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## New Hospital Construction Progresses



Aerial photo supplied by NSHA



Local health care professionals remain committed to planning for the new North Cumberland Memorial Hospital (NCMH).

Retired, local family physician, Dr. Brian McFarlane and Barbie Cook, NCMH site manager, co-lead the project's clinical planning team. They say the work has been challenging, but very rewarding now that construction is underway.

"We will soon have a new building that will benefit the provision of health care in our community and help attract health care professionals," says Dr. McFarlane.

Located between the present hospital and the East Cumberland Lodge, the new NCMH will provide enough space to house the services of both the existing hospital, as well as in the primary

care clinic (currently next-door). Doctor and nurse practitioner offices will be in one wing of the building, connected through common reception areas with hospital-based services, including urgent care, x-ray and laboratory.

For Cook, she says, it has been an honour to be involved in the planning. "We understand what works and what doesn't in our rural area, and we have been working closely with architects and designers to ensure the new facility meets those needs."

Project progress includes completion of the geothermal well drilling, most underground work and pouring of the building's footings. Construction of the ICF walls with door and window frames is nearing completion and the structural steel is expected to start in March.

For more information, contact Barbie Cook by email at [barbie.cook@nshealth.ca](mailto:barbie.cook@nshealth.ca). You can also follow the progress on Facebook by searching 'North Cumberland Memorial Hospital.'



The Pugwash Farmers' Market looks forward to another amazing season as we welcome visitors and residents to our vibrant outdoor market. It

will be open Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

starting on May 21. Interest in becoming a vendor has been increasing, so it looks like the market will be growing even bigger this year. We're pretty excited to see returning and new vendors, and we hope you are too!

An observant eye will have noticed that Patrick McKinnon of Northumberland Solar has started installing solar panels on the market building. This ACOA-funded project will make our market electricity use "net zero" and will also eliminate the power bill for the Pugwash Library building. How's that for going green?

Thinking about food security, we're partnering with the Pugwash Open Hamper food bank to improve access to fresh, high quality, locally produced food and other goods for individuals and families. Every week, a quantity of "market bucks" will be distributed to be used just like money at any market vendor. This program is sponsored by Farmers' Markets of Nova Scotia and is a win-win-win for our farmers' market, vendors, and community.

Our Annual General Meeting will be on April 21 at 6:00 p.m. at the Peace Hall, 14 Victoria Street. All are welcome to attend, whether you're already involved in the market or just want to say hello to our new market manager, Rebecca Taylor!

Remember to follow us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/pugwashfarmersmarket](http://www.facebook.com/pugwashfarmersmarket) and visit our website at [www.pugwashfarmersmarket.com](http://www.pugwashfarmersmarket.com)

Rebecca Taylor

Visit the Pugwash Village website at [www.pugwashvillage.com](http://www.pugwashvillage.com)

Listings include local businesses, government services, volunteer organizations, contacts, history of the Village and events. Links to the Village social media and YouTube channel.



As the snow banks are melting, we have been planning events at Thinkers Lodge. One of our long-term goals is education for a peaceful world

and we are pleased to have the Youth High School Retreat for Climate Action at Thinkers Lodge from 29<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> June. To learn more about this conference go to: <http://centreforlocalprosperity.ca/climate-change/youth-high-school-retreat-for-climate-action/>

A second youth peace project is happening at Cyrus Eaton Elementary school where the grade five class will be partnered with a grade five class in Brazil. Students will meet online and summer interns from Thinkers Lodge will explain how Cyrus Eaton grew up in Pugwash and went on to organize the first Pugwash conference here in 1957. From that meeting, International Pugwash organization was created, and today it continues to work for nuclear disarmament and world peace. The current president of International Pugwash is from Brazil and he might join the students online.

For adults, Marjorie Simmons is leading her Memoir Writing workshop at Thinkers Lodge from 20<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> May. Throughout the summer there will be many weekend weddings as people begin to catch up from two years of restrictions. We are looking forward to the many beautiful celebrations over the summer.

At the Lobster Factory we have two performers so far: Jackie Putman will be launching material from her new album on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> July. Check her website for tickets. And back by popular demand, Reggae By The Sea will be playing Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> August. Check their website for tickets, and note that this concert was sold out last summer.



Photo: Teresa Kewachuk

We are continuing our renovations of the Gatehouse and hope to have it open for the summer season. The plan is to move the giftshop and staff office to the main floor.

