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Waterfront Development Plans for Pugwash

The Pugwash Waterfront Development Steering Committee held two information sessions in October that consisted of a presentation by members of the Committee and the consultant, followed by a Q & A session and an opportunity for public input. Representatives from the Municipality and the Village Commission were in attendance. There were some very good points brought up during the sessions. Both sessions were very well attended, and the discussions were positive!



Water Street and Durham Street

We can't thank the community enough for the support you have shown. Without everyone's involvement projects like this are nothing more than an idea. The feeling in the room at the end of the sessions was that the community feels we should push forward and help develop the Village of Pugwash, so that is what we'll do!

The Steering Committee is continuing to seek public feedback on a preliminary waterfront concept plan for Pugwash. The purpose of the project is to promote community and economic development in the Village of Pugwash and provide planning framework for future projects.

This project is coordinated by a Project Steering Committee with the support of the Municipality of the County of Cumberland and the Pugwash Village Commission. The Committee consists of a diverse range of individuals representing various organiza-

tions and businesses in the Pugwash and surrounding area. A consultant selected by the Committee developed a preliminary concept plan and the Committee is now seeking public feedback on this initial design.

Key elements of the preliminary waterfront concept plan include:

- Renovations to the Eaton Memorial Park and stage area
- Multipurpose community centre with a library
- Full service marina and public slipway
- Extensive waterfront enhancements (improve access to Dinghy Beach and extend boardwalk)
- Streetscape enhancements (new curbs and sidewalks, safe cross intersection)
- Integration with existing organizations, key attractions, and businesses.



Proposed Marina

There will be a presentation to the Municipality of Cumberland County during a public council meeting, at the Municipal Building in Upper Nappan on December 16th. Time will be approximately 1pm. We urge you to attend and show your support so we can turn this plan into reality!

For more information contact Michelle Byers at mbyers@cumberlandcounty.ns.ca or call 902-297-2765.

From: Alex Parker, Chair and Michele Beyers, Municipality of Cumberland County

Plans to Replace Eaton Stage Begin

Eaton Stage, the iconic centrepiece of Eaton Park, needs to be replaced. It has withstood the ravages of time, wind, tide, sun and stomping feet for 65 years and is now showing signs of deterioration to the point that it must soon be replaced. When this can happen will depend on a variety of factors, particularly funding opportunities. In the meanwhile, we are starting the process of consulting with the public, regular users and experts as to what they would like to see for a replacement.

The building stands on the waterfront in an area of the park that forms a natural amphitheatre. It started life as a simple platform for Highland Dancers to compete at the first Gathering of the Clans in 1951. Over the years, it has expanded with a back stage, wings, a roof and a ceiling. Its use has expanded as a stage for concerts, musicians, theatre, comedy and variety shows, weigh in station for competitions and Prom.

A new facility could be used for all these purposes and more. What would you like to see provided in a new stage in the park? Contact the village Clerk with your ideas. See page 4 for contact information.

From: Lisa Betts, Clerk

New Flagpole at the Cenotaph



The Cenotaph project is progressing with a new fibreglass flagpole and two cedar benches.

The flagpole, at 35', is five feet higher than the old aluminum pole. The cedar benches were made locally and match the planters and other benches that have been installed around the village recently.

Part of the retaining wall has been removed. The remaining wall will be capped with Wallace sandstone.

The fencing has been removed. Some of it will be replaced with new fencing for safety reasons, but most will not be replaced, making the area more open and welcoming. Landscaping will be completed in the Spring.

From: Lisa Betts, Clerk

Proposal for Dry Hydrant System in Pugwash

As you will have read in the last issue of this newsletter, the new municipal water system being installed cannot support the water requirements needed by fire hydrants.

I suggest an alternative whereby the Village of Pugwash could be served by fire hydrants at a minimal cost. I have presented this concept to the Pugwash Village Commission and the Municipality of Cumberland and how it could provide its citizens and businesses with greatly improved fire protection service.

Fire Departments serving small communities often depend on a mutual aid water tanker shuttle system to supply sufficient water to successfully suppress a fire of any size. This often involves the assistance of neighbouring fire departments. While this system usually works, there are many individual components working together that, if one fails, the

result is a failure in the water supply to the fire.

My idea (endorsed by Pugwash Fire Chief Andy Yarrow) is to install four dry hydrants. These would be strategically located to serve the most concentrated area of buildings in the Village of Pugwash with a constant and secure source of water. These hydrants would be independent of the new municipal supply water system, but would be installed underground at the same time as the new municipal drinking water piping. This would avoid the need and cost to dig up the streets again. These hydrants would be fed water from a pump system located in the general area of Eaton Park or the Municipal car park. Water would be drawn from the inexhaustible source that is our harbour. The supply piping would only contain water when being used at a fire.

