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North Cumberland Health Care Centre Opens Monday June 10th

Erin Forsey, NS Health



Photo supplied by NS Health

The new North Cumberland Health Care Centre is set to open its doors to the community on Monday, June 10, 2024!

We are excited to share information about the new equipment and upgrades and hear the enthusiasm from our staff and physicians. Below are some highlights about temporary changes to services as we coordinate moving and additional information about upgrades and improvements.

Collaborative Emergency Centre

The Collaborative Emergency Centre at North Cumberland Memorial Hospital will be closed from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on June 9, reopening at 8 a.m. on June 10 at the new North Cumberland Health Care Centre.

Visiting Hours

On move day, general visiting will be restricted until 1 p.m. to minimize traffic and allow patients to settle into their rooms.

Limited Parking

Parking is located near the front entrance and will be temporarily limited until the demolition of North Cumberland Memorial Hospital is complete.

Safety

Barriers and signage will direct patients and visitors. Please use caution, respect the barriers, allow extra time for parking, and be mindful of construction crews and signage.

Upgrades and Improvements

Upgrades include medical gas systems piped in the walls, accessible washrooms, and track ceiling lifts—all designed to support staff well-being and enhance the care experience for our patients. Simple yet impactful improvements like separate triage and waiting rooms will improve privacy, while overhead equipment booms will allow teams to move easily around patients.

Thank you to our community for your ongoing support and patience throughout this project.

TEDx Pugwash

TEDxPugwash – A Sold-Out Event

Tickets for the first-ever TEDx event, to be held on Sunday, June 9 at The Peace Hall in Pugwash, sold out within hours of going on sale at the Pugwash Farmers' Market on Saturday, May 18. This enthusiastic response affirmed the event's Organising Committee's belief that there would be keen interest in our local community for a TEDx in Pugwash.

Grounded in the TED organization's new mantra that "ideas change everything", and honouring Pugwash's reputation as a hub for original thought as well as global peace initiatives, TEDxPugwash 2024 uses the Earth Charter's definition of peace to guide the talks to be presented on June 9: "The wholeness created by right relationships with oneself, other persons, other cultures, other life, Earth, and the larger whole of which all are a part."

TEDxPugwash's impressive lineup of nine speakers played no small part in sparking the community's response. Ranging from Guy Godfree, a graduate of Pugwash District High School (PDHS) and now an internationally acclaimed cinematographer, to Dr. James Raffan, noted explorer, author and long-time Gulf Shore resident, to PDHS students, Georgia Price and Emma Wilson, who have consistently impressed the Organising Committee, the inaugural event promises to be a day of thoughtful, entertaining and often deeply moving talks.

The talks presented at TEDxPugwash will be posted online a few days after the event. Information about when the talks will be available for viewing will be shared on the TEDxPugwash Facebook and LinkedIn pages and at www.tedxpugwash.com.

Wendy Davis Johnson



NCHCC Official Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

11am, May 31st
Premier Tim Huston was in Pugwash as part of the ribbon cutting ceremony. A tour of the new facility for invited

guests was followed by a reception. An Open House for the public was held the same afternoon. At the ribbon cutting ceremony (L to R): Dr Peter Blaikie, Barbie Cook, Dr Brian MacFarlane, Premier Tim Huston, Hospital Foundation president Brian Gordon, Karen Oldfield NS Health and Bethany McCormick NS Health.

Staff

Pugwash Empowerment And Community Enrichment (PEACE)

Society is a newly established non-profit dedicated to enriching and empowering our community by organizing various events and programs based on community input.



Recently, we hosted two successful events that brought our community together in fun and meaningful ways:

Saltwater Sean, a free diver passionate about ocean and lake conservancy, delivered an enlightening presentation and showcased historical artifacts he discovered, engaging the audience in a hands-on experience.

Kite and Bubble Fun event at Eaton Park was magical, with families and friends enjoying kite flying and bubble making along the beautiful Pugwash waterfront.

Looking forward, we have more exciting events lined up:

- June 23: Join us for an exploration into forestry with Athol Forestry.
- July 27: Come out and enjoy some fun at HarbourFest with us!
- August 24: Don't miss our 19+ Comedy Night with Dan Hendricken and two special guests. Get ready for a night filled with laughter and good company! Tickets are \$30, space is limited.

