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With just three weeks to Canada Day, all committees for the Gathering of the Clans are working feverishly to finalize the multitude of elements that make up our annual celebration. Here are just a few highlights. This year your paid admission to the Gathering will include an events bracelet so that you can come and go all day with guaranteed access to all events that interest you. Entrance fees are still \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for students 5-12 years, and free for kids under 5 – prices set in the '90s. The proud co-sponsors of this year's parade are Pugwash Home Hardware and Harrison's Home Building Centre.

Invitations have been sent to various businesses, associations and persons who have previously supported our parade. A number of new participants will be in the line-up, so all we need is your cheering at 10 o'clock along the streets of the village. If you wish to participate in the parade, please contact us at the Village Commission. We'd love to see you take part. We are so pleased that our main stage – a twelve hour marathon of Scottish dancing and entertainment – is sponsored this year by the Canadian Salt Company Ltd. Look for afternoon performances by Beth Weatherbee and the Ladybugs, the Fresia Family Band, Spider Webb, Colin Van Vulpen, the Putnam Family, and, Barb Sharples and the Elliots. The evening entertainment is The Pints, led by local entertainer David Elliott. They'll be performing high energy music East Coast style. The midway will be back on the waterfront. The Pugwash Volunteer Fire Department is hosting a beer tent near the Thinker's Lodge to raise funds for the new fire station, and will do our spectacular fireworks at day's end. The generous support of the Pugwash Co-op makes possible reasonably priced food services offered by the Pugwash Peace Exchange in the Village Commission building. The Co-op's cash support will be used in many ways.

There are dozens of small businesses and individuals who have already generously supported this festival with their donations of money, time and goods. Without them, the dedicated hard work of dozens of volunteers and our village administrator, Lee Fleming, this festival would not be possible. A big "thanks" to all. Let's keep the festival spirit alive. It's going to be a great way to spend Canada Day!

Cliff Hutchinson, Chair of the 2006 Gathering of the Clans

Communities in Bloom



Many volunteers turned out on May 9th to help the Communities in Bloom (CIB) committee clean Eaton Park and Pugwash streets. It really does "take a village" to keep our surroundings beautiful. Picking up trash, or simply not littering, are everyday things one can do to keep the village looking fresh.

Businesses can make a difference by putting out recycling and garbage receptacles. Pugwash is starting to "Bloom." CIB volunteers and Village caretaker Lee Trenholm, are planting baskets of the Pugwash Peace Supertunia (Supertunia Bordeaux) and hanging Communities in Bloom banners. Work on the "Welcome Garden" at the CNR train station is underway. Entry forms for the garden/landscape contest are available at the Village Hall. Contest regis-

tration closes on July 15. CIB is awarding a prize in each of the following four categories: Best Residential, Best Business, Best Non-profit Organization and People's Choice. A panel of judges will rate the residential, business and non-profit organization gardens. The public will select the People's Choice award. Ballots are available at several village businesses and at the Village office. CIB will announce the winners at the HarbourFest Awards ceremony.

Watch for future Communities in Bloom activities. In the planning stage are a fall workshop and a garden club.

Do you want to help with the "Welcome Garden?" Would you like to plant a basket or hang a banner? Perhaps start a garden club or a plant exchange? Volunteers are welcome.

For more information call Marilyn Horton at 243-3210

It Takes a Village

Newsletter is published quarterly – the first Tuesday of June, September, December and March. The deadline for our next issue is **August 15th**. Maximum word count of 250. We reserve the right to edit for length and readability. Photos or graphics will be used as space allows.

Pugwash HarbourFest

Fun in the Sun, Sea and Sand!

Plans for the July 28-30 HarbourFest continue apace. Numerous meetings later, the broad outlines start to be filled in as details change, evolve, and, eventually, solidify. Communities in Bloom progress can be seen around the community, on both public and private land. That pile of mud beside the library will be a beautiful floral display before HarbourFest weekend.

