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Pugwash Library Gets a Face Lift



The old CN Rail Station in Pugwash has been closed to the public since mid March. Village staff meanwhile took the opportunity to give the public areas of the Pugwash library a much overdue renovation. This is the first time the walls

have seen a new coat of paint since the library opened in 1987.

The floors have been sanded and re-varnished, cracked plaster has been fixed, breezy ductwork removed and leaky windows caulked. The walls have been painted with colours reflecting the original colours used when the 130 year old train station was built. Not only do the book rooms look brighter and cleaner, they are quieter and more energy efficient.

We look forward to being able to re-open the building so the public can enjoy the new/old look while using the library.

Staff

2020 Season at Thinkers Lodge National Historic Site



This will be an unusual summer as we wait for instructions when and how we will be open for visitors. Weddings and conferences have been moved to future dates.

Meanwhile, we have time to focus on our grounds and buildings. Any day now, construction will begin at our end of Eaton Park boardwalk. We hope to improve the foundation of the Gatehouse next month. We have landscaping projects and we will enhance the labyrinth and surrounding park area.

Cameron Blaikie is back as Program Manager. He has created a podcast about Thinkers Lodge history and plans to broadcast a new program each week. If you have Spotify or another app for podcasts, you can find our Thinkers Lodge History program. Abby Beale has joined our team. She is fluently bilingual and will translate programs into French. We are happy to have Mirella Lobato volunteer during the month of June. Mirella is

an international student from Brazil, graduating from PDHS. She might translate a few of the podcasts into Portuguese. All three staff will be researching material for podcast programs as well as managing our landscaping projects.



Cameron Blaikie, Mirella Lobato, Abby Beale

We are closed for the month of June, but hope things will open during summer months. We will post updates on our Facebook page.

Teresa Kewachuk

Basketball, pickleball and tennis courts are open, but with restrictions. Please use the online booking form to book and make arrangements for off hours access.

See page 6 for more information.



SUSTAINABILITY HUB for 2020!

We hope all our loyal customers and our vendors have been safe and healthy during the shutdown. And as our world is easing into opening with caution again, the Pugwash Farmers' Market Board of Directors has been keeping up with our sector recommendations and making plans.

Our goal is to reopen on Saturday June 27, with slightly shortened hours (9am - 12pm) for the time being until we see how our plans for everyone's safety plays out.

What you can expect when you visit the market:

We will have one entrance and one exit to the market to be able to monitor the number of visitors on the market site at one time

We will remove the picnic tables to allow for more vendors under the roofs and to discourage social gathering

We ask you to abide by the 2 meter distancing regulation, with no more than one customer at each vendor at a time

Masks will not be required but will be encouraged. Cloth masks, created by Jo Teale will be available for a donation to the Food Bank; disposable masks will also be available for those that do not bring their own; some vendors may also have masks for sale

We will ask visitors to abide by provincial guidelines by not coming to the market if they show signs of the virus or have been out of province, unless they have self-isolated for 14 days.

We will have a hand sanitizing station at the entrance and vendor booths.

Our vendors are really happy to be able to open again and look forward to seeing you all. Besides our long-time vendors that have served you for the last many years, you can expect some new faces including: Hard Honey selling mead from Tatamagouche, Grace & Boots Bath and Body Products from Port Howe, Field & Flour Bakery specializing in sourdough bread, Wysmykal Farm with transplants and fresh produce from Chapman Settlement, The

Happy Helmstead with micro greens from Tidnish Bridge, Amherst's Vibrant Bead Creations, The Soap Cake Company from Scotsburn, Joanne Penner baked products from Port Howe, Carol Pounder Art from Wallace, Springhill's Angry Goose Crafts and Candles and many more.

Check out our Facebook page for posts of vendor specials and our website, pugwashmarket.com, for more details on each of our vendors. Both sites feature a Google map and contact information detailing how to reach various vendors for pre-ordering, pick ups or deliveries.

