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## Keep Safety in Mind With Hurricane Fiona Clean Up

Just three years after post tropical storm Dorian, the fury of Fiona far surpassed the ire of Dorian.

There was no known loss of life in the Village or area attributable to the storm, but there was damage to many homes, businesses and recreational facilities, including Eaton Park.

We ask that the public keep away from the boardwalk area until repairs and/or reconstruction are complete.

The loss of trees around the Village is probably in the hundreds. Some trees have been weakened and may yet fall down. Please keep aware of and avoid any damaged trees or structures. Do not

approach downed wires and report them to Nova Scotia Power.

The power is gradually being restored in Pugwash. For those still not connected to power, water and internet can be had at the Village Hall and at the old train station/Farmers Market.

As we all start to clean up the mess or cover over damaged roofs or sheds, a common scene is to not just see neighbour helping neighbour, but stranger helping stranger. In times of need, Mar-timers know how to step up and lend a hand. Thank you to all those who help and thank you for your patience while waiting for that help. Be Safe!

Staff

Residential property owners and tenants can apply for disaster financial assistance for damage or loss from Hurricane Fiona. For more information please go to page 2.

### North Cumberland Memorial Hospital Construction Update



Aerial photo supplied by NSH

Progress continued on the construction of the new North Cumberland Health Care Centre throughout the summer with the installation of the electrical and mechanical systems and the building's windows. Final connections have been completed to the geothermal piping on the inside of the building. Interior partitions to frame the rooms are now being built. Some masonry work is underway as well as construction of the retaining wall.

Construction should be finished in late winter/early spring of 2023. It is expected that staff and physicians will begin seeing patients and providing care in the new facility later in the spring. Follow the progress on Facebook by searching 'North Cumberland Memorial Hospital' or visiting <https://pugwashhealthcare.ca/>.

Nova Scotia Health, Communications

### Book of Condolence in Pugwash

A Book of Condolence will tour Cumberland County to then be sent to the family of her majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

The book will be available for the public to sign at the Pugwash Village Hall the week starting October 3rd. The Village will extend opening hours to 9am to 5pm during that week.

The book will be at the County offices in Upper Nappan for another week before being sent to Buckingham Palace.

Staff/Darrell Cole



Relief at Pugwash Fire Station Showers, food, tea, coffee and company is to be had at the Pugwash Fire Station for the next few days until wider areas of power has been restored.

Report downed lines or trees on line to NS Power call 1.877.428.6004



The giftshop and tourist welcome centre are now part of the newly renovated the Gatehouse.

Now visitors will go first to the Gatehouse where they will be greeted and given a review of the history of Thinkers Lodge and then they will walk over to see the Nobel and Lenin peace prizes.

This is a soft launch as we continue improving the Gatehouse and we look forward to our grand launch in the spring of 2023.

We will be serving flavoured teas and espresso on the Gatehouse deck.

We are open for tourists September and October, Tuesday through to Friday, ten to five.

Teresa Kewachuk

Visit the Pugwash Village website at www.pugwashvillage.com

Listings include local businesses, government services, volunteer organizations, contacts, history of the Village and events. New or updated appropriate content always welcome.

There are links to the Village social media and YouTube channel, to the Village staff and Commissioner contact information, to the Skedda booking system and the live webcam now giving us view of beautiful Pugwash Harbour.

Visit us anytime at pugwashvillage.com

## Disaster Financial Assistance for Hurricane Fiona Damage

Use the Disaster Assistance for Residential Property Application Form to apply for financial assistance for damage or loss to your residential property from Hurricane Fiona.

The Disaster Financial Assistance Program helps residential property owners and tenants with costs to repair or replace uninsurable, essential basic property loss (like appliances and furniture) due to Hurricane Fiona. The program is also available to small businesses and non-profits.

Repair and replacement costs for insured and insurable items (even if insurance wasn't purchased) are not eligible for assistance. Food lost due to Hurricane Fiona also isn't eligible for assistance.

Financial assistance provides up to \$200,000 for repair and replacement costs.

211 Nova Scotia can answer questions about the application process and help identify what information and supporting documents you need.

### Eligibility

Residential property owners can apply for financial assistance if:

- the damage occurred during Hurricane Fiona on 23 to 24 September 2022
- you don't have insurance to cover your entire loss
- you own the property
- the property is your primary residence

Residential property tenants can apply for financial assistance if:

- the damage occurred during Hurricane Fiona on 23 to 24 September 2022
- you rent or lease the property
- you lost contents of your rental unit

- you don't have insurance to cover your entire loss
- the property is your primary residence

You need to apply by 31 January 2023.

### How to apply

- Complete the Confirmation of Insurance Form and application form.
- Check the application for details on all required supporting documents.
- Send your completed application and supporting documents by mail.