Most event coordinators have their time, location and rules of play already set. For example, the raft teams have to build their raft from standard, identical kits within the hour time limit and then sail, propel or otherwise move said raft a given distance to a finish line. The canoe/kayak races will start from the Seagull parking lot (across the bridge) and will have both competitive and recreation divisions. Some events are straight forward while others have twists and quirks to increase fun and entertainment.

Cultural happenings are also part of HarbourFest. The artist group, The Mixed Palette, will be having their annual show and sale at the Village Commission Board Room. Showcase Productions will present their noontime fable *Anansi and the Moss-covered Rock* on Friday, July 28th at noon. As well, author Rachel Preston will be reading from *The Wind Seller*, a novel about the schooner age, on Saturday, July 29th at 2:00 pm.

Friends Of the Pugwash Estuary

The Friends have hired a college student, Ame Forman, who started work on May 29. Over the next month Ame will be setting up to continue last summer's work, and starting some new projects. This year's work will concentrate on species and habitat in the Pugwash River and Estuary and what we can do to improve both. Funding from the Shell Environmental Fund will be used to develop educational materials and presentations of interest to the general public. The Friends are also negotiating to work on a Department of Fisheries and Oceans project involving counting by-catch from various river fisheries in the area. Work with the Community Aquatic Monitoring Program has already started and will continue over the summer. For safety reasons, the on-site work in the river and estuary will continue only after a graduating high school student is hired in late June.

Meetings of the Friends of the Pugwash Estuary are usually held at the Village Commission at 7pm on the second Tuesday of each month. New members are always welcome. The current contact person is Alice Power at m.apower@ns.sympatico.ca or 243-3580.



Four-spine stickleback

The Northumberland Curling Club



has had positive and negative news since the last newsletter. On the positive side, the Provincial Department of Health Promotion and Protection informed us on May 9 that we have received a grant of \$235,000 (payable over three years) to assist in constructing a three-sheet curling rink in the Pugwash area. The purpose of the grant, in accordance with the government's philosophy, is to promote the development of sport and physical recreation programs and services that will benefit the health and prosperity of the entire community. A second positive input arrived when the Pugwash Village Commission agreed to grant \$15,000 for the project. The NCC wishes to extend thanks to our MLA Ernie Fage and Minister Barry Barnet as well as Pugwash Village Commission for their faith in our project. Disappointment came in the form of a rejection from The Municipality of Cumberland council. The Municipality was unable to find the monies available to meet our request for \$110,000 over two years.

Currently NCC needs the promise of an additional \$192,000, from individuals or council before we are confident in breaking ground. Our steering committee is working diligently to realize this goal. All individuals who have pledged money will be informed of our progress as changes occur.

PUGWASH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Pugwash District Volunteer Fire Department is very busy preparing for a number of events being offered to our community this summer. We have had tremendous support in our fundraising efforts to date. Upcoming events that we are busily preparing for are:

June 17: Pancake breakfast, sponsored by Pugwash Home Hardware. 7:00 am to 11:00 am.

June 30: Gathering of the Clans Dance.

July 1: Canada Day Parade participation; operating the Beer Tent; presentation of fireworks.

July 8: Assisting with the Pugwash Peace Exchange reception and dinner.

July 29: HarbourFest pancake breakfast in the morning and HarbourFest Dance that evening.

August 26/27: 12th annual Mackerel Fishing Tournament.

Not only do we continue to train and develop our skills for fire fighting, we also pride ourselves in being a major part of the community. However, without the backing of local business, these activities would not be as successful. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all for supporting our efforts.



Cumberland County

Pugwash Planning Advisory Committee

In November, 2005, Pugwash Village Commission made request to the Municipality to initiate a process with respect to bylaw and zoning planning for our village. To that end, the Municipality called for members from our community to sit on a committee to deal with these important matters. The committee has now been formed and is comprised of Councillors Kathy Langille, Kathy Redmond and Gerry Langille; Commissioner Paolo Brenciaglia (with Commissioner Ray Jamison as spare) and Citizen representatives Kevin Polley and Marylou Trenholm. The overall mandate of this committee is to develop a secondary municipal planning strategy and land use bylaw for the Village of Pugwash.