One big difference for our 2020 market season will be our program delivery. With the generous support of the Wallace, Wentworth, Pugwash and Area Community Health Board we had planned to feature weekly interactive hands-on presentations in our Sustainability Hub, with an emphasis on Recycle, Repurpose, Reuse, Refuse. The focus to helping people of all ages discover innovative ways to reduce their environmental footprint, making Pugwash and area a healthy, conscious community now and into the future. Due to distancing regulations we will now use the grant to create videos on how to recycle, how to repurpose or reuse items they would have thrown away, and encourage them to refuse unnecessary packaging, avoid food waste, eat food in season and local, through a series of events and presentations by local experts in the field. The videos will be posted on Facebook and archived on our website for easy access now and in the future.

The Pugwash Farmers' Market is always looking for new vendors. Are you an entrepreneur at heart? Have you thought about becoming a market vendor? Don't be afraid to give it a try. We would love to hear from you and support your ideas and ventures. Please contact us for more information: Norene Smiley 902-243-2073, 902-297-8475, pugwashmarket@gmail.com

Norene Smiley, Chair



Sunset Industries and Thrift Shops Gradual Opening

Sunset Industries' Thrift Store on Crowley Road will be open to accept donations of clothing and household items on June 24th and the Thrift Store will be open to the public for shopping (with health safety measures in place) on July 6th. Store hours will be Monday through Friday 12 noon until 4pm. Visitors to the thrift store will be asked to wear a mask while in the store.

The Woodshop will not be accepting orders for furniture for the next few months. Garbage bins and picnic tables will be produced on a reduced schedule for most of the rest of the year. For more information, please visit the Facebook page: "Sunset Industries"

The Thrift Store in Oxford is accepting donations of gently used clothing and small household items now. The Oxford store has restarted the weekly auctions which are accessible through their Facebook page: "Sunset Online Auction – Oxford".

Randy Thompson

Boardwalk Repairs

We apologize for the delay in getting the boardwalk repaired after damage sustained during Hurricane Dorian in September. The insurance claim is settled, the repairs tendered out and won by Tuttle & Sons Construction.

They will be starting as soon as possible. The public is asked to avoid this area during construction.

Staff

PDHS Graduation Day June 24th

This year's graduating class will not be able to celebrate this milestone in their lives as they had planned.

Help them celebrate with signs in your front window, balloons, streamers or whatever decorations you have on hand to help them feel as special as they are!



Covid Litter Clean-Up. Earth Day Litter Clean-up took a different twist this year. Residents joined the Covid Clean-up, pledged to clean a roadway section, chose their own time, practiced social distancing, and engaged in litter picking in the village. A big thanks to all participants!

Floral Display. The Village Commission (VC) and CIB divided up gardening responsibilities and shared costs. CIB undertook flower selection and planting in village gardens, planters, and triangle. VC hired a part-time gardener to focus exclusively on the village gardens. Having a dedicated person focussing on the gardens makes a significant positive difference.

Great Pugwash Tree Blitz 2020. CIB and Friends of the Pugwash Estuary (FOPE) partnered to plant a total of 16 trees on three sites: CEES, Train Station, and Eaton Park. The native species included red oaks, red maples, and sugar maples. Some were to replace trees destroyed by Dorian or that had died while others are part of a succession plan to deal with old

Pugwash Communities in Bloom: People, Plants and Pride Growing Together!

trees. The TD Friends of the Environment Foundation and the Village Commission financially supported these plantings. Twenty-two volunteers contributed to this project!

Community Christmas tree. CIB with the help of the Village Commission planted a *Picea pungens* "Baby Blue Eyes" Blue Spruce. Standing at 175 cm (5'9"), the tree will grow into a beautiful Christmas tree over the years.



