

Village of Pugwash
Chair Pugwash Village Commission
Report for 2014/15 AGM

This past year has been another very positive year for the Village of Pugwash.

A definite highlight of the year was when the Village of Pugwash won a national award from Communities in Bloom in our category of communities of 1,000 people or less. Other highlights have included other collaborative efforts such as Butt Out Day and Volunteer Recognition Day.

The collaboration between Pugwash organizations such as Communities in Bloom, the Chamber of Commerce, and Friends of the Estuary, for example, just go to show the huge potential there is in our little village to thrive and show the world that you can be small, but you can be massive in heart and forward thinking.

This village has many unique features that we can build upon and see it develop without losing its identity. We happily share our warm waters, beaches, Thinkers Lodge, Gaelic road signs, our festivals and pink roads with the rest of the world – a world which envies our safe harbour, safe beaches, safe streets and history of promoting Peace. These aspects are all part of our unique identity.

The Village of Pugwash is distinct and self determining. If the residents of this village, as represented by this commission, want a certain project promoted, it has the ability to see that project developed by raising its own taxes and looking after its own best interests. The residents of this Village do not have to wait for some other level of government to do that for them – they can do it themselves, if they wish!

You will hear reports later from the leaders of the Action Teams that are bringing great things to Pugwash – Municipal Water, a multi-purpose centre and library and continued collaborative community projects. As you will hear soon, the Village is in an excellent financial position to continue providing the services it already provides and support further services as these projects develop. We have been able to do this without any tax increases again this year.

Collaborative projects coming to the village this summer include new multi sorter bins in five locations and interpretive heritage areas (a Chamber of Commerce project) and additional banners will welcome visitors for a wider range of the village (Communities in Bloom). And, we just received confirmation today, that we have been successful in our application for funding from Veteran's Affairs which will mean substantial renovation work at the Cenotaph including a restored monument and new flagpole.

The Visitor Information Centre reopened last year with great success. We hope that the accompanying signage will draw visitors further into Pugwash they will stop to spend some time to visit our village. New steps and ramp have greatly improved access and added a welcoming look to the Village Hall. Accessibility to the waterfront boardwalk was completed last year when the sidewalk on Water Street was extended to the end of Eaton Park and to the north end of the boardwalk. An important addition to the Village Hall that you should all know about is an automated external defibrillator or AED. This life saving piece of equipment will be available at any time the Village Hall's doors are open.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking our staff – full time and part time, seasonal and year round for all they do to keep the village looking beautiful, tidy, clean and safe. Special thanks to our Clerk treasurer who keeps us on track with the daily task and our responsibility in following the Municipal Government Act. We invite you to attend our regular meetings on the third Monday of the month to observe and witness how a Commission actually operates. At the meetings you will find our newest commissioners, Charles Gould and Christie Blackie. Roger Mundle and I enter our third year as Commissioners this year. I would also like you all to consider volunteering to join us on the Commission. Dave Farley is retiring as Commissioner after serving two full terms, two years as Chair of the Commission. On behalf of the Commission and the Village I thank you Dave for your dedication, and to his wife Jean for sharing him with us.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Redmond, Chair
2 June 2015

MEMORANDUM

TO: Pugwash Village Commission
FROM: Justin Waugh-Cress, P.Eng.
DATE: June 02, 2012
RE: Pugwash Water Report for Village AGM

The Pugwash Water Supply Project has achieved several milestones as we progress towards the goal of supplying the Pugwash Area with a safe and reliable source of potable water.

1. Working with our hydrogeological consultant, Dillon Consulting, we have identified a suitable supply of groundwater. The groundwater supply is of sufficient volume to supply the demands of the Village of Pugwash and surrounding area. Another benefit of the groundwater supply is that it is located in an isolated area that can easily be protected from being compromised by human activity.
2. The County has made an application to the Federal Government's Building Canada Fund for the Pugwash Water Supply project. The Building Canada Fund supports infrastructure projects of national, regional and local significance that promote economic growth, job creation and productivity.

