

The Coastline



November 2015 Preserving Our Past ~ Developing Our Future

Doctor Westby Retires After 38 Years

October 31st will mark the end to a Weymouth institution. Dr. Donald Westby will work his final day in the community. Since 1984 Dr. Westby has treated, diagnosed, friended and counselled husbands, mothers, children, granddads and grandmothers for 31 years. He started out fresh from Bonavista, Newfoundland, where he practiced for two years with Dr. Chris Randall, a native of Bonavista. Arriving in Weymouth on July 17th, 1984, to replace Dr. Erjavec, Dr. Westby was placed under the wing of Dr. Felix Doucet as he became acquainted with the community. "Felix and I became very good friends and he was a fine mentor, I miss his presence," said Dr. Westby.

Dr. Westby was born in Sligo, Northwest Ireland, and graduated from the University of Dublin in 1977. He spent several years working in an urban hospital setting so moving to Canada and to a small community in Newfoundland had its challenges. By the time he arrived in Weymouth he was ready to settle into a new private practice. "In a small



Doctor Donald Westby

community like Weymouth, you become close to people, and over the years you get to know the families and see children grow up and have their own families. In Weymouth there are many cultures; Mi'kmaq, African Canadian, Acadian and English. It's a lovely

mix, a microcosm of the region in one place," continued Dr. Westby.

Over the years, Dr. Westby has seen positive developments in health services in the area. One of these improvements has been the new level of cooperation between the District of Clare and the District of Digby. The clinic in Weymouth is a result of that. The implementation of the 911 and civic numbers has also been an important improvement. The creation of the Digby/Clare Homecare Agency is an important service and has allowed many seniors to live their lives where they want to be, at home.

"I simply look forward to wearing dirty jeans and a t-shirt and travelling down those dirt roads that I never found time to travel down and do some fishing," concluded Dr. Westby.

Council would like to thank Doctor Westby for his many years of service to the community.

There will be an Open House on November 22 at the St. Mary's Bay Academy Gym from 2 pm - 4 pm. Best Wishes Only



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The Tide Is Comin

On Sept 17-19 Digby held its annual Port Days celebration. This year's theme, "Striving to be The Greenest County in Nova Scotia," featured updates from tidal developers planning on implementing tidal turbines at the head of the Bay of Fundy. The Thursday portion of the event saw presentations from developers on their current activities, their planned deployment dates along with giving the 150+ audience members an overview of some of the technical components that would be needed as the tidal industry develops in Nova Scotia. Digby has been noted as the port of choice and developers see opportunities to establish here once commercialization has been achieved. A reception at the Pines Resort followed the presentations where the audience heard words of encouragement for the industry from the Minister of Energy, the Honourable Michel Samson. Friday's events included more updates on the environment, economic impact and jobs



Tidal Turnbine / Sample Prototype

required for the industry into the future. Friday concluded with tours of local renewable energy installations; Digby Wind Farm, Anaerobic Digester, and Universite Sainte-Anne Green Campus. Universite Sainte-Anne hosted a reception that evening for the 85 participants on the tours. The conclusion to the Port Days event was held on Saturday at the NSCC, Digby Campus, where the 50 to 60 participants learned about energy efficiency, passive homes, going off grid and sustainable energy for Digby. See you Next Year!

Municipal Trails Update

Improving local trails continues to be a priority of the Municipality, as work crews recently completed two small projects on Long Island. At Balancing Rock, 14 new aluminum hand rails were installed on the lower portion of the stairs, just before the viewing platform. The old steel rails had rusted severely and were becoming dangerous. This project was made possible by the Friends of Islands Trails Society. The group provided the funding to purchase the railings and municipal staff installed them. Staff also installed a bench at the look-off at the Althouse Trail. The trail is located about halfway up the access road to the Boars Head Lighthouse. Earlier this summer, staff had cleared the trail, improved the access point and installed a new walking bridge. The bench has been dedicated to



Municipal Staff Norm Levesque, and Deputy CAO Jeff Sunderland install commemorative bench at Althouse Trail

Laurence Outhouse, who sadly passed away this summer. He was a great supporter of trails and open spaces on the islands, and especially the Althouse trail. Municipal staff are now accessing the Bear Cove property that Laurence and his wife, Dianne, leased to the municipality. Initial plans are for a small parking area, a walking trail to the Fundy Shore and a bench and picnic table.



Balancing Rock Trail new rails for stairs

Power Outage !

Remember to operate your gas generators in a well ventilated area



Nova Scotia Heritage Conference A Success

Beautiful weather and Digby hospitality played key ingredients to a successful Heritage Conference held at the Digby Pines Resort on October 7 -9. This is the 9th consecutive year the conference has been held in the province. The focus of the conference is to bring heritage professions, government departments, and heritage minded people from across the Maritimes together to discuss and learn from other regions the successes and challenges facing heritage development today. The keynote speaker, Dale Jarvis, was very inspiring and told stories about how living history can bring new life into heritage assets. Sarah MacLachlan introduced us to a project that will transform a heritage home in Sandy Cove into a place where artists, writers and creative-minded people can immerse themselves in a collaborative atmosphere and discover new ideas and skills to enhance their creative development. Local innovative projects were also presented proving that heritage is ever-changing and evolving.