The suggested hydrant locations are at or near the intersections of: (1) Black and Water Streets. (2) Black and Church Streets. (3) Russell and Durham Streets. (4) Russell and King Streets.

Should you agree that we in Pugwash deserve the best system that can be had, within a reasonable cost factor, then I urge you to speak to your Village Commissioners, County Councillors and MLA Terry Farrell and make them aware of your support for this proposal. Please also mention this to your friends and neighbours. The more people supporting this idea, the better are our chances of getting it.

It must be emphasised that the ideas suggested here are mine as an individual firefighter and resident of the Village.

From: Murray Mills, CD Firefighter



Christmas Fun & Fundraiser.

Communities in Bloom (CIB) invites you, your family, and friends of all ages to join us for Christmas by the Sea lunch, bingo, silent auction, and wreath sales on Saturday, December 5 Saint Thomas More Catholic Church Hall, Black Street.

1130-1300, Lunch

1330-1530, Bingo

1130-1530, Silent auction & wreath sales

Meet friends, win prizes, enjoy a relaxing lunch! All welcome!

Great Tree Events. Eleven Dalhousie students and their profes-

or, Dr. Peter Duinker, conducted a tree inventory of about 1500 trees on over 175 properties in the village core in mid-October. Over 50 people attended Peter Duinker's Great Tree Talk at the Curling Club that weekend to learn about Nova Scotia trees and in particular, those in Pugwash. Students cataloged the species location, diameter and tree condition. Come join us on **Tuesday, December 15, 2 pm**, at the **Chatterbox** to hear Peter's **Pugwash Tree Report and a Q&A**. A recommended tree and shrub list is being compiled for use by the village and residents. With the village water project moving forward and the proposed waterfront development, it's timely to consider what trees could be planted as these projects progress.

Circle of Excellence. Pugwash CIB received a certificate recently indicating our standing in the national CIB Circle of Excellence. This honour continues to recognize our 2014 award as the best in the nation (population under 1000) and 5 Blooms.

Garden Updates. Now that the triangle on Durham Street has been refurbished, CIB is designing a new look for that area, including plants and banners. The PeaceGround benches are being repaired after the ravages of the salt and wind and the playground garden has been newly mulched. This fall, CIB was active in removing flowers from the planters and help prepare the Cenotaph for Remembrance Day.

From:
Maureen Leahey

Maritimers of the week

Congratulations to two Pugwash area residents who were both surprised with this award within a few weeks of each other!

Roy Mattinson

"When it comes to baseball or softball, CTV's Maritimer of the Week has one strict rule. "Everybody plays." For more than six decades, Roy Mattinson has organized games at the field in Pugwash, Nova Scotia, ensuring that players from six to 80 years of age, can play ball and have fun. Every summer for 65 years, Roy has been hosting ball games twice a week in Pugwash. Everybody plays, including Roy."

Jane Jorgensen

"There are always hundreds of animals looking for their forever home, and thanks to one woman, many have a great place to stay until they're taken in. Jane Jorgensen has looked after hundreds of dogs over the past 40 years, welcoming strays of every kind to their farm in Pugwash, N.S. Now she reviews applications to adopt animals for Litters 'n Critters. and fosters canines until they've found their forever home."



From: CTV.ca website



Friends of the
Pugwash Estuary

From: Alice Power

If you are noticing lots of activity around Estuary House this fall, it's because there are three projects currently in progress at the House and surrounding properties.

There is now an almost completed 3 km (approximately) walking trail, with various look off points from which to enjoy the life and scenery of the Estuary. This trail starts and ends behind Estuary House, meanders out along the shore on Nature Conservancy Canada (NCC) property and circles back through the woods. This trail will also be great for snowshoeing and has potential for further expansion.

Renovations to the interior of Estuary House are underway. The furnace, oil tank and chimney have been removed and the drainage system completed. Basement work is started and electrical upgrading is next on the list. This remake is made possible through Canada 150 Infrastructure Program (CIP 150), FOPE fundraising and generous amounts of volunteer time and expertise. It is planned as a 2 year project but, depending on available funding, may be completed before that.

The gazebo base work is being completed this fall, with construction slated for the spring. The screened in gazebo will allow us to use the site during mosquito season and will be large enough to host a school class. This is part of our ongoing efforts to make Estuary House a learning centre, especially for local schools. FOPE already partners with NCC and PDHS to host a field day each semester for high school science students. Some funding is still needed for the gazebo. FOPE is a charitable organization and donations are eligible for tax receipts.