Tourists will be greeted there and given tours of Thinkers Lodge throughout the day. Our challenge is the ever-rising cost of building materials. For our supporters who are eager to see the final building completed, we ask that you consider a tax-deductible donation towards this project. We are a national registered charity. For more information, please send inquiry to: [info@thinkerslodge.org](mailto:info@thinkerslodge.org)

Teresa Kewachuk



# Pugwash Communities in Bloom: Growing Great Communities Together!

Maureen Leahey

Celebrate Earth Day/Great Garbage Challenge on April 23. From 9am to 12 noon join your friends, neighbours, children and grandchildren to clean up your road/street/yard. Pick up grapplers, hoops, bags, etc. at the Pugwash Harbourfront Centre in Eaton Park at 9am. Use the dumpster located that weekend at the Municipal parking lot behind Monty's. Contact Maureen Woodlock at [pugwash.kgb@gmail.com](mailto:pugwash.kgb@gmail.com) or 902-694-7366 to sign up to clean a section of road and get your name on the Litter Map.

Buy interesting unique or common plants. Consult with knowledgeable gardeners. CIB Plant Sale, May 14th, 9-noon. Celebrate the Year of the Garden.

No Mow May! Keep your lawn mower in the shed for the month of May or mow smaller areas less frequently. Join our national movement to help insects and foraging pollinators find shelter and food so they don't starve before the summer season gets underway. Increase plant diversity. A longer healthier lawn makes it more resistant to pests, weeds and drought. CIB and the Municipality will provide

lawn signs for participants to declare they want to join this environmental project. Contact [norene48@gmail.com](mailto:norene48@gmail.com).

Salt Mine Heritage Plaque is coming soon. Watch for it at Sheryl's parking lot. Join us for Art in the Park (see article below).

National CIB Judges are coming! This summer two national judges will evaluate Pugwash. The competition is more challenging this year as Pugwash strives to excel against previous national winners. Join with us by preparing your gardens and properties.

## Art in the Park

Norene Smiley

Celebrate art in Eaton Park by the beautiful Pugwash Harbour during the family-friendly Pugwash HarbourFest Homecoming events this summer.

Communities in Bloom (CIB), Pugwash Open Air Gallery (POAG) and HarbourFest are joining forces on July 30 to host a day of Art Demonstrations, Guided Art Tours around the village, Artful Tree installations and the creation of a Community Art Project.

Visitors to Eaton Park will be able to see local artists as they work in their chosen mediums, such as painting, hooking, photography, mono printing, clay, quilting, metalwork, and so much more. The public will be able to share in the creative processes by asking questions and even try their hand with available materials.

Guided art tours scheduled throughout the day will offer insight into the 16th Pugwash Open Air Gallery installations around the village. Visitors can also conduct their own walking tour using the POAG rack card map available at the Communities in Bloom INFO Kiosk on Water Street.

The POAG organizers will invite local organizations and businesses to join in the fun by decorating an Eaton Park tree. The public will be invited to vote for their favourite Artful Tree for a chance to win a prize from a local business.

Art in the Park would not be complete without a chance for the community to help create a new sculptural contribution to our village's cultural landscape. More information will be available soon.



**The Mechanic** - acrylic by Louise Cloutier (location: Langilles Service Station)



**Three Cat Town**  
Fibre art by Kelly Burgess (location: Sheryl's Bakery & Cafe)





## FOPE is active throughout the seasons

The Friends of the Pugwash Estuary (FOPE) would like to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy 2022! We had intended to do that at our New Year's Levee but COVID got in the way. We are all looking forward to having COVID and restrictions behind us.

FOPE had been enjoying more snow than usual this winter making the hiking trails good for winter hiking. Unfortunately the recent thaw and rain has made footing difficult. Snowshoes are recommended. Many thanks to the ongoing work of the Trails Committee in keeping the trails open for use all year.

A guided hike, co-sponsored by Hike NS, was held in the morning before our AGM; 11 participants explored parts of the Estuary Trail and the salt marshes and fields around Estuary House.

FOPE was able to hold our AGM as scheduled with COVID restrictions. About 20 members attended the meeting held at the Peace Hall on Feb 27th. We acknowledge and thank Dianne Elliott, who has resigned from the Board, for her valuable contributions over the years. We also welcome new Board members, Susan Webster and Guy L'Ecuyer.