It should take 6 to 8 weeks for the Emergency Management Office to review your application and let you know if you're receiving financial assistance. It can take longer if more information is needed or if your application hasn't been filled in correctly.

There is no cost to apply.

### Before you start

Make sure you have:

- name of insurance company, policy number, and agent's name and phone number
- photos of the damage, as well as any "before" photos if you have any
- itemized description of damage or loss and replacement cost estimates
- copy of your rental agreement, if applicable
- authorized representative of your insurance company available to complete and sign the Confirmation of Insurance Form

For more information and access to the various links to forms go to: <https://beta.novascotia.ca/disaster-financial-assistance-residential-property-owners-and-tenants-hurricane-fiona>

EMO, Province Nova Scotia





## The Busy Summer of 2022

Norene Smiley

Huge mulching work parties!  
Weeding  
planting up a

storm! Preparing for national judges, joining a national garden campaign and planning a community art extravaganza! Pugwash Communities in Bloom volunteers, new and old, met the challenges this summer. Their energy and dedication resulted in lush gardens, planters spilling over with petunias, lots of garden celebrations and artists descending on Eaton Park.

This July, Pugwash CIB was delighted to host National Communities in Bloom judges, Lorna McIlroy from Grande Prairie AB and Linda Tomlinson from Kelowna BC. During a two-day visit, judges were able to meet representatives from a number of local organizations and businesses, including Friends of the Pugwash Estuary, Cumberland Trails, Sunrise Greenhouses, KGB Recycling, HarbourFest, Open Hamper Food Bank, Pugwash Open Air Gallery, the Tennis/Pickleball Assoc., Sport Pugwash, Bill Mundle Marina, Thinkers Lodge, and many more. Representatives of all three levels of government outlined how our community is administered and funded for new projects including the hospital, Harbourfront Centre Stage, library and tennis/pickleball facility. Pugwash will receive judges' recommendations in late October during the National CIB Symposium.

As our part in *THE YEAR OF THE GARDEN 2022*, a nation-wide program, we offered a number of informative and fun events in our community:

- **CELEBRATION OF GARDENS 2022**

*Celebration of Gardens* recognizes and celebrates gardens and the hard work of gardeners in our beautiful village and surrounding area. Container gardens, vegetable gardens and children's gardens...all being acknowledged. The public was invited to nominate gardens by submitting photos and brief descriptions, gardens were visited and featured on CIB's Facebook page in August.

- **SCHOOL GARDENS**

Cyrus Eaton Elementary students planted seeds in their classroom, tending to them and watching them grow this past school year. In the spring they were busy in the gar-

dens, weeding and getting the soil ready to plant their seeds and transplants. During the summer the produce from the various fruit trees and plants was available for the community to pick and enjoy. A group of enthusiastic children from the village, under the guidance a dedicated CIB volunteer, have been busy planting seeds and tending to the gardens during the summer months. They are hoping to have flowers to pick and share soon!

- **'TAKE ME' FLOWERS**

This small but thoughtful, and much appreciated, effort saw a number of bouquets of flowers pop up in the village. Delighted 'finders' were encouraged to take these beautiful gifts home, compliments of CIB.

- **LOVE THIS TREE**

The public was encouraged to share photos of their favourite trees and tell us why on the CIB Facebook page. Our volunteers have been busy in the last few years identifying and planting trees in our village. Paying attention to and protecting the health our trees is a priority of Pugwash CIB.

- **OPEN GARDENS**

Garden lovers were invited to visit three outstanding gardens in our area one hot Saturday in July. Seventy-seven visitors toured gardens on the Gulf Shore (Liz Clarke), Pleasure Cove (Vandewiels) and Prince Albert St. (Valerie Brown) in Pugwash and get pointers and recommendations from experienced gardeners.

- **ASK A GARDENER SERIES**

July was also an opportunity to visit gardeners with expertise in growing perennials (Debbie Cameron), vegetables (Dot Pal at the Open Hamper Community Garden) and native plants (Gerald Gloade, Mi'kmawey Debert Cultural Centre) in coordination with the Pugwash Farmers' Market.

As part of our Pugwash Open Air Gallery initiative, CIB partnered with Pugwash HarbourFest to host *'ART IN THE PARK'* on July 30 in Eaton Park. The focus was on the joy of creating art and featured local artists and artisans and their creations. Activities included:

Art Demo Tent - Six Artists demonstrated their creative process and shared information in a free, safe, collaborative environment under a tent in the middle of the community festival. All ages took

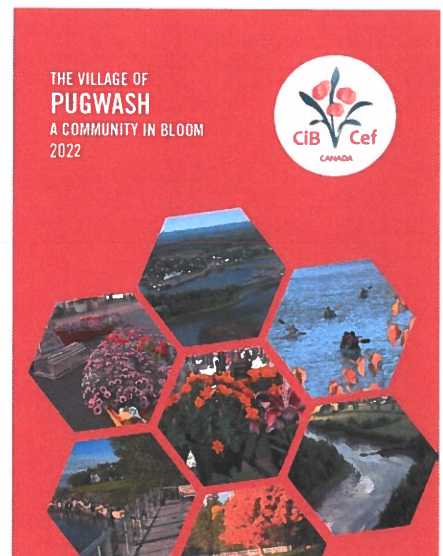
part in hands-on art-making; asked questions; learned techniques; tried new art mediums. Pottery, tapestry, hooking, painting, natural dying and photography was represented. In addition, one artist received the public at his home gallery.