The next step for this project in the 2015/16 budget year is to procure engineering services to prepare preliminary and detailed design for this project. After the design is completed the project will move to the tender and construction phase. The construction for this project is expected to be completed in Q4 2017.

MULTI PURPOSE CENTRE.
PUGWASH: June 2015

The majority MPC committee decision was made to pursue the primary site identified by the design consultant team for a multi purpose centre which would include a library. In the late summer of 2014, Cumberland County conducted an assessment and commercial cost appraisal. Negotiations to acquire this privately owned property have yet to be concluded.

Cumberland County concurrently conducted a structural assessment of one part of the properties with the thought that its purchase and renovation might become an alternative and affordable option. The assessment resulted in the conclusion that it was not a viable building for renovation since too much structural reinforcing was required for adaptive reuse.

The MPC committee have a representative on the Waterfront Development Group committee since the desired development of the Pugwash waterfront share the same preferred location.

Respectfully submitted, David Rickard (Chair of MPC committee)

David

Action Team Report

Tourism

The Visitor Information Centre was reinstated last year, sharing space with the C@P site here at the Village Hall. A new sign was designed and installed above the VIC/C@P site window and inside door. Given that there was no highway signage until the fall, our numbers were very pleasing, rivalling those of the old VIC some years ago. With one full time and two part time staff, the VIC was open 840.5 hours. In the height of the summer these hours were seven days a week and late on Fridays. 376 people were counselled in person, 41 by phone and 364 "considered" for a total of 781.

We are hoping for even better numbers this year!

Lisa Betts
CCAT Chair

Action Team Report

Collaboration and Communications

This is not so much an Action Team as a movement. More and more organizations are working together on projects with mutual benefit.

This collaboration will be assisted by one page of the new Village website in particular "Non Profit Organizations" There are over 60 organizations, groups and churches in this listing. Once complete, you will be able to click on the name of any of these groups and find out who they are, when they meet and what their mandate is. Not only will this help groups find each other, but newcomers and visitors to the area can find them too!

The newsletter is an important means for non profit organizations to let the people of Pugwash and area know what is going on in this area. With the demise of the Oxford Journal, the village newsletter will be even more important in keeping us all connected. However, it is only as good as its input, and we're always looking for input! 800 newsletters are distributed via the Pugwash Post Office and many more kept on hand at the library, Co-op and other local stores.

The next project that I will be promoting is a community garden. There are many models on how to run such an endeavour, but with help from groups such as Communities in Bloom, Open Hamper, perhaps the schools or seniors' groups and any others interested parties, we can add some food sustainability to the long list of Pugwash collaborative projects. Another part of this project is a herb garden.

Finally, something very dear to my heart is promoting the efficiency and safety of how emergency responders respond. Even before this past terrible winter made off with many mail boxes and civic signs, the rate of civic sign display in Pugwash was poor. With the help and cooperation of the local fire department, EMO, the County, the Pugwash Chamber of Commerce and any others willing to help, we will be promoting the importance of these signs and assisting people to purchase these essential (and required) signs.

Respectfully submitted
Lisa Betts, Chair
CCAT

PUGWASH RCMP DETACHMENT POLICE REPORT

FOR 2014-04-01 TO 2015-03-31

The Cumberland District RCMP Pugwash office has five employees namely: A/Cpl. Gordie Matthews, Cst. Shawn Galbraith, Cst. Heather Lourie, Cst. Tammy Paul, and Detachment Assistant, Alannah Blanch. Cpl. Lee Lush has been named the new Team Leader and is currently involved in the process of relocating from Newfoundland. Due to operational shortages recently, Oxford RCMP office has amalgamated with Pugwash RCMP office to ensure optimal coverage of both these areas. The jurisdiction covered by the Pugwash Detachment extends from Linden to Pugwash to Wallace and Malagash, and as far south as Middleboro and Hartford.