We are excited to bring these events to our community and invite you to join us in building a stronger, more connected community. Visit our Facebook page for updates and further event details or contact us at peace.society2024@gmail.com with any feedback, questions or comments you may have.

Emily Moore



PEACE Board of Directors. Back row (L-R): Pradeep Bagri, Tamara Jamieson, Boyd Moore, Ashley Bell Larsen, Rachael Little. Front row (L-R): Emily Moore, Tiffany Ferdinand, Melanie Thomas.

Spring has Sprung! Here comes Summer!



Pugwash Communities in Bloom has become a 'can-do' force in our community due to the enthusiastic support of a host of volunteers. THANK YOU ALL!

This Spring:

The April Pugwash & Area Great Pick Me Up exceeded expectations. In 2023, 200 volunteer picked up litter over 30 km = 100 bags/510 lbs. This year, 369 volunteers covered 30 km filling 170 bags of litter = 1730 lbs! Big thanks to the PEACE society for their work on Irishtown Road.

The CIB fundraiser dinner was a huge success thanks to the good folks at Inn the Elms.

Our May Plant Sale received more donations of perennials than ever before, resulting in more funds raised to support our 2024 projects.

The Environmental Education group delivered an informative and fun Trash to Zero Waste event at the Pugwash Library that opened participants' eyes to how we can make a difference to our environment.

This Summer:

New **Window Boxes** and **Street Planters** built by Sunset Industries and filled with glorious flowers and plants from Coastal Gardens and Sunrise Greenhouses.

Watch for the CIB's Float in the Gathering of the Clans Parade, a celebration of gardening by the sea and how hard our volunteers work to raise our community up!

Watch for a new Art Installation, created by the Pugwash Open Air Gallery, at the triangle intersection entering Pugwash.

Art on the Line! is back at Harbourfest July 27. MAKE OCEAN ART in the POAG Tent, bursting with art supplies to fuel your imaginations.

This September:

Watch the CIB Facebook page for information about **Pugwash Walks**. The Pugwash Walks wellness initiative will promote safe, accessible, free, all-year round village walking trails for residents and visitors. Individuals and groups will use the Pugwash Walks signage, in conjunction with a customized All Trails Map, to support their fitness goals, improve mental and physical health and gain better mobility. This program will enhance the walking experience in our village, highlighting areas of interest including native trees, heritage and wellness information and support services.

Noreen Smiley



Photo: Pugwash Farmers' Market Manager, Marsha Amanova, uses the new *Pugwash Walks* Crosswalk Safety flags to cross Durham Street on busy market days.



Pugwash Farmers' Market is open for the season!

Visit us every Saturday (rain or shine) from 8:30-1:00pm for fresh baking, local fruit and veggies, homemade bread, eggs, meat and, of course, the wonderful creations of our local artisans and makers. If you don't have a chance to pick up cash in advance, you can purchase Market Bucks at our market table using your debit or credit card (\$2 transaction fee applies). These are valid with every vendor on Saturdays.

We've started a weekly newsletter to keep our community informed. You can subscribe on our website: www.pugwashfarmersmarket.com

The Market Hub has now opened in the former Gentlemen's Waiting Room in the Train Station. On Saturdays the Hub hosts delicious eats by Chama Bakery and Fusions Indian Cuisine, and we'll have pop-up cafés throughout the season during the week. Subscribe to the newsletter or follow The Market Hub on Facebook for details.

Our first night market of the season will be held Friday June 28 from 6-9pm - see you there!

Marsha Amanova



Sunrise Trails ATV Club

Boyd Moore

Get ready for an adventure packed summer with Sunrise Trails ATV Club! As we gear up for our upcoming runs and continue our trail improvement projects, there's never been a better time to join our club.

Trail Improvements:

- Rutted section behind Cunningham's Construction has been smoothed out.
 - Trail #264A, Sandpiper Extension, has been improved with rock filling, ditching, surface hardening, widening, and mulching.
 - Wentworth Connector trail #266 is undergoing significant overhaul, over 9km being worked on.
- We're working hard this year to maintain and enhance our trails for everyone's enjoyment. We hope the community sees the value in supporting our local club.

Upcoming Monthly Runs:

- June 15 - Five Islands Seafood Lover's Run: Indulge in seafood and stunning views.
- July 13 - Town of Pictou: Experience the charm of Pictou with special access to its core and marina.
- August 24 - 3rd Annual Poker Rally: Test your luck on this well-signed, self-paced adventure.