FOPE held its second annual Fall Flotilla on Sunday, October 18. Despite the cold, wind and hail, eight canoes and ten kayaks with 26 people and one dog participated in the event. Participants were then treated to food and hot cider around a warming bonfire. Mark it on your calendar for next year.

Due to construction mess, the regular monthly meetings have been moved to the Curling Club for the next few months.



**New Partnership with
PDHS Entrepreneurs**

The Pugwash Farmers' Market is a great believer in supporting local community initiatives and this fall is funding, educating and including the village youth in our market. We are very happy to say that we have began a partnership with the Pugwash High School Grade 12 Entrepreneurship class where the Farmers' Market is providing a number of small business start up grants to students. This year's recipients will be selling their wares at our annual Christmas Market December 12th at the High School. Some of the new business ideas are: Origami, Recycled Wool Sewing, Hand Drawn Artwork, Baked Goodies, Knitting, Lawncare Services, and hopefully many more exciting new ventures to come.

Please make sure to come and support our local vendors and youth, Saturday 9am -1pm...we may just see these budding entrepreneurs as regular vendors in the spring!

From: Nancy Graham

Pugwash Village Hall
office hours
Winter
Monday to Friday
9am to 1pm
(or by appointment)

Clerk Treasurer:
Lisa Betts
Phone: **902 243 2946**

e-mail: villagecommission
@pugwashvillage.com

124 Water Street
PO Box 220
Pugwash, NS
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The Village Hall has space
available for a variety of
uses and meeting sizes.
This is FREE to non-profit
groups.

Please call the Clerk to
book a time at:
902-243-2946



Community Access Program



**Pugwash C@P Site
and VIC**

**7th December - 4th April
CLOSED**

Open by chance or by
appointment

Pugwash Village Hall
124 Water Street
C@P site: 902 243 2088
VIC: 902 243 3020



The Pugwash and Area Community Health Board

The Pugwash and Area Community Health Board (CHB) has been meeting monthly since September. We have had a guest presentation each month. In September, Martha Underwood, Palliative Care Nurse spoke to the CHB. What impressed members most about Ms. Underwood's presentation was her obvious love and commitment to her job. She said to us that what she does should be termed palliative and supportive care. What Ms. Underwood does is really an approach to care and she stated that her goal is to "provide a standard of care that I would want". Palliative care involves a team which includes: social workers, palliative care physicians, continuing care coordinator, VON, spiritual care/support, pharmacy support, cancer patient navigator and others.

In October, Janice Melanson from CAST (Communities Addressing Suicide Together) addressed members of

the CHB. Every 40 seconds a person dies by suicide somewhere in the world. To put this another way, that is more than 800 000 each year. Ms. Melanson says it is time to bring suicide out of the closet. Not talking about it is not working. CAST is a non-profit organization which works similarly to MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving). The objective of CAST is to create linkages between various groups within the community. CAST sponsors a number of activities in Cumberland County including information sessions, speakers from various groups and Suicide Prevention Day Walks.

In November, the CHB heard a presentation from Patricia Harrington, Continuing Care Coordinator. The CHB had a particular request to have information provided about senior alert systems. A program exists that provides assistance to low-income seniors

who live alone, have experienced recent falls, and use a cane, walker or wheelchair. The program provides up to \$480.00 each year for the purchase of a personal alert assistance service. Ms. Harrington also provided an overview of the various programs available through continuing care. For more information on these call 1-800-225-7225 or visit novascotia.ca/dhw/ccs.

The Pugwash and Area CHB currently has a vacancy due to a recent resignation. If you wish to support wellness in your community and meet with a very friendly group, contact Chair Peter Lewis at 902-243-2075 or at lewisp@ns.sympatico.ca. Hope to hear from you soon! Merry Christmas to you all and have a Happy New Year!

From: Peter Lewis

North Cumberland Memorial Hospital Auxiliary

The Nova Scotia Association of Health Auxiliaries Convention and AGM was held in Truro in October. Several of the Pugwash members attended. Guest speakers were: Yolanda Evong, Hearing and Speech Therapist, and Susan Stevens, Senior Director, Continuing Care, at Colchester East Hants Health Centre; Janet Knox, CEO and President, and Allan Horsburgh, CFO and VP of Stewardship and Accountability at the Nova Scotia Health Authority; and Di-anne Arden, Coordinator Education and Outreach, Colchester and Cumberland.

