



# Annual General Meeting

Pugwash Harbourfront Centre

Eaton Park, Pugwash

7pm, Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> September

# 2021

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ELECTORS  
VILLAGE OF PUGWASH  
Pugwash Harbourfront Centre  
7pm, Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2021**

**A G E N D A**

- 1**            **Call to Order**  
*We acknowledge that we are in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people.*
  
- 2**            **Introduction of Guests and regrets**
  
- 3**            **Adoption of Agenda**
  
- 4**            **Pugwash Village Commission - Chair's Report – Roger Mundle**
  
- 5**            **Village Committee Reports**
  - 5.1        Audit
  - 5.2        Access
  - 5.3        ANSV
  - 5.4        Physician Recruitment & Retention
  - 5.5        CIB
  - 5.7        Library
  
- 6**            **Audited Financial Statements**  
              Lawrence Lake CPA, CA – Morse Brewster Lake
  
- 7**            **MOTION - appoint auditors for financial year end 2023**
  
- 8**            **Reports**
  - 8.1        RCMP Report – Corporal Sean Galbraith
  - 8.2        MLA for Cumberland North, Elizabeth Smith-McCrossin
  - 8.3        Nova Scotia Department Municipal Affairs – Jason Haughn
  - 8.4        Municipality of Cumberland County – Councillor Jennifer Houghtaling
  - 8.5        Pugwash Volunteer Fire Department – Chief Andy Yarrow
  - 8.6        Chief Librarian's Report – Denise Corey
  - 8.7        Communities in Bloom –Maureen Leahey
  - 8.8        2019/20/21 Gathering of the Clans – Lisa Betts
  - 8.9        2021 HarbourFest – Louise Haycocks
  - 8.10      Farmers' Market – Pat MacInnis
  - 8.11      North Cumberland Historical Society – Harvey Gullon
  - 8.12      Sunset Community – Dean Pounder
  
- 9**            **Adoption of Reports**
  
- 10**          **Information Items**
  - 10.1      6:15am ADT tomorrow morning, on CBC Information Morning, Portia Clark will do a Community Contact with Ben Smith, Pugwash. Ben will describe the upcoming Summit at the Thinkers Lodge for about 7-10 minutes.
  
- 11**          **Adjournment**

**PUGWASH VILLAGE COMMISSION**  
Annual General Meeting #429  
21<sup>st</sup> September 2021 at 7pm  
Pugwash Harbourfront Centre stage

**Minute Number 429**

**CALL TO ORDER**

429.1 The Commission of the Village of Pugwash met on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2021 on the stage of the Pugwash Harbourfront Centre.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND REGRETS**

429.2 Chair Mundle welcomed MLA Elizabeth Smith-McCrossin, Councillor Houghtaling and all others present and called the meeting to order at 7pm.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**MOTION**

429.3 It was moved by Terry Duncan and seconded by Commissioner Duncan to approve the agenda as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

**PUGWASH VILLAGE COMMISSION – CHAIR’S REPORT – Read by Chair Roger Mundle**

429.4 See report attached.

**VILLAGE COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS**

429.5 **Audit** - Commissioners Duncan (chair), MacEwan and civilian member, Clara MacDonald

Commissioner Duncan reported that the committee had met three times in the past year. One with the internal auditor, one pre audit with accountant Lawrence Lake and finally a post audit meeting with Mr Lake. He reviewed the results of the audit as well as reviewing the Financial Statements with the Clerk Treasurer and the committee. Committee chair Duncan recommended that the Village approves the Financial Statement for 2021 as presented.

429.6 **Accessibility** - Commissioner MacEwan, Clerk Treasurer Betts

The Clerk Treasurer reported that the committee is part of a Joint Committee with the Municipality of Cumberland. An Accessibility Plan, which will include the Village of Pugwash, is due to be presented to Council by April 1<sup>st</sup> 2022.

429.7 **Association of Nova Scotia Villages (ASNV)** - Commissioner Martin

Commissioner Martin reported there had very recently been a conference and annual general meeting (AGM) of the Association. Commissioner Martin reported that the ANSV is an increasingly important association that has gained much more attention and appreciation from the Province than in past years. Commissioner Martin was re-elected vice president of ASNV at the AGM.