A blue spruce was planted in the same location as the cut Christmas trees have gone for the last several years as a permanent community tree for the future. In a few years time it will be big enough to take over the job. CIB members and helpers giving the tree a good start in life are Roger McCallum, Jerry Draheim and Lorna McCallum

Interested in replacing trees lost by Dorian, enhancing your property, adding ecological value to our environment? Google **Pugwash Tree Inventory** to learn desired species for this locale.

Open Air Gallery. Think of beautiful artwork created by local artists and displayed at various outdoor locations in Pugwash! CIB is developing plans for a permanent Open Air Gallery for Summer/Fall 2020. Keep a watch!

PeaceGround Benches. A big thank you to Dave McGrath for refinishing and painting the benches and to his team of strong arms who helped move the heavy benches!

National CIB Judges will visit Pugwash in the Summer of 2021 instead of this summer.

Making Charitable Donations to CIB. Now you can receive a charitable tax receipt when you donate to CIB! This is a benefit for donors and will help in raising funds for our many projects. Call Mary Maron 902-257-2468 or Maureen Leahey 902-243-3454 for information.

Pugwash Volunteer Fire Department Toonie Draw

The Pugwash Fire Department's 50/50 Toonie draw started up again on June 3rd with a good response from our players. Thank you all for your patience during these difficult times. All credits that were in the system for the two months we were shut down have been credited to your numbers.

We have eight drop boxes at: Sunrise Country Market Port Howe, Wilson's Gas Bar, Scotiabank, O'Brien's Pharmacy, Pugwash Kwik Way, F&D Esso, Sheryl's Bakery & Café, The Lantern Restaurant and the Sunset Community (for employees only).

Our website is getting plenty of hits. Players can check the status of their number(s) and when they are about to run out. The website also shows our weekly winners and an up to date list of rules.

The home page on the web site shows when it was last updated, which is normally done after the Wednesday night draw, so if you have paid during the week, it won't show up until after the draw.

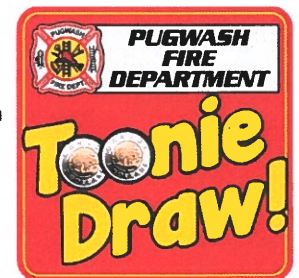
You can still contact us at pugwashfiretoonie2016@gmail.com and we will get back to you in 24-36 hours if you have any questions, or call 902 243 2600 and leave us a message. We are encouraging our registered players to pre-pay in advance by placing bills or cheques in the drop boxes. Remember to tell us your number by applying a yellow sticker.

The draw takes place every Wednesday evening shortly after 6pm. Members of the public are welcome to come along to the Fire Station to witness the draw.

The weekly drawn number is published on our Facebook page at Pugwash Fire Department Toonie Draw and on our website.

The Pugwash Fire Department would like to thank everyone for their support with this fundraising initiative and wish you good luck in the weekly draws.

Check out our website at pugwashfire.tooniedraw.ca



Andy Yarrow



Pugwash and District High School Class of 2020



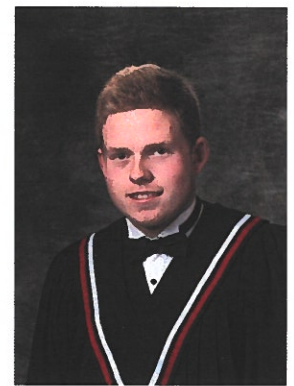
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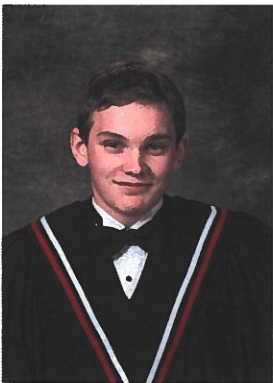
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Chad Darragh



Tyson Darragh



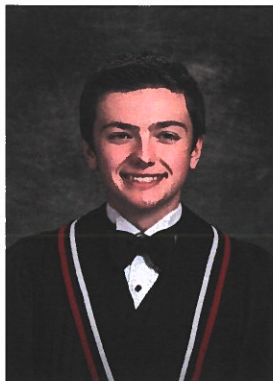
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Camilla Fantini



