

# THE COASTLINE



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Photos by Karla Kelly

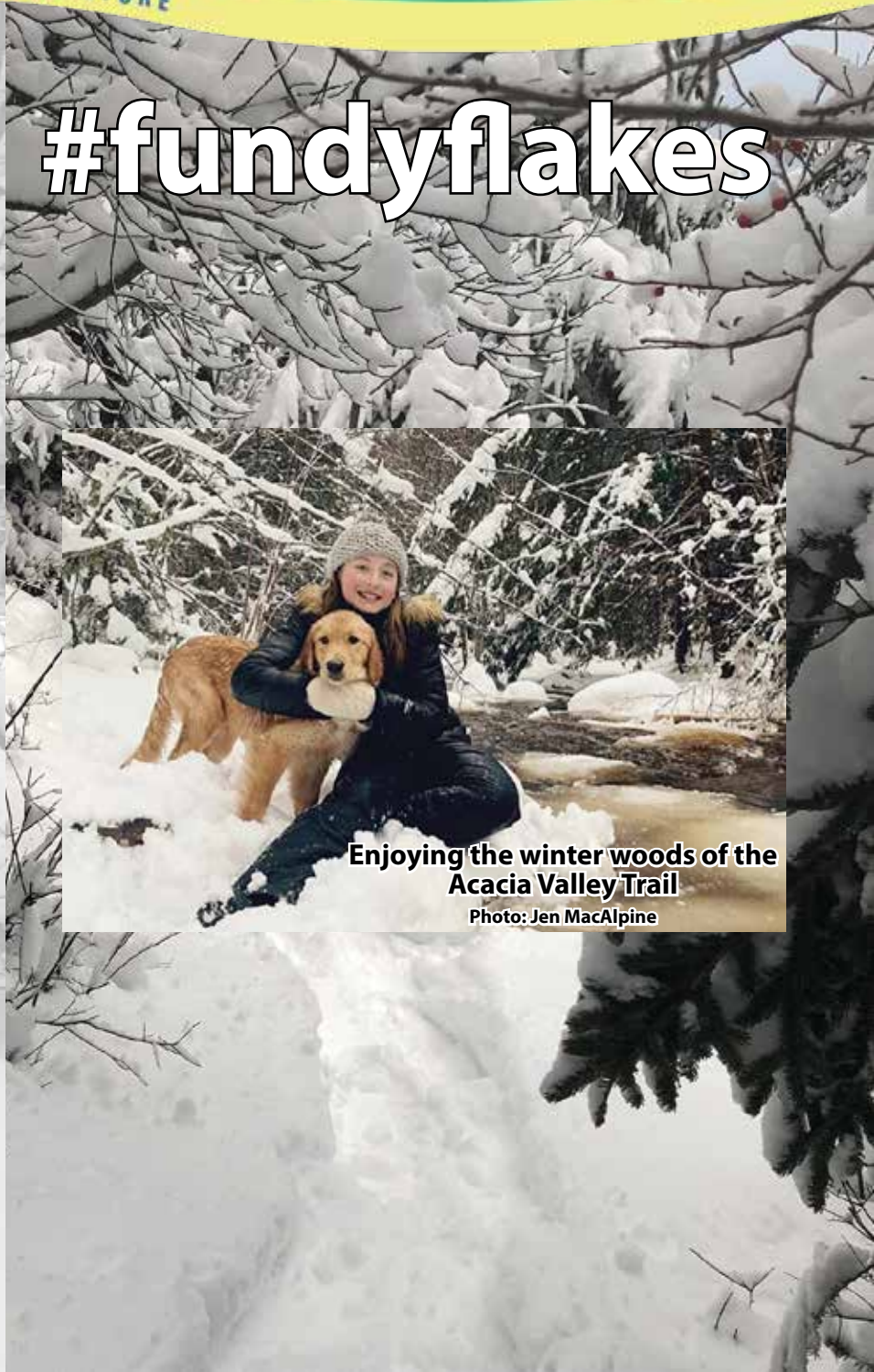
## #fundyflakes

Above Van Tassel Lake on the narrow trail to the summit, fir trees line the path, holding snow on every bough, until they sag and slouch under plump white pillows, looking like a tribe of snow trolls, large and small, squat and tall, wild and waiting.

Winter is quiet. Except when it's not. January storms can be ferocious, windy and loud. But when those storms pass, when they have dumped their heavy heaps, when they have painted every bush and limb and twig a sparkling white, when they have finished piling deep drifts along the meadow's edge, when they slink away with a final swirling gust of snow and cold, then the silence of the woods falls deeper.

Above Van Tassel Lake, alone in the silence on that lonely trail, just me and the trolls and the snow, there is peace.

Share your winter photos and stories online with the hashtag #fundyflakes or email them to [jriley@municipality.digby.ns.ca](mailto:jriley@municipality.digby.ns.ca).



Enjoying the winter woods of the Acacia Valley Trail

Photo: Jen MacAlpine

## Line Your Green Cart With Paper, Not Plastic



There has been a growing problem with people putting so-called compostable plastic bags in the compost bins. The situation has become very serious as these bags, purchased in local stores, do not break down as indicated on the packaging. At this time, tons of compost material is being contaminated and will just go to land fill. Waste Check has been working with local suppliers to stop selling these products but residents will need to lead the way. Please, no plastics in the compost bins, thanks.

