help there are many, many more that do not. The extreme winter has been hard on seniors. If you can find the time to offer help in any way please do, and a special thank you to all the 2015 winter angels" said Ms. Thomas.

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Volunteer of the Year Stacey Doucette

"You can Make a Difference"



Every year, the municipality recognizes the volunteer of the year with an award to a person that has demonstrated exceptional commitment to their community through their volunteer efforts. This year, the recipient is Stacey Doucette of Weymouth. Mr. Doucette is involved in many community organizations and is a key motivator to get things done. "I am just trying to make my community a better place," said Mr. Doucette. "If things are not happening in your community you need to get up and make it happen. Volunteering is a commitment. It has made me a better person. I understand you need to give and take, to cooperate with people, you need to fight to make your community better. You can make a difference. Volunteering has given me a better understanding of the strengths and weaknesses in the community. One thing I would say is that we need more youth involvement, it is their community too. and it can be better for them as well. I would like to thank those who nominated me. I appreciate your recognition".

Municipal Citizen Representatives Important part of the decision making

Council would like to thank the citizen representatives that dedicate their time to help bring a community perspective to council decisions.

Heritage Advisory Committee

Andrena Teed
Louise Mullen
Al Puxley
Dianne Theriault
David Irvine

Planning Advisory Committee

Jay Stone
Patricia Moore
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Digby Town & Municipal Housing Corp

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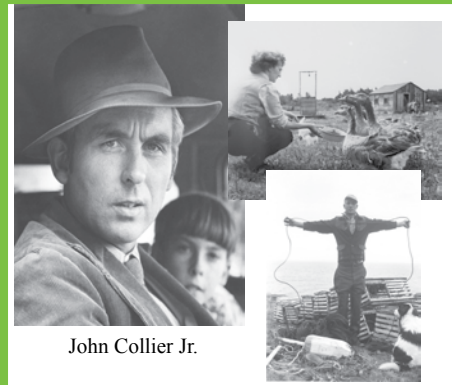
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Digby Source Water Protection Advisory Committee

Bill LeBlanc



John Collier Jr.

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MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF DIGBY

APPLICATION RESPECTING
2015/16 TAX EXEMPTION



BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the District of Digby, that an exemption from taxes for 2015/16 be granted pursuant to Section 69 of the Municipal Government Act in an amount not exceeding \$225.00 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 2014 does not exceed \$23,000.00 (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, 2015.

Plan Ahead !

2015 Heritage Conference
Digby Pines Resort

October 7~9th

Fundy Coastlines & Cultures
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Registration
Starts May 1st



Council Activities

Jimmy MacAlpine District #1

*I would like to mention that the light standards have been installed for the crosswalk on the 303 at Belair Drive in Conway.

*I would like to thank our Department of Transportation snow plow operators for doing a great job , it has been a very challenging winter

*I attended a Strategic Planning session for the Western Regional Enterprise Network

*We continue to work closely with the Town of Digby in trying to establish a Tidal deployment/ repair terminal in the Digby area.

*I am planning a District meeting to be held in Bear River the first week of May, time TBA.

Maritza Adams District #2

Attended the following:

*Flag Day Ceremonies at D.R.H.S. on February 14th; the Black Heritage Gala Dinner; Woodlot Owners Assoc.

-Western Region in Saulnierville and Y-Reach Open house at the Fundy YMCA.

*I would like to thank the Ground Search and Rescue volunteers for helping with the traffic control on March 24th. It was greatly appreciated.

*Welcome back to Kendra W. from her trip to Ecuador where they helped to build a water system for the community. Also thank you, to those people who have been helping their neighbours during all the snowfall we have endured.

District Public Meeting April 28 at 7pm Barton School.

Warden Linda Gregory District #3

*Time is passing quickly, officially Spring is upon us but it does not appear that way. Soon enough the rain and the sunshine will melt the snow away and we will be in bloom in our picturesque area. Weather aside, we have other concerns in our area. A grave concern is with our Provincial VIC closing. We have met with our MLA and the Provincial Staff on this.

*Other areas of focus include my attendance at the FCM Sustainability Conference. I also had the privilege of attending The Digby Firemen's Annual Banquet and presen-

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.

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tations. Firemen were honored for their years of service. I also had the opportunity to do First Aid with the Firemen from Digby Neck Fire Dept.

*I got to meet and talk with Minister Shelly Glover and MP Greg Kerr regarding a regional cultural initiative. As well, I had a meeting with the URB over boundary review.

* I was a party goer at a retirement party for Bill William. Ongoing, is my participation at various Council and Committee Meetings, as well as meeting with groups and citizens over their concerns.

Happy Spring everyone.

David Tudor District #4

*Working on Lighthouse Preservation.

*Working on getting the last people in District Four hooked up for Internet

*Attending to numerous issues in regards to tourism

*Dealing with local housing issues

*If anyone needs help please call me at 902-839-2630

George Manzer District #5

*Attended: Forestry Association meeting in Saulnierville, March 7

*African Heritage celebration in Digby

* Flag Day ceremony at Digby High School

*Climate change workshop in Digby

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Council Meetings

Committee of the Whole April 13 4:00 pm

Council April 27 6 pm

Committee of the Whole May 11 4:30 pm

Council May 25 6pm

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