Betty Hodgson

The meeting approved an ambitious budget put forward by the Finance Committee to support continuing with our signature events and programs as well as continuing our goal of reducing our carbon footprint to zero by installing solar power. We will be fund raising.

Following the meeting, our guest speaker, Lena Diète Chaisson gave a very interesting presentation on the Marsh Monitoring Program sponsored by Birds Canada. This is an established and well recognised environmental and bird monitoring program in other parts of the Maritime provinces and it seems appropriate that FOPE become involved. We have the marshes.

Our next events will be the sale of swallow nest boxes in April followed by the Migratory Bird Count on May 15th.

We are already looking ahead to planning for the Flotilla in the summer.

Follow us on Facebook at Friends of the Pugwash Estuary; our web page [www.pugwashestuary.com](http://www.pugwashestuary.com) or direct questions to our email: [pugwash.estuary@gmail.com](mailto:pugwash.estuary@gmail.com) or phone 902 243 2476.

### Pugwash Village Hall

Spring office hours  
**Monday to Friday**  
**9am to 1pm**  
or by appointment

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

e-mail:  
[villagecommission@pugwashvillage.com](mailto:villagecommission@pugwashvillage.com)

124 Water Street  
PO Box 220  
Pugwash, NS  
B0K 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



Tourist information

### Pugwash Visitor Information Centre

**June & September**  
Monday - Friday  
10am to 4pm

July & August  
Monday - Saturday  
times vary  
or by appointment

Pugwash Village Hall  
124 Water Street  
902 243 2498



The members of Unifor Local 823 sincerely thank the community for the outpouring of support during our recent strike action.

To the numerous individuals, businesses, organizations and union locals from Pugwash and the surrounding communities who generously brought hot and cold beverages, food, firewood and in-kind donations; to those who stopped for conversation or who honked and waved, we extend our sincere thanks and appreciation for your support.

Nancy Lovering

### Pugwash Library Hours

Monday: CLOSED  
Tuesday: noon - 5pm  
Wednesday: 2pm - 7pm  
Thursday: 2pm - 7pm  
Friday: noon - 5pm  
Saturday: 10am - 1pm  
Sunday: CLOSED

Phone: 902 243 3331



**Sailor's Delight** - acrylic & oil by Daniel Peck (location: Thomas More Catholic Hall)



**Belted Kingfisher** - watercolour by Brent Cottrill (location: Pugwash Ground Search & Rescue)



### North Cumberland Memorial Hospital Auxiliary (NCMHA)

After a two-week break over the Christmas holidays, our Thrift Shop re-opened on January 5. The online auction will resume in March.

The lighting in the Shop was updated in early November to energy efficient lighting. Thanks to Mike Cameron for doing this work.

The prize winners for our draws during Christmas-by-the Sea were Lynn Knight and Shirley Killam.

Our regular hours are Wednesday from 1PM-4PM, Thursday from 10AM-4PM and Saturday from 9AM-12 noon. There have been a few closures due to inclement weather since early January. If the Shop has to be closed for any reason, it will be posted on our Facebook page at ncmhathriftshop.

Faye Moore

### West Pugwash Women's Institute

We are a local branch of an international non-profit organization for rural women who wish to make a difference in their community. We meet once a month for social interaction and to address community needs in our area. We decide on how to raise money funds for seniors, struggling families, school programs, funds for high school seniors to further their education, food hampers, our volunteer fire departments and other needs in our community.

Anyone who is interested is welcome to come and join us at one of our monthly meetings as a guest. We meet at the Pugwash Village Hall on the second Tuesday of every month at 1:30pm. Our next meeting will be Apr 10th. We look forward to seeing you there as we get back to regular meetings and program.

Check out page 7 for upcoming events. For more info call Sue Duncan at 902.243.2595 or Judy Turple at 902.243.2231.

Sue Duncan

### Snowshoes

The snowshoes available on loan from the Pugwash Village Hall have been popular this past winter. With a little more snow than the past couple of years and many people with more time on their hands than usual, the eight pair of shoes and poles have been signed out nearly every weekend for the past two months.

Many borrowers are now enthusiastically looking for their own to purchase ready for next season.

The snowshoes were originally purchased by Pugwash and Area Community Health Board for loan in 2017.

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## PUGWASH HARBOURFRONT CENTRE READY FOR ACTION!

The Pugwash Harbourfront Centre was used more last year than it or its predecessor was for many years.

