

THE VILLAGE OF  
**PUGWASH**  
A COMMUNITY IN BLOOM  
2022



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# WELCOME TO THE JUDGES



## **From the Pugwash Village Commission:**

The Commissioners of the Village of Pugwash welcome the 2022 Communities in Bloom Judges to Pugwash. Many improvements have been made since your last visit and plans for more growth are in progress. Your wise comments from past visits have been helpful to our staff when planning gardens and maintenance schedules which we hope will be evident as you tour the Village. If you have any questions or require any help during your visit, the Commissioners and staff are always available.

Roger Mundle, Chair Pugwash Village Commission



## **From the Municipality of the County of Cumberland:**

As municipal councillor for District 3 which includes the Village of Pugwash, I am happy to welcome the 2022 judges to our thriving community. I have been involved with Pugwash Communities in Bloom in many ways over several years and am constantly amazed by the motivation and effort they put forward to create a vibrant and beautiful community and bring the residents together to engage and learn. Even through these difficult COVID times, they have found ways to share joy through art in a way that is accessible to all. I hope you enjoy your visit to our Village of Pugwash.

Jennifer Houghtaling, District 3 Municipal Councillor



## **From the Province of Nova Scotia:**

I am delighted to welcome the National Communities in Bloom Judges to Nova Scotia and our Village of Pugwash. I am proud of the Communities in Bloom volunteers' efforts and success in making Pugwash an attractive place to live and visit. Their work in Heritage Conservation over the last five years has been particularly outstanding. Most of all, I value how they work collaboratively with government, business, and volunteer groups to enhance community development.

Elizabeth Smith-McCrossin, MLA Cumberland North

# WELCOME FROM PUGWASH COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM



Pugwash, a small village of 736 residents, has participated in the CIB program for 15 years. We have nineteen active CIB members and at least twenty additional volunteer helpers from various service groups, businesses, and organizations that operate in the Village and surrounding area. CIB is supported entirely by fundraising, grants, and partnerships with community organizations, institutions, and individuals who contribute money or in-kind donations. We are a little Village that does great things!

Awards include **Five Blooms** in the 2007 Provincial competition and **Four Blooms** in 2008 and 2011 National competitions. In 2014, National CIB awarded **Five Blooms, Best in the Nation (in population category under 1000)** and **Outstanding Achievement Award** for the PeaceGround. In 2017, Pugwash won **Five Blooms Silver, Special Recognition** for Our Community in Bloom Calendar, **Outstanding Achievement Award for Community Involvement** spotlighting the variety of community organizations in Pugwash and their support for the calendar. This award included a two-day visit from Mark Cullen.

In addition, Pugwash was a **Finalist for Outstanding Achievement Awards: Environmental Action** that highlighted Friends of the Pugwash Estuary (FOPE); Community of Gardeners spotlighted the School and Food Bank Gardens. In 2021, Pugwash won two **Outstanding Achievement Awards: Youth Involvement and Heritage Conservation**.

Each year, often guided by the recommendations from previous judges, we set goals, approve budgets, and hold monthly organizational meetings focussing on CIB initiatives. Since our 2017 submission, we are pleased to say that our focus on increased partnerships with the Municipal and Village governments, businesses, institutions, and citizen groups has resulted in increased funds and improvements in quality of life for our community.

We recognize and thank all those whose commitment and hard work make Pugwash such an outstanding place for those who live and visit here.

**Welcome to Pugwash, World Famous for Peace!**



Maureen Leahey, CIB Chair

# MUNICIPAL INFORMATION FORM

<b>Municipality:</b>	Village of Pugwash		
<b>Province / State / Region:</b>	Nova Scotia		
<b>Municipal Budget:</b>	\$320,000 for 2022-2023		
<b>Name of Mayor or Head Council:</b>	Roger Mundle		
<b>E-mail of Mayor or Head Council:</b>	mundlen03@gmail.com		
<b>Name of your councillors:</b>	Sue Duncan, Dave MacEwan, Bill Martin, Brent Wilson, Roger Mundle		
<b>City Hall's Mailing Address:</b>	Water Street, Pugwash, Nova Scotia, B0K 1L0		
<b>PRIMARY COMMUNITY CONTACT PERSON</b>			
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<b>E-mail</b>	mleahey@bellaliant.net		
<b>SECONDARY COMMUNITY CONTACT PERSON</b>			
<b>Name</b>	Mary Maron		
<b>Address</b>	PO Box 253, Wallace, Nova Scotia, B0K 1Y0		
<b>Work Number</b>	902-257-2468	<b>Cell Number</b>	902-956-2020
<b>E-mail</b>	marymaron@hotmail.com		
<b>May we exchange these contact information with other communities in your participating category?</b>			
<b>Yes or No</b>	yes		

## Local Communities in Bloom Committee

<b>x</b>	<b>Structure of your Committee:</b>	
	Volunteer committee	x
<b>x</b>	<b>Your Committee is made up of representatives from:</b>	
	Social Groups	x
	Businesses	x
	Elected Officials	x
	City Staff	x
	<b>Other</b>	<b>If other, please specify</b>
		Over 20 additional volunteers help the CIB Organizing Committee with projects.
<b>x</b>	<b>Committee budget is:</b>	
	A dedicated budget for the CiB committee	yes. We are entirely self-funded.
	Budget is integrated into municipal budget	no

# INTRODUCING THE VILLAGE OF PUGWASH



Located at the mouth of the Pugwash River on the picturesque North Shore of Nova Scotia, Pugwash is a friendly community of approximately 736 full-time residents. The population swells to over 5,000 in summer with many cottagers and visitors coming to enjoy the warm waters of the Northumberland Strait, beautiful scenery, and relaxed lifestyle. Pugwash's natural beauty includes the waterfront, several beaches, and the river estuary with its abundant wildlife and diversity of native trees. Coastal lands on both sides of the harbour and basin were first used by the Mi'kmaq for hunting and fishing, followed by the Acadians, and much later by the United Empire Loyalists.