The NSAHA Statistics for 2014/2015 show that volunteers donated 442,634 hours and raised \$1,549,200.26. Some of the disbursements were: medical equipment \$972,251.48; non-medical \$297,046.28; community projects \$85,354.06; Hospital Foundations \$98,119.82; bursaries and scholarships \$57,650.00.

At our November meeting, approval was given for the purchase of elopement (security) bracelets for NCMH. The following officers were elected for a two-year period effective January 2016:

Co-Presidents - Beryl MacLean and Carol Hall
Vice President - Lavona Austin
Treasurer - Claire McKim
Secretary - Faye Moore
Shop Convenor - Helen Cameron.

We do not have monthly meetings during January and February; therefore, our next monthly meeting will be March 1, 2016 at 2pm in the Hospital Boardroom.

The Thrift Shop will be open regular hours during the winter months (weather permitting).

From: Faye Moore



Friday December 4th

Basic Spirit Fine Craft Gallery * Holiday sale and Christmas cookies

C@P site * extended hours to 4pm * refreshments and free internet

Chatterbox Café *10am to 2pm * Lunch specials and accepting donations to the Food Bank.

Cut to the Chase * Giveaways, in store tax free sales.

Fire Truck Rides * 5-7pm (from the old fire hall)

GK Pizza * Get a 9" FREE garlic fingers with 16" pizza with the works

Harrison's Building Supplies * In store specials and treats

Horton Gallery * Open House. 20% off regular priced items, refreshments, open until 8 pm.

Inn the Elms * Roast beef dinner – by reservation only

KGB – Make a donation to the Pugwash Food Bank for a special giveaway

Langille's Esso * draw and refreshments

Monty's Used Clothing * No sales tax * Christmas store will be open.

Nelly's Grill and Dairy Bar * Customer ballots for a prize will be drawn

Northumberland Veterinary Services * Open until 6pm *

Refreshments * 5% discount on retail items

NSLC * in store samples for tasting

O'Brien's PharmaChoice * In store specials, redeem Perks for a chance to win a 42" HDTV

PDHS *3pm* Senior Girls basketball tournament

Pugwash Co-Op * In store specials and customer draw

Pugwash Greenhouse and Florist Shop * In house draw

Pugwash Home Hardware * In store specials.

Open until 6pm

Pugwash Library *6 to 6:30pm* Children's puppet show

Pugwash Library *6 to 7:30pm* Open House *

Refreshments

Pugwash Post Office *Refreshments and draw

Pugwash Train Station * 7pm* Lighting of the community Christmas tree and a visit from Santa!

Pugwash Village Hall *3:30 to 5pm* LED Holiday light

Exchange and Open House

Pugwash Village Hall *3 to 5pm* Open House and treats

Rebecca Silver Spray *6-9pm* Craft and bake sale

Seagull Pewter * In store specials and draw

Scotiabank * Refreshments

Sheryl's Bakery and Café * In store draw



Christmas by the Sea

Saturday December 5th

Basic Spirit Fine Craft Gallery * In store specials and Christmas cookies

Communities in Bloom: St Thomas More Church Hall:

11:30am-1:30pm ***** Luncheon \$10

11:30am-3:30pm ***** Silent auction

1:30pm-3:30pm ***** Santa Bingo \$10

F & D Service Station * Craft and bake sale 9am-8pm

GK Pizza * Get a 9" FREE garlic fingers with 16" pizza with the works.

Harrison's Building Supplies * In store specials and treats

Horton Gallery *Open House. 20% off regular priced items, refreshments, open until 5 pm

Langille's Esso * Draw and refreshments

Monty's Used Clothing * No sales tax. Christmas store will be open.

North Cumberland Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Thrift Shop – door prize

NSLC * in store samples for tasting

O'Brien's PharmaChoice * In store specials, redeem Perks for a chance to win a 42" HDTV

PDHS *9am* Senior Girls basketball tournament.

All day.

Pugwash Co-Op * In store specials and customer draw

Pugwash Legion * 1pm *Special treats at the regular cribbage games

Pugwash Home Hardware * In store specials and draw.

Rebecca Silver Spray *10am* Craft and bake sale

Seagull Pewter * In store specials and draw





From: Lisa Betts,
GOC Coordinator

ROBBIE BURNS NIGHT 2016

Due to the success of the past couple of years, this event is moving to a bigger venue - the Northumberland Community Curling Club on Saturday, January 23rd. The catering will be by Inn the Elms again, a festival sponsor.