- September 14 - Destination to be Confirmed.
- October 19 - Season Closer: Enjoy a scenic loop through Cumberland County with stops at the lookoff and impressive swing bridge.

What to Expect:

- 9am Pugwash Departure (Crossroads Cycle Sales)
- Follow the Leader
- Family & SXS Friendly Routes
- Well Maintained Trails
- Follow our Facebook Page for trail and event updates.
- Join us as we explore the great outdoors and create lasting memories.
- See you on the trails!

No Wake Zone

Boaters: please observe the no wake zone in Pugwash Harbour. The outdoor theatre in Eaton Park is a good visual cue of the location of where speeds should be dropped. This is to avoid creating a wake that is damaging to the environment, docks and is potentially hazardous to other boats, divers and swimmers.

Have a great, and safe, boating season!



Friends of the Pugwash Estuary

FOPE has applied for a county grant to replace the steps and deck to the front door of Estuary House. We have moved ahead with architectural plans of what our interpretive center will look like. The next step will be to develop a building plan and time line and to establish funding. Very easy to say; no small task. FOPE will be looking for help from the community.

The composting toilet has finally been completed.

We have welcomed two student researchers from St. Francis Xavier University under the direction of Dr. David Garbary to spend the summer at Estuary House researching ribbed mussels on our salt marshes.

In addition, the Community Eelgrass Restoration Initiative (CERI) under the direction of Dr. Kristina Broerder from Dalhousie University, is planning to include the Pugwash Basin as a site for the CERI program to restore our dwindling population of eelgrass. Keep posted for the date and location of a "Planting Party" to be held in August.

VERY BUSY SPRING FOR FOPE

FOPE is once again planning to be involved in community events around Canada Day, Gathering of the Clans and Harbour Fest. We are also planning a repeat of the Boat Tour Lottery as a fund raising event. Tickets should be on sale soon.

The FOPE Summer Flotilla is planned for July 13th at Estuary House with a noon start followed by BBQ and music. We are really hoping for good weather this year with calm winds and no risk of thunder storms.

With both Sarah and Bob back from their travels, our hiking trails are open for use and receiving the attention they deserve. Both trails are a really good walk.

The Maggie's Place Wilderness Day Camp will again be taking place at Estuary House from July 22 - 25th so don't be surprised to see some young people there if you go out for a hike that week. FOPE wishes everyone a happy and healthy summer enjoying nature and the out doors.

Betty Hodgson



The West Pugwash Women's Institute is wrapping up for the summer after a year of meetings, social events and fundraising. We will be continuing our welcome bag program throughout the summer,

so if are new to the village or know someone that has just moved to Pugwash please contact Tracy at tstaudt2@hotmail.com

Please look for our booth on July 1st where we will be selling tickets for a 50/50 draw from 11am to 7pm and bottles of water. The winning ticket will be drawn at the Village Hall. The winning number will be announced from the Harbourfront Centre.

Look out for our large garage sale held on July 26th starting at 2pm and July 27th starting at 9am at 35 North Wallace Road, Wallace Bay.

All monies received from our fundraising events are used to support our community by donating to the local food bank, schools, fire departments, bursaries, shelters, seniors and local families when needs arise.

Meetings are at Pugwash Village Hall on the second Tuesday of each month from September to June starting at 1PM. We also get together frequently outside our meetings for craft and social events. Everyone is welcome to attend a meeting as a guest at anytime.

I would like to thank everyone who has supported us over the last year as we cannot do what we do without your help.

Sue Duncan



2024

Celebrate the Sea

**Monday July 1st Canada Day
Pugwash Nova Scotia**

SCHEDULE

- 7:30am Sausage & Pancake breakfast | Pugwash Fire Station
- 8am Artisan vendor booths | Water Street
- Food vendor booths | Water Street
- Information displays & booths | Water Street
- Giant sand pit | Volleyball court, Eaton Park
- 8:30am Highland Dance Competition | Eaton Park
- 10am Midway games and rides | Municipal parking lot
- 10am Grand Parade | Pugwash Village
- 11am Lobster rolls | Lobster Factory (TBA)
- 11am Pipe and Drum competitions | Thinkers Lodge
- Heavyweight Highland Games | CEES playgrounds
- Antique car Show & Shine | Mundle's Funeral Home
- Antique tractors & engines | Eaton Park
- ~2pm Massed bagpipe bands | Water Street



**Entertainment at Pugwash
Harbourfront Centre**

- 8:30am Highland Dance
- 2pm Opening Ceremony
- 4:45pm Barry Patriquin and friends
- 6pm Band River
- 7:15pm Alycia Putnam & family
- 8:30pm Dave Gunning and JP Cormier
- ~10pm Fireworks



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Thank you to all of our valued sponsors, volunteers & supporters

In the event of rain, the Highland Dance competition and music events will be at the Pugwash & District High School at 192 Gulf Shore Road, Pugwash.