We had movies in the Park, many Village run and YMCA recreational activities and a number of groups and organizations that could not meet at their regular indoor venues due to pandemic restrictions were able to make good use of the stage.

The covered stage makes this a perfect, sheltered area for Tai Chi, line dancing classes, yoga and so much more! The curved back wall of the stage is designed to help project sound, making it an excellent venue for unamplified productions such as plays and impromptu concerts.

The Village is looking at offering classes in stage craft. Let us know if you would like to participate in or could assist in instructing in Theatre Games (improvisation), singing classes, dance or stage management.

We are also looking at getting some basic sound and lighting equipment. Anyone with stage technician experience who would be willing to share their knowledge in tutoring the next generation of technicians is welcome to contact the Village Office.

Users are welcome to use the stage but we do need to know you are coming so we are sure it is ready for you to use and to save the disappointment of a double booking. Please use the online booking tool Skedda (linked at the Village website) or call the Village Office at 902.243.2946.

There is no fee for non profit groups.

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## Double Platinum for Canada Day

**Double Platinum!** The theme for Canada Day celebrates the Platinum Jubilee of her Majesty, the Queen Elizabeth after 70 years as Queen and the missed platinum jubilee of the Gathering of the Clans.

Preparations for the 71st anniversary Gathering of the Clans are going ahead with the hopes that all the regular events will continue as they have for decades.

The music entertainment for Friday, July 1st is yet to be confirmed. There are so many artists who would like to showcase on the Harbourfront Centre, we are looking at having music in the Park for more of the long weekend.

We are always interested in hearing about ideas for new activities or events.

Application forms for vendors and competitors will be available on the village website very soon.

All activities will be following any Covid guidelines set by the provincial government at that time.

If you are interested in helping out in any way please let us know at [events@pugwashvillage.com](mailto:events@pugwashvillage.com)

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## Employment Opportunities for Summer Staff at the Village of Pugwash

**Administration Assistant-** part time, may expand to full time. Assist the Clerk with administrative duties. Assist other staff when required. General business management and office skills required. Hours and wage negotiable.

**Recreation Director:** Develop and provide recreational activities for residents and visitors of potentially all age groups. Indoor/outdoor activities. Assist Clerk with events and festivals. \$15:50/hour. Hours negotiable.

**Visitor Information Centre Counsellor:** One part/full time position available. Position starts May 11th as part time and hours expand to full time in June. Applicant must be able to handle questions from visitors and residents regarding a wide range of local events, attractions and businesses. Must be computer competent. Conversational French a definite asset. Centre will be open 5 days a week late June to Labour Day. May include weekends. 35 hours/week at \$14/hour.

**Groundskeeper:** Keep multiple Village owned properties mowed, clean and tidy. Assist other Public Works staff when required. Will be required to work most weekends. 35 hours/week at \$14/hour.

**Gardener:** Maintain flower beds, shrubs and planters. Flexible hours. Part time. \$14/hour. Start early May.

Full job descriptions available on the Village website. Send resumé and covering letter to the Village Clerk Treasurer, PO Box 220, Pugwash, NS B0K 1L0 or [villagecommission@pugwashvillage.com](mailto:villagecommission@pugwashvillage.com) by April 1st.



charge. We are grateful to our sponsors, the Government of Canada, the Municipality of Cumberland and the Village of Pugwash and our other supporters for allowing us to continue with this tradition.

not so-young swimmers in Pugwash and are much appreciated by the community.

The HarbourFest-Homecoming committee is pleased to announce that plans are being made for the 2022 season. Our main event will take place July 29-30, with a return of everyone's favourite activities, including the Homecoming dance, the soapbox derby, the Sinkers' Conference (cardboard boat race), golf across the harbour, a 5K race, live music and more.

Following last year's success, HarbourFest is hoping to add a series of concerts in Eaton Park, in addition to our usual weekend event. The HarbourFest Presents series would take place on weekends before and after HarbourFest, and will also be offered without charge.

The committee is looking forward to a return to activities, but will be following any Covid guidelines set by the provincial government.