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**429.8 Physician Recruitment & Retention - Commissioner Martin**

This Village led committee has worked hard towards attracting new health professionals to the area with some success. The North Cumberland Memorial Hospital emergency room has been closed less often in the past year than previously. A new facility is currently in construction.

**429.9 Communities in Bloom - Commissioner Martin, Clerk Treasurer Betts**

Commissioner Martin noted the importance of the collaboration of the Village with this organization. Many projects that show off the beauty of the Village and help promote it.

**429.10 Library (formerly: Multi Purpose Centre) - Commissioners Martin and Duncan**

Councillor Houghtaling (committee chair) reported that Architecture49 will have a new plan for the Library ready by the end of this week.

**AUDITOR'S REPORT – Lawrence Lake, CPA, CA - Morse Brewster Lake**

429.11 Mr Lake presented his report noting that the Village had a clean audit. There were no questions for Mr Lake.

**MOTION**

**429.12 It was moved by Commissioner Roger Mundle and seconded by Terry Duncan that the auditor's financial report be adopted. MOTION CARRIED**

429.13 Morse Brewster Lake will be the auditor for 2022 as per the conditions of the Request for Proposals (RFP) released in 2018. The Clerk Treasurer reported that the RFP process takes some time to complete and asked that, if the Commission was satisfied with the current audit firm, to make a motion to retain the firm for the year ending 2023.

**MOTION**

**429.14 It was moved by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Duncan that Morse Brewster Lake be retained as auditor for the year ending 2023. MOTION CARRIED**

**REPORTS -** from other levels of government and local organizations that collaborate with, fund or are funded by the Village.

**RCMP - PUGWASH DETACHMENT - Cpl Shawn Galbraith - absent**

429.15 No report

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**MLA FOR CUMBERLAND NORTH - Elizabeth Smith-McCrossin**

429.16 Mrs Smith-McCrossin said she was happy to continue to serve as MLA for Cumberland North. There are some Village based projects she would like to assist the Village with, for example the north end of Water Street and sidewalk placement and improvements.

**NOVA SCOTIA DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND HOUSING – Municipal Advisor Jason Haughn**

429.17 Mr Haughn said that the NS Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing is a willing partner in renewed and continued cooperation and strong partnership between Municipalities and Villages. Mr Haughn noted that Municipal units had used some very creative solution to work around COVID-19 restrictions - such as using a performance stage for an AGM (Pugwash) or host a drive-through AGM (Kingston).

**MUNICIPALITY OF CUMBERLAND COUNTY – Councillor Jennifer Houghtaling**

429.18 Report (attached) was presented

**PUGWASH AND DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT – Chief Andy Yarrow - absent**

429.19 No report.

**CUMBERLAND PUBLIC LIBRARIES - Chief Librarian Denise Cory**

429.20 No report

**PUGWASH COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM (CIB) - Helen Matheson, Secretary**

429.21 Mrs Matheson presented Chair Leahey's report as read and added that an example of creativity in Pugwash was the Festival of Light last winter which included lighting up the harbour bridge and the building of the buoy tree on the fishermen's wharf. The summer 2021 equivalent was the Festival of Gardens. The outdoor art project has been very popular and more pieces are expected to be added.

**2019, 2020 and 2021 GATHERING OF THE CLANS - Lisa Betts, Coordinator**

429.22 Report for 2019 presented as read. The festival was cancelled in 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic and associated restrictions

**HARBOURFEST – Louise Haycocks, Chair**

429.23 Report presented as read.

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**PUGWASH FARMERS' MARKET – President Pat MacInnis**

429.24 Report presented as read. Mc MacInnis added that Derailed will play at the last Market of the season with all proceeds going to the recently deceased Sears/Robinson family of Amherst. Ms Houghtaling added there is an exciting announcement

**NORTH CUMBERLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY – President Harvey Gullon**

429.25 Mr Gullon presented his report (attached)

**SUNSET COMMUNITY - Dean Pounder - absent**

429.26 No report.

**ADOPTION OF REPORTS**

**MOTION**

429.27 It was moved by Commissioner Duncan and seconded by Terry Duncan that all reports presented be adopted. **MOTION CARRIED**

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

429.28 Information sent in by Bob Cervelli of Centre for Local Prosperity:  
6:15am ADT tomorrow morning, on CBC Information Morning, Portia Clark will do a Community Contact with Ben Smith, Pugwash. Ben will describe the upcoming Summit at the Thinkers Lodge for about 7-10 minutes.