The group met for the first time in late May to get acquainted. Chair Kathy Langille reviewed the mandate, and schedule. It was decided that the first meeting will be held at the end of August in Pugwash. All meetings will be open to the public. September's newsletter will report further on the important work of this taskforce.

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 ■ Pugwash Commission ■
 ■ summer office hours: ■
 ■ Monday to Friday 8:30am ■
 ■ to 4:30 pm closed noon to ■
 ■ 1:00 pm for lunch. ■
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NORTH CUMBERLAND MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUXILIARY UPDATE

A schedule of events for fund-raising toward the purchase of a new and upgraded EKG machine include: raffles for a BBQ and a \$100 grocery certificate to be drawn July 15th, and a "garden" basket to be drawn August 31st; two bake sales (all donations gladly received) to be held June 28th and July 27th; two BBQ (lunch) sales at the Pugwash Co-op from 11am to 2pm on July 13th and August 10th; and a yard sale at the legion hall on July 15th (again, donations are welcomed). Your support is vital to our success. It is your hospital. Please watch for posters for these and other activities.

The auxiliary will again be awarding two \$500.00 scholarships to two students graduating from Pugwash District High School who are entering a health-related field.

Pugwash Village Commission Summer Staffing Update

The Commission is preparing our Visitor Information and Interpretive Centre so it will be ready for its official opening on Monday, June 26th. We welcome back our now-seasoned Visitor Information Centre counsellors Cheryl Bonnyman and Megan Matthews. We look forward to working with the Central Nova Tourism Association, who funds and supports our VIC.

Our village maintenance man Lee Trenholm has been plenty busy keeping our village in good trim. He's been working with Communities in Bloom to erect the beautiful banners in our streets and prepare the Welcome Garden.

Pugwash student Jaclyn Shortt will be on a 9-week summer career placement at the Village Hall starting July 3rd. Jaclyn will work directly under the Village Administrator on a number of initiatives, including marketing our website and preparing the September issue of our newsletter.

A summer Recreation Director will be hired very shortly and a program geared towards children and seniors will be in place by the time school lets out. You may pick up registration forms at the Village office starting June 15th.

"Quest for Heroes @ Your Library" Summer Reading Club

The Pugwash Branch of the Cumberland Regional Library will again be hosting its summer reading club. This year's theme is "Quest for Heroes @ Your Library." The program runs from June 26th to August 26th and the registration deadline is August 19th. There will be a kick-off party June 28th at the Pugwash Library – time to be announced. Anyone ages 3 to 12 may register. For more details, call the Pugwash Library at 243-3331.



An Invitation to Outdoor Gospel Concerts

You are invited to a series of Sunday concerts this summer, scheduled for July 9th & 23rd and August 6th & 20th, at 3:00 p.m. at the Eaton Park Bandstand (weather permitting). Open to all faiths - there's a blessing for all. Sponsored by the Pugwash & Wallace River Baptist Churches. Selections of Country Gospel; Southern Gospel; Solists; Duets & Quartets to be enjoyed. Featuring *Nightwatch* from Moncton on July 9th; *The Gospel Lights* from Halifax on August 6th and local talent. Enjoy the harbour scenery. Fill The Car - Come As You Are! Pugwash Communities in Bloom on a Sunday afternoon.

Career Resource Centre Outreach Program

once again is offering on-site employment assistance services at the Pugwash C@psite each last Wednesday of the month from June to December. A counsellor will be on hand from 11:00 to 12:00am and 1:00 to 3:30pm. Services include: resumé development, cover letters, interview techniques, networking, career directions and job search. Drop-ins welcome. For more information call toll-free 1-866-667-2344. The Career Resource Centre is an initiative funded by Service Canada and sponsored by CREDA.



