

Integrated Community Sustainability Plan

ICSP

Creating an Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP) is an important step in creating a sustainable community. An ICSP is a long-term (20-25 year) strategic plan for a community, developed by engaging community members in a discussion about the future of their communities. This plan is an important document that will provide direction to on how our community can achieve its desired future while maintaining a balance between its environmental, social, cultural and economic qualities.

Council has reviewed the draft Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP) which was required to be submitted to the Province by September 30th. It is expected that the final draft will be ready by early November.

Following on the community visioning sessions held in June,

and following discussions with stakeholders in the Municipality throughout the summer, a draft ICSP has been produced. As a result of those visioning sessions, many important themes emerged including:

- ✓ A desire to protect the area's pristine natural ecosystems;
- ✓ The requirement for additional health-care services and senior's housing in the Municipality; and
- ✓ The need for a more diverse, year-round economy which provides meaningful employment.

These central themes were used to develop a vision for our community which can be found in Section 3.3 of the draft ICSP.

A public open house was held on September 22nd where the public was invited to review the draft report and to discuss the results and the next steps in the process.

The Integrated Community Sustainability Plan Steering Committee would like to thank all those citizens who participated in our consultations. A copy of the Draft ICSP can be obtained at the Municipal Building or viewed at www.digbydistrict.ca.



- ✓ The importance of maintaining a peaceful, rural character and traditional way of life;
- ✓ The strong sense of community within the Municipality;

Restoration of the War Cenotaphs in the District of Digby

The war cenotaphs in the district will have a facelift this fall. Contractors have been hired to conduct the extensive work. There are eight war cenotaphs in the District of Digby. All the cenotaphs will be cleaned and restored to their original splendour. Four new flag poles will also be installed in time for this year's Remembrance Day services. The Rossway cenotaph located on Highway 217 will need the most



Barton Cenotaph

attention. Long-term exposure to road salt and coastal weather has deteriorated the concrete base and moss and lichen are growing on the stone. The lettering has

also faded. Over the summer the cenotaph was dismantled and taken to a restoration shop to be refurbished. A local contractor will replace the concrete base and install a 25ft white fibreglass flag pole. The Rossway cenotaph was erected in 1920 and is dedicated to the soldiers who fought in the First World War for King and Country.

Partnering with the Municipality in this project is Canadian Veteran Affairs, who through the Cenotaph Restoration Program generously provides 50% support.

In addition, the remaining four cenotaphs that currently do not have a flag pole will receive a national standard memorial flag pole over the next four years. Council believe all cenotaphs in the district should be able to fly a Canadian flag, especially during the week of November 11th.

Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act

“Article copied from Roger Merrick, Director Public Safety Investigations Presentation”

This Act was proclaimed in N.S. on Jan.7, 2007. A person in a community can make a complaint under the act, if he or she has reason to believe that a property is being used habitually for criminal activity and their community is being affected adversely by this illegal activity.

All complaints are confidential and the identity of a person making a complaint can't be released without the individual's written consent. All matters are heard in Nova Scotia Supreme Court and the burden of proof is a “balance of probabilities”.

A community or neighbourhood is

adversely affected if the activities:

- ✓ Negatively affect the safety or security of one or more persons in the community or neighbourhood;
- ✓ Interfere with the peaceful enjoyment of one or more properties in the community or neighbourhood, whether the property is privately or publicly owned.

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Specified Activities:

- ✓ Unlawful drug use or dealing; prostitution and related activities; unlawful
- ✓ Sale of liquor;
- ✓ illegal gaming

Complaints can be made to Nova Scotia's Director of Public Safety by calling **Toll free Complaint Line 1-877-357-2337**. The public safety investigation Section was established to receive, investigate,

and enforce the Act. All 7 members are former police officers, experienced in conducting covert investigations. There is a Director, Manager and 5 investigators. The options of the Director is to either investigate the complaint, send a warning letter to the owner of the property or its occupant, or attempt to resolve the complaint by agreement or informal action, apply for a Community Safety Order, or decide not to act on the complaint. All matters are heard in the Nova Scotia Supreme Court. To prove a criminal case the “burden of proof” is required. In Civil Court it is a “balance of probabilities”. Provincial civic litigation attorneys look after Court proceedings regarding Community Safety Orders. The Court shall hear the application on an urgent basis. For more information: www.gov.ns.ca/just

Freeport Fire Department

New Fire Station will be a big asset for the Community.