**ADJORNMENT**

**MOTION**

429.29 It was moved by Terry Duncan that the meeting be adjourned at 7:55pm

Respectfully submitted

Lisa Betts

Clerk Treasurer

Chair \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_

# Report for Village of Pugwash Annual General Meeting 21<sup>st</sup> September 2021

Welcome to the Village of Pugwash Annual General Meeting and thank you all for coming here this evening.

Due to the pandemic of COVID-19, this is the first opportunity we have had to hold an in-person AGM in Pugwash since May 2019. Thank you for your continued patience with affected services and for conforming to the restrictions we have all had to endure for the past year and a half.

The pandemic is the primary reason that some of our planned capital projects have yet to be completed. Not knowing what new restrictions or precautions would have to be taken at any time and a great difficulty in finding materials and personnel. We erred on the side of caution and took our time to get these costly projects started. We feel that we can now make bigger strides at getting started with most of these projects.

These projects include accessible washroom at the Village Hall that will be available 24/7, playground expansion and improvements, a fully accessible front door to the Village Hall, which also needs a new roof. Another exciting, and fairly low cost project, is the addition of interactive signs in Gaelic that will help us all to correctly pronounce names of the street we live on and be a great attraction to visitors.

2020 was a very quiet year for projects in the Village. One unintended project that worked out very well was to renovate the library during the time it was closed last spring. The walls and windows were reconditioned and painted, the hardwood floors sanded and refinished and interior storm windows installed. The basement has since been insulated. The library is now quieter and much easier to heat (or cool) than ever before.

Usual operational costs and other costs mandated by the provincial government have increased to the point that, for just the second time in 19 years, the Village made the difficult decision to bring in a very modest increase in taxes of 1.5 cents. This meant an increase to most households of \$10 to \$15 a year.

Tax relief is given to three worthy organizations in the village: Pugwash Area Ground Search and Rescue, Camp Pagweak, and Northumberland Community Curling Club.

Last year, with everything so closed down and no predicting what was going to be shut down next, the only season hire was Donnie Allen as groundskeeper.

This year, with restrictions easing somewhat, we hired more staff and were blessed with great staff!

In *Recreation and Culture* services, we were very fortunate to hire Malory Rushton as Recreation Director who led two months jam-packed with programming for all ages. There were programs for swimming, tennis, pickleball, ball hockey, arts and crafts, stage craft and any number of other games and sports. We had movies in the park on Friday evenings.

We again set aside funds to refund the volunteers who patch our tennis and basketball courts each year. We thank these people for their diligence. We refreshed the sand in the volleyball courts last year.

In *Tourism*, we had Christie Blackie's cheerful welcome to visitors looking for things to do and places to go around Pugwash and area. Christie also worked in a number of administrative duties.

In *Beautification*, we had the awesome Jon Linihan as gardener and glad to have Donnie back as groundskeeper. Many thanks to Communities in Bloom for their funding assistance for the Village gardener.

These kinds of services bring new life to the village, attracting visitors and new residents.

The Village supports and partners with many organizations. You will hear reports shortly from the leaders of some of the organizations that work in collaboration with the Village to make it safe, clean, and attractive.

The pandemic also affected our ability to hold regular elections for the Commission. Ultimately, there were three vacancies to be filled last year and we were lucky to welcome Brent Wilson (already vice chair), Dave MacEwan and Sue Duncan - all three are new to the Commission.

On behalf of my fellow Commissioners and the residents of Pugwash and the surrounding community, I say thank you to our staff – full time and part time, seasonal and year round for all they do to keep the village running smoothly, looking beautiful, tidy, clean, and safe.

We invite you to attend our regular meetings on the second Monday of each month to observe and witness how a Commission operates. I truly feel that an informed community is a united community. Knowing how decisions are reached is often more important than simply knowing the decision.