The Pugwash C@psite will be operated from June 1st to September 1st by our summer student Alicia Patriquin. Summer hours will be from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm, and closed for lunch from 12:30 to 1:00 pm. Alicia will be more than happy to help everyone with any computer related question and will teach the novice and non-novice how best to carry out their tasks. Membership is \$15.00 for Adults and \$7.50 for students per annum or \$2.00 or \$1.00 per day.

Pugwash C@Psite can improve your connections!

We have high speed internet on eight computers and wireless for those who wish to connect their laptops from outside the building. Other services include faxing, digital camera rental, laminating, scanning and use of two colour printers. Yes, we are air conditioned! We welcome all our summer residents back and all newcomers.

Thank you to our volunteers for making our C@psite one of the best in the Maritimes. Without these folks we would not exist..

Cumberland East Recreation & Development Association (CERDA)

held its 3rd Annual General Meeting at the Pugwash Village Commission on May 23rd. President Ron Urquhart welcomed all and outlined CERDA's past year as well as plans for the future. Here are the highlights from the past year:

A **Public Meeting**, sponsored by Councillor Kathy Langille, was held which brought together the community and invited their input to the ideas about community development. Presentations were made by the Pugwash Peace Exchange, CERDA and the Pugwash Volunteer Fire Department. Several individuals also shared.

The **Harbour Development Implementation Committee** was struck. To date, a partial Business Plan has been developed. Pugwash Harbour Authority has voted to support development in the area and voted to appoint David Allen to act as their liaison contact. Work is ongoing.

A **grant of \$5,000** was acquired from the Municipality to purchase floating wharves. These will soon be installed around the Harbour, thus provide additional docking space for our visitors.

A **Multi-Purpose Facility** is being discussed. It was felt there is a need to develop such a facility to house a Library, Historical Society, C@Psite, Village Commission, and a "Message and Information Centre" for both water- and land-based tourism. It was agreed that such a complex should become a meeting place for the area and be large enough to accommodate small concerts, yard sales and other activities. Currently CERDA is seeking volunteers to further this project.

Since the creation of CERDA over three years ago, our community has been bustling. Our many organizations are actively promoting our community as a wonderful place to live, work and play. By everyone participating a little bit, we all get to know one another and it make the numerous activities fun for everyone, including the volunteers. So please step up and offer to help, and encourage your friends and neighbours to join in. Working with each other is a wonderful way to get to know more about our community. Let's make Cumberland East the best it can possibly be.

North Cumberland Community Health Foundation

will be sponsoring a golf tournament at the Northumberland Links on Friday, June 16th at 1pm. Funds raised from this event will go toward the purchase of a new diagnostic imaging machine for your hospital. The Foundation is seeking both prize donors and participants for this event. Tee off for health and fun! Oh yes – a 5 cubic foot chest freezer with a \$100 food certificate is being raffled and will be drawn at the end of the tournament. Please – don't forget to purchase your tickets.



Showcase Productions Society will once again be holding a theatre camp in Pugwash at the Cyrus Eaton stage. The camp is for elementary school children and will run from July 17th - 28th, Mon - Fri, 9am - 1pm. The camp will hold its final performance on July 28th at 12 noon which will last around 30 minutes. The show, an African fable, called "Anansi and the Moss-Covered Rock" will involve singing, acting and dancing. We welcome volunteers for costuming, sets and props etc.

Anyone interested in the camp can call Beth Weatherbee at (902) 694-0103; 661-4555 or email: beth-weath@hotmail.com or call Laura Bonang at 667-8680.

The Pugwash and Area Community Health Board

is having another active year of increasing public awareness of health concerns and promoting healthy living in our communities.

Each year the CHB receives funds to disburse to worthy community projects that fit into the health promotion guidelines set by the Province. This year support has been given to five projects: "Jump" and "Creative Aging" in Pugwash; yoga through Wallace Recreation; Sunset Fitness Program; and a County outreach program based out of Maggie's Place.

March saw the three community health boards under the Cumberland Health Authority carry out their first water testing program. Although more bottles were handed out than returned, the program was still considered a success in raising awareness about the need for annual water testing for those on private wells or living in communities without a regular testing program.