All this for only EIGHT bucks?!
Keep your admission wristband on - pay just once and then come and go all day long!

GATES OPEN FROM 8am to 9pm

Adults (12 yrs & over)	\$8
Students (5-12 yrs)	\$5
Children under 5	FREE

Avoid the wait at the gates. Advance sales of wristbands are available at the Pugwash Visitor Information Centre at 124 Water Street 902- 243- 2498 or e-transfer: events@pugwashvillage.com

CANADA DAY

Free events:

10am - Grand Parade

10pm - Fireworks



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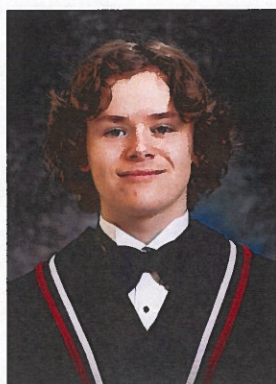
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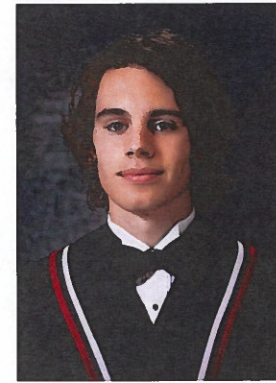
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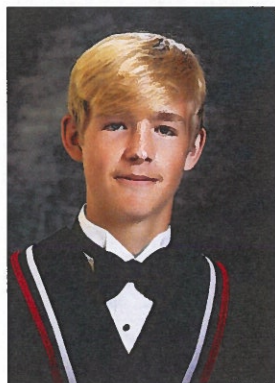
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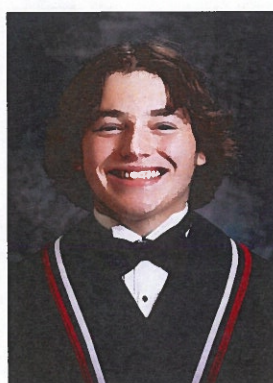
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**18th ANNUAL
PUGWASH HARBOURFEST**
It's a Shore Thing!
July 26-28, 2024

Gillian Forward

This year, the 18th Annual Harbourfest is happening on July 26th weekend. We are excited to greet the thousands of people from near and far that show up for our fun packed festival weekend. The HF committee has been working hard to plan the many events, book entertainment, and arrange food trucks. The majority of events are free thanks to our generous sponsors and funders.

The Sinkers Conference Cardboard Boat Races, Canoe Jousting, Log Rolling, SUPcross Paddle Boarding, Beach Volleyball, Face Painting, Art Tent, are all back, and more. We have Bouncy Castles this year too!

On Saturday we will have two stages with free musical entertainment - both at Eaton Park. Our afternoon entertainment will be on the small stage in the Harbourside Beer Garden. Our evening entertainment will be on the

Harbourfront Stage. BIG FISH, back by popular demand, is headlining.

Derailed 2.0 will be playing at the Friday night dance. Tickets are \$10. Registration is now open for the 5K Salt Dash Run. Thanks to community partners such as POAG, Cumberland Library, and The Legion that also coordinate events. If your organization would like to hold an event please let us know by June 15th.

Our full weekend print schedule circulates in late June. Check our Facebook page or website to learn more. ANNOUNCEMENT! On August 15, Pugwash Harbourfest Presents SIGNAL HILL on the Harbourfront Stage. Community volunteers make it happen. Reach out to us to join in. We need helping hands!



Grand Parade

We welcome parade entries from individuals, non profit groups, fire departments and businesses. Find entry forms at the Village Hall, the Library, the Co-Op or online at www.pugwashvillage.com

**Call for
Volunteers**



We have all kinds of opportunities for locals and visitors to give a couple of hours of their day to help make the biggest Canada Day in Cumberland County go smoothly. Call 902.243.2946 if you would like to help us with any of: the Highland Dance, entry gates, Pipes and Drums, vendors, Heavyweight games, the giant sand pit or as stage hand. Happy Canada Day!!

