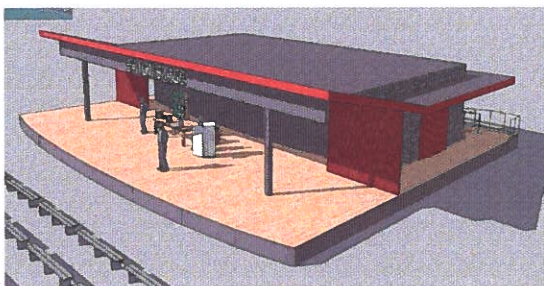


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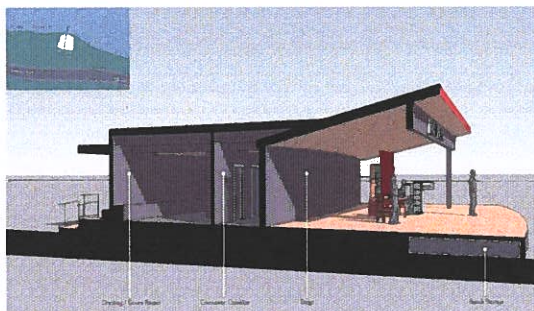
New Stage in Eaton Park in 2018

Parts of the existing Eaton Stage are nearly 70 years old. The building has come to the end of its useful life span as a stage and needs to be replaced. With luck and some significant funding, it will be rebuilt this summer, after the Gathering of the Clans and HarbourFest have used it for the last time.



The Village Commission has approved the plan presented by Architect49 (A49) for a new stage and request for tenders for construction will go out soon.

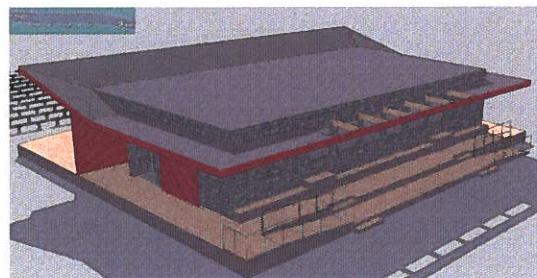
The new building will be a little bigger than the existing stage with a properly designed back stage area with a dressing room/green room and somewhere for technicians to operate lights and sound. The benches used for outside seating will be stored under the structure, keeping the interior clean and available for use. The shore side of the structure will have a covered, accessible verandah area where walkers and nature watchers can sit and view the water, the scenery and lovely sunsets. The plan is to make this stage usable for more of the season and for even more purposes than it is used now.



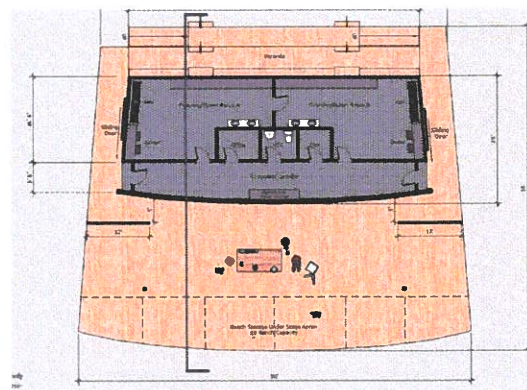
Eaton Stage is already well established as a venue for events and festivals. Internationally renowned Maritime entertainers such as Rawlins Cross, John Allan Cameron, JP Cormier, Sons of Maxwell, Matt

Minglewood and Lennie Gallant have played here and would love to come back. With a bigger, purpose built structure, we will be able to accommodate these bands and many more! The stage will be available to use for theatre, movies, exhibitions - the possibilities are almost limitless!

The Village and the Gathering of the Clans have committed \$100,000 towards the project and will be requesting funding help from all other levels of government. We will be also be happy to accept help from private sources.



The community built the current stage and we hope the community will continue to be involved in the construction of the new stage. The community was consulted many times while A49 was drawing up these plans. Many local organizations, businesses, entertainers our MLA and MP have written letters of support that will be part of our funding application packages. If you would like to add your letter of support for this new building, please send it to Chair Charles Gould, Pugwash Village Commission, PO Box 220, Pugwash, NS, B0K 1L0.



More drawings and plans are available for viewing at the Pugwash Village Hall, 124 Water Street.

From: Lisa Betts, Village Clerk Treasurer

Central Water Supply

Work on the Pugwash water project is progressing. Pressure testing of the lines has been completed. All three production wells are now operational. Commissioning work at the treatment plant is near completion. The next steps are to fill and disinfect all of the lines and the reservoir as well as completion of the chlorine analyser/booster building.

We are on target to deliver water later on this spring.

From: Peter J. Cottingham, C. Tech
Health and Safety/Engineering Services
Municipality of Cumberland



Free tax help

Wednesday, April 11th

11am to 4pm

Pugwash Village Hall

Please call: 902 890 0545 for an appointment

More dates to be added if required

This services is FREE if your annual personal income is less than \$30,000 or if a couple's annual income is less than \$40,000.

Fee is otherwise \$35 per person per 30 minute help session.