Permanent residents, cottagers, and rural area citizens rely on Pugwash for most of their needs including healthcare, banking, fire protection, police services, shopping, sports, recreation, schools, churches, and cemeteries. Major economic drivers include government services (North Cumberland Health Care Center, East Cumberland Lodge), education (Pugwash District High School, Cyrus Eaton Elementary School), not-for-profits such as Sunset Community Inc.

## Context:

Pugwash is located within the Municipality of the County of Cumberland. Of the estimated 30,140 county residents in the 2020 census, 10,850 live in its two incorporated towns: Amherst (9,537) and Oxford (1,313). Approximately 1200 live in its two incorporated Villages (2016 Census): Pugwash (736) and River Hebert (453) while the rest live in many unincorporated communities.

The Village of Pugwash developed on both sides of the harbour and basin. The downtown core is concentrated on a grid of six streets by three streets. (*Appendix #1*)

The Municipality of the County of Cumberland provides services not covered by the Village such as potable water distribution system, library personnel, sewage treatment, and curbside garbage collection, while street and highway maintenance is the responsibility of the Provincial Department of Transportation and Infrastructure. Section 18 of the Municipal Government Act of Nova Scotia provides additional information on the responsibilities and powers of villages ([www.ns/legislature.ca/legc/statutes/municipal/%20governmen](http://www.ns/legislature.ca/legc/statutes/municipal/%20governmen)). The Municipality of the County of Cumberland owns



the water treatment facility outside the Village proper, the sewer treatment facility and one Durham Street property purchased in 2016, slated to become the multi-purpose centre. (*Village, municipal, provincial, federal government services - Appendix #2*)

The Municipality of Cumberland County has followed through on several of the **Waterfront Development Plan** projects including installing a Village water supply, a new outdoor stage and an updated Farmers' Market. The Multipurpose Centre design has been adapted and will now be downsized to a library facility in consideration of rising supply costs to meet the needs of the community while keeping project costs affordable for both the community and the Municipality. The Municipality will be funding a major part of the estimated cost of the Library project and is looking to the community to contribute \$500,000 by a combination of fundraising, naming rights, and/or an area rate. The new Library project is in detailed design phase.

The Village of Pugwash was incorporated in 1948 with governance placed in the hands of five elected Village Commission volunteers empowered to improve the Village. Residents of the Village pay Village property taxes in addition to Municipal property taxes.

The Village Commission holds monthly public meetings plus an annual general meeting. The Commission employs full-time permanent staff: one Clerk/Treasurer who also coordinates the annual July 1 Gathering of the Clans festival and one Public Works employee who also does the snow removal. Seasonal (May-August/September) staff includes: one full-time Recreation Director, one full-time Administrative Assistant/VIC Co-ordinator, one full-time groundskeeper, and one full/part time gardener (partially funded by CIB).

## Facts and Statistics about Pugwash:

- Village population: 2016 population estimate 736 (down 1.1% from 2011 census)
- Land area: 9.81 square km
- Private dwellings: 485 in 2016 census
- Median age of population: 55 years (2016 census) and 41% of population is 65+ years.
- Median after tax income of households in 2015: \$47,488; 65% of those 15 years and older in private households receive government transfers.

## Relevant documents:

- Pugwash Village Website: [www.pugwashvillage.com](http://www.pugwashvillage.com) lists over fifty active Pugwash community organizations, institutions, etc.
- Videos about Pugwash: Three videos available at [www.pugwashvillage.com](http://www.pugwashvillage.com)
- Media: Pugwash has a news outlet (Six Rivers: [www.sixrivers.ca](http://www.sixrivers.ca)) started in 2016 to provide local news, radio, television, and publicity for events. Pugwash has no local newspaper.
- Pugwash CIB Facebook page: Disseminates information about environmental initiatives, urban forestry, appearance, and other community issues. It is useful in communicating with the public, and supplementing other promotional materials such as posters, phone, and email networks. CIB has increased collaboration with other community groups which are also willing to publicize CIB events. However, since many residents in the Village core do not use the internet, CIB puts up posters in key village locations.
- [www.pugwashart.com](http://www.pugwashart.com) provides current information about the Pugwash Open Air Gallery and CIB funders and the culture and heritage of the village.
- Facebook pages: Village of Pugwash, Things to Do in Pugwash; Cumberland Matters
- Pugwash Village Newsletter: Published quarterly and distributed free to over 800 local mailboxes. See [www.pugwashvillage.com](http://www.pugwashvillage.com) for current and past issues.
- Municipality of the County of Cumberland Bylaw No. 08-06, Secondary Planning Strategy for the Village of Pugwash: Access from Google.



## **Elected Officials:**

### **Pugwash Village Commissioners 2021-2022:**

Roger Mundle, Sue Duncan, Dave MacEwan,  
Bill Martin, Brent Wilson

### **Municipality of the County of Cumberland:**

Mayor Murray Scott

### **District 3 Councillor:**

Jennifer Houghtaling

### **Provincial Representative MLA:**

Elizabeth Smith-McCrossin

### **Federal Representative MP:**

Stephen Ellis

## **Pugwash Communities in Bloom Organizing Committee, 2022-2023:**

- Maureen Leahey, Chair
- Mary and Ron Maron, Co-Treasurers
- Helen Matheson, Secretary
- John Mills, Past Chair

- Members: Joyce Gray, Karma Reid, Debbie Cameron, Nancy Burgess-Graham, Norene Smiley, Jennifer Houghtaling, Liz Clarke, Bonnie Bond, Lorna McCallum, Wendy Isenor, Suzanne Totten, Cathie Glenn, Susan Webster, Anita Langill, Natalie Coady
- Lisa Betts, Village Clerk/Treasurer and Gathering of the Clans Coordinator
- Bill Martin, Village Commission Representative

In addition to the above Organizing Committee, over twenty additional volunteers assist with special projects and fundraising. When new members join CIB, we provide a comprehensive Orientation Session and an opportunity to become involved in areas of particular interest to them.