Cst. Travise Dow, Community Policing Officer, has implemented the Youth Intervention Program in Pugwash and has been working with a number of youth. Several youth from Pugwash attended the second Cumberland County RCMP Cops N Kids Leadership Weekend. Cst. Dow has also completed two Healthy Choices Presentations at the Pugwash High School. Also, the National MADD High School Campaign attended the high school. Cst. Dow attended a Senior Safety presentation on fraud in conjunction with CIBC at the Search and Rescue building.

Crime stats for the time frame of April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015 for the Pugwash area are as follows:

TRAFFIC:

Checkstops:	64
Warnings issued:	103
Summary Offence Tickets:	71
Speeding	39
Non-licenced drivers	7
Uninspected vehicles	7
Seatbelt infractions	4
Cell phone	3
Other	11

CALLS FOR SERVICE:

Besides traffic, police responded to **581** calls for service in Pugwash and the surrounding area in the last year. Of those, **60** resulted in charges.

Cleared by Charge Occurrences from April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015:

Break and Enter	29
Impaired Operation	7
Assault	6
Breaching Court Order	3
CDSA Offences	3
Firearm Offences	3
Mischief	3
Sexual Assault	2
Uttering Threats	2
Theft	1
Arson	1

A further **15** files are still under investigation.

MAJOR FILES

ARSON:

One male was charged with four counts of Arson after a Wallace home and three vehicles were destroyed by fire in June 2014. Trial will be heard in this matter in June 2015 in the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia.

Investigation is continuing into a fire that destroyed a home in West Pugwash in February 2014.

BREAK AND ENTERS:

29 Break and Enters into cottages in the Linden, Pugwash and Port Howe area were reported between the 23rd and 28th of November 2014. Information was gathered which led to the arrest of two young persons and 47 charges were laid on one and 41 on the other. Court proceedings are ongoing. Break and enters into seasonal homes related to the same accused persons were also reported in Amherst, Oxford and Colchester County.

IMPAIRED DRIVING:

Charges for impaired driving were laid on seven separate Pugwash files.

ASSAULT

In October 2014, a report was made that a male driver stopped his car in the road and then reversed into the vehicle behind him. After further investigation, the driver was located and arrested for Assault with a Weapon. He was released on an Undertaking and Court proceedings are ongoing

Police responded to six violent domestic situations where assault and/or firearms charges were laid.

An Auxiliary Constable was assaulted in the Wallace area in July 2014. Two males were arrested and one was charged with Assaulting a Police Officer. Court proceedings are ongoing.

CONTROLLED DRUGS AND SUBSTANCES ACT (CDSA)

Investigation by Street Crime Enforcement Unit (SCEU) into the production of marijuana led to the search of a residence in Wallace. In June 2014 one male was arrested and charged with both CDSA and weapons offences. He is scheduled for trial in September 2015.

Another investigation was started by Street Crime Enforcement Unit for trafficking in the Village of Pugwash. A Search Warrant was executed and resulted in charges against one male who was convicted & sentenced in October 2014.

During a routine traffic stop in Linden, methamphetamine and marijuana were located in a stopped vehicle. One male is currently facing three charges under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act.

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE PLAN 2014-2015

for Cumberland County

OBJECTIVE: Enhance Road Safety

Initiative #1: Increase Focussed Checkpoints

Total checkpoints: 434

Initiative #2: Increase Number of Drug Impaired Drivers

Individuals charged: 3

Initiative #3: Increase Number of Roadside driving Suspension

Roadside suspensions: 21

Initiative #4: Increase Number of Distracted Driving Charges

Tickets issued: 141

OBJECTIVE: Crime Reduction

Initiative #1: Training for Community Policing officer in Hybrid Hub Model

Training completed and Hybrid Hub Model has been established

Initiative #2: Evaluate YCJA knowledge to Determine Training Needs

Ongoing

Initiative #3: Compilation of Prolific Offenders list

Analyst has identified 15 prolific offenders in our area

Initiative #4: Implement Crime Mapping for local crime issues

During a rash of break and enters crime mapping was used to increase patrols in problem areas