There will be traditional Scottish food, songs, music and poems. A haggis with accompanying tatties and neeps will be piped in - with an alternative of roast beef for the sassanachs. Break out your tartans, dust off your tam and practise your favourite Burns poem for a fun night of Scottish culture.

Tickets will be \$30 with proceeds going to the Gathering of the Clans and can be purchased at the Village Hall or at Inn the Elms. Purchase your tickets early to guarantee a seat - they would make a great Christmas gift!

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We are always interested in hearing about new ideas for the Gathering of the Clans/Canada Day festivities. Please send your ideas along to the coordinator at any time. E-mail is events@pugwashvillage.com or phone 902.243.2946

Planning for HarbourFest happens year round and our committee is meeting regularly to get the ball rolling for 2016 and beyond. We would love to welcome more new members to our group and hope that you might consider joining us as we move forward to 2016 and the proposed return of Tall Ships to Pugwash in 2017 to mark Canada's 150th anniversary.

As always, one of our chief mandates is to create a festival which involves community organizations to use as a means to promote their causes and generate additional funds for their charitable works. Events such as the Legion Lobster Supper, Crib Tournament, Washer Toss, Cross- Harbour Golf Challenge, the beer tent and many others help generate funds for local sport teams, charities and other community endeavours.

Part of our strategy for our next meeting is to dedicate some time to "brainstorming" to see what we can adjust, tweak or add to our annual festivities. We will also be discussing ideas for our



own fundraising efforts, such as the Cake auction and our continued efforts to access to governmental grants at all levels.

We would like to invite our fellow stakeholders and mini-event organizers to this meeting to help us chart our course for next year and beyond. We will have refreshments available and welcome your suggestions, support and assistance.

Our next regular committee meeting will be held on Thursday, Dec . 3rd at 6pm at the Village Hall in Pugwash with our "Brainstorm Meet & Greet" to follow at 7pm.

Wally Vaters , HF Chair
902.297.2728

Upcoming Events

November

30th Christmas Market (CEES) - see page 10 for more information

December

- 2nd Safe food handling course
- 4th Christmas by the sea
- 5th Christmas by the sea
- 5th Girls' Basketball tournament
- 7th Christmas Bazaar (Wallace)
- 10th Country Christmas (Wallace)
- 11/12 Turkey-spiel, NCCC
- 12th Boys Basketball tournament
- 12th Farmers' Market at PDHS
- 12th Christmas Concert (7th Day)
- 14th Toy drive ends (MacDonalds)
- 14th Village Commission meeting
- 15th Tree survey report
- 17th Christmas Cheer Day
- 25th Christmas Day

January

- 1st Levée, Pugwash Legion
- 16th Cribbage, Pugwash Legion
- 17th NCCC AGM
- 18th Village Commission meeting
- 23rd Burns Night Supper
- 29th-31st Invitational Bonspiel, NCCC
- 30th Brunch, Pugwash Legion

February

- 6th PGSAR - Storm the Mountain Adventure Challenge
- 6th Cribbage, Pugwash Legion
- 14th Valentine's Day
- 15th Village Commission meeting
- 20th Cribbage, Pugwash Legion
- 27th Brunch, Pugwash Legion
- 27th FOPE AGM, at NCCC

All events are in Pugwash unless otherwise noted. More information may be found on that organization's newsletter submission or on the village website.

Exercise & Dance Classes

Walking in CEES Gym

Tuesdays and Thursdays
9:30am to 10:30am. FREE!

Pilates

9:30 - 11am. Tuesdays. PDHS. \$5

Ladies' Dance Fitness

10-11 Wednesdays. CEES. FREE

Mindfulness

9:30 - 11am. Thursdays. PDHS

Ladies' Exercise

9:30 - 11am. Fridays. PDHS. \$5

Pop-Ups

9am CEES. FREE

Dance/exercise instructors - please call the Clerk with your class times at: 902 243 2946 to add your classes to this list

Check out <http://www.pugwashvillage.com/index.php/festivals-and-events/events-calendar> for more details!



From: Denise Corey

Pugwash Library Programs and Events

Library Open House & Puppet Show
December 4th 6:00-7:30pm

We're staying open late just for you! Drop in for some free hot chocolate and holiday treats and see what's new at your library. Don't forget the Puppet Show from 6:00-6:30pm!

Food for Fines

In December, bring in non-perishable food items to have your fines forgiven!

1 food item = 1 overdue fine

All donations will go to the local food bank.

Holiday Party

Wednesday, December 9

3:15-4:15pm

Grades P-6

Space is limited. Please call 902-243-3331 to register.