I encourage any village resident to consider joining us as volunteers on the Commission. There is always much to learn about governance and the job brings great satisfaction.

Respectfully submitted,  
Roger Mundle, Chair  
21<sup>st</sup> September 2021



**Subject:** Municipal councillor AGM update

**From:** Jennifer Houghtaling <jhoughtaling@cumberlandcounty.ns.ca>

**Date:** 2021-09-21, 12:42 p.m.

**To:** Pugwash Village Commission <villagecommission@pugwashvillage.com>

Update from Jennifer Houghtaling District 3  
Municipality of the County of Cumberland

Since the municipal election last fall we have made several changes and are now working our way through the process to address the concerns that came from the all new Council. One of our top priorities is communication and soon the County will have a updated system in place to show more accountability in addressing the concerns of the residents, along with an updated website that will be much easier to navigate and have features such as online forms.

Our new CAO Greg Herrett had been a fantastic addition and is hard at work addressing these priorities. As a new councillor I see how working closely with the Village commissioners on related priorities is the best avenue for a thriving community, we have a very large rural area to cover and collaboration and understanding eachothers goals seems to be the best direction forward.

The new library in Pugwash is a top priority for my District, and at this point we have received communication from A49 that the new design will be complete by the end of this week. We will be contacting the committee and meeting to discuss in the near future.

I will continue to keep our lines of communication open, and would invite you to do the same. The County now provides online streaming of Council meetings where you can follow the direction of the Municipality and contact me with any concerns you may have. I look forward to working together. Thank you for serving your community.

Thank you,

Jennifer Houghtaling  
District 3 Councillor  
902-297-1298  
jhoughtaling@cumberlandcounty.ns.ca

I would like to acknowledge that I am in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people.

**Pugwash Communities in Bloom Annual Report April 1, 2020- March 31, 2021**  
**for CIB AGM and Pugwash Village Commission**

Pugwash Communities in Bloom (CIB) received a certificate indicating our standing in the national CIB Circle of Excellence. This honor continues to recognize our 2017 Silver 5 Bloom award and previous wins. CIB focusses on the categories of community appearance/cleanliness, plant/floral display, environmental action, heritage conservation, tree management, and landscape. Significant accomplishments in each area in 2020-2021 include:

**Community Appearance/Cleanliness:**

- Earth Day Litter Clean-up took a different twist this year. Residents joined the Covid 19 Clean-up, pledged to clean a roadway section, chose their own time, practiced social distancing, and engaged in litter picking in the village.
- Advocacy efforts continued with the Municipality to address dangerous and unsightly properties. Illegal dumping sites were reported on Pugwash River and Irishtown Roads.
- Volunteers sanded, refinished, and painted the PeaceGround benches.

**Plant and Floral Displays:**

- CIB and the Village Commission (VC) divided up gardening responsibilities with CIB undertaking flower selection and planting in village gardens, planters, and triangle. The VC hired a part-time gardener to focus exclusively on the village gardens and CIB cost shared up to \$2000 toward salary costs. Having a dedicated person focussing on flowers and maintenance is making a significant positive difference.
- VC-CIB Gardening Partnership Committee composed of the Village Clerk and a CIB member continue to collaborate to ensure the gardens are their very best.
- Owing to Covid, CIB did not hold a Spring Plant Sale.
- Assisted NCMH Thrift Shop and Search & Rescue in maintaining their gardens
- Maintained the Post Office garden.
- Organized and assisted East Cumberland Lodge with garden clean up and consultation. CIB and various community members from other organizations and two university students did three gardening blitzes at ECL.
- Designed, constructed, and installed a planter at the Playground Garden sitting area. This planter was paid for by a grant from the Wallace, Wentworth, Pugwash and Area Community Health Board.

**Environmental Action:**

- Partnered with the Food Bank promoting donations of surplus vegetables
- Circulated posters advertising how to dispose of Sharps and Drugs

### **Heritage Conservation:**

- Created, planned and installed the Open Air Gallery featuring local artists' work hung on the outside of buildings in the village core. Received a Beautification Grant of \$10,000 from the N.S. Minister of Municipal Affairs and a \$2,000 grant from Sheonoroil Foundation, and \$3,000 from the Wallace, Wentworth, Pugwash and Area Community Health Board.
- CIB liased with Cumberland County Tourism Committee and have had a CIB representative.
- Redesigned and commissioned the PeaceGround sign as a heritage panel.