One particular 2006 CHA initiative is to complete a needs assessment on behalf of our three CHBs. This has been carried out through town hall meetings in several locations in the County. The result will be a plan that addresses common concerns expressed in all of the meetings as well as concerns particular to each of the CHBs.

Your CHB members meet monthly at district level to discuss ongoing health issues including preparation for a possible flu pandemic.

As a volunteer community board, your local CHB is constantly recruiting new members. If you have an interest in serving a term, please contact Todd Benson at 667-1464.

The Pugwash and Area Community Health Board is trying to make a positive difference in our community. Look for us at the Gathering of the Clans on July 1st.

The Mixed Palette Art Group

is very excited about our upcoming Annual Art Show and Sale. We are a small group of local artists who get together each week to paint. Each year we are lucky enough to have the use of the Village Hall to display our paintings. We are always thrilled and amazed with the show's popularity and the wonderful comments we receive, not only from tourists, but from our very own neighbours. Thank you so much for your support! This year our event will be held from July 15th to 31st, from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm at 124 Water Street in Pugwash. Works will be in water colour, acrylic and oil. Admission is free. Come on in and have a look!

THE PUGWASH OFFICE OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE



PDHS played a prominent role in this year's National Police Week (May 14-20) by hosting a Police Partner/Career day. The event was a resounding success. Students met with representatives from the following RCMP specialized units: Forensic Identification; Bomb Squad; Atlantic Helicopter; Traffic Section and; Recruiting. In attendance were our community partners; the Wallace & Pugwash Volunteer Fire Departments; the Departments of National Defence, Fisheries and Oceans, and Natural Resources; Conservation Officers from the ATV Enforcement section; Emergency Health Services and; D.A.R.E. The Pugwash detachment extends its thanks to all those who attended and supported this event.

May saw Canada Road Safety Week (May 16-22), an enforcement-driven initiative designed to increase public compliance with and awareness of safe driving measures and, ultimately, to save lives. The enforcement part of the campaign targets impaired driving, lack of occupant restraint use, and unsafe intersection activity. Road Safety week reminds us to all make better choices to ensure safe travelling.

The Pugwash Detachment is already planning for the July 1st Gathering of the Clans. This year's event falls on a Saturday. Crowds will likely be large, so extra members from Cumberland Detachment will be on hand. Members of the Pugwash Detachment will be out on the streets offering assistance and support.

The Pugwash RCMP will be working hard with organizers of this summer's HarbourFest to ensure a successful and safe event. The focus will be on boat safety. We hope to see you there!

Editor's Corner

April 1st saw a new fiscal year for the Village Commission. As part of that cycle, we passed our '06-'07 budget, keeping our tax rate at .30/\$100. We completed our annual financial audit in May. On June 20th we will be holding our Annual General Meeting and accepting nominations for two Commissioner positions. July and August are two very busy tourist months, with three major events. Come September, the Commission will be full-steam-ahead working on the Village Strategic Plan. Keep abreast of current events by visiting our spiffy website:

www.pugwashvillage.com

These days, new project ideas abound, generated by both the non-profit sector and business interests from within and outside the village. Historically-neglected problems (sidewalks, roads and water) still need to be fixed. There is a steady demand for more and better services. The Commission must practice good governance and wisely spend its limited tax allocation while answering to each level of government on most everything. In an era of declining rural populations, the village needs to find ways to maintain and draw business, visitors and residents.

Making smart short and long-term choices is critical. We have the good fortune to be working with CREDA in creating an attainable five-year plan for the village. After that comes the slogging, day-to-day work of implementation. For five years! Staying the course is the challenge, and I do believe we can.

I hope you are buoyed by the passion and commitment that local community members are putting into their projects. The recent emergence of Pugwash Communities in Bloom seems a tangible expression of this collective "flowering." Have a great summer, and remember to take a moment to smell the roses, and admire the Pugwash Peace Supertunias!