Pugwash Waterfront Development Master Plan

The Pugwash Waterfront Development Master Plan project built on the work completed in the 2015 Pugwash Waterfront Improvement Concept to provide a greater level of detail for each of the projects. The Master Plan process included a series of community and stakeholder consultations to advance the concepts of each of the following projects:

- Eaton Stage
- The Multipurpose Centre
- The Harbour Centre
- Wayfinding Signage
- Water and Durham Street streetscapes
- Harbour walk
- Dinghy Beach and Village Square
- Design Palette

Moving forward, the Village of Pugwash and the Municipality will be working closely with the community and stakeholder groups to develop an implementation plan for this

project. At present, we are hoping to implement the following within the 2018/2019 fiscal year:

- Construction of the new stage (Village of Pugwash project)
- Further community and stakeholder consultation and a detailed design for the Multipurpose Centre
- More boating market research, further background study work, and further design for the Harbour Centre
- Community and stakeholder consultation for the design palette

The full Master Plan report was completed in March 2018 and is now available for download on the Municipality's website: (www.cumberlandcounty.ns.ca/pugwash-waterfront-development-master-plan.html).

From: Michelle Byers, Community Economic Development Coordinator, Municipality of Cumberland County

The Pugwash Wellfield Advisory Committee has met four times. The committee's role is to make recommendations to Municipal council to establish a ground-water protection strategy for the new Pugwash wellfield.

To date, the source water protection area boundaries have been delineated and sensitive lands have been purchased by the Municipality of Cumberland.

Work in progress includes the identification of potential contaminants in the water recharge area, assessment of the risks involved and development of regulations to regulate certain activities .

Members include Lisa Betts, Alroy Chase, Sheldon Conrad, Peter Finley, Allison Gillis-Chair, Chris Mullaley and Greg Nix with resource personnel from Nova Scotia Environment and the Municipality.

From: Ron Patterson P.Eng

Update on the North Cumberland Memorial Hospital Redevelopment Project



As announced on December 1, 2017, the provincial department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (TIR) awarded Architecture49 (A49) with the contract to design a new health care facility to serve the Pugwash community and surrounding area.

Since the contract was awarded, A49 has been working with the Design Team and the Project Steering Committee to develop a schematic design to meet the health needs of the community now and into the future.

Preliminary drawings have been presented to the Design Committee and discussions are ongoing with the architects and TIR who is managing the project. Meetings are also being held with the hospital and primary care staff to obtain their input on the proposed design.

It is anticipated the final schematic design will be completed by late spring. After schematic design, we will continue to the end of design development, at which time we will seek government approval to complete the design and begin construction.

Once the design has been received, the Project Steering Committee will be connecting with the community liaison committee to gather

feedback. As the project proceeds, there will also be an opportunity for the community to view the design.

The project is continuing forward with the design of a new health care facility to serve the Pugwash community and surrounding areas. In keeping with our previous commitment, we will continue to provide updates to the community over the coming months as new information becomes available and/or milestones are reached.

From: Eileen MacIsaac, Director, Change Initiatives (and Northern Zone), Public Engagement & Communications



Pugwash Communities in Bloom (CIB) People, Plants and Pride Growing Together

Plants, birdhouses, and garbage- an unlikely but winning combination! Join with CIB this Spring to make our community and earth a cleaner more beautiful place!

Buy interesting unique or common plants. Drop by the CIB Plant Sale on Saturday, May 12 from 9-noon at Horton Gallery Driveway, Durham Street, Pugwash. Consult with expert local gardeners!

Increase the number of tree swallows in Pugwash. Call Deb Cameron at 1-902-956-2634 to place your order for a birdhouse (\$25). Look for more bird houses being erected in the village. Celebrate Earth Day and the Great Garbage Challenge, April 28, 9-12 p.m.! Join your friends, neighbours, children and grandchildren to clean up your road/street/yard. Stop littering. Use the dumpster to be located that weekend on the Salt Mine Wharf. Want to know where to dispose of waste material? Expand your knowledge. Consult the Waste Dispos-

al List delivered to your mailbox and posted around the village. Spread the word to friends, neighbours, cottagers and villagers.

Watch for new CIB projects this Spring! Plans are underway and surprises will be unwrapped.

CIB welcomes new members to our evolving organization. We need people of all skills not just gardeners. Call Mary Maron 902-257-2468 or Maureen Leahey 902-243-3454. Like us on FaceBook!

From: Maureen Leahey

Mark Cullen to Visit Pugwash



June 8-9. Learn with Mark Cullen, Home Hardware national gardener! Mark will be in Pugwash demonstrating gardening techniques, answering questions, and promoting good practices. Pugwash won this free visit for our national CIB Community Involvement Award! All welcome.

The Great Garbage Challenge 2018

Pick a stretch of road and pick up the litter!

The Great Garbage Challenge Litter pick up is an annual event in and around Pugwash. On Saturday April 28th meet at the Chesnutt Café at 9am. Wear boots and bring a bucket. Bags, gloves, water, T shirts, and litter picking tools will be provided. Work one hour, two hours, three hours, whatever you like! A dumpster will be on the Salt Mine Wharf April 26-30 to receive yard waste and unwanted items.