### **Tree Management:**

- Planned for Pugwash Great Tree Blitz 2020 and received a \$3500 grant from TD Friends of the Environment Foundation. CIB and Friends of the Pugwash Estuary (FOPE) partnered to plant a total of 16 trees on three sites: CEES, Train Station, and Eaton Park. The native species included red oaks, red maples, and sugar maples. Some were to replace trees destroyed by Dorian or that had died while others are part of a succession plan to deal with old trees. Twenty-two volunteers contributed to this project.
- CIB with the help of the Village planted a *Picea pungens* "Baby Blue Eyes" Blue Spruce. Standing at 175 cm (5'9"), the tree will grow into a beautiful Christmas tree over the years.
- Replaced 6 dead red oaks at CEES on King and Church Streets and removed 3 dead trees on Queen Street
- Planted 2 sugar maples and 2 red maples at Eaton Park; planted 5 red maples at the Library/Train Station.
- Advocacy for county wide arborist services was continued with the Municipality
- CIB encouraged tree planting, observance of National Tree Planting Day, and publicized the Pugwash Tree Inventory and list of desirable trees to plant.
- Planned for Jerry Draheim to give public seminars, *Growing Trees for Beauty and Pleasure* and *Planting to Attract Pollinators*. Owing to Covid-19, these were postponed

### **Landscape:**

- Designed, financed, and completed the Playground Garden area renovation including a stone patio, wheelchair accessible table, and boardwalk ramp to a seating area and deck.
- Installed Winterscape including erecting the trees near the bridge, wreaths hung on the bridge, village hall and library window box decorating, Cenotaph lighting, and Post office garlands.
- Replaced the damaged Dinghy Beach and Library Heritage signs. Planning underway for how to avoid snow plough damage in future.

### **Community Involvement:**

In addition to work in the above areas, CIB focuses on community pride and development:

- Continued work on creating the Community Profile Book. The 2022 version will be available digitally and also will be on the village website.
- Organized a Festival of Lights contest celebrating Christmas in our community. CIB judges drove past over 400 homes in the greater Pugwash area to pick winners in the Festival of Lights contest. So impressive the great variety of outdoor lights, creativity of owners, and sheer number of light displays. They awarded gift certificates to the three winners at the Pugwash Christmas Farmers' Market.
- Planned for a Summer Festival of Flowers and Gardens. CIB judges will identify various garden displays in Pugwash, Gulf Shore area, South and West Pugwash. Winners will receive gift certificates for local businesses.
- Conducted the Recognition Program identifying community members who contribute significantly to making Pugwash a vibrant place to live. Their photos and a brief description of their contribution were part of the Village Newsletter centrefold.
- Created a 4 minute video of Testimonials about CIB. Participants included various village residents and business owners. National CIB featured the video on its website.

Submitted by Maureen Leahey, Chair, [mleahey@bellaliant.net](mailto:mleahey@bellaliant.net), July 23, 2021

# Gathering of the Clans and Canada Day report 2019

The 69<sup>th</sup> Pugwash Gathering of the Clans will be remembered as the wettest and coolest we have experienced in many years. Despite the miserable weather, all events went ahead except the fireworks which were set off July 28<sup>th</sup> during HarbourFest. With several weeks of cool, wet weather in June and recent construction in the park, even if July 1st had turned out hot and sunny, the park would have been nearly unusable. The Highland Dance and music events were moved to the High School.