Initiative #5: Strategic Deployment of resources upon Review Crime Prevention/Reduction

SCEU assisted when an increase in break and enters occurred

Initiative #6: Each Unit to Produce a Quarterly CSO List

A total of 194 CSO checks were completed and resulted in 11 breaches



June 2, 2015

Pugwash Fire Department – 2014 Annual Report

In 2014 the Pugwash Fire Department responded to 37 calls, of which 8 were Motor Vehicle Accidents, 7 were Medical calls, 7 were Structure Fires, and the rest various other calls. We would say that 2014 was a relatively quiet year for us, and that is always a good thing for our community.

We continue to attract new members to the department, and although several members left the department in 2014, we still maintain about 30 members. We are always looking for new volunteers that would like to join our department. I am pleased that we now have 5 ladies in the department.

Our old 1989 water tanker, owned by the Municipality is due for replacement. Is still functional and works when needed, but it is beginning to show its age. We have been informed that it's not being replaced this year, but we are hopeful it will make it through the budget process next year.

Our firefighters continue to attend a lot of training, both at our own station and throughout the County. We currently have 3 firefighters taking their County Level One basic firefighter training in the County.

The Municipality commissioned the development of new reporting software in 2014 and all Fire Departments have been busy entering their department information, from personnel to equipment, trucks and their emergency responses. This has been a huge task and we have now completed this. We are now able to maintain online all or our department information. There is a public page to this website that I would encourage our community to access, and there is also a page dedicated to the Pugwash Fire Department. This can be found at:

<https://www.cumberlandcountypfireservices.ca>

The Province of Nova Scotia has implemented a new digital radio system and the volunteer fire service is part of that. It has been upgraded from the old analogue radios they issued out in 2000. This time they have 'given' every fire department up to 5 radios for their trucks and at least 4 hand held radios. This system is far superior to any other radio system past or present. It allows us to communicate with all other emergency agencies in the Province. The Pugwash Fire Department is planning to fully transition to this new system over the next few months. As with everything, it comes down to money, and for us to complete this transition we do need to raise some funds to purchase a few more radios.

Which brings me to my last point; the Pugwash Fire Department is a registered charity with the Canada Revenue Agency. The public may make charitable donations to the Pugwash Fire Department and they will be issued a tax receipt to use on their tax return next year. We would encourage anyone looking to make a donation to charity, to consider their local fire department. We have made it even easier to donate by going online to the Pugwash Fire Department's page on the website link above, where there is a 'donate button' where donations may be made. We will also accept cash and cheques directly to the department where tax receipts will also be issued. (The department meets every Wednesday evening from 7:00 pm till 9:00 pm).

Respectfully submitted by Andy Yarrow, Fire Chief



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Annual Report for the Village of Pugwash AGM

June 2, 2015

Greetings to all,

The PACC has been very busy over the past year, as some of you may have noticed.

Our membership continues to grow and our efforts in connecting with our members have become modernized in these past 12 months. Last year we launched our new website www.pugwash.biz as well as a Facebook page to broaden our reach and improve our visibility.

In the fall we once again hosted a 10 week Business Marketing Course-free to member organizations. In conjunction with the CDBC, these programs have proven popular and beneficial to assist businesses with skills development in their employees. We will continue to explore future programs to be delivered in the community through this association.

In the past year, we have also assisted and co-funded the production of an excellent video piece called "Pugwash Best". This project produced with PACC and Pugwash's chapter of Communities In Bloom acts as a tourism piece, marketing piece and general overview of all of the wonderful reasons to visit, live, shop and do business in Pugwash and its surrounding areas.

Last year, under the leadership of then President Nancy Burgess Graham, and again with cooperation of Communities in Bloom and granting opportunities acquired through the Province of NS- a Heritage Vignette project was undertaken which once completed, will see important bits of our history displayed as stopping points along our village. Much of this project will be rolled out in the next few months and will again add a richness in our visibility to tourists as a place of interest.

