



PRESERVING OUR PAST - DEVELOPING OUR FUTURE

Ten Years of Hiking

The Fundy Erratics celebrated 10 years of hiking in the Digby area with a shore hike and a barbecue. A group of 25 met at the Point Prim Lighthouse on Sept. 17 and hiked along the Fundy shore to the monument dedicated to the shipwreck of the S.S. Princess Louise.

The Friends of Point Prim barbecued hotdogs and served an anniversary cake to the hungry hikers when they returned to the lighthouse.

The Erratics were originally

formed after a nudge from the Friends of Point Prim who wanted a hike organized for the Lights Along the Shore lighthouse festival in September 2012 – since then the hikers have enjoyed at least one group hike per month.

The hikes allow people to get fresh air and exercise, to explore the woods and waters of our community, to connect with the natural world, and to spend time with like-minded outdoorsy active folks.

The Erratics try to schedule a variety of hikes with varying levels of difficulty but always start together, stay together, learn together and have fun together!

The Erratics' next hike is scheduled for October 22. For more information and a link to the group's Facebook page, where the most up-to-date announcements are posted, go to:

www.digbytrails.ca/fundy-erratics-hiking-club.html



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New Municipal Registered Heritage Property

The former Weymouth North Post Office / Library is now a Municipal Heritage Property. The heritage registration will protect the building from demolition or substantial design alterations to the exterior. The Weymouth Waterfront Association who owns the property would like to develop the building and site as an interpretive center focused around local history and the unique tidal marsh land environment that surrounds the building. This registration will be the 31st registered property in the Municipal Heritage Building Registry. The building was originally built as a post office in 1908 and remained



a post office until 1966 when the office was closed and became a community library. For more historical information regarding

the Weymouth North Post Office/ Library go to: www.heritagehub.ca and search the District of Digby Heritage Home database.

Are Invasive Plant Species in Your Backyard?

Invasive plant species are becoming more and more common in Canada and the Maritimes. One such species is the Japanese Knotweed. This particular plant is a bush that grows in wet areas like ditches, river banks and marshlands. It is a perennial plant that is also known as Mexican Bamboo and Buckwheat. Japanese Knotweed is native to the eastern Asia region and flourishes in areas where there has been volcanic lava flows. The species was brought to North America in the late 19th century as a domestic ornamental plant. Japanese Knotweed is particularly aggressive and can dominate over natural species for space. One of the issues with Japanese Knotweed is that the root system is not very

dense and is prone to erosion. This can be a serious issue along river banks and sloping terrain causing landslides. If you are aware of the plant in your area, please notify the Nova Scotia Invasive Species Council and report your finding.

<http://nsinvasives.ca>

Also you can contact the council at:

- * info@nsinvasives.ca
- * Twitter: [@nsinvasives1](https://twitter.com/nsinvasives1)
- * Facebook: [@nsinvasives](https://www.facebook.com/nsinvasives)



What to do in the event of a hurricane



Hurricanes can often be predicted one or two days in advance of their landfall. The key to hurricane protection is preparation. By taking precautions before, during, and after a hurricane, lives can be saved and property damage averted.

It is important to stay informed by listening to the latest warnings and advisories on radio, television, or web sites. The Canadian Hurricane Centre will issue and update these when necessary.

If a hurricane is forecast, secure everything that might be blown around or torn loose. Flying objects such as garbage cans and lawn furniture can injure people and damage property.

Trim dead branches and cut down dead trees to reduce the danger of these falling onto your house during a storm.

Stock up on water, ready-to-eat food and heating fuel, as well as battery-powered or wind-up flashlights and radios - and extra batteries. Make sure that there is gasoline in the car. For a complete list of emergency supplies, go to emergency kits. Also, learn what to have in your car emergency kit.

If you live on the coast or in a low-lying area near the coast, be prepared to move inland and to higher ground if instructed by local officials. The high winds can create large waves at sea which may become storm surges when they reach the shore. If you are advised by officials to evacuate, do so. Take your emergency kit with you.

Virtual Health Care available to more people

All Nova Scotians on the Need a Family Practice Registry can now get free, online medical appointments through Virtual Care Nova Scotia (VirtualCareNS).

Previously, people had to receive an email invitation to use VirtualCareNS. Now, anyone on the Need a Family Practice registry can sign up for the service. The program enables people on the registry to have online appointments with a family doctor or nurse practitioner, until they can be served by a practice in their community.

Patients whose health concerns cannot be resolved virtually will be provided with options for in-person care. Visit: <https://virtualcarens.ca>

To use VirtualCareNS, people must be without a primary care provider and be on the Need a Family Practice Registry. To get on the registry, call 811 or visit:

<https://needafamilypractice.nshealth.ca/>



Ava O'Neil

My name is Ava O'Neil and I am entering grade 12 at Digby Regional High School. Several years ago, I won the Nova Scotia Heritage Fair and Provincial Built Heritage Award, on the topic of abandoned buildings in the

Western REN Annual Summit

Coming soon to the Digby Pines Resort is the Western REN Annual Summit. It will be held this October and will cover the ever-present topic of employee retention.

There will be a panel of peers who will be able to speak about employee retention and innovative ways to help business owners moving forward.

If you're a business owner, work in the private sector, or work with business owners, make sure to follow on facebook: @Western REN or sign up for notifications at www.westernren.ca to watch for event registration!



Municipality of Digby. Since then, I have taken a keen interest in built heritage. I am now working towards completing the Voluntary Service portion of my Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award. My project in relationship to this award will focus on investigating the history of fisheries related structures in rural Digby County. I look forward to volunteering with the Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia over the next year to complete this task. If you have any information about important/notable/special fisheries related structures please send me an email: contact@htns.ca Thank you.



Warden Linda Gregory and Claudia Couper

The Charles Couper family donate a painting to the Digby Art Bank

Claudia Couper, daughter of the late Charles Couper, an American Still Life painter and instructor, has donated a painting to the Digby Art Bank. The painting was created in a pastel medium and is entitled "Gatherings after the Storm", which was inspired by objects Mr. Couper collected along our local coastline after a wind storm in 1996. He would arrange the objects in a way that would create a pleasant colour scheme and composition. This style of painting is an old painting tradition dating back several centuries. Mr. Couper moved to Bear River in the 1980s' where he built a home and studio. The Council would like to thank Claudia for her generous donation in support of the Digby Art Bank. The painting is now hanging in the administration office.

Council Meetings

Committee of the Whole	October 11	5 pm
Council	October 25	5pm
Committee of the Whole	November 8	5 pm
Council	November 22	5 pm

Get your Coastline by email :
Send request to:
heritage@digbymun.ca



Or go to: **www.digbymun.ca** look under: **Departments/Information**

Check us out on Facebook:
municipality of digby



Volunteer your energy and skills for your community.

Council would like to thank all the volunteers and organizers who made all the festivals and events in the area a success. Without your dedication and energy these special community events would not happen.

Most sincere thank you from Council !

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