Compliments to the staff at the Pines Resort for their professional service from start to finish and to all the volunteers who made the event go so smoothly.



Back HAC Member, David Irvine; HAC Member, Dianne Theriault; Keynote Speaker, Dale Jarvis; Provincial Heritage Coordinator, Kevin Barrett; Conference Chair, Rob Hersey; Conference Committee member, Joe Ballard; Sitting: Councillor & Conference Committee member Maritza Adams

Canada Legacy Society Update

With the federal election over Warden Gregory says the Canada Legacy Society (CLS) will now actively be pursuing governments in Ottawa and Halifax for funding to secure area legacy and heritage projects in southwestern Nova Scotia.

The Warden is an executive member of the CLS, a not-for-profit municipal corporation created to develop a regional heritage and cultural funding strategy to mark Canada's 150th birthday.

Application for funding has already been made to the Government of Canada as part of the "On the Road to 2017" plan, commemorating and supporting significant heritage milestones of a broad national perspective; and a submission for funding has also been made to the Province of Nova Scotia through the Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage.

"All the participating municipalities have been totally supportive of this approach from the very beginning", said Warden Gregory, "Because there's no other realistic option but to work together if we are to fully realize these opportunities".

The other participating municipal units are the Municipality of the County of Kings; the Town of Middleton, The Municipality of the County of Annapolis; the Town of Annapolis Royal; the Town of Digby; the Municipality of Argyle; the Town of Yarmouth and the Municipality of the District of Yarmouth.



Warden Linda Gregory



Council would like to thank all the volunteers who made the 2015 Nova Scotia Heritage Conference such a success



Congratulations to **Paul Gidney** for achieving World Champion stature in powerlifting

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Municipal Council would like to thank the volunteers at the Admiral Digby Museum for hosting the Commemorative Tea in honour of the reign of Queen Elizabeth II.

Council Activities

Jimmy MacAlpine District #1

- * Our children are now back to school and it is very important to ensure their safety by drivers abiding by the flashing lights of the buses.
- * This summer I traveled on the new ferry , the Fundy Rose, to Saint John. It is a great passenger experience, very comfortable and a great replacement for the Princess of Acadia.
- * I wish to remind the residents of the municipality that winter is not too far off and that it is important to be prepared for storms and conditions that could leave homes powerless for a number of days.

Maritza Adams District #2

- * Have been attending several meetings of the organizing committee for the Provincial Heritage Conference to be held at the Pines early in October.
- * Attended the Scallop Days Princess Tea and volunteered during Scallop Days activities.
- * Attended the Fire Association Meeting where the Provincial Fire Marshall spoke.
- * Attended, at St. Anne's University, a presentation by Ray Ivany on how Nova Scotia is doing 1 year after the One Nova Scotia report came out.
- * Toured the new Medical Clinic.
- * Attended a Police Conference in Truro.

Warden Linda Gregory District #3

- * Fall is here in its splash of brilliant colors; oranges, yellows and red. I wonder, where did the summer go?
- * As always, I have been attending various meetings. Some highlights include: I am now the Zone 4 Representative for the RCMP Advisory Board for the N.S. Association of Police Governance. I attended the NSAPG conference. I was also elected Secretary on this board. We are always bringing forward concerns of our citizens to our RCMP.
- * I thoroughly enjoyed our High Tea which was held for our Monarch having the longest reign. It was a great

Milestone Certificates

Council provides a certificate of recognition to groups and individuals for significant milestones or achievements. To find out more go to:

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success. I would like to give special thanks to Gail Hersey, President of the Admiral Digby Museum.

* During Digby Scallop Days I attended various functions and was a volunteer during the event.

* At Wharf Rat Rally I attended many events as well as volunteered with the traffic control; Digby Ground Search and Rescue are in charge of this. Larry and Sheila White do a great job organizing the volunteers and keeping it all together that weekend so that we have a safe festival.

* I also took the opportunity to ride on our bus. It was wonderful talking to the people who were traveling on the bus and listening to what they had to say.

* Very important - Please remember our veterans on Remembrance Day, November 11, 2015.

David Tudor District #4

Working to acquire funding for the Ferry Approaches projects for East Ferry, Tiverton, Freeport and Westport. Working to acquire funding for the Brier Island Bog boardwalk project.

Wood and food bank are running; if you need help let me know.

If you have a problem or a plan please let me know.

George Manzer District #5

I would like to thank the sponsors of the Music on the Sissiboo and all the people that came out to support. Attended the Digby Port Days and Renewable Energy Symposium

Council Meetings

Nov 9 COTW 4:30 pm

Nov. 23 Council 6 pm

Dec. 14 COTW 4:30 pm

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