- **Tie a Knot for Peace** - the public was invited to 'write a message for peace' on colourful ribbons and tie them to a new steel Peace Sculpture in Eaton Park. This reinforced Pugwash's history in the peace movement as well as enabled the public to participate in creating the art installation.

**Guided Art Tour** - visitors toured the art installations on a eight-passenger cart pulled by an antique tractor, with guided commentary, learning about the work of local artists included in the Pugwash Open Air Gallery. Visitors to the village could also take their own self-guided walking tour using POAG maps.

**Artful Trees** - seven organizations and businesses decorated trees, adding creative whimsy to Eaton Park.

Pugwash Communities in Bloom is a proactive, energetic community organization proud of its collaborations with the Village, businesses and other non-profit organizations to make Pugwash a great place to live. If you would like join us, email [mdleahey@icloud.com](mailto:mdleahey@icloud.com).



The CIB community profile book, developed as part of the entry for the national competition, is available online at the Village website



Friends of the  
Pugwash Estuary

The Friends of the Pugwash Estuary (FOPE) enjoyed the great weather this summer which contributed to the success of our events and activities.

FOPE Started July with a float in the Canada Day Parade and manned a booth for the Gathering of the Clans.



FOPE Flotilla, July 2022. Photo supplied

The FOPE Flotilla on July 16th was a great success with perfect weather, 56 paddlers in canoes and kayaks, a great BBQ under the direction of Doug Hunt and wonderful music by the Abandoned House Band. Clean Foundation attended as well with a booth explaining the work they do, and will be doing with FOPE, to restore and stabilize salt marshes along the North Shore of NS. FOPE thanks everyone who took part and contributed to the success of this event.

FOPE was pleased to welcome the children and councillors from Maggie's Place in Amherst for their Wilderness Day Camp during the week of July 18th. They all reported enjoying the opportunity to experience and learn from nature. Thanks also to Sarah Wit-

## FOPE is active throughout the seasons

Betty Hodgson

ney for sharing her knowledge and skills.

FOPE was also very pleased to welcome the judges from the Communities in Bloom organization for a visit to Estuary House, to learn about FOPE and our mandate to be involved in the community and with CIB. In August we were also pleased to have a visit from Becky Parker, the Co-ordinator for Nature NS to discuss how Nature NS can assist us with our plans for the future.

Thanks to a very generous donation, FOPE was able to stabilize and restore our building beside Estuary House. Our plans for this building include developing it as an interpretive centre which would house themed displays about the Pugwash Estuary, it's natural and human history. This work will continue over the next several years and will require ongoing summer employment opportunities and fund-raising efforts. Our trails continue to be used on a daily basis and require ongoing maintenance and development, and our boat launch has been used more this summer. FOPE welcomes increased interactions with nature but we need to increase awareness as well of the need to protect and preserve our natural environment.

The Fall Migratory Bird Count was on September 18th at Estuary House and a Fall Colours Flotilla, is tentatively scheduled for October 8th.

To contact FOPE please visit our web site: [www.pugwashestuary.com](http://www.pugwashestuary.com); our email site: [pugwash.estuary@gmail.com](mailto:pugwash.estuary@gmail.com) or Facebook at Friends of the Pugwash Estuary.

### Pugwash Village Hall

Winter 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

### Pugwash Visitor Information Centre

September to May  
Monday - Friday  
Open by chance or appointment  
Call 902.243.2946

Printing services, free wifi 24/7  
124 Water Street, Pugwash

### Baile Pugwash, sa Ghaidhlig

Look out for these little signs posted around the Village. The QR code will take you to a page where you can hear how to pronounce our street names, sayings, other places and items around the Village. In 1951, the Village of Pugwash was the first community in North America to post bilingual street signs in English and Gaelic. Now we have a tool to remind us how to pronounce them. Slainte!

Pugwash Harbour  
webcam



A rather grey day as viewed from the Village's new webcam. Looking west to catch some of our stupendous sunsets. There is a link on the front page of the village website or go to: <https://www.pugwashvillage.com/ftp/HARBOUR%20CAMERA/pugwashhabourentrance.jpg>





## Pugwash's new library will soon be a reality

Work on \$2.198-million facility is continuing near the intersection of Highway 6 and Durham Street and should be completed by the end of October with the library opening in early 2023. The 3,700-square-foot library is being built by Iron Maple Constructors and will replace the library in that has called the village's former train station home since 1988.