Summer Events

For more information on each listing, go to the page number in brackets.

June

- 5th Bike Rodeo (NCCC)
- 7th Open Mic (Wallace)
- 7th Feast of the Sacred Heart (Roman Catholic feast day)
- 8th Sausage and Pancake breakfast (9)
- 8th PEI Mustang Club (Crossroads)
- 8th Evening of Magic (PDHS)
- 8th Patrick Drake (What's for Dinner)
- 9th Spring Market (9)
- 9th TEDx (2)
- 9th Vendor market (9)
- 10th NCHCC opens (1)
- 10th Village Commission meeting (12)
- 12/13 Shavuot (Jewish festival)
- 13th Tennis/Pickleball courts Grand Opening (Sunset)
- 14th The Hajj starts (Islamic festival)
- 15th Five Islands ATV run (4)
- 17th Eid-al-Adha (Islamic festival)
- 20th Summer solstice
- 21st Litha (Wiccan festival)
- 23rd Athol Forestry (2)
- 29th Farmers' Market night market (3)
- 29th Dance TBA (9)
- 30th Fireworks, BBQ, auction (Wallace)

July

- 1st Canada Day
- 1st Gathering of the Clans
- 7th Hijri New Year (Islam)
- 13th Town of Pictou ATV run (4)
- 13th Outdoor dance (Wallace)
- 21st Start of Asalha Puja (Buddhist)
- 22nd Maggie's Place at Estuary House (4)
- 26th HarbourFest (8)
- 26th WI garage sale (4)
- 27th HarbourFest
- 27th WI Garage sale (4)

August

- 5th Natal Day
- 12th Village Commission meeting (12)
- 13th Lughnasadh (Gaelic festival)
- 15th Signal Hill (8)
- 15th Feast of the Assumption (RC)
- 17/18 Mackerel Tournament (9)
- 23rd Newsletter deadline (10)
- 24th ATV Poker rally (4)
- 24th Comedy Night (2)
- 26th Krishna Janmashtami (Hindu)

September

- 1st Labour Day
- 9th Village Commission meeting (12)

Look for cribbage, darts, Chase the Ace and Bingo times on pages 9.

Dance and Exercise

Line Dance Classes with Anna Jones

10am Mondays at NCCC - Beginners and Intermediate. \$5
10am Thursdays at Northport Community Hall. All welcome

Yoga with Sara Whitney

Mat Yoga Wednesday 4pm
Friday 10am
Chair Yoga Friday 11:30am
Please first contact Sarah at: witney.sarah@gmail.com

Tai chi - Mark Scott

9:30am Thursday
St Thomas More church hall or
Pugwash Harbourfront Centre
(weather permitting)

Zumba - Angela Ward

9:30am Saturday
Pugwash Harbourfront Centre

Pilates for Power - Stacie Fisher

Wide range of levels. Based in Port Howe. Call for more information.

Bike Rodeo Equipment

Free to use at the Village tennis courts.
Please wear a helmet.



PREPARING FOR THE 21st CENTURY
ON SE PRÉPARE POUR LE 21e SIÈCLE

Royal Canadian Legion Peace Branch 60

Ken Cameron

Darts - Friday evening 7pm. \$10
Chase the Ace - 5pm Saturdays
Bingo - 7pm Wednesdays (starts in May)

Dance: June 29th
Canteen: 902.243.2123
Bar hours: Thursday, Friday & Saturday

New members always welcome.
Check out our Facebook page for bar hours and more news.

Wildfire Risk Season 15th March to 15th October

No domestic brush burning or campfires are allowed between **8am and 2pm**. The entire online burn restrictions map will be in red during this time.

When burning is permitted from 7pm to 8am in certain counties, those counties will appear on the online map in yellow.

When burning is permitted from 2pm to 8am in certain counties, they will appear on the online map in green.

Burn restrictions are updated daily at 2pm.

You also need to follow municipality of Cumberland County Open Air Burning bylaw (21-06).

As of May 2024, fines are increased to **\$25,000** which includes HST and a victim surcharge, bringing the total to \$28,872.50.

Conservation officers, police and other law enforcement officers can issue the fine on the spot in the form of a summary offence ticket.