We are asking citizens to adopt portions of their road, highway, street or any other area. Pledges to pick up litter do not have to be done on any particular day. You and your family, friends, and neighbors can pledge to do 50 feet, half a kilometer, a kilometer, whatever works best for you to make our community a cleaner place to live.

Contact Maureen Woodlock (902-694-7366) or pugwash.kgb@gmail.com or find us on Facebook



2018

Great Garbage Challenge

Everyone Invited

Annual Litter Pick-up

Saturday
April 28

9:00 am Gathering
Chesnutt Cafe
10163 Durham St., Pugwash

(Rain/snow date. Postponed by the week same time, same place)

Any and all help welcome!!

Wear boots.
Gloves, picking tools and bags provided.

Adopt-a-Road

Clean a section of road on your own time.

Pledge your business to keep your surrounding property litter free.


Contact


Maureen Woodlock
Keep Garbage Beneficial Inc.
888 Rte. 6, Pugwash
902-694-7366
pugwash.kgb@gmail.com

to borrow litter picking equipment or to make the pledge and to be put on our map







From: Maureen Woodlock



Friends of the Pugwash Estuary

Winter news and summer plans

The Friends of the Pugwash Estuary (FOPE) continue with an active schedule throughout the winter.

In December we enjoyed a wonderful Christmas Party, hosted by John Caraberis and Bonnie Bond at the Peace Hall. The Christmas Bird Count was completed on Dec 28th and results submitted to Nova Scotia Bird Society and Bird Studies Canada. A total of 769 birds representing 29 species were observed despite severe cold and frozen waterways.

Renovation work inside Estuary House has largely been completed and our focus has shifted to restoring the barn. The rotted sills have been replaced and new drainage placed around the barn. Work will begin soon to replace the doors and to apply new siding. A snowshoe clinic planned in conjunction with the Health Board was unfortunately not able to be held due to a lack of snow. We will try again next year.

Our Celebration of Winter was a success on Feb 24th with just under 20 participants enjoying the fine spring-like weather for a hike of Estuary Trail in the morning followed by lunch and the FOPE AGM at the Curling Club in the afternoon. The AGM was followed by a presentation by Lee Millett, NS Conservation Specialist for Ducks Unlimited, about Wetland Conservation.

Upcoming events for FOPE include fundraising throughout April, the spring migratory bird count on May 19th and our summer flotilla. We again plan on taking part in the CAMP program to monitor fish in the estuary and hope to hire summer students to assist with our programs. Check our web site www.pugwashestuary.com for updates.

From: Betty Hodgson

Pugwash Village Hall
office hours
Spring hours
Monday to Friday
9am to 1pm
or by appointment

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

e-mail:
villagecommission
@pugwashvillage.com

124 Water Street
PO Box 220
Pugwash, NS
BOK 1L0

The Village Hall has space available for a variety of uses and meeting sizes. This is FREE to non-profit groups.

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

Terry Smith Memorial Scholarship Fund



The school board will administer the Terry Smith Memorial Fund and will issue tax receipts to donors. The fund will be used to provide a \$500 scholarship each year, for long as money remains, to a deserving PDHS graduate who is entering a post-secondary program.

If a donation to the scholarship fund was made through the funeral home, please note that you will receive a tax receipt but it will be for the 2018 tax year, since these arrangements were not in place until January.

Anyone wishing to make a donation may do so through PDHS, either at the school office or by mail at PO Box 100, Pugwash. Cheques should be made out to CCRSB, but please write "PDHS, Terry Smith Scholarship" at the bottom of your cheque.

From: Eleanor Conrad

Nova Scotia

Community Access Program


Tourist information

Pugwash C@P Site and VIC

April: Tues-Fri, 10am to 1pm
May: Mon-Fri, 10am to 1pm

Victoria Day to Labour Day
9am to 6pm every day
Fridays: open until 8pm
Sundays: 11am to 4pm

Pugwash Village Hall,
124 Water Street
902 243 2088



Keeping Track of your Community Health Board (CHB)

Pugwash and Area Community Health Board is made up of a maximum of fifteen members of the community who have an interest in local health issues. The Board serves areas surrounding Wentworth, Westchester, Malagash, North Port, Linden, Port Howe, Gulf Shore, Fox Harbour, and Wallace.

The 2017-2018 Executive Committee includes Joyce Gray-chair, Dot Pal-vice-chair and Chris Henneberry-secretary. Board members include Betty Hodgson, Jennifer Jamieson, Judy Brogan, Barb Oke, Leslee Patriquin, and student members Kailey Ruston and Zach Fullerton. Activities are supported by Colleen Dowe, Community Health Board Coordinator, who is an employee of the NS Health Authority and is located in Amherst.

Pugwash and Area CHB usually meets at the North Cumberland Memorial Hospital Board Room from September to June on the 1st Thursday of each month 6:00 – 8:00 pm. In October, the Board meets at the Wentworth Learning Centre. All meetings are open to the public.