Construction progress as of 20th September 2022. Photo: Darrel Cole

Cumberland County Mayor Murray Scott said council made the decision to move forward with the project because it's something that's needed and will serve people along the North Shore. "I believe this is more than a library, it will be a gathering place for the community," the mayor said. "A great deal of credit has to be given to the fundraising committee and the community for the support offered to this great project already." The project is the culmination of a process that began eight years ago, in 2014, when the Pugwash Library Centre Feasibility Study and Concept Design was developed.

The need for a community library has been highlighted for several years: before the 2014 Pugwash Centre Feasibility Study and Concept Design was developed, it was established that building a new library was one of the key community priorities.

The current library is very small, at only 802 square feet, with limited storage and circulation

space around library stacks. It is not accessible for those using wheelchairs, strollers and walkers, and it lacks programming space, computers, staffing space, storage and sufficient washroom facilities.

In the Cumberland Public Libraries' facilities review, the Pugwash Library was the only one of seven libraries to be classified as being in "poor" condition.

The Pugwash library, despite its current condition, is a remarkably well-used community asset. As of 2019, almost all Pugwash residents are members of the library, a measurable endorsement of the facility and value the community has for its public library. "There have been a couple of different versions of what this was going to be. This has come together quickly from completing and issuing the RFP in March, awarding the contract in April and design and detail

plans starting in May. It's a priority for the county and it's happening."

Cumberland County's chief librarian Denise Corey is thrilled with progress. "We're very excited and will be thrilled to move into the new library," Corey said. She said the new building, which is four times larger than the existing library, will provide so much more opportunity for the community. For example, she said, the new library will include program space – something the existing one doesn't have. "Right now, the book club can only meet when the library is closed because there just isn't the space," Corey said. "The opportunities are almost endless."

The Municipality of the County of Cumberland is providing \$1.5 million with the community expected to raise \$500,000. "The community has really supported the project and the fundraisers have almost raised the community's portion of the funding," Corey said. "That says a lot about the community and what a new library means to it."

# Gathering OF THE CLANS

The 70<sup>th</sup> Pugwash Gathering of the Clans and Canada Day, also celebrating 70 years reign of Queen Elizabeth II, was very successful. After a two year hiatus, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all normal events and competitions went ahead.

The day started with the Highland Dance competitions on the Harbourfront stage for the first time and ended with Dave Gunning and his son playing the Harbourfront Centre and fabulous fireworks – probably the biggest display Pugwash has ever seen.

The parade was as large as any could remember for a long time. The winners were:

#### Commercial

- 1st Cunningham Construction
- 2nd By the Bay Farm
- 3rd The Elm Tree

#### Non-commercial

- 1<sup>st</sup> George Lockhart
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Pugwash Communities in Bloom
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Friends of the Pugwash Estuary

#### Antique Vehicles

- 1st John and Nellie VandeWeil
- 2nd Alvin MacAulay
- 3rd #12

#### Most Original/Humorous:

The Royal Funny Farm

The Parade Marshals were Shirley White and Irene King who are the longest serving members of the Rebekah Spray, Pugwash.

There were 80 Highland Dancers competing PHC stage through the morning. The winner of the much-prized Bonny Gael Memorial Trophy was Gwendolyn Henderson of Truro, NS. The judge was Ann Landry from Grande Digue, NB.

There were two pipe and drum bands this year, both from Cape Breton University. The Corrections Canada band entered the parade but did not compete. There were 9 pipers and 1 drummer who registered for a total of 28 solo competition events. Updated numbers from field entries are pending.

## Double Jubilee Celebrations on July 1st

The heavyweight games were held again at the Cyrus Eaton Elementary school playgrounds.

The midway games and rides were unavailable. They were replaced by inflatable activity area which was very popular. Just as the Midway charged for entry to their rides and paid the GOC a percentage as a vendor fee, this year there were wristbands to be purchased for unlimited entry or one-ride-only tickets. The GOC broke even on costs. Now we have explored this area of entertainment we can prepare and plan on an expansion of the kinds of inflatables and activities, reaching a wider audience in a cost effective way.

With the addition of beach toys and bubbles, the volleyball court became a very popular sand pit, entertaining youngsters for free all day.

26 vendors registered for the day. Four didn't show. Most of the vendors were new to the festival, COVID having taken its toll on many others.

Many antique cars and tractors joined the parade and stayed to be admired while parked at Mundle's Funeral Home.

The Opening Ceremony was held on the Pugwash Harbourfront Centre (PHC) in English and French. Competition and parade winners were announced from the stage and those present were awarded their prizes. A delicious, giant birthday cake was donated by Donna Guthro. Dr Stephen Ellis, MP helped cut the cake and distribute to the appreciative crowd. The new interpretive Gaelic signs project



was unveiled (See page 4). Many people were pleased to see the old tam at the back of the stage for the day. The old cut

outs are very fragile. We are working on a solution to safely restore or reproduce them for more frequent display.