## **Institutional Services in Pugwash:**

Each institution is responsible for operating services and maintaining its own property.

### **SCHOOLS:**

**Pugwash District High School (PDHS):** Current enrollment is 188 students in grades seven to twelve. School staff includes a principal, teaching vice-



principal, guidance counsellor, 16 teachers, part-time librarian, 2 part-time student monitors, 4 custodial staff, and a secretary. PDHS has an excellent academic and sports history with students winning more than \$200,000 in scholarships most years. PDHS presents annual theatrical and music events when Covid regulations permit. In 2017-2018, PDHS sports teams won over 18 Northumberland Regional and NS Provincial championships for soccer, volleyball, curling, basketball, slow-pitch, snowboarding, and track and field.

In 2019-2020 winnings included Northumberland Regional and NS Provincial Banners in soccer, skiing, snowboard, and track & field. During 2020-2021 owing to COVID, Nova Scotia did not have Provincial Championships.

CIB offers two awards to students each year for heritage projects. From 2016-2019, CIB and PDHS partnered for the school to host the Christmas Tree Fest during the Village Christmas by the Sea holiday weekend.

In 2021 PDHS Visual Arts students submitted entries for the Pugwash Open Air Gallery. *(See Heritage Conservation Section).*

**Cyrus Eaton Elementary School (CEES):** Currently 134 students are enrolled in grades primary to six; 16 students, age 4, are in pre-primary five days/week. There are 7 classrooms, a Learning Centre, and a Reading Resource Room. School staff include a principal, part-time and full-time teachers, a secretary, and a custodian. Music, French, and Physical Education are taught as part of the curriculum on a system circuit basis.

CIB has partnered extensively with CEES and planted more than 37 new trees of diverse NS species on CEES grounds since 2016. *(See Environmental Action and Tree Management Sections).*



*CEES submitted a sculpture artwork that is included in the Pugwash Open Air Gallery.*

#### **CHURCHES:**

Several denominations have a church in Pugwash and local area including St. Thomas More Catholic, Memorial United Baptist, Wesley-St Matthew's United, Seventh Day Adventist, Port Howe Gospel, Fundamental Bible, and The Meeting Place.

#### **HOSPITALS/GOVERNMENT HEALTH FACILITIES/ HEALTH SERVICES:**

##### **North Cumberland Health Care Center:**



Nova Scotia Health Authority (NSHA) owns this four-bed hospital. Services include short stay acute care, palliative care, ambulatory care clinics, diagnostic imaging, laboratory, and a Collaborative Emergency Centre



Nova Scotia Emergency Health Services has a facility on the grounds for ambulance staff and equipment. As well, there is an air ambulance landing area near the property. A new hospital is currently under construction. Its anticipated opening is Spring 2023.

**East Cumberland Lodge:** This is a Level I & II, 74-bed Nursing Home licensed by the Nova Scotia Department of Health. It is a registered Canadian charity operated by the Cumberland Senior Care Corporation and managed by a Board of Management, Administrator, and Department Directors. It includes numerous residents living with Alzheimer’s disease. Nursing staff is on duty 24/7 and an in-house doctor is on-call.

**Sunset Community Inc.:** In 2020, this non-profit licensed corporation celebrated their 125th Anniversary advocating for persons with disabilities and “Helping People Be the Best That They Can Be”.

Over 150 Sunset Community staff provide services to adults with intellectual disabilities, cognitive



challenges, chronic mental illness, acquired brain injury, and physical disabilities. Services include Independent Living Support, a Group Home, an Adult Residential Centre, and Sunset Industries. Individuals are encouraged, and supported to participate in their community, have meaningful employment, and seek opportunities for growth. Individuals have opportunities to develop their potential through educational, recreational, social, and vocational programs. Although not geographically located within the Village boundaries, both Village residents and the local staff consider Sunset to be part of the Village. (See *Community Appearance and Environmental Action Sections*.)

**Canada Post Office:**

This federal branch stamps all mail with the saying “Pugwash: World Famous for Peace”. CIB maintains the gardens at this site. (See *Plant and Floral Displays Section*.)

**Royal Canadian Mounted Police:**

The RCMP Pugwash detachment constables are jointly shared with other county locations. The detachment serves a wide area in and surrounding Pugwash.

**Pugwash District Fire Department:**

This volunteer department has about thirty firefighters, five trucks, a rescue boat, lifesaving equipment, and a computerized command center. It serves over 2000 assigned civic addresses, the largest number served by a department in Cumberland County. It serves about 240 km. of public and private roads combined with 8.8 assigned civic addresses/ square kms, the greatest in Cumberland County.

**Cumberland Public Library:**

The former Canadian National Railway train station houses the Pugwash branch of the Cumberland library.



Pugwash Library offers a variety of services including children’s programs, authors’ readings, public computers, inter-library loans, photocopying, two book clubs, etc. (See *Heritage Conservation Section*.)

**Scotiabank:**

This full-service branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia had been a generous collaborator annually until 2018 providing up to \$5000 in matching funds for CIB projects. Since then, the bank randomly chooses three not-for-profit volunteer groups annually for matching funds up to \$3000.