12 Days of Cookies

Until Dec.8

Cumberland Public Libraries will be baking cookies to share with you. For 12 week days, we will be sending out the location of the day's cookies Via Face book, Twitter and the library's website. First come first served!

Can't get there for a cookie? Each Library will provide copies of the recipe you can take home and make yourself. Send us photos of your holiday cookie baking; especially if you got the recipe from a library cookbook!

WARNING- All cookies will contain butter, sugar and hopefully chocolate!

2015 Wrap Up at Camp Pagweak

From: Ruth Rushton

We've had a great fall season at the camp with rentals. It's a wonderful place for a family reunion, a thanksgiving dinner, a wedding, you name it! We just had a group of 85 spend a weekend for their annual youth rally. We definitely have a beautiful property with something for everyone!

We have started the accreditation process for the camp and this will be ongoing throughout the winter. We feel it is very important to be accredited. It means that we have numerous management controls in place related to accountability and efficient, effective use of available resources in providing services.

Our staffing process has started for 2016 so if you are interested in working at camp this summer as a paid staff member or a volunteer please complete the application which is found on our web page www.pagweak.org, we are always looking for Counsellors, kitchen help, lifeguards, etc. The deadline for applications is Dec. 31, 2015. Don't miss out on a great summer job!

Soon we will be getting our calendar ready for 2016 so I'm sure we will have something for every age group! Keep checking the web page!

This year Camp Pagweak celebrated 70 years of camping and we hope to be around for another 70 years!

Holiday hours Pugwash Library	Pugwash Library Winter hours
Thursday Dec 24- Closed Friday Dec 25- Closed Saturday Dec 26- Closed Monday Dec. 28 -11-4 Tuesday Dec 29- 11-4 Wednesday Dec -30- 2-5 Thursday Dec 31 -Closed Friday Jan 1 - Closed	December - May Monday: 11am - 4pm Tuesday: 11am - 4pm Wednesday: 2pm - 7pm Thursday: 2pm - 7pm Friday: noon - 5pm Saturday: 10am - 1pm Sunday - closed Ph: 902 243 3331



PREPARING FOR THE 21ST CENTURY
ON SE PRÉPARE POUR LE 21^E SIÈCLE

Royal Canadian Legion, Peace Branch 60

New Year's Levée

2pm - 11am-1pm, January 1st

Brunch

10am - 1pm. \$7(adults) \$3.50
(children).

30th January and 27th February

Bingo

7pm every Wednesday

Cribbage

1pm every 1st and 3rd Saturday
(except January 2nd), \$10

New members are always welcome.

From: Maggie Stone

RCMP - Cold Weather Driving Tips

From: Cst. Travise Dow

Always give yourself extra time to clear frost and snow from car windows, side mirrors, headlights and tail lights before hitting the road. We've all seen those motorists who only clear a small area on the front windshield and then start driving. This is dangerous for everyone on the road, and it's something police will issue a ticket for.

Slow down and drive with caution when the roads are wet or icy. Always leave a safe amount of distance between yourself and the vehicle you're following, especially on the highway. That way, if you need to make an emergency stop or your vehicle takes longer to stop due to road conditions, you'll have more time to do so.

Ensure you have good winter tires on your vehicle. Winter tires that are in good condition are essential for safe winter driving. Although they are not required by law in Nova Scotia, they are one of the most important investments a motorist can make. The rubber used to make winter tires is specially designed for cold weather conditions. It's softer, which allows the tires to maintain better contact

with the road. As well, the treads are designed to grip the road better by displacing slush and snow. Also, remember that all-season tires are not the same as winter tires.

Additionally, motorists driving 4X4 or all-wheel drive vehicles may feel safer because of the improved traction control, but it's important to remember that the stopping ability is not improved. Four and all-wheel drive vehicles can reduce your chances of getting stuck, but they won't help you stop quicker in slippery conditions.

Always carry an emergency kit in your vehicle. The kit should include, but is not limited to food (that won't spoil), water, first aid kit, blanket, whistle, wind-up flashlight, jumper cables, salt/sand, tow rope, fire extinguisher, extra clothing (including gloves), and road maps.

Remember - road safety is everyone's responsibility. Being well-prepared for cold weather and winter driving conditions will help ensure that all road users stay safe.



FRIENDS OF THE MARGARET KING SCHOOL SOCIETY

From: Gloria Merlin

The Margaret King School, as we know, was made possible by the great entrepreneur and philanthropist, Cyrus Eaton, and built in memory of his favorite teacher "Margaret King". This school was very much a part of Pugwash Junction. Friends of Margaret King School Society want people to realize what a treasure we once had and to keep this history "alive".