The entertainment at the PHC were Paul Randy Mingo, Alycia Putnam and family, Christina Martin and Dale Murray and finally Dave Gunning with his son. The fireworks, in colours representing the Double Jubilee theme of the day, were set off around 10pm.

The gates were run by volunteers from several local organizations. Advance sales and the six gates took in \$20,103, from the sale of 4,300 wristbands. This was about 85% of our usual numbers.

Thank you to the 120 or more volunteers that helped the day go smoothly and coped with a very different festival this year. All the various events, parade security, the gates and bankers are all run by volunteers and all deserve big thanks!

Paid help also helped make the day run smoothly and professionally: Hub City Sound (sound and lights), Scotty Brown (stage manager), the competition judges and HRM Inflatables staff.

Thanks also go to the many sponsors whose generosity help make this historic event a success. There were fewer Bronze sponsors this year but more Silver and Gold level sponsors. They make a tremendous difference in keeping this festival going.

A Ceilidh in the Park was planned for Saturday July 2<sup>nd</sup> but was cancelled due to rain and high winds.

Advance sales at the Visitor Information Centre improved again this year and we see that as a useful means of selling wristbands in the future.

Preparations and meetings for next year's event are already under way. Many hundreds of paid and volunteer time goes into a successful festival. Ideas and help are always welcome.

Staff



## The 16th ANNUAL HARBOURFEST HOMECOMING 2022

The Pugwash HarbourFest Homecoming Committee would like to thank all of the community groups, volunteers, sponsors, supporters, the Village of Pugwash, the Municipality of Cumberland, the Province and the Federal Government, and of course the families, friends, and visitors who took part in the 16th Annual Pugwash HarbourFest weekend this year to make the event a great success. We hope everyone had a wonderful time!

have others get involved, share ideas, and be a part of the fun planning.

Our AGM is being held at 6pm, September 27th, in the lobster factory, and we welcome any new volunteers and members of the community to this event. It is open to the public.



After pandemic restrictions we were all so very hopeful that the summer of '22 was going to be back to normal and it was!



Sinkers' Conference. Photo supplied.

Canoe Jousting. Photo supplied.

Thousands of people had a great time enjoying the many activities

and events at the Pugwash waterfront, on the Harbourfront stage, and around the village at other venues.

Please contact us at [harbourfest1@gmail.com](mailto:harbourfest1@gmail.com) if you would like to express your interest or have questions. We are also excited to announce that we will have a new website this year! Don't forget to follow us on Facebook for all of our updates.

Soon we'll be making plans for 2023 and we are looking for people to join our committee. We have a great group of people behind the scenes working to pull it all together and would love to

Thanks Everyone!  
Pugwash HarbourFest Homecoming Committee



### Pugwash Yacht Club Busy Pugwash Summer

July, in particular, kept PWYC volunteer members very active. We participated in the July 1st parade.

From July 18th to the 22nd PWYC hosted the Nova Scotia Mobile Sailing School. Twelve youth aged 8 – 12 years learned all the basics of sailing. The school was a tremendous success and PWYC intends to offer this program in 2023.

We finished July by offering boat tours during Pugwash HarbourFest. The number of folks interested in a tour exceeded our expectations – another successful event.

We have had a record number of visiting boats this year, thanks in part to our new website, [pugwashyachtclub@gmail.com](mailto:pugwashyachtclub@gmail.com).

From the marina we have a clear view of the new library construction. As community members, we celebrate all the effort required to make this happen. As we continue to navigate towards a major expansion at our Club, we look forward to our turn to celebrate!

Deborah Cameron



Sailing school students on Crescent Beach, Pugwash. Photo supplied



If you've ever wondered how to build a battery using saltwater or make ice cream with rock salt, mark your calendar for the **Salty Dog Festival** at the Pug-

wash Farmers' Market on October 7th and 8th. The two-day festival celebrates our fishing heritage, salt mining industry, and our enormous love for dogs.

Mark your calendar for the **Farmers' Olympics** on Saturday, October 8 at the Market. Kids aged 5-12 can try fun challenges organized by our friends at The Adventure Therapy Project. Registration is required in advance, and only 12 spaces are available per activity.

The event kicks off with a Friday night market featuring 40 vendors and artisans and a free community dinner featuring vegetable soup, biscuits, and desserts made with local ingredients. The next day will see an extended farmers' market with entertainment that includes live music, a Mad Science show, salty science activity stations, a dog costume parade, and a free dog family photo booth. Visit [www.saltydogfest.ca](http://www.saltydogfest.ca) for details.