Daily burn restrictions also now apply to provincial, municipal and private campgrounds (National parks are under the jurisdiction of Parks Canada).

novascotia.ca/burnsafe



Pugwash and District Volunteer Fire Department

Amy Laird

The Pugwash Fire Department appreciates your continued support purchasing weekly provincial 50/50 tickets through Rafflebox at www.firefighters5050.com/23. This summer we are looking forward to seeing you at our in person fundraisers, including:

Home Hardware Sausage and Pancake Breakfast
Saturday, June 8 . Location: Pugwash Fire Station; 8-11 am.
Free breakfast with donations to the department greatly appreciated

Vendor Market hosted at the Fire Station with small canteen-
Sunday, June 9. Location: Pugwash Fire Station; 9am - 1pm

Sausage and Pancake Breakfast
Monday, July 1. . Location: Pugwash Fire Station

Canada Day Fireworks in the Park
Monday July 1. View from Eaton Park at dusk.

Harbour Fest Sausage and Pancake Breakfast
Location: Pugwash Fire Station

30th Annual Mackerel Fishing Tournament
August 17-18th. Registration both mornings at the Pugwash Fire Station. Stay tuned to the Pugwash Fire Department Facebook page for updates. Flyers and pamphlets will be available in July.

A friendly reminder that we are in wildfire risk season until October 15th. No burning is permitted between 8am-2pm without an industrial permit. Industrial permits are required for any pile over 2m by 3m in size or if burning more than four piles at one time. Permits can be purchased by contacting your local DNRR. Burn restrictions are determined daily and posted on the Burn Safe NS webpage or available by calling 855-564-2876.

If you have ever wondered what it would be like to join your local fire department stop in at the station any Wednesday evening at 7pm.

Welcome New Commissioner Matthew Parker



Matthew has lived in the Village of Pugwash all his life. He is excited to take on this new challenge working towards making the village he loves even better.

See page 12 for contact information for Matthew and the other Commissioners. Matthew will be sworn in as Commissioner at the next Village meeting on June 10th.

Staff



The Auxiliary drew the winning ticket of the Spring Fling Gardening raffle fundraiser on May 21st. Cindy Ingram of Halifax has a new wheelbarrow with garden tools, gloves, garden books, sheep manure, a gift certificate to Pugwash Home Hardware and much more.

We thank Sheryl's Bakery for the use of a table to sell tickets as well thank you to Steve Arkens and staff at the Co-op Store where we sold many tickets. We raised over \$1,500. We could not have done so well with out the kind and generous support of our com-

Sunset Auxiliary News

munity in Pugwash and surrounding areas. Special thanks to Edith Mackay who sold many tickets at Sunset and drew the winning ticket.

We have recently paid for singer Bruce Elliott to entertain the residents at Sunset once a month. We regularly supply lunches for residents who are out for appointments as well pay for haircuts. We have paid for a wheel chair swing and special wheel chair scales.

We would like to welcome our new member Patricia Ross. We meet once a month on the second Tuesday at Sunset. Everyone welcome. Keep a watch out for our next fundraiser in the form of an on-line auction

Barbara Clark

NORTH CUMBERLAND MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

The Auxiliary meeting on June 4, 2024 was the last until the first Tuesday in September. Our Thrift Shop will continue to be open regular hours during the summer: Wednesday 1PM – 4PM; Thursday 10AM – 4PM; and Saturday 9AM – 12 Noon. Any changes to these times will be posted on our Facebook page at ncmhathriftshop. Our weekly online auction continues and can be accessed through our Facebook page.

Money was donated to Palliative Care and items from the Thrift Shop were donated to a family at the request of the Palliative Care Coordinators. Two requests for purchases in relation to the new health care facility were approved. Five fleece blankets for the new facility will be purchased and one article of apparel will be purchased for each hospital staff member. These will all have the new logo on them.

Anyone wishing to volunteer at the Thrift Shop can contact one of the Thrift Shop coordinators, Anita Seaman at 902-667-6669 or 902-661-4340 or Wilma Logan at 902-243-3630.

Thank you for your continued support.

Faye Moore

Marilyn & Friends' Feral /Stray Spay and Neuter Program

It is very pleasing to share that the program has been receiving fewer reports of kittens being born outside. Everyone is kindly asked to continue to keep watch for wee ones coming out on your property from the many different places mama cats decide have their babies. It is just as important to be able to catch the kittens for taming and adoption, as it is their mothers, so they do not continue the cycle of becoming feral themselves.

