

YOUR OPINION COUNTS!

Who knows the most about our community's unique strengths?

Who understands the real challenges that we face?

Who can identify goals and plans to ensure that our community reaches its potential?

Who can influence how our Town changes and grows?

The answer to all these questions is of course – YOU!

Charting Our Future is all about identifying a common vision for our community and the actions which we can all take to realize our goals.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you would like more information or would like to participate in the planning process please visit the Town's website or feel free to contact the Town Office.

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WHAT WILL BE HAPPENING?

Town Council has charged its Planning Advisory Committee, the PAC, with the job of preparing a plan for promoting long term sustainable growth and prosperity. As part of the process, the PAC will be reviewing its land use rules to guide future development decisions in the Town. The PAC plans to get as many groups and residents as possible involved in the process of preparing the plan.

GET INVOLVED!

During the initial phase of the process the PAC will be hosting two community meetings to receive ideas from residents on what the long term future of the Town should be.

The first meeting will focus on the social and cultural aspects of the Town. The second meeting will focus on economic and environmental aspects.

The meetings will be held at the Digby Fire Hall, 163 First Avenue.

Community Meeting #1
Social and Cultural Forum
June 17, 2009, 7:00 pm—9:00 pm

Community Meeting #2
Economy and the Environment Forum
June 24, 2009, 7:00—9:00

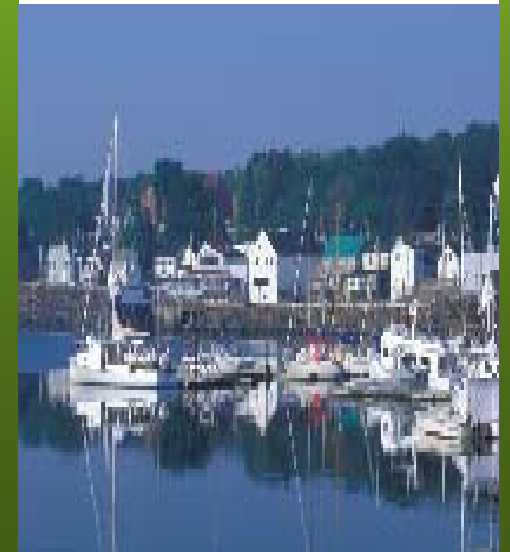
Charting Our Future



Town of Digby

WANTS YOUR OPINION!

**Integrated Community
Sustainability Plan
Initiative**



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Looking Forward Together

The Town of Digby is proud to have such a storied and important past. But just as important is the prospect that we hold for our future and that of the generations yet to come. Planning and controlling our destiny is a fundamental responsibility of us all.

Charting Our Future is a new public process aimed at identifying a vision and action plans which will direct the sustainable growth of our community over the next few decades.

The Government of Canada has agreed to transfer revenue from the federal gas tax directly to municipal governments who identify projects to enhance the long term prosperity and health of their community. The Town of Digby will be receiving funds through this program.

Foundations of a Strong Community

Council has already identified some current projects but will need your help to prepare a long term plan to help Digby become a vibrant, diverse, healthy community. This plan will be known as the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan.

Charting Our Future is a public process which the Town has established to prepare this plan.

The Environment

A healthy environment is important for everybody. **What can it mean?**

- ✦ Reducing pollution
- ✦ Reducing the use of pesticides and herbicides
- ✦ Conserving energy
- ✦ Using “green” energy sources
- ✦ Reducing the use of cars
- ✦ Preserving and enhancing wetlands, coastlines, and other sensitive areas
- ✦ Conserving water and protecting water supplies
- ✦ Planning for climate change
- ✦ Use of “green” technology and building materials

Planning Together

The Economy

The Town must also do its utmost to promote a prosperous economy. **How can we do this?**

- ✦ Improved infrastructure, such as roads, the wharf and the ferry
- ✦ Promotion of local businesses
- ✦ Value-added approach to resource industries
- ✦ Supportive development rules
- ✦ Education and training programs
- ✦ Improved access to communication and information technology
- ✦ Inter-municipal cooperation and partnerships

Social and Cultural Life

The social and cultural life of a community is of great value to residents of a community. **How can we strengthen this?**

- ✦ Recreational programs
- ✦ Public open space and parks
- ✦ Trails
- ✦ Active lifestyle
- ✦ Support for community groups
- ✦ Information exchanges
- ✦ Festivals and events