It's almost **holiday market** season – we're planning a festive outdoor market on November 19 from 11:00 to 3:00. (Stay tuned for details on another market in early December!) Oh, and while you're thinking of gifts, you can now order a Pugwash Farmers' Market t-shirt on our website – choose from 42 colours and sizes from XS-4XL.

Our regular market is open Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. until October 8. Follow us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/](http://www.facebook.com/)

Rebecca Taylor

[pugwashfarmersmarket](http://pugwashfarmersmarket.com) and visit our website at [www.pugwashfarmersmarket.com](http://www.pugwashfarmersmarket.com)

### A Message from your Councillor Pugwash is growing!

Being an active member of the community, I have been experiencing this in many ways. When I was elected, I read several plans and studies with the message that our area is declining in population, and we must make decisions based on that information, but over the past two years we have grown substantially and now the conversation seems to be how do we keep up?

Our little Village is full of amazing organizations that contribute to the magic of living here but we need new energy and enthusiasm from especially our new residents!

Please reach out to me if you are new to the area and would like to be part of growing our community and I can connect you with a group that aligns with what you are passionate about.

Are you concerned about flooding in your home? Check out the assistance you could get from <https://www.aet98.com/>. Go to Home Flood Protection under their tab "Services"

Jennifer Houghtaling

### A message from your MLA

Elizabeth Smith-McCrossin

The Village of Pugwash is seeing a great deal of construction and I am proud that the province is playing a huge role. The construction of our new hospital is on schedule and on budget! Nova Scotia Health is actively recruiting physicians for the area. A big thank you to all the local health leaders that keep a daily watch on the progress of this new hospital.

The province has provided funding for the new tennis courts, helped with funding for HarbourFest and Gathering of the Clans as well as new Gaelic signs for the Village.

I am continuing to work on getting provincial revenue to assist with the local Yacht Club to assist with their planned growth. This will bring more people to our Village and help support our local businesses.

There is very positive energy and people are seeing our potential.

There is still a lot of work to do, especially with regards to the roads. I am working on getting a new storm drainage system for the Village and many other local roads repaired. Roadsides and bush cutting are in great need here and throughout the entire province.

The rising cost of living and high rate of inflation is causing huge financial stressors for many families and individuals. I am advocating for our province to provide some tax relief. Please help others in need when you are able. I am very concerned about those who cannot afford housing and are living unsheltered and without adequate food.

Thank you to every citizen that is working to make our community stronger and healthier in every way including economically. Please contact me anytime, I am here to serve.

I have an office in the Village Hall and you can call 902-661-2288 to schedule an appointment.





PREPARING FOR THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY  
ON SE PRÉPARE POUR LE 21<sup>È</sup> SIÈCLE

## Royal Canadian Legion Peace Branch 60

Ken Cameron

**Chase the Ace** Draw on Saturdays at 5:15pm. Ticket sales Thur. and Fri. during bar hours and until 5:00 PM Sat. You do not have to be there to win.

**Bingo** - 7pm Wednesdays

**Cribbage and Darts** - hope to start again in the Fall

**Canteen:** 902.243.2123

**Bar hours:** 2-6pm Thursday, Friday & Saturday

New members always welcome.  
Meetings are the first Thursday of the month

Facebook page is @Pugwash Legion Peace Branch 60

## Pugwash Volunteer Fire Department

It has been a busy summer for members of the Pugwash Volunteer Fire Department and we would like to thank our community for their support at our summer fundraisers, that included three sausage and pancake breakfasts, a bbq at Cruisin' to Crossroads, and our annual fishing tournament. Four of our members also participated in the HarbourFest 5km run, in full turnout gear to raise funds for the Nova Scotia Fire Fighters Burn Treatment Society.

Last summer we began fundraising for an off-road rescue vehicle. We are expecting to receive our new side-by-side this September! Our new side-by-side could not have been bought without you, as it will be entirely paid for using funds raised at our events and the provincial 50/50. Stay tuned to our Facebook page for its arrival.

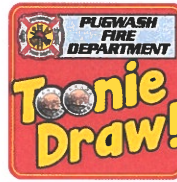
Coming up on October 27th is our next Roast Beef Take-out Dinner. Tickets will be available from any member of the Pugwash Fire Department and more details will be available soon. We thank you for your support at all previous takeout suppers, and look forward to feeding you again soon.

As always, thank you for supporting our Weekly Toonie Draw and for selecting Pugwash when purchasing tickets for the Provincial 50/50.

If you have ever wondered what it would be like to join your local fire department stop in at the station any Wednesday evening at 7pm. Or if you are interested in helping with fundraising contact [pvfdfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:pvfdfundraising@gmail.com) for more information

Amy Laird

## Pugwash and District Volunteer Fire Department



The Pugwash Fire Department's 50/50 Toonie Draw continues in the community and surrounding areas. We have 9 drop boxes situated at Sunrise Country Market Port Howe, Langille's Service Station, Scotia Bank, O'Brien's Pharmacy, Pugwash Kwik Way, Langille's Esso, Sheryl's Bakery & Café, Lantern Restaurant, and the Sunset Community (for employees only).