With the Mama's Last Litter Program at the LA Animal Shelter, there is no need to be concerned about your pregnant female or a female that has just given birth as they are all welcome to stay at the shelter till the babies are weaned. Mama is spayed at no cost to you, she returned to her home and the babies are adopted out to very good homes. Definitely a win-win program!

Just recently we have had a number of strays being reported all around the area so the best we can do is post their pictures and hope someone recognizes them as belonging to a home so they can be returned or vetted and rehomed if necessary. Please remember that you can help support the program with your donations of refundables, participating in the on-line auctions, or personal donations in honor or memory of someone special. Thank you so much for supporting the Feral Cat Program.

Marilyn Williams

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Could emergency services find your home - at night - in a snow storm - in a power outage?

Help fire, police or EHS find you and your loved ones in an emergency by clearly posting your civic sign. The Municipality bylaw on signage states where these reflective signs must go.

The Pugwash Fire Department will sell you a sign and post for \$45 and, if you are in their fire district, will even put it up for you. Delivery could take 2-3 weeks. Call 902.243.2600 to order yours today.

Andy Yarrow / staff



Busy Times at NCCC

At our closing bonspiel, held on March 23, the winners of the Codiac Cup was the team skipped by Tyler

Barkhouse, Karen Paley mate, R. Gregan Second and Shelly Blair Lead. The next day the club held a very well attended closing BBQ.

This year, our Sunset Industries group held its first medal and awards ceremony. Lots of proud faces filled the room. Special thank you to the volunteers who continue to give their all making this endeavor such a joy for those involved.

After the removal of the ice, our facility was utilized by several local groups including the **Pugwash Market AGM** and the ever popular Relay for Life Auction. Over the summer the facility will again be the site of the Cumberland County Summer Kids program.

Several items were discussed and decided on at the April 2024 NCCC Board meeting. -Members voted to continue to donate a \$500 bursary to PDHS

-Ways and Means are looking at planning a summer event promoting community involvement

-The Ice Surface Accessibility project is in process of being costed out with the possibility of ramp or lift being installed.

-Long Range Planning is focusing on finding ways to finance a Solar project for the facility.

In May some members of our lady's morning group went to Tatamagouche to enjoy a hike and luncheon. Thanks to Brenda Forbes for organizing this event.

Debbie Pike

It Takes a Village Newsletter

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For more information call: **902 243 2946** or visit

<http://pugwashvillage.com/index.php/government/village-of-pugwash/it-takes-a-village>

Services Directory

A wide range of public services are available in the area. Sometimes it is confusing as to who is responsible for which service.

We hope the information below will help speed up your search for a particular service. For the sake of space, this does not include all services available, just those most inquired about at the Village Hall.

Keep this sheet for reference if you like. A chart of services offered is also at: pugwashvillage.com > Government Services. If you cannot find the service you are looking for on this page or the chart, Village staff are happy to help you find the appropriate department, organization or agency.

Village of Pugwash 902.243.2946

- Tourism - Visitor Information Centre (VIC) 902.243.2498
- Beautification – flowers, banners, flower boxes, heritage/interpretive panels
- Website and social media platforms
- Recreation - includes
 - summer programming
 - Eaton Park & playground, Peace Park
 - tennis and basketball courts
 - volleyball court
 - Gathering of the Clans and Canada Day
- Sidewalks – maintenance and snow removal
- Carparks at the train station and waterfront
- Boat ramp
- Cenotaph
- Public washrooms
- Quarterly newsletter
- Snow removal – sidewalks and car parks
- Lighting – board walk and carparks
- Waste management (sidewalk and park litter)
- Village Hall includes: Meeting room, VIC, kitchen, free wifi, AED, first aid kits.

Municipality of Cumberland County 902.667.2313

- Sewer – up to property line of service address. Solid metal utility (manhole) covers
- Water supply - up to property line of service address
- Library
- Recreation programming
- Street lights
- Fire services – flushing hydrants
- Police services
- Building permits
- Sunset Community
- East Cumberland Lodge
- Bylaw enforcement – noise, animals at large, unsightly and dangerous premises, dog and rodent control etc
- Solid waste – weekly pick-up, transfer station

Province of Nova Scotia

Streets: pot-holes, line painting, signs, curbs where is no sidewalk, crosswalks, culverts, street snow removal, storm drains and associated open grid metal utility/manhole covers.