Gracie Field



Zachery Fullerton
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Sydney Guitard



Josie Gullens



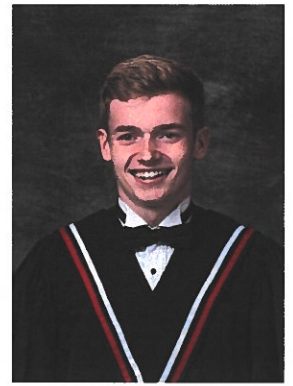
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Jessica Liebmann



Alexander MacPherson Russell



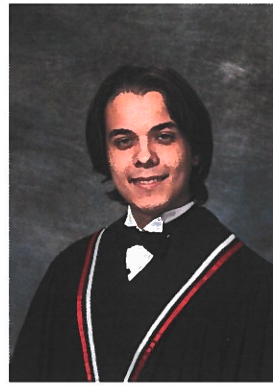
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Tristan Markham



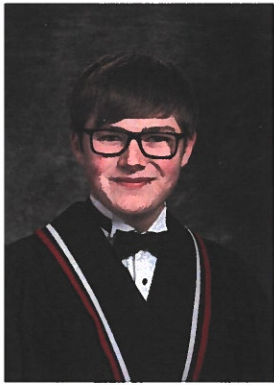
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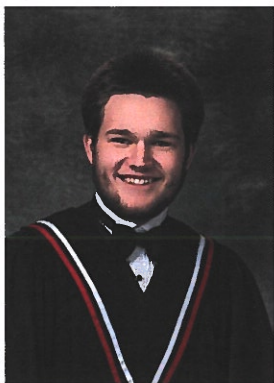
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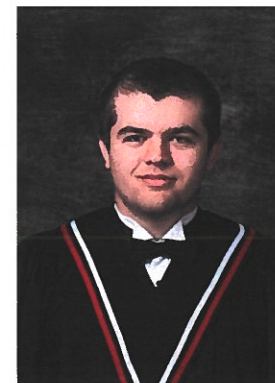
David Ripley



Taylor Spicer

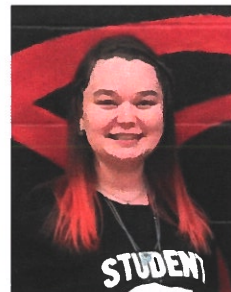


Damon Taylor



Jared Trenholm

Winners of the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia Education Medal



Caitlyn Long



Hunter Starr



The Friends of the Pugwash Estuary (FOPE), along with the rest of the world, feel blindsided by COVID-19. We were very lucky to have had our Annual General Meeting (AGM) in February and avoided the need for a "virtual AGM" suffered by many organizations but we are still suffering from having planned events like the Earth Day workshop with Clean Foundation on coastal restoration cancelled and not being able to take part in community events like the Gathering of the Clans because it too was cancelled. FOPE did go ahead with a modified bird count which did cover our trails and surrounding areas from Conns Mills to Pugwash Point. Assisted by feeder watchers, we identified nearly 700 birds representing 57 species.

Another project involving FOPE and Communities in Bloom was the Tree Blitz that saw 16 native trees planted around Pugwash to replace some of the trees destroyed by Dorian. Planting was May 28th. Unfortunately, we were able to invite public participation due to COVID-19.

We are hoping that as restrictions are lifted, that we will be able to get back to some limited activities. Of particular concern is that

FOPE trails kept busy all year

the events that we rely on for fund-raising will not be allowed. We are considering alternative activities but FOPE does depend on fundraising and donations to remain in operation.