As many of you are aware our Membership Coordinator for the past few years, Kathy Redmond tendered her resignation at the recent AGM. Kathy's warm nature, excellent people skills and diligence were greatly appreciated by Council and the membership alike. On behalf of the Council and members, we wish to say thank you to Kathy for all of her incredible hard work and efforts that she has brought to the PACC.

PACC is pleased to announce that Lee Fleming will be stepping into the role of Membership Manager for the organization. For those who know Lee, you are aware that she will do an excellent job in providing an accessible connection to members and to provide the needed day to day functions of the organization.

Among her first tasks will be assisting with the production of the Membership Directory and brochure, working with and building on the efforts of Kathy Redmond and Nancy Burgess Graham who were instrumental in developing this key piece to our community and beyond these past two years. We anticipate that this will be completed mid to late June.

While our membership is strong, we currently find ourselves in need of additional Council members to assist in volunteering to the efforts. At this date, we currently are without a President or Vice President. The Council has agreed to continue the functions of the Chamber whilst we recruit and search for interested individuals to consider joining our board. If you have an interest in joining Council or have any questions regarding a possible role with PACC Council, please get in touch with PACC Treasurer, Greg Smiley or myself or any of the members of Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Wally Vaters, PACC Secretary

Pugwash Communities in Bloom
Annual Report April 1, 2014- March 31, 2015
for
Pugwash Village Commission
June 2, 2015

Significant Accomplishments

- 2014 National Winner in Communities in Bloom (CIB) category under 1000 population
- 5 Blooms (out of 5), National CIB Judges' visit
- Earth Day Litter Clean-Up
- Community Pride in Action Program
- Development and maintenance of gardens at East Cumberland Lodge
- Assistance to Harbourview senior residents in developing their gardens
- Beautification with hanging baskets and planters in downtown area
- Development and construction of hard and soft landscape in playground area in Eaton Park
- Landscaping work and flower maintenance in the village
- Spring Gardening Fair, plant and tree sale, educational workshops
- Participation in Gathering of the Clans and HarbourFest
- Co-developers with PACC of video about Pugwash
- Tree Planting Day and Appreciation Tea co-sponsored with Village Commission
- Planting of 2 new shrubs at Peace Ground
- Design, purchase, and installation of 20 new planters and 9 window boxes for Water Street and Train Station. (Cost-shared with Village Commission.)
- Development of Peace Ground and Peace March in conjunction with PDHS, Pugwash Community Health Board, Village Commission, and Sheonoroil Foundation
- Participation in Cenotaph Refurbishment with Village Commission
- Christmas Bingo, Tea, fundraiser

- Design and purchase of 30 new banners (cost shared with Village Commission)
- Establishment of a Communities in Bloom Facebook page
- Contribution to PACC Heritage Vignettes Project
- Planning for Butt Out Pugwash Day

Submitted by Maureen Leahey, Chair, Pugwash Communities in Bloom

Presented by John Mills, Past-Chair, Pugwash Communities in Bloom

2014 Pugwash Gathering of the Clans and Canada Day Report

The 63rd anniversary Pugwash Gathering of the Clans went exceptionally well and the weather was almost perfect.

The day started with 95 dancers competing on Eaton Stage in Highland Dance. The Bonnie Gael Huston Memorial award went to Gwendolyn Henderson of River John.