The parade was as large as any could remember for a long time. The winners were:

## **Commercial**

- 1st Cunningham Construction
- 2nd K+S Windsor Salt
- 3rd KT Leard

## **Non-commercial**

- 1st 4H
- 2nd Friends of the Pugwash Estuary
- 3rd Pugwash Communities in Bloom

## **Antique Vehicles**

- 1st North Shore Tractor Club
- 2nd The rusty truck (Stephen Conrod)
- 3rd Orange truck (Kevin Smith)

## **Most Original/Humorous:**

Ava Mundle and friends (riding cow *Windypoint Girlie*)

There were 95 Highland Dancers competing on the Pugwash District High School (PDHS) stage through the morning. Many thanks to the volunteers who rolled with the challenges of a last minute venue change and helped this run smoothly. The winner of the much-prized Bonny Gael Memorial Trophy was Larissa Godin of Bathurst, NB. The judge was Fiona Connell from Bermuda. Fortunately, Fiona was visiting the area for the national competitions, so we didn't have to pay her travel.

There were four pipe and drum bands this year. A fifth band that was registered to compete withdrew due to the weather. Grade 4 winner: Dartmouth and District Pipe Band. Grade 5 winner was Cape Breton University Pipe Band, playing in their very first competition. There were 22 pipers and 6 drummers who registered for a total of 73 solo competition events.

23 vendors registered for the day with about 20% of them either cancelling or leaving early because of the weather. The midway was here again, and the heavyweight games were held again at the Cyrus Eaton Elementary school playgrounds. The soggy grounds meant a lot of additional work to repair through the summer.

The Opening Ceremony was held on the new Pugwash Harbourfront Centre observed by a small, brave group of supporters in the park. The Official Opening of the Centre was also held at this time.

The entertainment at the PDHS through the afternoon and evening were the Christina Martin and Dale Murray band, Alycia Putnam and family, Doris Mason and James Logan, and finally Rawlins Cross. The fireworks were postponed due to the weather.

The gates were run by groups of volunteers. With all entertainment events moved to the high school, we closed the gates down at about 4pm. Advance sales, the six gates and high school door took in \$8,013 selling 1,616 wristbands. This was about one third of our usual numbers.

Thank you to the 120 or more volunteers that helped the day go smoothly and coped with a very different festival this year. All the various events, parade security, the gates and bankers are all run by volunteers and all deserve big thanks!

Thanks also go to the many sponsors whose generosity help make this historic event a success. Given the much reduced gate this year, extra thanks go to the support from sponsors who make a tremendous difference in keeping this festival going.

Having an assistant help with event organization and registration, particularly Highland Dance, was an enormous help. Advance sales at the Visitor Information Centre improved this year and we see that as a useful means of selling wristbands in the future.

Preparations and meetings for next year's event are already under way. John MacArthur of That Ilk, Chief of Clan Arthur will be visiting the Maritimes next year and is hoping to attend as many Scottish games as possible during his stay.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa Betts, Coordinator

# Gathering of the Clans and Canada Day report 2020

The 70<sup>th</sup> Pugwash Gathering of the Clans was cancelled in March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa Betts, Coordinator

# Gathering of the Clans and Canada Day report 2021

The 70<sup>th</sup> Pugwash Gathering of the Clans was cancelled in April 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa Betts, Coordinator



September 12, 2021

Pugwash Farmer's Market

I would like to take a few minutes of your time to present an update of the Pugwash Farmer's for the year 2021.

The market opened in June 2021 and followed the Covid 19 protocols as outlined by the Provincial Government. This included masking, physical distancing, site access limitations and contact tracing. All of these were well received by the customers attending the market as well as the vendors.

We would like to thank the village for the use of the gate house and are hoping it won't be needed next year. Again Thank you.

As time went on these restrictions were loosened and hopefully by this week the province will be at stage 5.

Since we were counting the number of customers due to protocol, we know that we were consistently attracting 800 and as high as 1000 people to the village on a Saturday morning.

Moving forward, we are on track for some significant improvements to the market site with an announcement to be made soon. We would like to thank the village for their generous contribution to these projects.

We have had the good fortune to have live music every week this year and hopefully this continues next year.

The Market is operating every week with 43-44 vendors but will taper in these last few weeks.

The Christmas Market is scheduled for November 13th with a November 14th rain date and that will be the finish for this year.

Any suggestions or feedback would be welcome.

Sincerely

Pat McGinnis

President

Pugwash Farmers Market

## Harbour Homecoming 2021

Harbour Homecoming has morphed over the more than 15 years of its existence, this year rather faster than usual.