Despite COVID-19, the weather has been very nice for hiking and getting work done on our trails. The trails were closed for a few weeks due to health restrictions but are open again to small groups (10 or less), maintaining social distancing. Hikers are advised to follow trail etiquette and to be aware that the ticks are out and active. As well, the trails are very dry so smoking is strictly prohibited on FOPE property and on the trails. The small craft launch at Estuary House is also open to launch canoes and kayaks. Users are reminded that use of the launch is at your own risk and to park on the gravelled area in front of the barn so as not to block the launch for other users. At least social distancing is not a problem in a 14 foot canoe or kayak!

Enjoy our beautiful Estuary; it is a true asset in these up-setting times.

Betty Hodgson, FOPE Chair

Pugwash Village Hall

Spring office hours
Monday to Friday
9am to 4pm
 or by appointment

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Pugwash Visitor Information Centre Pugwash Village Hall

Summer hours:
CLOSED
 Due to Provincial state of
 emergency

The building may open later
 as restrictions ease

902 243 2088

YOGA

Wednesday morning with your MAT and CHAIR sessions with Sarah at the Peace Hall are waiting to restart. In the meantime continue stretching your body, mind and spirit! Stay tuned.

Namaste, Sarah
 Phone: 902 243 2985
 Email: witney.sarah@gmail.com

NEW: Online Booking for Village facilities

Book times for tennis, basketball, the Harbourfront Centre, Eaton Park and the Village Hall Board Room. Use the link on the front page of the Village website to go to: pugwashvillage.skedda.com/ booking. Click on the big green button to make your booking.

Some restrictions currently apply until all pandemic response measures are lifted. Questions? Call the Clerk at 902.243.2946 or email events@pugwashvillage.com



Guidelines for Phase One of *Back to Basketball* from Basketball Nova Scotia.

basketballnovascotia.com

Physical Distance 2 Meters 6 Feet Exception: Same household or bubble household.	Basketball & Equipment No sharing of basketballs or equipment.	Permitted Activities Non-contact drills, running/aerobics	Group size (participants & spectators) Five (5) person max per hoop, no spectators	Competition Competition not permitted in this phase.
Physical Contact (High fives, etc.) No physical contact at any time.	Safety Equipment (Masks) Non-medical masks are recommended.	Restricted Activities Contact drills, In through 5v5 games or scrimmages.	Hygiene & Sanitation Basketballs must be sanitized before, throughout and after.	Hydration Participants must bring their own water bottle.



Be Kind to Yourself

Here are a few recommendations from the Canadian Mental Health Association to help cope with stress and anxiety: Be kind to yourself. Eat healthily. Moderate your caffeine intake. Avoid substance abuse-including smoking, vaping and alcohol. Get proper rest and sleep. Stay active. Some anxiety and fear is normal. For more information go to www.camh.ca.

Contact Colleen Dowe (Colleen.Dowe@nshealth.ca) to learn more about what our Community Health Boards do. We would love to have more new faces at our meetings.

Judy Brogan



Royal Canadian Legion Peace Branch 60

We hope to reinstate all regular events once the Provincial state of emergency is lifted.

1st and 3rd Saturday of the month. Cribbage. 1pm. \$20 per two person team.
Season starts in September

Chase the Ace Every Saturday. 3-5pm. Draw at 5:15pm. Ticket holder must be present for the draw to win.

Bingo: Every Wednesday at 7pm. \$10/person.

Canteen: 902.243.2123
Bar hours: 2-6pm
Hall rentals available
New members always welcome.

What is Open in Pugwash?

Businesses and services are slowly opening up. As of June 17th, 2020, this is a list of some of what is open to the public in this area. Restrictions may apply. Please also see Page 6 for booking facilities.

- * Eaton Park and all beaches
 - * Tennis courts
 - * Basketball courts
 - * Community garden
 - * Pugwash Harbourfront Centre - outside stage area
 - * PeaceGarden
 - * Most restaurants, Farmers Market and hair salons - with extra precautions.
 - * Trails
- Social distancing of 2m (6') and no more than 10 people in a group applies to all the above.