Our website gets plenty of hits where players can check if they are about to run out of money. It also shows our weekly winners, and an up to date list of rules. Please check out our site at [pugwash-fire.tooniedraw.ca](http://pugwash-fire.tooniedraw.ca)

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](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 between 6-7pm. 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 group page at Pugwash Fire Department Toonie Draw and is published on our 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.

Andy Yarrow, Fire Chief



## Pugwash Ground Search and Rescue

Warmer weather is (sporadically!) upon us, and with it more opportunities to take to the woods camping, hiking and taking advantage of living in one of the prettiest corners of the world. PGSAR wants to remind you of a few basic tips before you leave the beaten path or head out on a wilderness adventure:

- Tell someone where you'll be and when you'll be there.
- Have a knife and compass, a whistle and means to make fire, and plenty of water.
- Synthetics and wool fibres will keep you warm in cool over-nights and rain, cotton won't.
- Pack for what could happen, not what you hope will happen.

This list is by no means complete. If you want to know more, we'd love to tell you. We're always welcoming new members. All that's required is attending two short meetings a month, and a commitment to join searches when you can. Learn orienteering, first aid, and outdoors skills with a friendly group of people. We can be reached at: [pugwash\\_gsar@hotmail.com](mailto:pugwash_gsar@hotmail.com)

Amy Tizzard

## Cumberland Trails Association

The Association has been busy selling calendars as our major fundraiser this summer. Thank you so much for continuing to support trail development in the area! The fine granite surfacing is nearing completion

On the Trans Canada Trail (Old Shortline) connecting Oxford to Tatamagouche, Scotsburn and Pictou. We hope to complete fine granite surfacing on the Pugwash Branch (Pugwash Salt Express) and the Wallace Branch (Wallace Quarry Branch Trail) this Fall. Having a high quality, multi-use trail 106 kms stretching from Oxford to Pictou while linking our lovely coast communities of Pugwash, Wallace and River John will be enjoyed by many. Note: to find parking, we have 4 trail-heads in various states of development: Oxford Water Street; Crowley Rd (opposite Cunningham Construction); Wallace Bridge Station and Wallace Ballfield.

All of these areas will be plowed in winter by volunteers. Thanks again for your kind donations and volunteer support!

Greg Nix

## Sunset Industries Laundry Services Has Busy Summer

The new laundry service at Sunset Industries has had a very busy summer. The workshops on Crowley Road report a surge in summer traffic along with the return of cottagers kept them hopping at Sunset Industries. We've been busy since May.

Laundry services are available Monday to Friday each week. Customers drop off their clothes and linens and the crew at the Industries provide a wash, dry, and fold service for \$8 per load. Same day service is available or pick up the next day.

Sunset expanded their laundry service last fall, upgrading from three washers and dryers to 6 washers and 8 dryers, more than doubling daily capacity. For more information people can call the laundry at 902-243-2481

Randy Thompson

## It Takes a Village Newsletter

Published quarterly in March, June, September and December. The deadline for our next issue is **November 21st** in order to print and distribute before Christmas-by-the Sea December 2nd.

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>

### 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

## Wallace Wentworth Pugwash and Area Community Health Board (CHB)

We are proud to partner with the Pugwash Farmers' Market by refinishing and painting two existing picnic tables. One is painted with the Progressive Pride Flag. The second displays the Mi'kmaq Grand Council Flag. We have enjoyed seeing market photos of many people using these tables.



Much of the Story Walk can be seen at the front of the train station. In the foreground is one of two bicycle racks recently purchased by Communities in Bloom. Photo: Staff

This poem can be found in the award-winning children's book about children's rights, "If You Could Wear My Sneakers". A series of humorous poems, paired with timeless illustrations by Darcia Labrosse, the book interprets 15 of the 54 articles of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. The illustrations on

this story walk have been drawn by our local students at the Cyrus Eaton Elementary School. Stay tuned for information about an event with the author.

Wellness Funds are for non-profit groups working to improve health in their communities and must address the health priorities identified by the Community Health Boards (CHBs) in their current community health plan. You can find the application at: [www.communityhealthboards.ns.ca/wellness-funds](http://www.communityhealthboards.ns.ca/wellness-funds)

If you have any questions or would like to join us, please

An 11 page Story Walk has been installed in front gardens of the Pugwash Public Library. The Sheree Fitch Poem "The Eloquent Young Elephant" was hand selected by the author, Sheree Fitch for the Village of Pugwash, honouring its contribution to the Peace movement.

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Twitter - @CumberlandCHB

Colleen Dowe



**NORTH CUMBERLAND MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUXILIARY**

At the PDHS Graduation in June, the Auxiliary was pleased to award bursaries to Jessica Brander and Megumi Ozawa who will be continuing their education in a medical-related field.

