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## Warden's New Year Message



As we come to the end of 2019, on behalf of Council and staff I want to bring holiday greetings to the residents of the Municipality.

It is a time of year, where we reflect on the years activities and achievements.

This year saw our Fire Dispatch Service take on an expanded role by now providing dispatch service to all of the Fire Departments in Digby and Yarmouth Counties. I wish to recognize and thank our dispatch staff for the tremendous job that they do for our communities.

With Fire Services, this year the Municipality hosted a Long Services Ceremony to honour our Firefighters with 30 or more years of service, we have a very dedicated fire service protecting our communities and I wish to thank them for the essential protection that they provide.



**Warden Jimmy MacAlpine**

This year Council approved the purchase of tidal gauges to be installed through out the Municipality in areas where we may be threatened with rising sea levels due to climate change. This will provide us with accurate infor-

mation that can be used to help mitigate and plan regarding land use.

With the end of 2019, we are seeing changes with our senior management. Linda Fraser, our CAO is retiring after 14 years with the Municipality. We will miss Linda's leadership that she has consistently provided in a very professional manner. We wish Linda the very best with her retirement and the start of a new chapter in her life. I am please to announce Linda's successor is Jeff Sunderland. Jeff has been our Deputy CAO for the past 5 years and I wish to congratulate him on this advancement. I know that Jeff will do a great job and provide the leadership for the Municipality going forward.

***"May 2020 be all that you hope for, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!"*** Jimmy



## Saying Farewell to CAO, Linda Fraser

"Fourteen years goes by fast," said Linda Fraser the Chief Administrative Officer for the Municipality. "I started here at the Municipal office in June 2005, and was appointed CAO in October that year. The challenges were substantial at the time. The Digby Saint John ferry service was under threat of being shut down and several large employers in the area were closing their doors, leaving hundreds unemployed. I remember spending a lot of time working with Council, trying to keep what we had, doing more with less was the reality", said Linda.

To address these issues, Council created strong relationships with

our municipal neighbors and worked together to strengthen our resources. Council and senior staff developed an Integrated



CAO, Linda Fraser

Community Sustainability Plan and a District Strategic Plan to guide municipal decision making ([digbydistrict.ca /Plans & Strategies](http://digbydistrict.ca/Plans%20&%20Strategies))

Council, also started having regular retreats to discuss current issues and priorities. "Council

and staff worked together as a team, things got done, like the Weymouth Library, community bus service, working towards a smaller carbon footprint and developing a highly skilled municipal staff are a few things that come to mind," said Linda.

"During my time here as CAO, I have made many friends all across this province and country and it has been a great experience. My retirement plan is to have no immediate plan, spend quality time with family and maybe some travel in the future," concluded Linda.

Council and staff would like to thank Linda for her dedication and guidance over the past fourteen years. Enjoy retirement, you deserve it.

## Welcome Tyler Pulley to the Team

With the departure of Linda Fraser as CAO there has been a change in staff positions and Tyler Pulley has been hired as Manager of Municipal Services. Tyler is from the Digby area and has lived in the Annapolis Valley for the past five years. He was a lawyer with Taylor MacLellan Cochrane and specialized in family, property and mu-



nicipal law. As Manager of Municipal Services Tyler will work closely with staff and handle municipal contracts and agreements.

***"I am excited to work with the Municipality and use the skills I have honed as a lawyer in my new role. My wife and I are very happy to be back in our home community", said Tyler.***

## Deputy Warden, Linda Gregory Honored by the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities

This past November Deputy Warden Linda Gregory received a plaque in recognition of her 25 years of service in Municipal Government. Linda first joined municipal politics in November 1993 and was elected to council for District #3 that year. She has served ever since running in seven elections and appointed as Warden for 1.5 terms 2010 – 2016 and is currently the Deputy Warden. ***Congratulations Linda!***

***"It has been an honour and pleasure to service the constituents of the Municipality of Digby and I hope my efforts have made our area a better place to live," said Deputy Warden, Linda Gregory.***



The President of NSFM Wayne Mason, Deputy Warden, Linda Gregory and the Minister of Municipal Affairs Chuck Porter.

## Need a medical appointment? Don't have a primary care provider?

### Give us a call!

People in Digby and area without a family doctor or nurse practitioner can call:

### Digby and Area Health Services Centre 902-245-1307

Call anytime to book an appointment. Phone lines open at 8 a.m.

### Islands Health Centre

If you were a patient of the Island Health Centre in the past, but cur-

rently don't have a provider, call 902-839-2398. Same day appointments only. Limited amount of appointments available.

### Digby General Hospital Unattached Patients Clinic 902-245-2502 ex. 3282

See clinic schedules and more on the Digby Health Services Centre website:

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



## Digby Trails

Everyone is welcome to celebrate the coolest season at Winter Fest at the Acacia Valley Trails on Jan. 11.

The Digby Area Recreation Commission, the Fundy Erratics and the Acacia Valley Trails Association are teaming up to host this winter party – think of it like an intro to winter outdoor fun.

We'll have loads of snowshoes for people to try out, volunteers will be on hand to help you get started and we're laying out an obstacle course to test your speed.

Volunteers will lead a 4-km snowshoe hike to Tupper's Deadwater and Picnic Rock, leaving from the

parking lot at 10:30 a.m. For the hike, dress in comfortable layers, bring water and snacks and maybe a thermos full of something warm.

The Erratics will keep a bonfire going near the parking lot with hot chocolate and the perfect coals for roasting hot dogs – with roasting sticks provided.

There will be a snow sculpture contest and a photo contest – use the hashtag #fundyflakes.

**WHEN: Saturday, Jan. 11, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**WHERE: At the Acacia Valley Trails parking lot, 155 Mill Road, Hillgrove**

Celebrate the snow at Winter Fest at Acacia Valley Trail January 11

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

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# Along the Coastline

- \* Warden MacAlpine, Deputy Warden Gregory and Councillors Manzer and Ross, along with Deputy CAO Jeff Sunderland attended the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities annual conference held in Halifax.
- \* Council members participated in the various Remembrance Day Services in the community.
- \* Council and staff of the Municipality wish to extend best wishes to Recreation Manager Bob Powell on the occasion of his retirement on November 15<sup>th</sup>.
- \* Council was very pleased to present Long Service Award Medals from the Canadian Volunteer Fire Services Association to the volunteer firefighters who have completed at least 30 years of service.
- \* Comings and Goings: Chief Administrative Officer Linda Fraser retires on December 31<sup>st</sup>. Jeff Sunderland takes on the role of CAO, and on Nov 12<sup>th</sup> Tyler Pulley joined the Municipality as Manager of Municipal Services. Cora Lee Ross stays on in her current role as Manager of Corporate Services with additional financial responsibilities.
- \* As always, Councillors have been busy in their districts meeting with constituents and attending various committee meetings, functions and events.



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## Council Meetings

**Committee of the Whole Jan. 13 5pm**  
**Council Jan. 27 6 pm**  
**Committee of the Whole Feb. 10 5pm**  
**Council Feb 24. 6pm**



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