The theme for the Canada Day Parade was "East Meets West". Maggie Stone, a very active community volunteer, was Parade Marshall. The Parade results were:

Commercial

3rd: Field of Screams

2nd: O'Brien's PharmaChoice

1st: Cunningham Construction

Non- Commercial

3rd: Jack Sheehy

2nd: Doris Lockhart

1st: Miller Road MX Crew

Antique Vehicles

3rd: Floyd Dicky's '64 black Belvedere

2nd Wells family - '48 Allis Chalmers tractor

1st: 1957 BelleAir red convertable

Most humorous: Mundles (train)

Five pipe and drum bands competed this year. Grade 3 was won by Dartmouth and District Pipe Band. In Grade 4, first place went to the Antigonish Highland Society and Old Scotia Pipe and Drum band and second to Clan Thompson. Grade 5 was won by Belfast Pipe and Drum Band and second went to the Correctional Services Canada Community Pipes and Drum Band. A personal highlight of the day was when the band

competitions were complete; they amassed and marched up Water Street as far as Black Street. Their prizes were given out and they played again as they turned around and marched back towards Thinkers' Lodge.

The entertainment of Eaton stage rocked throughout the afternoon and evening ending up with the astonishing talents of JP Cormier who played until the fireworks were set off at 10pm.

The entrance gate returns of \$21,940 and wristband count of 4,706 adults and students. This year the gate keepers and other volunteers had bright yellow vests (or smocks) to help identify them as GOC volunteers. These will last for many years and we hope they will become emblematic of the volunteerism we see at the Gathering.

There are nearly a thousand additional participants that are not included in the paid wristband count. These include competitors and judges in the Highland Dance and the pipe and drum competitions, participants in the heavyweight Highland games, the Canada Day parade, vendors and the 150 or more volunteers that made the day so special for all involved, residents and visitors alike. Many purchase a wristband anyway, which is greatly appreciated. Gross profits were up by 4% from last year.

Additional volunteers, security gating and procedures made the entrance gates and banking go very smoothly. Wristband security is taken very seriously. Not only do they help us keep an accurate account of how many have paid at the gates but help us identify those who have somehow missed paying at the gates. Gate income helps support local and area community non profit groups. The groups benefiting this year include: the North Cumberland Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, The Pugwash and District Volunteer Fire Department, the Pugwash and Area Ground Search and Rescue, HarbourFest, Pugwash and Area Chamber of Commerce, Pugwash Legion Peach Branch 60, the Wentworth C@P site and Friends of the Pugwash Estuary.

Many, many thanks go out to the volunteers who do a tremendous job helping with events and helping our visitors enjoy their time in the beautiful little Village of Pugwash.

Submitted by Event Coordinator, Lissa Bellis



2015 - Celebrating 10 years!

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Report for the Village of Pugwash AGM

June 2, 2015

Greetings,

Things are beginning to ramp up to our 10th anniversary celebrations of Pugwash HarbourFest which happens on Saturday, July 25th and Sunday, July 26th.

The recent Scotiabank Cake Auction was again a success with over \$13,000 raised (including bank matching contributions)! We'd like to thank Scotiabank, and all of our bakers and bidders for their continued support.

As you may be aware, HarbourFest has suffered greatly due to inclement weather these past two years. Attendance was significantly hampered by cold, wet conditions and revenues for our organization simply didn't materialize as hoped. While we typically have reserves in such years as Tall Ships visitations, we do not anticipate such a major revenue generator until 2017.

We still wish to promote a "free event" weekend for the region while ensuring we do not incur any further losses in the delivery of such a programme. Steps we have taken include booking additional advance fundraisers, adding corporate sponsors Fox Harb'r and Cobequid Mountain Sports to our Platinum Sponsor list, and reducing the event to two days instead of three.

One of these fundraisers is a special House Concert "Lee Fleming and Friends" - happening June 20th at the home of John Caraberis & Bonnie Bond. This event is a showcase of great entertainers from our own back yard. Please contact us for more information or for tickets.

We are thrilled to recognize continued support from our Village, County, and Province as we enter into our 10th anniversary. We are pleased to report that for the first time, we have received some financial support from the Federal government in the form of a Community Arts and Heritage grant.

Our corporate sponsors continue to support this event and recognize its importance as an attraction event for tourists, a major spectacle for our community and region and the economic benefits to area businesses and community groups.