The old Freeport fire station will be replaced with a new station by the spring of 2010. The air inside the existing station is musty because of flooding from storms and the rising water table. The outside siding has moss growing on it and the truck bays are too small for most fire trucks. "When we need a new fire truck for the station, we have to buy a truck to fit the building. If by accident the pumper truck was to lose its water in the garage bay, the ceiling is so low we would need to

flatten the tires to get the pumper truck out. It is quite the squeeze," said Deputy Chief Gerald Moore. The Freeport Fire station was built in 1969 and over the years has had several additions built to accommodate the growing needs of the fire

in Freeport and will be built on higher ground. The station will be constructed on a 60'X100' concrete slab with a 60'X 60' garage and a 60'X40' hall and kitchen. "Everything will be laid out on one level with heated floors. It will have a modern kitchen and be wheelchair accessible. The station will have three truck bays and a diesel backup generator," said Chief Thomas. The Freeport station is designated as an EMO community centre equipped to be a shelter in case of a large scale emergency.



Gerald Moore and Chief Roger Thomas look over new station plans

department. The new station will be constructed along Highway 217

The money to build the new station is coming from the Provincial Fire Department Fund contributing \$250,000; ACOA for contributing \$240,000 and the local community with inkind and cash contributions of \$54,000. The Freeport Fire Department hopes to start

Civic Blue Numbers

The Digby Neck Fire Department

is now providing civic property numbers for a flat donation of \$18. If you currently do not have a blue standard civic number to identify your property please contact Chief Lee Wentzell at 245-2651 to order your number.

Important! Make sure that your civic number is posted in front of your home or business, and that it is clearly visible from the road day or night. This will assist police,

firefighters and paramedics in being able to locate you as quickly as possible if an emergency should occur.

If the civic number is posted directly on your house or place of business ensure that there is sufficient light so it is visible from the roadway at night.



The Digby Neck Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary

would like to thank all the business and individuals for making the July 18 Fireman's Fun Day such a success.

Special notes: There will be a community meeting October 20 at the Digby Neck Fire Hall

Along the Coastline

The Municipality of the District of Digby have received written confirmation from the Canada-Nova Scotia Building Canada Fund and is approved for 2/3 funding up to \$278,600 towards the construction of a new library in Weymouth. Tenders for the construction of the Library have been advertised and will close September 29, 2009.

The Household Hazardous Waste Depot (HHW) site has been constructed and the building to house the material put in place. These Household Hazardous Waste Depots will create a place for the general public to bring such items as batteries leftover liquid paint, leftover corrosive cleaners, pesticides/herbicides, gasoline, fuel oil & used motor oil, solvents & thinners, pharmaceuticals & drugs, aerosol cans containing hazardous substances, BBQ tanks and small propane cylinders (ie for camp stoves and propane torches. Further information regarding the opening will be advertised at a later date.

Work has been completed for the construction of grass landing strips at the Digby Municipal Airport. The Municipality of the District of Digby has partnered with the Annapolis Basin Conference Center to submit a bid on the Department of Defence Atlantic Glider School. To be eligible for bidding on this contract proactive development of grass landing strips was a necessary addition to the airport infrastructure.

The Municipality of the District of Digby was successful in receiving \$190,000 in funding towards an energy retrofit of the current Municipal office building. These funds were approved through the ecoNova Scotia Fund for Clean Air and Climate change. This initiative is targeted to reduce greenhouse gas and air pollutant emissions.

The sidewalk in Conway will be widened and resurfaced this fall as part of the continued maintenance by the Municipality. Over the past two years the sidewalk from the 101 intersection to Guy's Frenchys has been improved. This year work will start from the Town of Digby boundary continuing outbound for approximately 2000 feet. Final paving to complete the project is planned for 2010.

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