**Pugwash Ground Search and Rescue (PGSAR):**

This 40-member volunteer group is part of the Emergency Measures Organization of Nova Scotia. The RCMP calls on the PGSAR team to find lost persons, help teams in other parts of the province, and provide security and assistance at local festivals and events. Members are trained in accordance with Canada wide national core competency standards that include first aid and survival skills, navigation skills, search tactics, lost person behaviour, and evidence handling. In addition, some of the team members are trained for “Project Life Saver” to locate individuals with cognitive disorders that could lead to life threatening wandering.

In 2019, eight new members completed weekend training as Basic Searchers and the team purchased eight new GPS units. In 2021, the team lead/assisted with six searches including one in the Halifax area and one in Cape Breton. The hall, located on King Street, is designated as a “Warming Center” in times of emergency. PGSAR happily supported the creation of a flower garden with a rest bench on the front lawn of their meeting place. This was in response to CIB Judges’ recommendations. A PGSAR CIB member completed the project in 2018.

**CEMETERIES:**

The major cemeteries in Pugwash include the Palmerston, Catholic, Waugh, Pioneer, and Anglican cemeteries each of which has a local citizens’ group responsible for its upkeep. In addition, the W.B. Wells Foundation is dedicated to preserving and restoring cemeteries in Cumberland County and supporting local cemetery societies. All the cemeteries discourage the use of plastic flowers and encourage the planting

of native flowers. The Catholic Cemetery organization developed a Perpetual Care Contract in 2015.

**SUBSIDIZED HOUSING:**

Harbourview Manor is a complex of provincially subsidized small apartments for seniors. For many years CIB supported the cleaning of residents’ gardens and planting of new flowers. Age and declining resources have stopped this involvement.

**Not-for-Profit Community Organizations:**

There are over 50 not-for-profit organizations in Pugwash. (See list at [www.pugwashvillage.com](http://www.pugwashvillage.com)). This is a considerable number for such a small Village and each organization contributes to various aspects of community life. CIB has developed excellent collaborative partnerships with these organizations and many CIB members also participate in them.



Each year, CIB hosts a special event honouring the many Pugwash volunteers and celebrates what they do for the community. In 2019, over fifty people attended the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon jointly funded by CIB and the Village Commission. Owing to COVID restrictions on gatherings, volunteers were honoured virtually in 2020 and 2021.



## **SAMPLE PARTNERSHIPS WITH CIB:**

**Pugwash Farmers' Market:** In 2019, CIB and the Farmers' Market co-sponsored educational talks. (See *Environmental Action and Plant and Floral Displays Sections*.)

**North Cumberland Historical Society:** The society's mandate is to "collect historical and genealogical information for the North Cumberland area". CIB is actively collaborating with the society to develop a historical walk through the village. (See *Heritage Conservation Section*.)

**Royal Canadian Legion:** The Royal Canadian Legion Peace Branch #60 opened just before WWII. It hosts many community events for members, locals, and tourists. The building has a pub with a pool table and a hall for legion events. From 2017-2019, CIB collaborated with the Legion and Village Commission in revitalizing the Cenotaph, designing a new park and streetscape, applying for federal monies, and installing commemorative banners.

**Wallace, Wentworth, Pugwash, and Area Community Health Board (CHB):** This local volunteer board is mandated by legislation governing the Nova Scotia Health Authority. In 2019, twelve local community groups were awarded CHB Grants of \$13,500 to support new initiatives focused on improving the health and education of Village residents. CIB has received grants for several projects including the development of the PeaceGround and inclusion of edible plants at the playground (2020) and Art in the Park (2021). CHB members partnered with CIB in Fall Clean Up and Winterscape in 2019. (See *Environmental Action, Heritage Conservation, and Plant and Floral Displays Sections*.)

**Northumberland Community Curling Club:** Since 2007 when the Curling Club first opened, it has supported CIB public education efforts. The clubhouse hosted CIB educational presentations in 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020. Owing to COVID restrictions, no seminars were held in 2021.

**Friends of the Pugwash Estuary (FOPE):** This volunteer group shares many of the same environmental aims as CIB. It was formed in 2004 to "protect the present, enrich the future and educate on the importance of the Pugwash River Estuary". Our two organizations have co-sponsored environmental talks and collaborated on grant applications. (See *Environmental Action and Tree Management Sections*.)

## **CIB Fundraising Calendar 2020 - The Tastes of Pugwash:**

Bring together the people in our community, the food they like to eat, favourite recipes they want to share, and a talented photographer, Catherine Bussiere, and you get images that are heartwarming and absolutely yummy!



The 2020 calendar theme celebrated the many people in our community, such as John and Nellie Vandewiel, whose faces reflect their passion for life, their love of good food, and well-earned knowledge gained by years of involvement and commitment to their community. There is a long tradition of volunteerism in Pugwash, so not surprisingly, when asked, people have been delighted to take part! This calendar featured forty-one Pugwash and area citizens, often multigenerational families including those originally from the North Shore and those who now call Pugwash their home

In 2021, CIB raised money and expanded its community base of support to include over 150 local people in its fundraising efforts of an online auction, two dinners provided at cost by Inn the Elms local B&B, and donations.

CIB is entirely supported by fundraising, grants, and partnerships with community organizations, institutions, and individuals who contribute money or service in-kind.

