



**61<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ATLANTIC  
SOCIETY OF FISH & WILDLIFE BIOLOGISTS  
AND THE  
2024 ANNUAL SCIENCE CONFERENCE OF THE  
MERSEY TOBEATIC RESEARCH INSTITUTE**



## Safety Plan

The purpose of the safety plan is to describe the expectations for conference attendees, presenters, invited speakers, session moderators, and any other guests. By registering for and attending the conference, participants agree to abide by the safety plan and expectations of behavior.

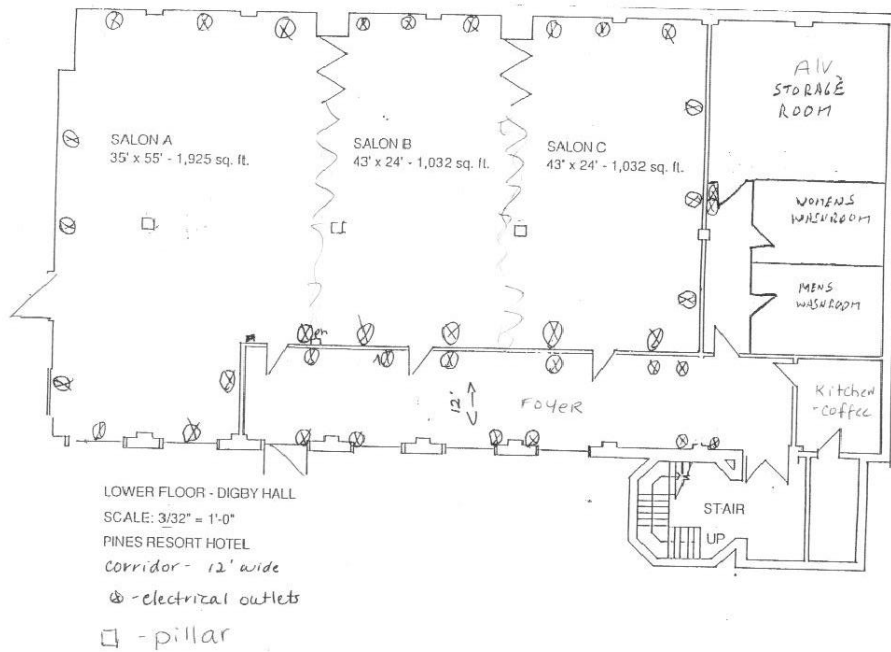
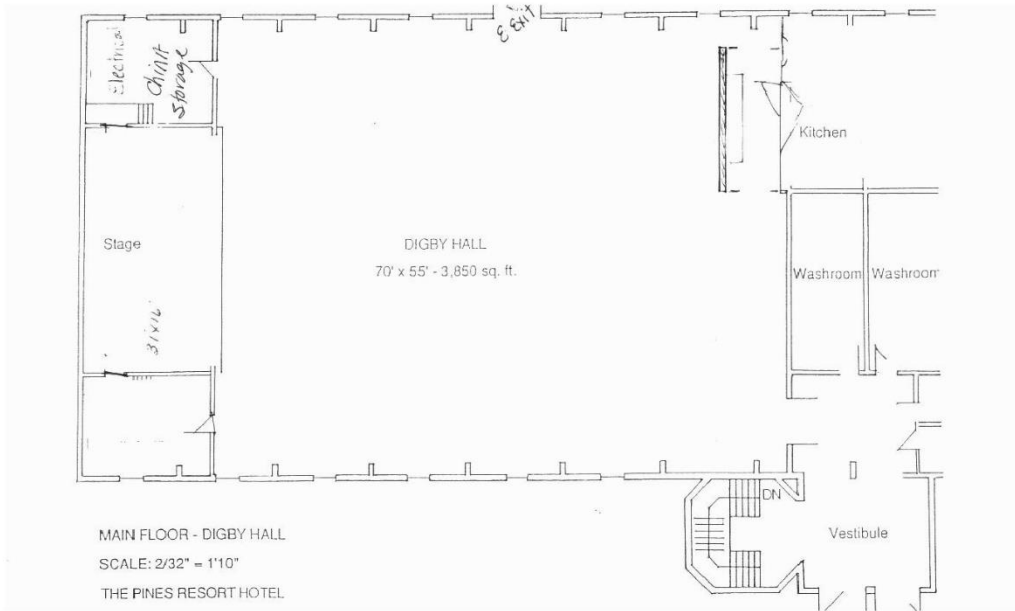
### Expectations of Behavior

Conference attendees are expected to treat fellow participants with respect, civility, and fairness, without bias based on race, color, national origin, pregnancy, sex, age, disability, creed, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, veteran status, political affiliation, and political philosophy. Harassment or discrimination against other attendees is prohibited.