A social gathering for members and volunteers was held on July 19 at the Curling Club in celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Auxiliary Thrift Shop. There were also daily specials at the Shop on July 20, 21 and 23.

After a break from meetings for the summer, our auxiliary resumes meetings in September. We meet on the first Tuesday of the month (except for January, February, July and August) at 2PM in the hospital boardroom. New members are always welcome.

We appreciate the support for both instore shopping and our online auction. Our Thrift Shop hours are: Wednesday 1PM-4PM; Thursday 10AM- 4PM and Saturday 9AM-12Noon. The auction can be accessed through Facebook by typing in ncmhathriftshop.

Faye Moore

**PHOTO CONTEST**

August – End of October 2022  
Take photos of your local CPL branch and submit them for a chance to be featured on our website and socials!

Submit to: [information@cumberlandpubliclibraries.ca](mailto:information@cumberlandpubliclibraries.ca) or DM us on Instagram (@Cumberland\_PL)

Friday September 23  
**WOVEN YARN BUTTERFLY CRAFT**  
3PM. Grades P-6

Wednesday October 16  
**WHAT IS SAME PAGE? (ZOOM)**  
10:00AM-11:30AM

Learn how to use the new catalogue and how you can access books from all over Nova Scotia.  
10:00-11:30am  
Via Zoom  
Call 902-667-2459 or email [information@cumberlandpubliclibraries.ca](mailto:information@cumberlandpubliclibraries.ca) to register

Please call the library at 902-243-3331 for more information.

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

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Denise Corey

**Pugwash Library  
September to May  
hours**

Monday: 10am - 3pm  
Tuesday: noon - 5pm  
Wednesday: 2pm - 7pm  
Thursday: 2pm - 7pm  
Friday: noon - 5pm  
Saturday: 10am - 3pm  
Sunday: CLOSED

Phone: 902 243 3331

**Busy Winter Season Ahead for NCCC**

After a few very fractured years due to Covid restrictions, NCCC is hopeful this coming season will bring a sense of normalcy to its membership. Leagues return to 2 draws a night and the Men's League will have a new time, Monday evenings. Planning is underway for a Mixed Doubles League in early 2023.

The Board meeting Aug 17th covered several items, including Schedule of Events/League info/project updates. This info was emailed out to membership in late August.

As the Club's application for a grant to cover part cost of re-shingling the roof was not approved, a contract to install a

metal roof has been awarded. Work anticipated to commence early September. The Solar Panel Grant application was not approved.

It was decided to gift the club's surplus chairs to the Oxford Exhibition.

NCCC's Annual Housecleaning is scheduled for October 4th at 9am. Many hands make light work, there is no such thing as too many volunteers. A good turn out from our membership will be greatly appreciated.

Our club fundraising Dinner and Dance (2D) is booked for October 1. Members should have received their email about

this event. If you haven't, please check the NCCC Facebook page for details. Tickets go on sale soon.

NCCC's schedule for the upcoming few months:  
2D Event with *Derailed*: October 1  
Housecleaning: October 4 @ 9:00am  
Ice In: October 11-20  
Registration/Open House: October 24-27  
Opening Bonspiel: November 18-19  
Turkeyspiel: December 16-17  
Christmas Closure: December 23 to January 1



Debra Pike

### Pugwash Village Commissioners: Who are they?

Pugwash Village has five elected Commissioners who volunteer their time to help decide what is going on in YOUR Village. To be a Commissioner, you have to live within Village limits and willing to give up a little bit of time to work for the sake of all Village residents. Terms overlap, thus elections are held every year for one or two positions.

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

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

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

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

**Margie Anderson** (902 694 5133) lives on Water Street and is a retired PDHS teacher.

#### 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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Jennifer Houghtaling  
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#### Next Regular Commission Meetings

October 17th  
November 14th  
December 12th

Village Hall Board Room  
124 Water Street  
7pm

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.

### CN Train Station Strategic Planning Committee

The Village owned station will be vacated by the Pugwash Library in early 2023 when it moves into the new building just a little further up Durham Street.

A committee of the Village Commission, Farmers' Market and North Cumberland Historical Society has been formed to look at a variety of ideas of how best to restore and utilize the building while keeping it usable and accessible to the public.

There have already been some wonderful improvements at the building with a reconstruction of the station platform, lighting, outdoor furniture and electrical upgrades. A lot of ideas have been sourced from the public already, but we are always interested in hearing from you.

Send any questions or ideas to: [villagecommission@pugwashvillage.com](mailto:villagecommission@pugwashvillage.com) with the subject "Train station".

### Village of Pugwash Merchandise



Front licence plate \$10

Gathering of the Clans hat \$15



Pens \$5



Gathering of the Clans shirt \$20



Lapel pin \$2

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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