## Finances and Fundraising:

Communities In Bloom Budget 2022-2023:	
<b>Income</b>	
Fundraising	\$ 4,500.00
Grant Monies	\$ 500.00
Plant Sale	\$ 500.00
Other Income	\$ 500.00
CIB Funds	\$ 15,699.10
POAG Funds	\$ 6,150.30
Municipal Trust	\$ 16,056.04
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 43,905.44</b>
<b>General Expenses</b>	
Awards	\$ 300.00
Bank Fees	\$ 200.00
Postage	\$ 50.00
Plants/Supplies	\$ 4,000.00
CIB Membership	\$ 700.00
Office Supplies	\$ 100.00
Part-time Gardener	\$ 2,000.00
Winterscape	\$ 1,000.00
Misc. Expenses	\$ 605.14
<b>Total General</b>	<b>\$ 8955.14</b>
<b>Project Expenses</b>	
Fundraising	\$ 1,700.00
Trees	\$ 1,000.00
POAG Project	\$ 6,150.30
Plant Sale	\$ 200.00
Comm Cleanup	\$ 200.00
Judges Visit	\$ 2,000.00
Comm Profile Doc	\$ 1,500.00
Heritage Sign	\$ 2,900.00
Bike Rakcs	\$ 1,500.00
2022 Projects	\$ 17,800.00
<b>Total Projects</b>	<b>\$ 34,950.30</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 43905.44</b>



# COMMUNITY APPEARANCE

With our partners, Village Commission, Municipality, Province, Pugwash businesses and residents, Communities in Bloom continues to foster pride in keeping our Village of Pugwash looking its best. Challenges of wind and salt make for innovative solutions at times.

## NEW INITIATIVES 2018-2022

- PDHS and CEES included in Great Garbage Challenge
- New buildings at Pugwash Farmers' Market
- Pugwash Harbourfront Centre opened
- Old playground equipment removed
- New garage door at old Fire Hall installed
- Former Tide's Inn on Water St renovated
- Historic Train Station: new sewer line, municipal water installed
- New outdoor lighting installed at Historic Train Station
- Tropical Storm Dorian aftermath cleaned up 2019-2020
- Village Board Walk storm damage repaired
- Recycling Brochure sent to all post office box holders
- Clear bags only for waste management
- Separation of paper from other recyclables
- Dumpster installed at transfer station
- Resident receives 2021 Mobius Award
- Trash removed from premises in village
- New lift installed at Windsor Salt Mine
- Benches refurbished in PeaceGround at Eaton Park
- Accessible picnic tables placed at Eaton Park
- Ramp with benches and planters added to playground at Eaton Park
- Former manufacturing plant renovated and opened as Crossroads Cycle
- Road to Curling Club and parking area paved
- New Health Care Center construction commenced
- Drainage improved and ground stabilized at Farmers' Market

## Municipality/Province/Village

Several initiatives took place to promote cleanliness of public green infrastructure parks and streetscapes throughout the Village including the dory vignette at the traffic triangle (Village, CIB); renovated benches in PeaceGround in Eaton Park to make them more resistant to weather (CIB); and replacement or repair of waste receptacles in park areas (Village).

Visual appeal and condition of various buildings throughout Pugwash were enhanced including:

- Unsafe, derelict house removed in the Village. (Municipality)
- Derelict house on Hwy 6, South Pugwash removed. (Municipality)
- Old Tourism Building on Hwy 6, West Pugwash repurposed. (Municipality)
- Peace Hall (former Masonic Lodge) renovation completed. (See Heritage Section)
- Benches at the PeaceGround scraped, sanded, and repainted. (CIB)
- Library Dove Garden re-vamped. (CIB)
- Waste Management process revised. (Municipality)
- Train Station revamped with flower garden, painting, and maintenance. (Village, CIB)
- Recycle Brochure distributed. (Municipality, CIB)

The tidiness, order, cleanliness and first impressions throughout Pugwash are evident particularly as you enter the Village from the west along Highway #6. The effective crossroads into the village has a triangle providing left turns to downtown area of Village or a right turn to continue along the highway.

This area was reclaimed in the early years of CIB involvement and contained many perennial flowers



and shrubs that had grown unsightly and was difficult to keep tidy. Instead of plantings, a vignette of fishing dories and lobster traps was created to interest travelers and keep the area looking tidy. It is a more effective use of the space and helps in keeping the area looking its best. *(See Plant and Floral Displays and Landscape Sections.)*

There are effective By-Laws programs, policies, and enforcement (Available in hard copy). Efforts include campaigns to make the public aware of their responsibility to not litter, waste collection by-laws (Provincial, Municipal), and waste strategy calls for source separation of all materials. The Municipality collects weekly recyclables, alternated with garbage and compostable items. The waste stream continues to further segregate recyclables collected by curbside county-wide contractors. Recyclable bottles are redeemed at local recycling depot. There is electronic and textile recycling at the local depot, metal and construction waste and yard waste at collection site in village (Municipal).

Actions continue concerning the removal of garbage and debris at some businesses in the Village. Several homes in the village have been updated and debris removed at the urging of By-Law enforcement. Working with the By-Law Enforcement office, the Village has taken a low-key approach and has had an effect. New ownership of some problem buildings made for tidier properties.

- Waste management is legislated by the Province of NS and enforced by the Municipality. Source separation of all solid waste is the responsibility of individual residents, businesses, and institutions.
- Municipality communicates annually with cottage owners concerning the schedule of garbage pick-up and the use of containers.
- On-going anti-litter advertising is circulated by the Municipality and Province.
- As part of Tropical Storm Dorian recovery, the Municipality opened the transfer station for longer hours for 2-3 weeks to allow residents to dispose of trees and debris from the damage.
- In response to the damage from Dorian, the Village set in motion a storm watch/preparation information piece.

The introduction of a By-Law Enforcement Officer means that the Pugwash Land Use By-Law respecting signs can be enforced. Business signs along the highways as people enter the Village can be addressed through the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal. CIB sent letters to the Village, the By-Law Enforcement Officer for the Municipality, and the Department of Transportation concerning the abundance of signs.

## Business and Institutions

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The condition of most Village businesses and institutions demonstrates they are attractive and in good repair.

- Crossroads Cycle is the refurbishment of a former factory on Hwy #6.