CHB Activities Spring 2018

We are currently recruiting for five additional members through the Pugwash Village website and will be posting recruitment information in Wentworth, Wallace, Malagash, Port Howe, and Linden. Contact CHB Coordinator: Colleen Dowe for an application (902-397-0376 or Colleen.Dowe@nshealth.ca)

We have five Primary Advocacy/Health Promotion Projects identified for 2017-2018 that fulfill one or more of our 2016-2019 Health Plan Priorities. We also have a number of Secondary Advocacy Projects which will expand as community issues are identified. If you are interested in working with the Board members on any or all of the projects contact Joyce Gray (902-243-3326 or graysen@seasidehighspeed.com)

PRIMARY: Oral Health Advocacy

Increase participation in the Fluoride Rinse Treatments offered in schools by educating parents and general community.

Fluoridation of the Pugwash Water System presentation to Cumberland County Municipal Council February 2018

Fluoridation of the Water Systems across Cumberland County Advocacy presentation to Oxford and Amherst Town Councils April 2018

Reducing our Reliance on Sugar Public Presentation Dr. Strum April 5, 6 pm North Cumberland Memorial Hospital Board Room

Continuing Care in Cumberland County - This public session will occur April 18 1-3 pm at Pugwash Village Hall Board Room with Margaret MacDonald, Continuing Care Coordinator, as leader.

2018 Wellness Grants – Awarded December 2017.

Coats for Cumberland - collection & distribution in Pugwash and Wentworth of gently used outer wear in collaboration with *Empowering Beyond Barriers* Fall 2018.

Snowshoe Lending Program – In partnership with the Village of Pugwash.

SECONDARY (Advocacy 2018)

- * Promote Alcohol Reduced Focus at Family Events
- * AED in PDHS
- * Distribution of Medication Cards to Clinics & MDs offices
- * Cannabis Legalization Education - Public Awareness

From: Joyce Gray,
Chair Pugwash CHB

Continuing Care in Cumberland County

Session Presenter
Margaret MacDonald
Continuing Care Coordinator

Wednesday, April 18th
1 – 3 pm
Pugwash Village Hall

Protect yourself from bank and phone scams

1-3pm, May 15th
Pugwash Village Hall
FREE
Call 902.243.3335
for more information
Sponsored by the West Pugwash
Women's Institute



For trusted, everyday health information and advice, call 811.

Did you know that...

- 811 can help you with advice on everything from bee stings, frost bite, to coughs, and flu
- On average, 325 patients receive care from an 811 nurse each day
- Top five most common reasons for calling 811:
 - Abdominal pain / discomfort
 - Chest pain / discomfort
 - Children's colds & coughs
 - Adult colds & coughs
 - Adult nausea & vomiting
- 811 provides services in over 125 different languages including Farsi, Cantonese, French, Chinese, and Arabic, to name a few.

How Sugar Affects our Body

Dr David Strum, Aberdeen Hospital, New Glasgow
Dr. Strum will talk about sugar sources, how they are absorbed, what happens when too much sugar enters our body and how this can lead to numerous serious health conditions and diseases.

6 - 6:45pm, April 5th
NCM Hospital Boardroom (lower level)

Mixed Palette Art Group

Come and join us - it is a great way to spend Thursday mornings at the Pugwash Village Hall. There is much to learn and we have lots of laughs.



From: Heather Cunningham



Gathering of the Clans Monday, July 2nd, 2018

Preparations for the 68th Gathering of the Clans are already under way. Advertising and web site presence is being secured and preparations for one of our bigger fund raising events, the Burns' Night Supper in January are being finalized. Volunteers to help with this supper, other fund raisers or the big day itself are always welcome.

Where July 1st falls on a Sunday in 2018, we will continue to hold with the long standing tradition of holding all regular Gathering of the Clans and Canada Day events on Monday, July 2nd.

This change was wisely determined upon back in 1951 for a variety of reasons. These include: the Canada

Day Parade needs to be held in the morning so that the pipe and drum bands and other competition participants can get started on their events, the school grounds need to be freed up for the heavyweight games, the parade route includes Church Street where churches are located that have Sunday morning services. Not only would a parade disturb services, the road needs to be clear of all parked cars for the safe and even flow of the parade. Until a more feasible plan is developed, we will keep with the tradition of the past 67 years.

We will look at holding other fun events over the long holiday weekend - ideas and help are welcome any time!

From: Lisa Betts, Event Coordinator



The Village of Pugwash celebrates 70 years as an incorporated Village on **August 1st, 2018.**

What special events would you like to see to celebrate the Village's 70th birthday?

Call 243 2946 with your ideas.

HarbourFest 2018 set for August 11th and 12th



Start designing your boats, preparing your soapbox, and toning your muscles.

Plans are now well underway to ensure the 13th Annual HarbourFest is an event well worth attending. The date's to put in calendar are August 11th and 12th.

This year's event will host old favourites such as the Soap Box Derby, The Recycled Regatta, and Domino Man, and we also now have confirmed the return of the 5K run, Got Bobbled, the aMAzing Lobster Traps and the

Great Cribbage tournament. We are currently working on bringing back Beach Volleyball, Washer Toss and Bathtub races. In addition to their Pancake Breakfast, the Pugwash Fire Department are in the process of planning for an exciting inaugural Firefighter's challenge, that looks set to wow us all.