NOT open:

- * Village Hall
- * Visitor Information Centre
- * Playgrounds
- * Volleyball court
- * Pugwash Library
- * N. Cumberland Historical Society

It Takes a Village Newsletter

is published quarterly in March, June, September and December. The deadline for our next issue is **August 24th**.

Maximum word count of 250. We reserve the right to edit for length and content. Submissions from non-profit groups only please. No business advertisement accepted. Photos or graphics will be used as space allows. Please source all information and photo credits. Please send in a Word document.

The newsletter distribution covers the Village and all rural postal routes serviced by the Pugwash post office.

Send articles to:
villagecommission@pugwashvillage.com

For more information call:
902 243 2946 or visit

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

Curling Season Ended Early



On March 15th Northumberland Community Curling Club (NCCC) closed for the season. This was done on the recommendation of NS Curling Association and following a special meeting of the NCCC Board. It was regrettable, but necessary, to meet with the protocol set up for Nova Scotia and voiced by Premier Stephen McNeil and Chief Medical Officer of Health for NS, Dr. Robert Strang.

It meant the highly anticipated Tuesday League playoffs were cancelled, the closing Codiac Cup and final BBQ were cancelled and also all the end of year parties planned by Thursday Night Ladies, Morn-

ing Ladies and all the other leagues were shuttered.

It is not known what the future will bring. Many aspects of NS life will slowly and cautiously open their doors but many more will remain closed. NCCC will follow the recommendations laid out by government.

In the meantime our Board has carried on with regular meetings by Zoom and is attending to all matters needing attention. We can be assured that NCCC will be ready for the coming season when it is allowed.

Hazel Felderhof

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.

Tracey Mundle (902 669 3666) is the Commission Chair. Tracey works in health care and volunteers with a number of organizations, particularly in school age sports.

Roger Mundle (902 243 2042) is the Commission Vice Chair. Roger lives on Water Street and is retired after delivering furnace oil to the area for 28 years.

Bill Martin (902 614 3000 or bill@billmartin.ca) lives on Church Street. Bill is a retired Baptist pastor and is the Pugwash Volunteer Fire Department Chaplain.

Charles Gould (902 243 3493) lives on Durham Street. Charley is retired from NS Department of Natural Resources.

Kathy Redmond - (902 243 2606) is past chair of the Village Commission. Kathy lives on Prince Albert Street and was also a County Councilor for 12 years.

Pugwash Village Commission Meetings

Regular meetings are generally held on the second Monday of the month at 7pm. Sign into the next Zoom Video Conference 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 8th
July - no meeting
August 10th

Annual General Meeting
Cancelled. New date TBA

Meetings start at 7pm
using Zoom and/or facebook live

Did you know *It Takes a Village* newsletter goes out to over 800 local homes and is available at various downtown Pugwash locations? Look for the version number for the most recent printing.

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Village Commission Election Day 2020

Cancelled. To be arranged once State of Emergency is lifted. Two vacancies

Nomination papers will be available 24 days before election date Complete nomination papers must be delivered to the Village Clerk Treasurer 10 days before the election date. The election will be a Saturday Nomination papers must include signatures from five Village nominating electors.

To be eligible for the Commission, a candidate must be 18 years old or older on the day of the election and Canadian citizen. Candidates for the Village Commission must also normally reside within the Village of Pugwash and have lived in the Village for at least six months.

The same qualifications apply to electors. There is no advance poll or proxy vote permitted.

Village of Pugwash Merchandise



Front licence plate \$10



Gathering of the Clans hat \$15



Pens \$5



Lapel pin \$2



Gathering of the Clans shirt \$20

Prices may vary as new stock is delivered. Please call ahead to make arrangements if the VIC is still closed.

Did you know ...

The Village Clerk, Commissioner Redmond and the RCMP detachment assistants are a *Commissioner of Oaths*?

A Commissioner of Oaths is not the same as a Notary, which is usually a practising lawyer.



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