A new feature to be added this year is 'Artists in the Park', a collaboration between Communities in Bloom, Pugwash Open Air Gallery and HarbourFest. As always, admission to most HarbourFest activities are free of

Plans are also underway to do much needed repairs to the Dinghy Beach docks in order to put them in place in the early summer. This year some fairly expensive components require replacement and the committee is actively seeking funding for this. The docks provide a safe environment for young and



Kirsteen Thomson



In 1951 the Village of Pugwash was the first community in North America to post bilingual street signs in English and Gaelic. In 2022 the Village of Pugwash will be the first community (that we know of) to have interactive signage in English and Gaelic. Look out for these signs through the Village to take you to a web page with audio files of how to pronounce Gaelic. Slainte!

Staff

### Spring Events

#### March

- 5th Chase the Ace (9)
- 8th International Women's Day
- 10th Bagpipe Day
- 12th Chase the Ace (9)
- 13th Daylight savings time starts
- 14th Commonwealth Day
- 14th Pi Day
- 14th Village Commission meeting (12)
- 16th Erev Purim
- 17th St Patrick's Day
- 18th Holi
- 20th Spring starts
- 19th Chase the Ace (9)
- 21st International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
- 26th Chase the Ace (9)
- 31st International Transgender Day of Visibility

#### April

- 1st April Fools Day
- 1st Village summer job applications due (6)
- 2nd Ramadan begins
- 2nd Chase the Ace (9)
- 5th Dandelion Day
- 6th Tartan Day
- 9th Chase the Ace (9)
- 11th Village Commission meeting (12)
- 13th Ramadan starts
- 14th International Day of Pink
- 15th Good Friday
- 16th Passover
- 16th Chase the Ace (9)

#### April continued ...

- 17th Easter
- 22nd Earth Day (4)
- 23rd Great Garbage Challenge (3)
- 23rd Chase the Ace (9)
- 28th Holocaust Remembrance Day
- 30th Chase the Ace (9)

#### May

- No Mow May (3)
- 1st Ramadan ends
- 2nd Eid-al-Fitr
- 5th Cinco de Mayo
- 7th Chase the Ace (9)
- 8th Mother's Day
- 11th Commission Nomination Day (12)
- 9th Village Commission meeting (12)
- 14th Chase the Ace (9)
- 15th Spring bird count (4)
- 18th Women's Institute - Public Information session 9-12pm (5)
- 20/21 Memoir Writing workshop (2)
- 21st Farmers Market opens for the season (2)
- 23rd Victoria Day
- 21st Chase the Ace (9)
- 25th Nominations for Commissioner close (12)
- 25th Women's Institute - Public Information session 9-12pm (5)
- 26th Village Annual General Meeting (112)
- 28th Chase the Ace (9)

#### June

- 1st Women's Institute - Public Information session (5)
- 4th Pugwash Village Commission Election Day
- 4th Chase the Ace (9)
- 13th Village Commission meeting (12)
- 19th Father's Day

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

Most religious, public and secular holidays are listed.



From: Denise Corey, Chief Librarian,

## March Break Fun!

Our virtual March Break kicks off on March 14th, but advanced registration starts March 1st!

Take and Make kit pickup will start Friday, March 11th. Make sure you call your local branch to secure Take and Make kits to enjoy some major March Break fun.

The schedule is as follows:  
Monday, March 14th: Take Home - Family Challenge Bag and March Break Activity Bingo

Tuesday, March 15th: Take and Make: Pet Portrait Keychains and Virtual Puppet Show

Wednesday, March 16th: Take and Make: Painted Wooden Shapes and Teen Take and Make: Painted Tree Silhouette

Thursday, March 17th: Take and Make: Bamboo Treasure Box and Fizzing Shamrock Experiment.

Friday, March 18th: Take and Make: Spiral Suncatcher and Edible Playdough

Make sure to keep an eye on our Facebook page for Take and Make tutorials and other March Break videos!

Check our Calendar of Events on the Cumberland Public Libraries' website to see the other fantastic programs lined up for the spring and summer: [www.cumberlandpubliclibraries.ca](http://www.cumberlandpubliclibraries.ca)

You can also follow us on  
Twitter: @CumberlandPL,  
Instagram: @Cumberland\_pl  
Facebook: CumberlandPublicLibraries

## North Cumberland Historical Association (NCHA)

We continue to protect and preserve records for the district area serviced by the Pugwash High School. We are open by appointment from 1 to 4pm on Fridays on the 2nd floor of the old train station.

It has been a quiet but productive winter. We have been revising our cemetery information by including many who are not listed in our book. We now have an index with both last and first names. We are also making note of those for whom we have an obituary.