The committee is pleased that we were able to provide opportunities for residents of the village and surrounding area to get out and enjoy our wonderful summer. As planning for HarbourFest Homecoming always starts early in the year, the uncertainty around Covid restrictions forced our committee to think outside the box. The 'traditional' weekend of HarbourFest was not going to be an option, as we could not predict how the summer would unfold.

So, this summer, rather than do nothing, we thought if at all possible we would host a different HarbourFest Homecoming one that would still give the local community an opportunity to enjoy some of what we usually do. We decided to host a series of free events on this stage titled "HarbourFest-Homecoming Presents"- 3 concerts and one performance-. The first was the Ellis Brothers, a popular local blues/rock band, followed by Derailed 2.0 with their vintage rock sound. Both these groups have played at many of our previous events. We then hosted a puppet theatre, performed by The North Barn Theatre Collective, a bicycle travelling pair,

Our final concert in this series, featured the Miles Goodwin Trio. It was most definitely our most popular event of the summer.

In addition, our committee, with the assistance of some dedicated volunteers, were once again able to install the docks at Dinghy Beach. We are always happy to see the numerous families and young people taking advantage of this safe place to swim. They certainly have proved to be a great asset to the village.

We are, as always, grateful to be able to use the park and the stage and for the support of the Pugwash Village Commission as well as our other sponsors. I truly believe HarbourFest Homecoming brings a lot to the village and the local community in whatever guise it comes. But in spite of that I hope that next year we will see a return of the full HarbourFest-Homecoming activities.

# North Cumberland Historical and Genealogical Society

September 21, 2021

The North Cumberland Historical and Genealogical Society (NCHS) had a busy year. Our fiscal year runs from June 1st to May 31<sup>st</sup>. We continue to cover the same area as the Pugwash District High School. This includes the communities of Northport, Port Howe, Pugwash, Pugwash River, Pugwash Junction, Conns Mills, Middleboro, Wentworth, Wallace, Malagash and all points in between.

Covid-19 restrictions, meant that we were closed for many weeks during this past year. However we continue to post on our Facebook page each week.

We are currently open Friday from 1 pm to 4 pm by appointment only. Our volunteer base is shrinking and we are always looking for new people to help with the documentation and filing of new acquisitions, as well as research to answers queries.

E-mail research requests were busy in the winter as people stayed home.

We received many donations of papers of historical importance from several people this past year, and as these donations come in we document them and then incorporate them into our archives. Our volunteer base is shrinking and we are always looking for new people to help with the documentation and filing of new acquisitions, as well as research to answer queries.

Our Facebook page and website remain one of the easiest ways for people to access information about our holdings that we have been able to digitize. We share photos from our collection on Facebook on Fridays, and these have proven to be very popular. Views of our posts have ranged from 500 to 5000 each week depending on the topic.

Alison Forshner continues to collect information and photos about heritage homes, barns and buildings in the area and the stories of people who lived there. ... 900 buildings in 47 different communities ..... This project was made possible through a donation from Douglas and Maureen Leahey, and we thank them for their support. This is an on-going project, as time permits, we are always looking for new volunteers to collect stories, take photos, or research land ownership.

We continue working to enhancing our collection of information related to the cemeteries of North Cumberland. This is a large and ongoing project that dedicated volunteers

Debbie Weagle and JoAnn Tuttle have spent years working on. All headstones were photographed by Wayne Arsenault and are being matched to the obituaries. The re-indexing of the cemetery book has been completed and we will be adding a second database for those who are not listed in the original cemetery book.

We have received a municipal grant which will be used to hire archival assistance to continue to document our collection and enter the information into our databases.

The CBC documentary that aired on Land And Sea went nation wide and was well received by all who saw it.

We are very thankful to the Village commission for the use of the second floor of the Train Station. The new inside window covering has been a great help in keeping the upstairs warmer in winter.

We have lost a number of our elderly and most knowledgeable volunteers because of the steep stairs.

Space is very limited as we are unable to use displays for public viewing and look forward to being able to have extra space to properly house our ever-growing collection and for volunteers to work on their projects outside of our Friday hours.

Submitted on behalf of the Board  
Northcumberland Historical and genealogical Society

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