Public Works 1-844-696-7737 or by email at dpw-cc@novascotia.ca

Health Care

Hospital/Health Care Centre/clinic 902-243-2521

Need a Family Practice (doctor/nurse practitioner) Call 811 or go to www.needafamilypractice.nshealth.ca

Seniors Pharmacare 1-800-544-6191 or SeniorsPharmacare@medavie.bluecross.ca

Complaints/Concerns 1-844-884-4177 or NZpatientrelations@nshealth.ca

Continuing Care (long term care/home care) 1-800-225-7225

Education

Chignecto-Central Regional Centre for Education Family of Schools Office, Springhill 902-597-4207. Central Office, Truro 1-800-770-0008

Community Services

Social Assistance 902-667-3336

Sunset Community 902-243-2571

Burn restrictions <https://novascotia.ca/burnsafe/>

Water Testing Department of Agriculture, 902-893-6565

Wildlife/forest Department of Natural Resources and Renewables, Oxford office 902-447-2115 or email DNR-MILTON@novascotia.ca

Government of Canada

- * Police services
- * Canada Post – including Community mail boxes
- * Harbours and beaches – below the normal high tide line
- * Social assistance, Canada pension and other income assistance.

On private property, owners are responsible for the maintenance of:

- steps or ramp connecting to a sidewalk.
- private lanes, including snow removal.
- water supply line within the property area.
- sewer line within the property area.
- Enclosed electrical supply lines from the supply masthead.
- Surface water drainage. Landscaping, overhanging trees etc.

Private corporations/business - numbers commonly requested:

- Nova Scotia Power – outages 1.877.428.6004
- Keep Garbage Beneficial (KGB) 902.243.3333
- Mundle's Funeral home 920.243.2506

For more businesses, follow the drop down menus at pugwashvillage.com > Living in Pugwash > Business

Emergency – call 911

Non emergency issues

Pugwash Fire Department 902 243 2600

Pugwash RCMP detachment 902.243.2181

Pugwash Hospital 902.243.2521

Pugwash Ground Search and Rescue 902.243.3245

Volunteer and Non-Profit Organizations

There are at least 60 specific interest local organizations in the area. Please check out the Village website for a list. Most have a link to contact information about each group.

Follow the drop down menus at pugwashvillage.com > Living in Pugwash > Volunteer Organizations

Pugwash Village Commissioners: Who are they?

Pugwash Village has five elected Commissioners who volunteer their time to help decide what is going on in YOUR Village.

To be a Commissioner, you have to live within Village limits and willing to give up a little bit of time to work for the sake of all Village residents. Terms overlap, thus elections are held every year for one or two positions.

Brent Wilson (902 664 8695) is the Commission Chair. Brent lives on Durham Street and works at Sunset Community.

Sue Duncan (902.243.2595) is Vice Chair of the Commission. Sue lives on Water Street. She and her husband Terry retired in 2017 and moved to Pugwash from Ottawa.

Margie Anderson (902 694 5133) email: lindsayandme@hotmail.com Commissioner since 2022. Margie lives on Water Street and is a retired teacher.

Dave MacEwan (902 694 8072) lives on Willow Street and also works at the Sunset Community.

Matthew Parker (902 669 3022) lives on the Irishtown Road and is owner operator of Parker Overhead Doors.

Pugwash Village Commission Meetings

Regular meetings are generally held on the second 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



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Next Regular Commission Meetings

June 10th
July - no meeting
August 12th
September 9th

Village Hall Board Room
124 Water Street
7pm

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What is a Commissioner of Oaths?

A Commissioner of Oaths is a person appointed by the Minister of Justice, under the Notaries and Commissioners Act, to administer oaths and take and receive affidavits, statutory declarations and affirmations with the Province of Nova Scotia for use in the Supreme Court or any other court in Nova Scotia.

A Commissioner of Oaths cannot notarize documents to certify or verify that a document is a true copy of the original document – this requires a person to be a **notary public**. Only lawyers and MLAs may become notary publics in Nova Scotia.

Who Are the Commissioners of Oaths in Pugwash?
The Village Clerk, your Councillor and the staff at the RCMP detachment on Queen Street.

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Front licence plate \$10



GOC hat \$15



Pens \$5



GOC crest lapel pin \$5



Lapel pin \$2



Gathering of the Clans shirt \$20

Prices may vary as new stock is delivered

Cumberland-Colchester is located in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq.



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