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Pugwash HarbourFest
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Continued

Major events slated for this year include the return of the Nova Scotia Boat Racers Association carded event featuring several classes of high speed boats, going at 3pm on Saturday afternoon; the return of the 5K race to be known as the "5K Salt Dash- presented by K+S Windsor Salt"; a Seafood Festival Tent featuring local seafood treats and delicacies; enhanced children's and family events including the popular Soapbox Derby, North Shore Events Carnival, puppeteers, Domino Man; a well rounded collection of local entertainers and in celebration of our 10th anniversary - a fireworks show and so much more!

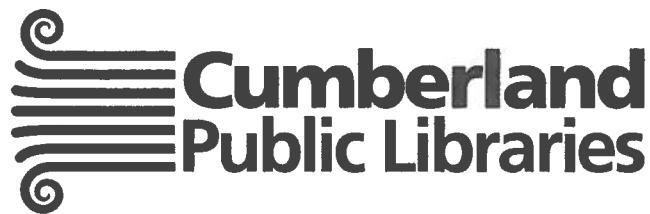
Our website and Facebook page are performing very well in getting the word out near and far of all of the events and happenings surrounding the festival. Please check it out!

What's down the road? In conjunction with Waterfront Development Corporation Limited, host organization for Tall Ships in Nova Scotia, HarbourFest is gearing up as part of the "Road to 2017" in which we will be coordinating efforts along with all levels of government to celebrate Canada's sesquicentennial. HarbourFest will be part of these major celebrations in Pugwash, a recognized Outport, where along with various government agencies Pugwash HarbourFest will be featuring Tall Ships, a major Food festival with tie in to Taste of NS, major entertainment and other exciting events.

As with many of our local community-based volunteer groups, we sometimes struggle with recruiting volunteers to undertake roles on committees. We too continue our search for interested members to "come on board" as we organize and lay the groundwork for another exciting festival. Our efforts to enlist forward thinking, active committee members continue and we hope that you'll consider joining us! If you wish to lend your support to this year's Pugwash HarbourFest as a volunteer, a committee member, a contributor - please get in touch with us anytime! We look forward to celebrating 10 years with each of you and everyone at Pugwash HarbourFest!

With thanks,

Wally Vaters
Chair, Pugwash HarbourFest
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Pugwash Library Report 2014/15
June 2, 2015

Cumberland Public Libraries serve 31,355 people across Cumberland County in 7 locations and a Borrow by Mail service. Pugwash and area makes up 2,870*, or 9% of the population of the County and 11% of the active registered users.

During the 2014-15 fiscal year over 10,000 books, magazines, movies and audiobooks were checked out from the Pugwash Library, which is 9.5% of the total items borrowed for the year in the County. In addition, the two library computers were in use for 530 hours and the wireless service was in use for 547 hours.

Fifty-one programs were offered throughout the year with 613 people in attendance. Programs included summer reading club activities for children throughout July and August, craft and storytime programs throughout the year, book clubs for adults, computer help, and our county wide preschool literacy CART (Children and Adults Reading Together) program.

Each summer all branches of the Cumberland Public Libraries offer a Reading Club for all ages. Last summer 34 children participated in Pugwash and read 150 hours. Our Just for Adults Summer Reading Program is just completed its 5th year. Adults are able to read library books and enter ballots for prizes that have been donated by local businesses. Last summer 10 patrons entered ballots, reading 69 books.

Currently, the Friends of the Pugwash Library have over \$46,000 in the bank. The Pugwash Multipurpose Centre action committee continues to work on creation of a library/multi-purpose building.

The Library offers 24/7 service through its website: [http://www.cumberlandlibraries.ca](#). Here you can look up books, request materials, renew items, and download audiobooks and ebooks in the comfort of your own home. You can also do research with Ancestry Library Edition or look up encyclopedia articles on our World Book Encyclopedia database, you can even learn to repair your car with our online Chilton's Auto Repair database.