Lee Fleming

Pugwash Strategic Planning ~ Call for Participation ~

With the guidance of the Cumberland Regional Economic Development Association (CREDA) the Pugwash Village Commission will be commencing a Strategic Development Plan this September. In preparation for this plan, we are forming a Steering Committee, comprised of two commissioners, two village residents and two business people. The plan will take between 6 and 12 months to complete. Our first meeting would consist of: a "vision" exercise (identification of the group's vision for Pugwash five years from now); analysis of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (SWOTs) and; identification of potential development priorities. If you feel you have something to contribute and can make the time for this important process, please call the Commission administration at 243-2946.

Some High Achievers at Pugwash District High School



- The Senior Boys' Basketball Team won this year's Division 3 Provincial Championship, the first time in 39 years!
- The Junior Boys' Basketball Team, won the District championship, then went on to place second at Regionals; the highest the Junior Boys have ever placed there in the history of PDHS.
- The Senior Girls' Basketball Team captured the County Championships, placed 2nd at Regionals and won a Bronze Medal at Provincials which were hosted at PDHS.
- The Junior Badminton team was the Northumberland Region Champs this year, while the Senior team placed second. Myles Dalton won first in U19 Doubles at the Atlantic Junior Championship and Kim Nix made it to the final in both U14 doubles and mixed.
- The PDHS Robotics team took first at "Robots East 2006" held at Dalhousie University.
- Physical Education teacher Mark White was chosen to receive an Education Week Award for exemplifying the theme of Education Week: "Healthy Living: Step up to the plate!"
- Grade 9 student Charlotte Brumwell placed first in the provincial Royal Canadian Legion Remembrance Day Black and White Poster contest.
- Chignecto-Central East Science Fair saw PDHS students Thomas Hebb and Jessica Jamieson win the Association of Science Teachers Environmental Award and Courtney Matthews place 2nd in the Excellence Award category for grade 8. The Best Display Award went to Mitchell Jamieson and Brody Langille, who also won the Most Original Award. Honourable Mention Winners: Mariah Johnson and Darci Purdy, grade 7; Matthew Blaikie and Kyle Ferdinand, grade 8 and Brad Mattinson, grade 10.

Congratulations to PDHS and good luck to this year's graduates!

The Pugwash Peace Exchange is fortunate to have Lieutenant-General Roméo Dallaire (retired) as its Honourary Patron. This man, who is passionately committed to the cause of peace, has inspired many to speak out about injustice, genocide, and the need for worldwide participation in the peace process.



In July, residents of Pugwash will have the opportunity to be inspired not from afar, but in person. On July 8th, the Pugwash Peace Exchange will be hosting a reception and dinner in honour of Lieutenant-General Dallaire, who will be visiting our beautiful, "World Famous for Peace" community.

The reception, a chance to meet and mingle, and will be at 5:00 pm, at the Thinkers' Lodge Dining Hall on Water Street in Pugwash. This reception is open to members and non-members, for the fee of a \$5 donation to the Pugwash Peace Exchange.

At 6:30 pm, there will be a roast beef dinner held at Pugwash District High School on Church Street in Pugwash. The admission for this dinner is \$20. Tickets are available only to Pugwash Peace Exchange members (memberships are available). Lieutenant General Dallaire will be speaking at this event, which is sure to be an illuminating and unforgettable experience for all.

Ticket quantities for both of these events are limited, and ticket sales close on June 19th, so be sure to contact Krista or Ann at 243-2328 or at mail@pugwashpeaceexchange.org to get your tickets today!

Pugwash Farmers' Market to Open in July



Residents and visitors of Pugwash and area will be able to enjoy a Saturday morning stroll this summer to their own farmers' market. At a public meeting some weeks ago, attendees generally agreed that a market would add positive energy to existing summer activities in the village and surrounding area. An interested core group developed from that meeting and has been busy setting up a business plan for the Pugwash Farmers' Market, which will be held every Saturday morning starting on July 15.

The market will feature locally grown food and handmade products of high quality. It will be formed as a co-operative and start off small. Any individuals in the area who want more information or wish to have a stall at the market, phone Kirsteen Thomson at 243-2684.