A whole variety of other things to see and do are also being planned for HarbourFest, One thing's for sure it's going to be busy in Eaton Park and the village that weekend.

To find out more, or get yourself or a group involved, check out either our facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/pugwashharbourfest>) or our web-site (www.pugwashharbourfest.ca)

Louise Haycocks, Chair, Pugwash HarbourFest

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police & the Cumberland County Senior's Safety Program Invite you to attend

POLICE & SENIORS SAFETY ACADEMY

In partnership with Mundle's Funeral Home, this exciting & FREE program is designed to give our senior residents (55+) the chance to learn hands-on about issues important to their health, safety and independence. A variety of topics will be covered, including:

Personal Safety Tips ** Health Tips

Services Available to Seniors

72 Hour Emergency Preparedness

Protecting Your Funeral Plans

Fall Prevention ** Safe Banking Practises

And More

Mundle's Funeral Home 204 Water St. Pugwash

Wednesdays from 9:30 - 11:30 am

May 10th - June 13th, 2018)

Refreshments and Light Lunch will be provided

To register or for more information, please contact:

Ray Bristol, Seniors Safety Coordinator
at 902-667-7484

ARTJAM! 2018

Writing on Fire is excited to present, ART-JAM! 2018, a mentoring weekend for youth between 12 and 18 who love to write. Acclaimed Nova Scotia poet and social activist, El Jones, will be joined by filmmaker/photographer, Catherine Bussiere, to create opportunities for youth to find their voices and explore different mediums to "Speak Out!"

The Mentoring Weekend will be held May 18 - 21, beginning Friday at 5:30 pm and ending Monday after lunch, at 2:00pm. On Sunday evening, a Literary Café, with readings by students and local and professional adult writers will take place. The weekend will be held at the beautiful, historic, and inspiring Thinkers Lodge in Pugwash.

El Jones is a spoken word activist, teacher and past Poet Laureate of the Halifax Regional Municipality. She was the two-time captain of the back-to-back national championship Halifax Slam Team in 2007/2008. Her poetry is committed to political causes

and social justice. El is currently The Nancy Chair in Women's Studies at Mount St. Vincent.



May 2017 Writing on Fire Art Jam! at Thinkers Lodge

Catherine Bussiere lives and works in Cumberland County, NS. She is a world traveler, photographer, videographer and filmmaker who has taught video and animation workshops with youth and adults and has hosted film camps and retreats. Her feature film, Self Portrait in May, was produced in 2016. She has produced many

short docs, including Bertholet, Saving Seeds and Writing on Fire: The Documentary.

All accommodation and meal expenses will be covered by Writing on Fire. If transportation or any other issues might make it difficult to participate, please let us know and we will do what we can to help. Students will always be supervised and it will be a writers' retreat atmosphere with time for mentoring, writing, art, outdoors, and more mentoring and writing and art.

Application brochures will be available at schools, in libraries, Facebook: Writing on Fire and by emailing us. Applications are due by April 20th.. Space is limited. We can accommodate up to 12 applicants. If you have questions please contact: writingonfires@gmail.com

From: Noreen Smiley

Spring Events

March

31st Easter egg hunt - CEES. 10am

April

- 1st Easter Sunday
- 6th Tartan Day
- 8th Pancake Supper (Wallace)
- 11th Avoid phone/banking scams (5)
- 12th Holocaust Remembrance Day
- 12th Future of Cumberland Libraries (8)
- 13th Myth busters (8)
- 18th Continuing Care (5)
- 19/20 Parent teacher interviews (CEES)
- 20th FOPE Open House
- 22nd Earth Day
- 26th Roast Beef take-out dinner (9)
- 28th Great Garbage Challenge (3)
- 28th Legion Brunch (9)
- 28th The Hupman Brothers (PDHS)

May

- 7th Home & School CEES
- 12th Plant Sale (3)
- 13th Mother's Day

May

- 14th Village Commission meeting
- 16th First day of Ramadan
- 18th Municipal Special Collection Day
- 18/21 ArtJam2018 (7)
- 19th Muscular Dystrophy boot drive (PVFD)
- 21st Victoria Day
- 26th Hazmat Waste (11am-noon)
- 26th Legion Lunch and bake/yard sale (9)
- 28th Village AGM

June

- 1st Primary orientation (CEES)
- 2nd Commission Election
- 4th Home & School (CEES)
- 8/9th Mark Cullen in Pugwash (3)
- 15th Ramadan ends
- 16th Pancake breakfast (9)
- 17th Father's Day
- 20th School Fun Day (CEES)
- 21st Summer starts
- 21st Prom
- 28th PDHS graduation
- 29th PDHS Promotion Day

July

- 1st Canada Day
- 2nd Gathering of the Clans

Sport, Exercise & Dance Classes

Ladies' Exercise

10-11am Fridays. PDHS. \$5

Badminton

8-10pm Tuesdays. PDHS. FREE

Zumba

6-8pm Tuesdays. PDHS \$5

Walking Group

9:30pm Tuesdays. CEES FREE

9:30am Thursdays. CEES FREE

Pop-Ups

9-11am. Mondays. CEES. FREE

Beginner & Intermediate Yoga

9am Wednesdays. Wallace

Restorative Yoga & Playful Class

11am Wednesdays. Peace Hall. \$8

(Mary Purdy 694 3491)

Modern Dance Wednesdays, adults, Wallace.