It was turned into a thriving hub of business activity with retail space, spare part warehousing, and a manufacturing facility. The owner also invested in landscaping and upgrading the hardscape around the facility.

- Basic Spirit factory on Water St. was repainted to enhance their business' visual impression.
- Windsor Salt re-planted trees along the road to the mine, installed a new lift, and developed a plan to dismantle the old lift.
- Alder Meadows, a seasonal produce kiosk, moved their location and continues to thrive during the summer months. It is tidy and decorated with seasonal touches.



- ArtQuarters owners/residents renovated their house on King St. and ran the popular ArtQuarters business until 2019 when it was sold and closed.



- PDHS and CEES schools are part of the Village annual Great Garbage Challenge. PDHS students also contributed time and effort by enlarging their litter clean up area to include the Hospital, East Cumberland Lodge, and Curling Club grounds.



*PDHS students proudly display the many bags of garbage they collected for the Great Garbage Challenge.*

- Sheryl's Bakery and Café is a former small engine repair shop that was renovated. It is a thriving, modern business with a recently added gazebo and outdoor patio.



- Thinkers' Lodge, a National Historic Site that is privately owned and operated, employs a private company to mow and trim the grounds.



In 2020, the former gatehouse was moved and put on a foundation; a deck was installed, and it is hoped this will be a cafe and gift shop, creating a further draw for visitors and residents.

- Mundle's Dairy Farm, picturesque within the boundaries of the Village, is immaculate.
- Historic Masonic Lodge on Prince Albert St. that was in poor repair was sold in 2016. The new owners completed a major renovation to improve this property.

All institutions including churches, cemeteries, schools, hospital, and residential care facilities are responsible for its appearance and overall impression. CIB continues to draw attention to a few warranted building improvements in the Village. Schools, under the jurisdiction of a Regional Education Centre, are responsible for the operation of the buildings and grounds. Grounds are mowed and maintained by custodians of the schools. Due to budget restrictions, outside maintenance in summer became less than adequate. CIB was successful in raising awareness with the regional staff. As a result, CIB has seen improvement of the grounds during the summer. Schools have recycling within the classrooms and in the cafeteria. CEES is involved in a successful multi-faceted garden project.

## Community Involvement

The Curling Club funded the paving of New Pugwash Rd., the street where the club and several seniors' homes are located. The paving of the Curling Club parking lot was completed in 2018.



## ON-GOING INITIATIVES Municipality/Province/Village

- Province sweeps streets along curbed areas yearly
- Province routinely fills and grades areas on Hwy # 6
- Province updates signage within their bounds
- Province mows sides of highways at least once per season
- Eaton Park & grassed areas in Village mowed and trimmed
- Litter pick-up daily in Village owned areas
- Welcome signs areas kept tidy
- Signage posted about litter and waste disposal
- Proliferation of business & recreation signs addressed
- Community anti-litter awareness programs
- Dog waste removal program
- Province funds recycling depots
- Village and CIB buy litter pick-up grapplers
- Municipality, Village and CIB support Annual Community litter pick up
- KGB Recycling & Sunset clients gather waste in Eaton Park during festivals

## Business and Institutions

Local businesses continue to be fervent supporters of CIB. Windsor Salt Mine entrances are highly visible as you enter the village. The route along which the salt is transported is routinely cleared of litter and repaired. Planting of trees along the corridor diminishes the impact of this road on the look of the Village. (See *Tree Management* section)

Basic Spirit retail operation on Hwy # 6 continues to enhance its outside presentation. Businesses such as Horton Gallery, Scotiabank, PharmaChoice, Mundle's Funeral Home, Langille's Service Centre, Langille's Esso, Pugwash Home Hardware, and Harrisons Home Hardware continue to keep their respective businesses visually inviting.

All institutions are responsible for their own clean up. Churches and cemeteries are regularly mowed and trimmed. Buildings are in good repair. East Cumberland Lodge maintenance staff keeps the grounds looking attractive for residents and visitors. A garden, established in 2011 with help from CIB, is flourishing with perennials blooming in season. At Christmas time the Lodge displays many outdoor lit trees, angels, and ornamentation providing a lovely WinterScape.

North Cumberland Memorial Hospital/Collaborative Emergency Centre staff mows and trims regularly. Litter is routinely picked up. Hospital maintenance staff keeps the local medical building tidy. A CIB volunteer planted and continues to maintain a perennial garden at the entrance to the NCMH Thrift Shop.



Sunset Adult Residential Centre has sweeping grassed areas, plantings, and trees. The Centre is well maintained by staff and clients. Sunset Industries has limited space, but the building is well maintained, and the outside areas are used to display the products made by clients.

## Residential

A derelict 1890 house on Black Street was renovated starting in 2019. The owners transformed it into a showpiece.

Generally, the homes in the Village are well-maintained; in some instances, they are exceptionally maintained with great care.



Condition of buildings, grounds and yards are also generally well maintained. There are random instances of rental properties not being well groomed. Some attempts have been made to correct problems. The Village has been in communication with owners, in some instances with a positive result.

## Community Involvement

### THE GREAT GARBAGE CHALLENGE



**Pugwash**  
**Spring Clean-up Days!**

Become a **community litter picking** volunteer.

Clean-up litter on the weekend of **EARTH DAY** April 23 -25th ,2021

**Report to the KGB**  
Thurs, Fri or Sat 10 am - 5 pm  
8868 Hwy 6, 902-694-7366  
pugwash.kgb@gmail.com

To get your litter picking tools, bags and information on the disposal of your litter!