## New Weather and Tidal Stations for the Area

The municipality is installing five weather and tidal stations in the district. This initiative is part of the recommendations laid out in the 2013 Municipal Climate Change and Action Plan. Each station will monitor temperature; humidity; sea level; solar sensor; rain and wind speed. The stations have been installed on the Weymouth waterfront, Bear River Firehall, Digby Wharf, Sandy Cove Fishermen's Wharf and Freeport Wharf. There is also a weather station at the Digby Municipal Airport. These stations will provide real-time baseline data that will help assist current and future analysis of climate patterns and water levels. The statistics will be used to create models to demonstrate climate effects on coastal

communities and infrastructure. Each station will be situated on a 24-foot aluminum tower. Some stations will be able to generate their own electricity to power the electronics via solar panels and a small wind turbine. The data gathered can be monitored in real-time by going to: [digbydistrict.ca](http://digbydistrict.ca).

These stations will also supply data to the Nova Scotia Dept. of Agriculture and to the Climate Change Research Centre at Saint Francis Xavier University. Detailed climate information like the data generated at these stations, can help assist growers in this area with harvest and pesticide management.

**Each station cost \$10,000 and the Municipality has received 50% funding from the Provincial Flood Risk Infrastructure Program.**



Each station is situated on a 24 foot (7.3-meters) tower. Goto: [digbydistrict.ca](http://digbydistrict.ca) to view data.

Weather Station Tower Assembly



# REMO File

## Civic Numbers

*If we can't find you, we can't help you.*



Everyone at your home and work-place needs to know the correct civic address in case of an emergency. You also need to properly post a civic number on your home and workplace so first responders can find you quickly. You can get a correctly made signs from the Digby Fire Department's licenced extinguisher, **Harold Dugas**, call 902 245-4958 or cell 902 247-0137.

\* **If you don't know your civic number**, contact: **Kathy Barr** at the Municipal Building Department, 902 245-2756.

\* make sure to post your civic number in front of your home and workplace

\* make sure it's clearly visible from the road  
\* ensure the civic sign has enough light so that it can be seen at night.

**Correction to the Comfort Centers list in the last issue, Westport Fire Hall contact is 902-839-2180**

## Digby General Hospital Becomes Classroom for Students

Digby area high school students had a chance to learn about health care careers during a special discussion at Digby General Hospital on December 12. The event aimed to encourage students to explore and pursue a health care career.

"I am interested in becoming a nurse practitioner and this session informed me very well on the different options," said student Gemma Moore. "I am truly grateful to have this kind of support in Digby."

Students from Islands Consolidated School, Digby Regional High School and St. Mary's Bay Academy were invited. The panel included a Licensed Practical Nurse, Nurse Practitioner, Medical Social Worker, doctors and a medical student.

The day was a true community effort, organized by the Digby & Area Health Services Centre, Schools Plus, Turning the Tide/ Inspiring Communities Digby, the Digby & Area Health Services Charitable Foundation, and Atlantic Superstore.



Digby health care providers share a laugh while helping high school students learn about health care careers.



## 70% OF PEOPLE GET JOBS WITH COMPANIES WHERE THEY HAVE A CONNECTION

I introduce skilled job seekers to Connectors- business leaders and professionals - in the field they want to work in. They meet for an informal conversation, build those connections, get answers to their questions ...and possibly find out about employment opportunities.

Connectors get to meet local skilled people who are looking to work here. They make a difference by helping talented people stay and work in our communities.

**To find out if you qualify for the program or if you are interested in being a Connector contact me today**



## Brenda LaGrandeur

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# Along the Coastline

\* The Digby Development Agency, formerly the Industrial Commission, is excited to be working with Alain d'Entremont of Scotia Harvest Inc. on the development of a fish plant on industrial park lands behind the municipal office.

\* The Municipal Levee had a great turnout. All in attendance enjoyed great food and entertainment. Thanks to those who stopped by to ring in the New Year.

\* Council is working with King's Transit to purchase a new bus to better serve our riders and our routes.

\* Council and staff of the Municipality wish to welcome new Recreation Manager Sharon MacAlpine. Sharon joined the Digby Area Recreation Commission team in December.

\* Council met with representatives from Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal to discuss various issues of local concern.

\* Comings and Goings: Linda Fraser retired on December 31<sup>st</sup>, we wish Linda all the best in retirement and thank her for the past 14 years of service. Congratulations to Jeff Sunderland who has taken on the role of CAO.

\* As always, Councillors have been busy in their districts meeting with constituents and attending various committee meetings, functions and events.

## Pet care during server weather events

Pet owners should prepare for server weather events for their pets. Make sure you have enough food and water on reserve; medical supplies and up to date identification tags. Some shelters require pet owners have vaccination documentation. Go to: [www.dartns.org](http://www.dartns.org) for more information.



Property assessment appeal deadline is **February 13th**. For appeal requests please contact: **1-800-380-7775**.

[www.heritagehub.ca](http://www.heritagehub.ca)

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## Council Meetings

Committee of the Whole	Feb. 10	5pm
Council	Feb. 24	6pm
Committee of the Whole	Mar. 9	5pm
Council	Mar. 23	6pm

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