Ballet Thursdays 5pm, Wallace (ages 4-6)

(Kathleen Hicks 257 2444)

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

For more details - numbers in brackets refer to newsletter page numbers.



From: Denise Corey
Chief Librarian, Cumberland
Public Libraries

LIBRARY SURVEY

March 1-31
Help us make the library better!
When you fill out a survey you can enter to win a R/C helicopter.
Fill out a copy online at www.cumberlandpubliclibraries.ca or pick up a copy at the Pugwash Library.

Myth Busters

Friday, April 13 ~3:30-4:30pm
Engage in messy scientific experiments to test whether a myth is confirmed, plausible, or busted!
Grades P-6
Please call 902-243-3331 to register
NOTE: Children under 9 must be accompanied by an adult.

Public Meeting

The Cumberland Regional Library Board invites you to a meeting on the future of the Cumberland Public Libraries.

Thursday, April 12
7:00pm
Four Fathers Library
21 Acadia St., Amherst

Check our Calendar of Events on the Cumberland Public Libraries' website to see the other fantastic programs lined up for the summer: www.cumberlandpubliclibraries.ca

You can also follow us on Twitter: @CumberlandPL, Instagram: @Cumberland_pl, or Facebook.

Marilyn & Friends' Spay & Neuter Program

Male and female feral cats and homeless strays from many communities continue to spayed and neutered as funds allow. Just recently an on-line auction has started to help assure weekly funds to the Spay and Neuter Account at Northumberland Vets. If you are interested in checking out this on-line auction please go to Marilyn & Friends' Spay & Neuter On-Line Auction on Facebook. Sincere appreciation to all who have donated new and or good quality used items to be offered for bidding and also to the weekly bidders. We are making a difference folks and you should be very proud and happy with how your support in any way you are able to support this program is helping decrease the number of kittens being born in the wild and how much healthier the present feral cats in our communities are. And to those of you who are helping these awesome feral cats with food and shelter, I thank you from the deepest part of my heart.

From: Marilyn Williams

<p>Pugwash Library Winter hours: December - May</p> <p>Monday: 11am - 4pm Tuesday: 11am - 4pm Wednesday: 2pm - 7pm Thursday: 2pm - 7pm Friday: noon - 5pm Saturday: 10am - 1pm Sunday: closed Phone: 902 243 3331</p>	<p>North Cumberland Historical Society</p> <p>Open: Fridays 1-4pm The old train station 2nd floor</p> <p>902 243 3348</p> <p>http://ncumbhistorical.wixsite.com/genealogyhistory</p>
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North Cumberland Historical Society

Older Homes and Barns with History

The North Cumberland Historical Society would like to announce an exciting new project. Over the next few months, we will be collecting the histories and photos of old homes, barns, and outbuildings in Pugwash and surrounding areas. This project has been made possible by Maureen & Douglas Leahey.

This will be an inventory of buildings that were built before the 1950s, as well as houses that are no longer lived in, falling down, and building foundations. The history of each property will be presented alongside photos that showcase buildings on the land and unique architectural features.

We're looking to answer questions like:
When was it built and who built it?
What additions or changes have been made over the years?
Who has owned the house and what was it used for?

We look forward to sharing what has been collected in our community's archives but we need your help.

We are looking for people who know the history of their home, land, and/or buildings in the area, personal photos, historical documents, recollections of floor plans, scrapbooks, newspaper clippings, postcards

We would be more than happy to come to you and talk and photograph or scan anything that you have, so that it stays with you AND you will get digital copies of everything.

If you would like to take part or are interested in learning more, please get in touch with us through Alison Forshner at 902-999-6456, affrshn@mta.ca or the North Cumberland Historical Society at ncumbhistorical@gmail.com, 902-243-3348.

From: Alison Forshner

**Royal Canadian Legion,
Peace Branch 60**



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

1st and 3rd Saturday of the month.

Cribbage. 1pm. \$20 per two person team

Chase the Ace 3-5pm.

Draw at 5:15pm. Ticket holder must be present for the draw to win.

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

Saturday Brunch: April 28th and May 25th 10am to 1pm. Adults \$7 and Children \$3.50

Yard Sale & Bake Sale - May 26th 10am to 1pm

Canteen: 902.243.2123 New members are always welcome.

From: Ken Cameron

Storm the Mountain Adventure Challenge 2018



Pugwash Ground Search and Rescue (with Orienteering Association of NS) hosted our 4th annual "Storm the Mountain Adventure Challenge (SMAC)" in Wentworth on February 3, 2018. SMAC is an eco-endurance challenge aimed for those who simply like winter fun events and for those who like to be physically challenged and skilled in orienteering.