Every litter bit counts.  
**STOP LITTERING**

CIB, Village Commission, and Municipality sponsor this annual event. Much has changed since March 2020 and our annual spring clean up campaign has as well. Co-ordinated by Keep Garbage Beneficial (KGB), the in-person collection of litter was done in recent years by people working alone or with family groups. KGB emphasized that people could do this pick up anytime, anywhere, and to let us know so we can put it on a map on CIB Facebook page. This has been successful and encourages each person and the schools to contribute.





The Municipality provides a dumpster. KGB and CIB provide bags, hoops, water, and grappers. Village Commission provides bright orange safety T-shirts.



*One of our greatest contributors is Frankie Ferdinand, an enthusiastic annual volunteer who collected 49 bags of garbage in 2021.*

Frankie was awarded the 2021 RRFB Mobius Award for his continuous contribution to improving the environment.

Another dedicated resident cleans an area around Port Howe and regularly collects over 20 bags. Employees of businesses such as Basic Spirit and Windsor Salt also participate in the litter clean up.

The Great Garbage Challenge has an increasing number of volunteers helping to remove litter from an expanded territory including the roads approaching the village as well as some back roads.

CIB advertises the yearly event in local newspapers, radio and posters throughout the Village and surrounding areas to encourage participation. The results of that effort are amazing!





# ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION



Leaders from the Municipality of the County of Cumberland and the Village of Pugwash, businesses, institutions, organizations, and individuals are actively involved to preserve and improve our environment. Addressing climate change has been a focus at all levels of government. Pugwash has been striving to meet obligations to our youth to remedy and enhance the environment. Provincial and Municipal governments have formulated action plans and the Village has focused on the call for awareness.

## NEW INITIATIVES 2018 - 2022

- **Solar for Community Buildings Program: five new projects in Cumberland County**
- **Farmers' Market Infrastructure Improvements**
- **LED Streetlights Program: Municipality project to convert streetlights to LED**
- **PDHS Students Environmental Concerns March to PeaceGround**
- **PDHS 2018 Panther Pride: Competition included environmental issues**
- **Windsor Salt Ltd improvements to water released into estuary**
- **Windsor Salt Ltd developed brine pond reclamation plan**
- **Thinkers' Lodge hosted Climate Change Retreat: Indigenous and Faith Leaders 2019**
- **Open Hamper Food Garden: Communal cooking "Sharing Kitchen"**
- **Six Rivers Chamber of Commerce Fracking seminar 2018**
- **FOPE scientific mapping & plant survey of Estuary**
- **Village installed insect houses to promote pollination**
- **Personal Filling station for water bottles**
- **Pugwash HarbourFront Centre built and operating in 2019**
- **NS House of Assembly recognized FOPE for conserving ecosystem of Pugwash Estuary**
- **2022 No Mow May project**

## Municipality/Province/Village

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The impetus for much of what has been happening in the Village has come from the Master Plan developed by residents of the village and adopted by the Municipality in 2010.

(See <https://www.cumberlandcounty.ns.ca/418-pugwash-area-master-plan/file.html>)

The years since 2017 have been momentous ones for the environmental action of world leaders, citizens, and youth. Nova Scotia, Cumberland County, and Pugwash have been assessing our position, and making incremental improvements to our carbon footprint, waste management and use of herbicides and pesticides. The province accepted the Federal guidelines on carbon emissions.

The Municipality of Cumberland has six strategic priorities, two of which are environmental sustainability and climate change adaptation. These strategic priorities (and the four others) are to be considered in all actions we undertake in Pugwash. Climate change itself is not a unique stand-alone issue. It is an issue we strive to address every day in each of our actions.

- Nova Scotia is the first province to require energy efficient LED streetlights. The Municipality is replacing all streetlights to comply with this initiative.
- Pugwash residents are included in the more than 95% of NS residents who have access to curbside collection, and a member of 48 of 50 municipalities that uses clear bags to enhance diversion of organics and recyclables from the solid waste stream.
- Many residents of Pugwash rely on heat pumps as their source of heating.
- Residents of Pugwash have taken advantage of Efficiency Nova Scotia Programs to reduce electricity demand in the province by 10%.
- An educational presentation by Solar NS about Demystifying Solar Electricity took place in Pugwash in 2019. The program enables eligible community groups and organizations in NS to generate solar photovoltaic (PV) electricity on their roofs or properties and sell it to

their utility under a 20-year contract. Several homes in the Pugwash area have taken advantage of the program.

- Farmers' Market is installing solar panels on the roof which will produce power for the library building. Project began in spring 2022 (Municipality/Village).
- Farmers' Market improved their infrastructure by installing French drains and eavestroughs to improve flooded areas and improved accessibility for wheelchairs and strollers by replacing loose gravel with pressed crusher dust.
- Clean Nova Scotia held BioBlitz at the Amherst Shore Provincial Park. The Northumberland Strait Coastal Restoration Project called "Bioblitz at the Saltmarsh," was held September 22, 2018. It was a chance for our community members, of all ages, to get into a saltmarsh and learn about the diversity of species found there. Several members of Friends of the Pugwash Estuary (FOPE) represented the Village of Pugwash.
- The Village is a part of a program for municipalities country-wide called Partners for Climate Protection. In this program, municipalities collect data on their current state, analyze the data and then an actionable plan to improve greenhouse gas emissions will be created.
- The Municipality hosted a workshop on Coastal Erosion. Held in Pugwash in July 2019, the workshop focused on what we can all do to reduce the erosion already happening and likely to get worse with the severity of winds, tidal surge increasing, and how to better protect our seashore.
- Municipality of Cumberland is undertaking, as a new initiative, a project to convert all the streetlights in the municipality to LED. This program mandated by the province and enacted by the municipalities was completed in 2020.
- The Municipality is the owner and operator of the Sewage Treatment Plant in Pugwash. Using a Biomass system, the liquid effluent is treated and released into the Northumberland Strait. New by-laws will be enacted to recover the costs of the system from all areas of the county using treatment facilities (2019-2020).