The Margaret King Christmas concerts were magical, with a real stage, curtains, lights, cloak room for hats and boots and seating for all. It attracted folks from all around. The whole community looked forward to this event. Even Santa, with Mrs Claus to help him, would make a visit with his sack of gifts. Not just candy for the children, but gifts for special people in our small community that really needed Christmas cheer. I had the honour and privilege of participating in many of these concerts. It is memories like this that come alive when you visit the new Margaret King School Memorial Park! It reveals this wonderful history. The park is located on the corner of Thompson Road and the main road leading to Pugwash Junction from Pugwash. All are welcome!



Sunset Industries is a "Not for Profit" organization offering employment opportunities and skills training for individuals with disabilities and other barriers to employment. We provide many employment and training opportunities at Sunset Industries in addition to offering wood products for sale to the public.

Contract Services: Our Contract Services team provide laundry services to the general public as well as having contracts with local businesses. Our contracts team also complete contracts for the automotive sector and many other organizations.

Pallet Shop: Our Pallet Shop team builds pallets for many organizations as well as building garbage bins, picnic tables. These can be custom made to customer specifications.

Woodworking shop: Our team builds many different kinds of fine finished furniture from Adirondack chairs to wine racks. We custom build to customer specifications or you can choose from many stock built items.

Our organization is committed to providing the best possible work experience for individuals with disabilities through ongoing development which is centred on the individual needs of the person. Individuals who work with us receive benefits such as paid vacation and holidays. We are extremely proud of the products and services we offer and invite you to stop by and have a look. A small sample of our products include: Adirondack chairs, picnic tables, garbage bins, planters, pine dressers, toy boxes and many other items. Our showroom is open Monday to Friday at 2846 Crowley Road.

For more information on the products and services that Sunset Industries offers please contact Randy Thompson at (902) 243 2664 or by email rtompson@sunsetcommunity.ca

Persons with disabilities who may want to work, learn new skills and have fun while doing it may contact:

Dean Pounder at (902) 243 4079 or by email dpounder@sunsetcommunity.ca

CEES Christmas Market

Thanks to donations made to the school throughout the year, the children attending Cyrus Eaton Elementary School (CEES) will have a chance to shop for their family and friends at the annual Christmas Market on November 30th. The prices (\$1 to \$5) are very affordable for these little shoppers, so they can save to purchase great gifts! The public is invited to come and shop from 11:30am to 12:30pm. This is after the students have completed their shopping, so not to spoil the surprise when Mom and Dad open their gifts on Christmas morning!

The deadline for donations towards this year's market has past, but the school is willing to start collecting for next year. Do you have unwanted or unneeded items of "gift giving quality" cluttering up your closets? Make space in your home and give a child a chance to re-gift these little treasures to their loved ones. Send them in to CEES for Christmas market 2016. Not only will your donation help raise funds for classroom resources, but the children learn more about the "spirit of giving". Older children work alongside the younger children helping them shop, manage their money, and wrap their gifts. In the past our students, and in fact, the entire school, have displayed an overwhelming abundance of Christmas Spirit and Joy during this event. Comments such as "It feels just like Santa's workshop in here!" are frequently heard.

Donations for the next market could include: coffee mugs, men's ties, new socks, small tools, gloves, books, household trinkets, bath items, golf balls & other golf related items, small baby gifts, and jewelry. Christmas novelties and ornaments, clean stuffed toys, games and puzzles that are complete and intact make great gifts. Items that you may have received as gifts in the past, may not be perfect for you, might be a treasure to someone else. Just about anything goes as long as it is in good "gift giving" condition and appropriate for a child to buy for a family member!! Gift bags and tissue paper, as well as ribbon and Christmas cards are also very welcome.

From: CEES



This YMCA program provides information, orientation and settlement support to Immigrants and Temporary Foreign Workers and their families who are new to communities in rural Nova Scotia.

YREACH also has a mandate to raise awareness about immigration in Nova Scotia and to work with local partners to create welcoming communities.

For more information about our program please contact:

Brent Noiles
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92 Church St. Amherst, NS B4H 4A1
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Mixed Palette Art Group



The Mixed Palette Art Group meets at the Pugwash Village Hall every Thursday from 9:30am to 1pm. We paint, chat and learn from each other.

We paint enough paintings through the year to have a ten day Art Sale in August at the Village Hall.

New members are always welcome. Just drop by the Village Hall on a Thursday or contact Heather Cunningham at 902-243-2380.