We are indexing scrapbooks and making an alphabetical listing of those who are included in them.

We now have a digital collection of our maps.

We are working on updating and documenting family files using material now on line and that collected by Katherine Dickson.

We have two new volunteers in Brenda Macdonald and Darlene MacPherson. We can always use more help.

We are always looking for scrapbooks or any old documents such as deeds, family group photos, diaries, information on houses. Please have a look in your house or old barns or sheds for these valuable documents from the past. People sometimes come in and say that they were going to throw all this old stuff out, but please let us go through it first!

Dianne Elliott

## Notes From the Village Hall

The Village Hall has been kept open as much as possible in the past two years and we look forward to easing our access restrictions along side those easing at the provincial level.

The Village Office is always a busy spot. We are looking for summer staff, organizing the Gathering of the Clans and looking at recreation programming. If you want to join the team, please check out the employment information on page 6.

It is budget planning and grant writing time. Capital items already approved include a fully accessible washroom that will be available 24/7 from the Black Street side of the Village Hall. The Village has also committed to adding to the playground area, purchasing equipment for the Harbourfront Centre and sprucing up the Public Works building (the old fire hall).

The Village budget is limited but we are always open to help or suggestions for projects or programs.

The Village works with all other levels of government to express Village residents' voices in their concerns. Most recently we have been working with Nova Scotia Public Works (previously known as DoT or TIR) on a number of items. This spring there will be a few changes on parking restrictions and intersection stop lines. Please be mindful of these changes when they come along.

The province is working on improving the aging storm drainage infrastructure. This will be a long term and costly project. Happily, once this problem is fixed, the Village will be in a much better position to start working on new sidewalks. In the meanwhile, the Village is looking for financial help to repair the sidewalks we already have. Other subjects under review are crosswalk locations and changes in speed limits.

Join us on the second Monday of the month for regular Village meetings See page 12 for more information.

Staff





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## Royal Canadian Legion Peace Branch 60

Ken Cameron

**Darts - 5-10pm Fridays**  
**Chase the Ace Every Saturday.**

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

**Bingo - will start in April**  
**Canteen: 902.243.2123**

**Bar hours: 2-6pm Saturdays only**

Normal hours will resume once restrictions are lifted.

New members always welcome.



## Pugwash Ground Search and Rescue

Pugwash Ground Search and Rescue responds at any hour and in any weather when called to duty. The winter months have been busy with a number of search callouts. The team continues to build capacity and hone their skills through training exercises at our base on King Street, Pugwash.

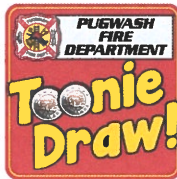
The team recently purchased 2 portable AED devices to help serve the community. Fundraising for the volunteer-run organization has been challenging during Covid times. Support for PGSAR can be made through a Rafflebox 50-50 online draw ([www2.rafflebox.ca/raffle/nssar/15](http://www2.rafflebox.ca/raffle/nssar/15)) or direct donation.

We are currently welcoming new members of all skill levels and backgrounds to fill many roles within the group. We meet monthly online or at our headquarters on King Street in Pugwash and provide training in map reading, compass navigation, GPS and search techniques.

If you are interested in joining a fun and diverse group, please reach out to [pugwash\\_gsar@hotmail.com](mailto:pugwash_gsar@hotmail.com).

Amy Tizzard

## Pugwash and District Volunteer Fire Department



The Pugwash Fire Department's 50/50 Toonie continues through the pandemic. The number of drop boxes has changed over the last few months, here is the up to date list: Sunrise Country Market Port Howe, Langille's Automotive, Scotia Bank, O'Brien's Pharmacy, Pugwash Kwik Way, Langille's Esso, Sheryl's Bakery & Café, The Lantern Restaurant, Crossroads, and the Sunset Community (for employees only).

Our website is getting plenty of hits, players are checking 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. Please check out our site at [pugwashfire.tooniedraw.ca](http://pugwashfire.tooniedraw.ca)

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

You can still contact us at [pugwashfiretoonie2016@gmail.com](mailto: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 will be welcome to come along to the Fire Station to witness the draw after the pandemic. Today we are recording each draw on a 30 second movie, if anyone would like to see it we can provide a copy.