The Challenge involved finding 42 "controls" located over a 20-km² area of mainly hardwood-forested land. This year we had 139 participants ranging in age from as young as 8 years to over 65. Some teams opted for the 8-hour challenge while the majority chose the 4-hour event. One way or the other all seemed to have a great time in spite of it being one of the coldest winter days.

Everyone was welcomed back to the Wentworth Recreation Center where they warmed up and enjoyed a hot bowl of chili. Prizes were awarded for recreational, competitive and search & rescue categories.

Proceeds were, and are used to upgrade the PGSAR facility and equipment. A big thank you to the many SAR volunteers who helped make the event a huge success, and especially to all those who supported us by participating. We are already looking forward to next year!!

From: Theresa Rushton

Pugwash and District Volunteer Fire Department



The Pugwash Fire Department's 50/50 Toonie Draw continues to grow in the community and surrounding areas. We have 8 drop boxes situated at Sunrise Country Market Port Howe, Wilson's Gas Bar, Pugwash Home Hardware, Scotiabank, O'Brien's Pharmacy, Pugwash Kwik Way, F&D Esso and Sheryl's Bakery & Café.

If you have played previously and can't remember your number, please send an email to pugwashfiretoonie2016@gmail.com and we will get back to you in 24-36 hours.

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. We also take e-transfers. For more information on the process, please send us an email for details.

The draw takes place every Wednesday evening between 6-7pm. Any member of the public is welcome to come along to the Fire Station to witness the draw.

The weekly drawn number is published on our Facebook group page at Pugwash Fire Department Toonie Draw, and it is also advertised on the electronic sign outside the Fire Station and on www.sixrivers.ca website.

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

Delicious Fundraisers:



26th April 4-6pm - Roast beef take out supper with all the trimmings plus dessert \$12.50

16th June 8-11am Pancake breakfast sponsored by Pugwash Home Hardware. Donations at door.

2nd July 7-9:30am Pancake breakfast \$8

Congratulations to Pugwash Ground Search and Rescue for winning "Best place to Volunteer" on the North Shore in the Tatamagouche Light's recent Readers Choice Awards.



The New Face of the Pugwash Farmers' Market

We are happy to report our fundraising efforts for the last three years, and our supporting partnerships with the Village of Pugwash, K&S Windsor salt mine, the Municipality of Cumberland County and the Federal government through the Atlantic Cooperative Opportunities Agency are making our dreams to improve the market site for vendors and customers a reality. On March 7 at the Peace Hall on Victoria St., we hosted an official Funding Announcement to publicly proclaim that the final pieces of the project were falling into place. Cunningham Construction will start building the kiosks in March to be ready for the May opening of the market.

The Pugwash Farmers' Market looks forward to another outstanding year. The market will officially open on Saturday May 19, 8:30am - 1:00pm. Look on our Face Book page for updates to Wellness Tent programs for this summer - 'Eat. Grow. Move', with the support of the Pugwash and Area Community Health Board, in collaboration with the Healthy Livin' Programs in Oxford, Springhill and

Amherst. We hope to enlarge the scope of the information sessions with more hands-on interactive programming to meet the needs and interests of our community. We are also looking forward to supporting youth entrepreneurs from Pugwash District High School again this spring through grants to kick-start their small business ideas.



Rebecca Jones from Good Thyme Farm

The Pugwash Farmers' Market is looking for people as community members of our board, to help guide the future programs and vision of the market. You do not have to be a vendor, but if you think a vibrant market is important to the fabric of our village, then you are just who we are looking for! Please contact Norene Smiley for more information or to express your interest. We are having our AGM at the Peace Hall on April 19. You are welcome to join us and meet some of the other board members and vendors for a pot luck supper at 6pm and meeting at 7pm.

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, pugwash-market@gmail.com

Camp Pagweak – Bring on S P R I N G!

The first camp will start on July 1st and our weekly camps run for eight weeks until August 24th. Camp is for ages 5 - 16.

We are so excited to welcome back Greg Porter as our Camp Director. He and his wife Candice and son Camden will back in June!

Many campers return year after year and some eventually become staff members as they love camp so much! This year we have added a Leadership camp

for senior teens for those who want to learn about leadership skills. Who better to lead it than our own Angela Trenholm, a former Camp Director and Tiffany Prosser Porter a former Program Director? This FRWW camp runs August 3rd - 6th. More details are found on the Pagweak web page www.pagweak.org.

Camp Pagweak is a great place to hold a school outing, a family reunion, a wedding, you name it! We have lots to offer - a zip line, rock wall, kayaks, bikes and a

great beach with the most beautiful sunsets in the whole world! We have something for everyone at very reasonable rates! Our Rental Committee would be happy to hear from you!

So please keep checking the camp web site for all our events! If you've never been to Camp Pagweak – please come on over and have a look! We would love to welcome you.

Come on over on our work days – May 5th and 12th - it's a great opportunity to have a look around! We might even put you to work!

from: Ruth Rushton



The members of Sport Pugwash are looking forward to an early spring. With the melting of the snow, our walking trails, race track and ball field will soon be available for use. Ben Smith has been working hard on our new disc golf course, which will be completed

early this summer in time for our first disc golf event on the May 4-5th weekend. If you have never played this exciting sport, this will be your chance to see how it is done. The Sport Pugwash disc golf course will be free to all and open to the public. Other disc golf events are planned for the end of July and the first weekend in November, but you are welcome to come and play any time.