We also offer Borrow Anywhere/Return Anywhere (BARA), a program undertaken by all libraries in Nova Scotia. This program allows citizens of Nova Scotia to get a library card anywhere in the Province and to return items to any public, university, or community college library; so items borrowed in Tatamagouche, or Halifax, or Sydney, can be returned in Cumberland County and vice versa.

In closing I would like to thank the Village Commission and Lisa Betts for their help and support during the past year.

Submitted by:
Denise Corey, Chief Librarian

*figure from Community Counts 2014

Pugwash Farmer Market

An exciting new season is in swing for 2015 season at the Pugwash Farmers Market. We are in transitional time with a new board this year: Jennifer Houghtaling –Past president, Danielle VanDalen- President, Rebecca Jones – Vice President, Treasurer- undetermined, Secretary – Janet Rose. As our market grows so do the responsibilities. With this in mind we have hired a Market Manager – Nancy Burgess-Graham to help us with the day to day operations and to help keep everything running smoothly. We are currently working on a few projects including some minor landscaping of the grounds to aid in directing traffic flow and improve safety for vendors and customers alike, as well as new sponsor ship packages and fundraising ideas. We are excited and proud to be a part of the Village and are grateful for the support of the Commission and the Village. We would like to thank the Village for its continued support of our Market and helping us grow our dreams in to realities. See you on Saturday.

Danielle Van Dalen

Pugwash C@P Site (Community Access Program) Annual Report 2015
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June 2, 2015

I would first like to thank the support given by the Village of Pugwash since the C@P Site first began its operation in its present location, which has been over 15 years. There has been an excellent relationship between the C@P Site and the village.

This will be the second year of an even closer relationship between the C@P Site and the village resulting from the second year of both the C@P Site and the VIC sharing the same room. This has also resulted in extended hours for the C@P Site in accommodating the hours needed to operate the VIC.

The two entities sharing the same room has also resulted in the hiring of and the shared responsibilities of the full time summer student on the C@P Site side and the full time summer student on the VIC side. Prior to this new adventure of 2014, the C@P Site's May to September hours of operation were from Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with a half hour lunch break. With the VIC's presence the approximate hours from late June to September will be from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. each Monday to Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Fridays, 9:00 a.m. or later to 6:00 p.m. on Saturdays, and from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sundays. These extra hours has also made it necessary for the VIC to hire a part time person to help cover these extra hours and to give the full time workers time off.

We had an interesting first year in 2014 and are anticipating an even more interesting second year in 2015. The statistics on the C@P Site side remained about the same, even with the extended hours, however, we are anticipating an increase in statistics in this second year.

As I am away and won't be there in person, Lisa Betts should be able to answer any questions pertaining to this second year of this joint adventure.

Thank you once again for supporting the C@P Site over the years and for your continued support of the C@P Site here in Pugwash, NS.

Sincerely,

Daryl Fawcett
Pugwash C@P Chairman

North Cumberland Historical Society Report for Year 2014 to 2015

The mandate of the North Cumberland Historical Society is to collect, archive, publish, and make available to the public, the historical and genealogical information of the North Cumberland area.

The archives are kept in two rooms, upstairs at the train station building. Part of a third room is used for some storage, specifically copies of the Oxford Journal from 1935 onwards.

The archives consist of filing cabinets and a number of shelves containing files with information on the genealogy of 502 families from this area, also files with local history. There is a collection of over 1600 photographs, as well as old maps, local history books, and books for sale, which were published by the society.

The society receives enquiries from all over the world from people looking for information usually about genealogy, but also about local history. Volunteers meet every Friday to do the research to answer these questions. This work is continuing. At the same time the society is continually collecting more material, which needs to be filed.

During the past year we have been reorganizing our offices and sorting out some of the material which is not relevant to this area. This will give the society more space.

The archives were open in the afternoons in July and August, Monday to Friday, in the summer of 2014 to serve the summer visitors. This was made possible by a grant from the municipality.

We lack volunteers as there is always much more to be done than we can accomplish.

The society is very grateful to the Pugwash Village Commission for the use of the facilities at the train station.

Vivian Godfree