The weekly drawn number is also 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.

with this fundraising initiative and wish you good luck in the weekly draws. Check out our website at [pugwashfire.tooniedraw.ca](http://pugwashfire.tooniedraw.ca)

Andy Yarrow, Fire Chief

## Good News from your Municipal Councilor!

Pugwash and area has been waiting a long time for a new library. Last week the Municipality issued a Request for Proposals for the design and construction of a new library.

The preliminary budget for the new facility is \$2 million, with \$1.5 million being funded by the municipality and the balance, \$500,000, coming from the community in the form of fund raising, potential sale of naming rights and/or an area rate.

The building will be based on the most recent conceptual plan provided by consultants A49. There is no doubt that this has been a long time coming but Municipal Council was of the opinion that it was time to just get it done.

The RFP closes April 7, 2022. At this time, assuming an acceptable proposal is received and it's within budget, the RFP calls for completion of the project in the fall of 2022.

Councilor Jennifer Houghtaling

# Cumberland Trails Association

The old spur line/Pugwash Branch abandoned rail trail has a new name! Signage will go up in the Spring identifying this important link to the Trans Canada Trail as the "Pugwash Salt Express." A system map and initial information panels will also be installed at the new trailhead opposite Cunningham Construction on Crowley Road.

CrossRoads Cycle is also a great area to park in the back left of their parking lot. A trail connects from the back left corner of their property. Residents and visitors have en-

joyed the trail with snowmobiles, skies, snowshoes and hiking books this winter and we thank the Route Six Snowmobile Club for grooming and installing the new bridge at Hackney Creek. Donors from far and wide helped build the arch bridge at Docherty Creek.

Future plans hope to see a wash-room installed and fine granite surfacing on the trail from Crowley Road to Pugwash Junction. We hope to resume guided hikes in late March.

Greg Nix

## Pugwash Yacht Club News

We are certainly a few months away from having docks and boats in the water but we have been busy nonetheless.

The PWYC Board met with representatives of the red Cumberland Business Connector to solidify our vision, mission, and strategic plan.

We recently engaged Forward Creative, a Pugwash based company, to build a website and develop a brand.

PWYC has a contract with Clean Foundation to assist us in determining appropriate offsetting measures necessary to acquire ministerial approval for dredging from the Dept. Of Fisheries and Oceans.

For any inquiries regarding the PWYC please send email to: [pugwashyachtclub@gmail.com](mailto:pugwashyachtclub@gmail.com)

Deborah Cameron, PWYC Commodore

## It Takes a Village Newsletter

Published quarterly in March, June, September and December. The deadline for our next issue is **May 20th**.

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](mailto: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>

## Mixed Palette Art Group

This fun group is a great way to spend Thursday mornings at the Pugwash Village Hall. No fee. Bring your own materials.

There is much to learn and we have lots of laughs.

Heather Cunningham



## Need Help Filing your Tax Return?

Joanne Hauser is a registered volunteer with the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP) with Revenue Canada.

Income tax filing is FREE if your income limit is \$35,000 for single person or \$45,000 for a couple. For people who do not qualify for the volunteer program, the fee is \$45.

Contact Joanne directly to book an appointment. Call 902.890 0545 or e-mail: [joanne.hauser43@gmail.com](mailto:joanne.hauser43@gmail.com).

Staff

## New MLA Office in Pugwash

I am so pleased that the Pugwash Village Commission have agreed to rent me space in the Village Hall.

This new MLA office will be open on March 23rd. As an Independent MLA, I am permitted to have a Legislative office. Instead of having this in Halifax, I have chosen to have it in Pugwash.

When the Spring Legislative session is complete, I will be available for appointments in both Pugwash and Amherst office.

Please email me or call anytime. My staff and I are here to serve you, the people of Cumberland North.

Elizabeth.Smith-McCrossin@novascotia.ca. 902-661-2288 or 902-397-1600.

Elizabeth Smith-McCrossin, MLA

## New Courts to be Built at Sunset Community

The Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA) has officially announced the funding approval for twelve projects in Cumberland and Colchester Counties. Among the approved projects is the "Courts and Communities in Action" project to construct two tennis courts and four pickleball courts on the Sunset Community property.

The Courts and Community in Action committee comprised of Sunset Community and Northumberland Tennis and Pickleball Association (NTPA) representatives are working on other grant submissions and fundraising activities. A detailed engineered design plan is in place and a contract has been signed with Maritime Tennis/Nova fencing for the construction slated to begin this spring and completed by July. Our local fundraising efforts and communications strategy is in process.