It Takes a Village Newsletter is generally published quarterly in March, June, December, December. The deadline for our next issue is **February 26th 2015**. Maximum word count of 250. No ads. We reserve the right to edit for length and content. Submissions from non-profit groups only please. Photos or graphics will be used as space allows. The newsletter distribution covers the Village and all rural postal routes serviced by the Pugwash post office. Send articles by email to:
 villagecommission@pugwashvillage.com

For more info call:
902 243 2946



From:
 Hazel
 Felderhof

Northumberland Community Curling Club is off to another roaring season. A successful Open House was held from October 26 -29 with 110 members registering. This includes various categories: 89 full members, 10 Snowbirds, 5 Once-A-week, 5 Introductory and 1 post-secondary. In addition there are 6 Sunday Commercial teams, 14 taking the Learn-to-Curl program and approximately 15 Pay-as-You-Play curlers. The Little Rock has 19 members and The Juniors have 11. Curlers come from as far away as Joggins and Brule with the majority from the catchment area of the Pugwash District High School.

The Opening Funspiel was held on Nov. 13th and 14th with 48 curlers participating. Delicious home-made soups were on the menu for Saturday's lunch. Spectators watched the competition, chatted or worked on the ever-present jig-saw puzzle. It was a relaxed way to spend a November weekend. Curlers are looking forward to the Christmas turkey -spiel scheduled for Dec. 11 and 12th.

Our Health and Safety committee has been diligent in promoting the use of helmets in our club. Eleven additional curlers have opted to purchase helmets this year which is in addition to all of those who have already been wearing this safety gear.

Once again a sincere thank you is due to all of the volunteers and advertisers who make our community curling club a success.

Kirsteen Thomson



Sport Pugwash will holding its annual general meeting Wednesday, December 2nd at 7 pm at the Pugwash Village Hall. All members are encouraged to attend as are members of the public who would like to know more about what Sport Pugwash has to offer. For more information, check out our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/sportpugwash

Santa has been working hard to be sure he gets his lists up -to-date. Did you get your letter to Santa sent in yet? Send it before December 16th to:
 Santa Claus, North Pole, HOH OHO, Canada. Don't forget to include your return address so he can answer your letter!



Pugwash Village Commission Meetings

Regular meetings are generally on the third Monday of the month at 7pm. Come to the next meeting and find out what is going on in YOUR Village!

Meetings often include special presentations from local organizations and groups, the RCMP or Provincial representatives

If you would like to make a presentation, call the Clerk at 902 243 2946 or email villagecommission@pugwashvillage.com

Did you Know

Pugwash was the first community in North America to have bilingual signs in English and Gaelic?

The signs were erected in 1951 as part of the first Gathering of the Clans in Pugwash.



MLA Terry Farrell

The Amherst office is located at 10B Havelock St on the corner with Ratchford Street. The office is staffed daily. Deby White is the Cumberland North Constituency Assistant. You can reach us at 902-660-3144 or by email at terry.farrell@live.com.

For the next few months we will be at the Pugwash Village Hall by appointment. Please call 902-660-3144

Next Regular Meetings:

December 14th
January 18th
February 15th

Solid Waste pick up in Pugwash and area is Tuesdays.

Garbage and recycling should be in clear bags. One privacy bag (grocery bag sized) is allowed per bag of garbage.

Pugwash Village Commissioners: Who are they?

Pugwash Village has five elected Commissioners who volunteer their time to help administer what is going on in YOUR Village. To be a Commissioner, you have to live within Village limits, a Canadian citizen and be willing to give up time to work for the sake of all Village residents. Elections are held every year for one or two positions that are for three years.

Florence Batiot (1 902 579 3157) Retired and now living on Russell Street. Florence is our newest commissioner.

Christie Blackie (902 243 3308) works at Scotiabank in Oxford. Christie returned to Pugwash 7 years ago and hosts international exchange students.

Charles Gould (902 243 3493) lives on Durham Street and works for the NS Department of Natural Resources.

Roger Mundle - Vice Chair (902 243 2042) lives on Water Street and is semi-retired as a truck driver. Roger delivered furnace oil in this area for 28 years.

Kathy Redmond - Chair (902 243 2606) lives on Freedom Lane. Kathy brings 12 years of Municipal experience to the village commission. Kathy is office coordinator for Cunningham Construction.

MP for Cumberland Colchester
Bill Casey
613-992-3366
(local office number pending)

MLA for Cumberland North
Terry Farrell
902 660 3144

Councilor for District 4
Allison Gillis
902 243 3313