### Fire Plan – Digby Pines

In the event of a fire or other emergency requiring evacuation, please remain calm, all guests and participants are asked to make their way to the lawn between Digby Hall and the main hotel via the nearest exit. The group will then move into the parking lot once evacuated. There are multiple exits to upper and lower Digby Hall, laid out in the floor plan below. Refer to Digby Pines staff and posted evacuation plans for more detail.

# Floor Plans



## First Aid

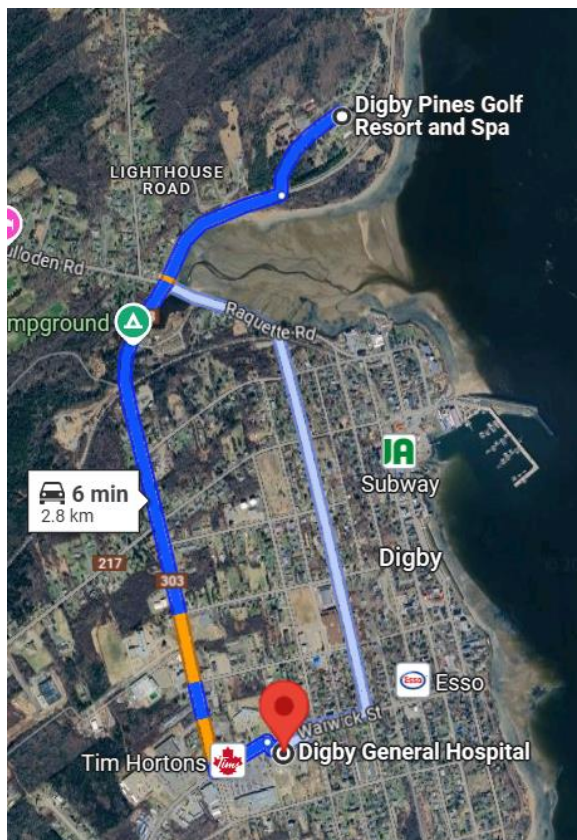
### General First Aid:

No matter what the situation, if you encounter a person who has been injured at the conference, it is important to assess the scene before you rush in to provide first aid (if certified with Standard First-Aid Training or equivalent).

Here are a few reminders regarding what you should do to assess the scene:

- **Survey the scene for danger.**
- **Look for the cause of the injury.**
- **Do not move the injured person.**
- **Call emergency services or 911.**
- **Administer basic first aid.** *If the scene is safe, you are trained and able to administer basic first aid, you should do so at this time.*

First-Aid Assistance: If you are not able to perform First Aid, look for the nearest person who is trained and able to assist, which could include staff from Mersey Tobeatic Research Institute Staff (MTRI). Most MTRI staff have Standard First Aid training. Additionally, many of the Digby Pines staff have First Aid training, including a manager who has more extensive First Aid & CPR training due to their role in the Fire Department.



AED location: There is an AED located in the main lobby of the hotel (not in Upper or Lower Digby Hall).

First Aid kit locations: First Aid kits are mounted in Digby Hall. One is on the upper level, and one is on the lower level.

Emergency: Instruct a bystander not actively administering first aid to call 911 to reach first responders. Direct first responders to 103 Shore Road, Digby and to the Upper Digby Hall Building. Instruct someone to wait outside of the building to guide first responders to the scene. The nearest hospital is Digby General Hospital located at 75 Warwick St in Digby. It is only 3km away from Digby Pines Resort.

## Allergies

Participants should inform conference organizers of any allergies you may have. Food allergies should be communicated to conference organizers so they can ensure Digby Pines catering staff are aware. Please double check with catering staff if you are unsure of any ingredients or potential cross contamination in food items served.

We ask that participants be mindful of the products they are using while attending the conference and avoid scented products, such as hair spray and perfume, that may be triggering to those with allergies and sensitivities.

## Preventing Respiratory Illness

Conference participants are encouraged not to attend if they are feeling ill. If you are unwell and expecting to give a poster or oral presentation, please inform us at [info@merseytobeatic.ca](mailto:info@merseytobeatic.ca) and we can make the necessary arrangements.

Masks are not required, but participants should feel comfortable wearing masks to prevent the spread of respiratory illnesses such as Covid-19. A limited number of masks and Covid tests will be available for participants at the registration desk.

Frequent hand washing is also recommended. Both floors of Digby Hall have washrooms located by the main entrance, right off the conference room. Hand sanitizer will also be provided in the conference room to prevent the transmission of illness.