We are reaching out to the local community for support with the construction of the new courts either with financial donations or in-kind services. If you choose to

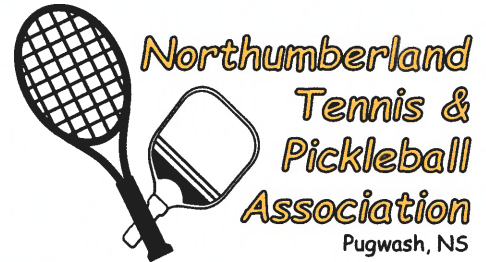
contribute here are the specifics for the procedure. Tax receipts will be issued by the Sunset Community; donations will go directly to the Sunset Community either by cheque or by e-transfer.

To pay by cheque: make cheque payable to 'The Sunset Community' and include a note that the donation is for the Tennis and Pickleball project. Send your cheque to the Sunset Community, 140 Sunset Lane, Pugwash, NS, B0K 1L0. To pay by e-



Sunset Park. Design by The Tennis Design Studio

transfer: Sunset's email is [sunsetarc@sunsetcommunity.ca](mailto:sunsetarc@sunsetcommunity.ca). Please



include a note with the e-transfer that the donation is for the Tennis and Pickleball courts project

Thank you to everyone for your commitment and support to this exciting project. This will be a state-of-the-art, fully accessible racquet facility, well serving the community for decades to come. If you have any questions please contact Mark Scott, CCIA Chair, [mmscott@sympatico.ca](mailto:mmscott@sympatico.ca), or Julie Hoeg, CEO of Sunset Community Inc., [jhoeg@sunsetcommunity.ca](mailto:jhoeg@sunsetcommunity.ca)

Best regards to all as we look forward to a brand new racquet facility accessible to all in summer, 2022!

Diane Burnham

## NCCC Members Mourn Loss of Founding Member

It is with sadness that Northumberland Community Curling Club (NCCC) announces the passing of one of our founding fathers and past chairperson, Allison Gillis, on February 18th. Al was a participant of the first planning meeting and member of the original steering committee and first Board of NCCC. He served as chair of the Board for 3 years and headed the Bar Committee for many years. He was an avid curler and willing participant in all activities of the club. Al will be greatly missed.

With the relaxing of many restrictions by the NS department of Health, curling has resumed play in most, if not all, respects. Spectators are again welcome to come in and watch play alt-

hough still following the limited stipulation of 75% of the capacity of the lounge. Morning Men & Ladies are in full swing under the leadership of George King and Brenda MacDonald. The Leagues are playing with slightly altered schedules and Little Rocks and Juniors have been welcomed back.

The Learn To Curl program has finished their 8 sessions and welcomed 15 graduates from the program. Once again the bar is open, although masks must be worn until seated. The tables are spaced 2 meters apart and sanitation is carried out once per day.

Congratulations are due to Beryl MacLean and the entire Board of NCCC for working diligently to maneuver curlers

through the difficult seasons of the COVID pandemic.

A funspiel has been scheduled for March 11th and 12th. The Codiac Cup has also been scheduled for April 8th and 9th with the closing BBQ to be held the following day on April 10. Plans will be finalized at the next Board meeting for the long postponed Annual General Meeting of the club.

With optimism and enthusiasm NCCC is moving forward.



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.

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

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

**Bill Martin** (902 614 3000 or bill.martin@pugwashvillage.com) lives on Church Street. Bill is a retired Baptist pastor and is the Pugwash Volunteer Fire Department chaplain.

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

**Sue Duncan** (902.243.2595) lives on Water Street. She and her husband Terry retired in 2017 and moved to Pugwash from Ottawa.

### 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](mailto:villagecommission@pugwashvillage.com)



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### Next Regular Commission Meetings

March 14th  
April 11th  
May 9th  
June 13th

**Annual General Meeting**  
Thursday, May 26th  
Meetings start at 7pm  
Village Hall Board Room

Did you know *It Takes a Village* newsletter goes out to over 800 local homes and is available at various downtown Pugwash locations? New: we are back to 12 pages per edition. Look for the version number for the most recent printing and on the website for the colour version.

## Village Commission Election Day 2022

Saturday, June 4th 9am to 7pm  
Two vacancies

Nomination papers will be available May 11th. Complete nomination papers must be delivered to the Village Clerk Treasurer by 4:30pm, Wednesday, May 25th. 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

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



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