Ball practice and games will resume as soon as weather permits. Contact Ben at greensmithcontracting@gmail.com for more info. Other events in the works for Sport Pugwash include a fun race day for mini horses and a family day of games and races. For up to date information follow our Facebook page www.facebook.com/sportpugwash/

From: Kirsteen Thomson

It Takes a Village

Newsletter is published quarterly in March, June, September and December. The deadline for our next issue is **May 28th**. Maximum word count of 250. We reserve the right to edit for length and content. Submissions from non-profit groups only please. Photos or graphics will be used as space allows. Please source all information and photo credits. 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>

Please Register Now for Pre-primary four-year-olds at **Cyrus Eaton Elementary School**.

Call **902.243.3900**

**Northumberland Community Curling Club (NCCC)
CELEBRATES 10TH ANNIVERSARY**



NCCC celebrated its tenth anniversary February 16th with a re-enactment of the official opening of the club held February 15th, 2008. A piper led a parade of approximately 150 curlers and guests around the boardwalk. Al Gillis related tales of the hands-on building experience of 10 years earlier. Video slide shows played throughout the evening showing scenes of the building phase and highlighting events throughout the years. The parade was followed by the cutting of the anniversary cake and served with punch. Barb Oke, speaking for the newer members, thanked the founders for their dedication in making this project a reality.

A tenth anniversary is traditionally celebrated with tin or aluminum. In keeping with this custom, curlers sported costumes highlighting shining materials. Beryl MacLean (seen in the photo) dressed as the tin man from *The Wizard of Oz*, placed first in the female category for best costume. Wayne Reid,



in his orange work suit and helmet with shining miner's light, captured the best dressed male award. Elaborate decorations of tin and aluminum gave the lounge the appropriate glitter for the occasion. Curling and live music, produced by our own NCCC musicians, rounded out the night.

Our curling season has been a true success starting with the Opening Funspiel on November 3rd and 4th. All curlers, regardless of ability were encouraged to sign up for this "meet and greet" fun time.

Twelve prizes of turkeys were distributed to three categories of participants at the Christmas Turkey Funspiel. The over-all winning team was skipped by Cecil Smith with mate Patti Shanks, second Marjorie Fisher and lead Nellie Van de Wiel.

The January Invitational Bonspiel has become an annual event, eagerly anticipated by teams throughout the Maritimes. Eighteen teams competed with Mike Topley team from Truro being the over-all winner.

Winter is scarcely long enough for all the activities happening at NCCC.

From: 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, a Canadian citizen and be 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.

Dave Farley (902 243 3284) is past chair of the Village Commission. Dave is retired from Diversey-Lever Corporation.

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

Bill Martin (902 614 3000) lives on Church Street. Bill is the Pugwash Baptist Church pastor. Bill is Vice Chair of the Commission.

Tracey Mundle (902 243 3666) lives on Pugwash Point. Tracey volunteers with a number of organizations, particularly in school age sports.

Carl Purdy (902 243 2124) is retired from the Canada Revenue Agency and now lives on King Street.

Pugwash Village Commission Meetings

Regular meetings are 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

April 9th
May 14th
June 11th

AGM
May 28th

Meetings start at 7pm

Election Day
June 2nd

Suggested Contractors for water line hook-up

This is a suggested list only and will be updated as necessary. Go to the village website at for the latest contractors list. Home owners may use the contractor of their choice. The final hook-up will not be made until all connections are checked by the Municipal inspectors.

Kevin Blakeney, Amherst	902 664 7562
Dave Brown, Amherst	902 664 8324
David Campbell, Wallace,	902 957 0441
Michael Cunningham, Pugwash	902 243 2996
Steven Jamieson, Pugwash	902 243 3490
Rob Nepchuk, Gulf Shore	902 243 3076
Kirk Purdy, Pugwash	902 694 3238
Gordon Spicer, Wallace	902 664 4250

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Visitor Information Centre Councillor/C@P Site Attendant

Two full time positions, one part time position

Groundskeeper – full time

Administration Assistant/Recreation Director – full time

Gardener – part time

Application deadline - extended to:

4pm **April 16th**, 2018

Successful applicants must be able to produce RCMP Vulnerable Sector check.

Job descriptions available at:

www.pugwashvillage.com

Preference may be given to students returning to full time education in September.

Send résumé and cover letter to:

Lisa Betts, Clerk Treasurer

PO Box 220, Pugwash, NS, B0K 1L0

Fax: 902 243 2126

villagecommission@pugwashvillage.com

Telephone inquiries: 902 243 2946

There is a **petition** at the Village Hall in the Clerk's office that the public can come in and sign.

It is addressed to the Minister of Health requesting that he "and his Department to work with the Nova Scotia Health Authority to make our community a priority by hiring physicians to work in our community to provide medial coverage for the emergency department as well as to provide medical care in primary health care services."



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