### **Pugwash Central Water Supply Project**

The long-awaited water system has been implemented. A major piece of infrastructure that was needed to address the problems with water quality

and quantity in the Village has now been added. The \$15 million project was funded by the Federal and Provincial governments and the Municipality. 2019 saw the delivery of potable water to the Village proper and other outlying areas. This will enhance not just our residents' needs but also allow for denser population growth and for larger applications for housing, hotels, and industry.



The Pugwash Water System is unique because every component had to be designed and installed from scratch. In Pugwash, the system is composed of a well field, transmission and distribution pipe, a reservoir, and a treatment facility. Over one hundred homes were connected by December 2019. Currently the quality of the water in the treatment facility exceeds all federal and provincial drinking water standards.

## **Business and Institutions**

### **Cyrus Eaton Elementary School (CEES) Garden and Greenhouse**

Each year, students and teachers participate in Village activities that promote or educate citizens on the impact of environmental changes due to human activity. Jenn Houghtaling, a CIB member, initiated a school garden and used the opportunity to discuss with participating students the importance of the soil and the water used to grow food. Although this is a large farming area, many students do not have the opportunity to grow food or flowers at home.

This patch of garden helps ensure our young people can understand and appreciate the world around them. The introduction of insect houses, and bird houses were CIB initiatives that were well received by students and parents. (See *Landscape Section*)

### **Pugwash District High School (PDHS) Advances Climate Concerns**

PDHS has been advancing the concerns of young people all over the world with Climate Change activities aimed at educating and advocating for governments to do what they can to reduce the harms and effects of actions we take. In 2018 and 2019, students marched from the school to the Peace Ground to emphasize their concerns to the wider audience of the Village. The collaboration between the high school and Thinkers' Lodge is on-going. (See <https://www.thinkerslodgehistories.com/pugwash-students.html>)

Both CEES and PDHS participate in composting, recycling, and reusing. In 2018, PDHS introduced an in-house competition into the school called Panther Pride with treasure hunts and learning opportunities. In 2019, several activities focused on environmental issues.

### **Windsor Salt Ltd Environmental Improvements**

Windsor Salt Company instituted improvements to the water released into the estuary. The construction underway in 2019 was to place a pipe and pumping station on the edge of the mine property to pump water into the mine. The water taken into the mine will be used to dilute the salinity of the effluent being discharged into the Pugwash Basin at the existing site to the south of the mine. This work was undertaken at the request of the Department of Environment because salinity in the effluent was too high for fish populations. The work consists of building a temporary causeway, using washed gravel, to facilitate laying the pipe, after which the causeway will be removed. All environmental regulations are being followed and the Dept of the Environment is continuing to monitor the improvements. Windsor Salt Ltd takes its environmental responsibilities seriously. The company continues to involve its employees in our annual litter clean up as well as initiating projects like the brine pond reclamation.

### **Pugwash Farmers' Market Facility Upgrade**

New buildings hosting over forty-five vendors encourages the "buy local" initiative and attracts large numbers of locals and visitors from May to October. 2021 saw improvements to the drainage and stability of the grounds in and around the Market to lessen the water run-off and to allow for more accessibility.

### **Food Bank Garden and Sharing Kitchen**

Continuing the "local" initiative, Pugwash Open Hamper Food Bank Community Garden encourages residents to enjoy the benefits of growing vegetables.



This outgrowth of the Open Hamper Food Bank has seen participation grow and offers an opportunity for recipients of the food bank to contribute to their own well-being. Using herbicides and pesticides is not an option and participants are encouraged to learn about different methods of gardening. In addition, a communal cooking opportunity "Sharing Kitchen" has been introduced using the bounty of the garden as an incentive to learn skills for preserving and cooking with local products. In 2020-2021, this sharing kitchen did not operate owing to COVID restrictions.

### **Pugwash Farmers' Market Wellness Tent**

The Wellness Tent is an interactive, informative, and firsthand area of the Pugwash Farmers' Market, initiated by a \$3000 Wellness Grant in spring 2017 from the Wentworth, Wallace, Pugwash, and Area Community Health Board and consultations with several community resources including the NS Health Authority, Open Hamper Food Bank, FOPE, CIB, Cumberland Food Action Network, Cumberland Recreation and Cumberland Joint Services. It encourages health and wellness as well as information about food and growing vegetables and flowers.





Each Saturday morning, the Wellness Tent activities provide accessible information sessions and encourage participation and discussion.

Programming examples:

- what organic means and what is in your food
- food skills sessions; taste testing; economical nutritional recipe handouts
- small meals for seniors, focusing on seasonal produce from market vendors
- how to grow your own food and how to preserve it
- gardening tips: perennials, trees, and shrubs
- mulching and composting
- water conservation
- recycling tips
- how to be physically active in the area: hiking trails, sports available
- protecting the environment in our area
- natural health products, remedies, and cleaning products

### **Alder Meadow Vegetable Stand**

Local farmer, Janet Rose, established a fresh produce stand on Durham St. Customers pay by an honour-system. Locally sourced or from Nova Scotia growers only: corn, beans, carrots, onions, broccoli, cauliflower, beets, potatoes are available.



### **Fracking Seminar**

Six Rivers Chamber of Commerce sponsored and hosted a Fracking seminar in 2018 in Pugwash. (Visit <http://www.sixrivers.ca/fracking-debate-highlights-the-fractious-issue>)

## **Residential**

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### **Insect and Bird Houses**

CIB had bird houses and insect houses built to offer to residents; this was a successful initiative and residents are continuing their efforts to make pollinators welcome in the Village. The Village is also hosting boxes to encourage more insect activity. The bird houses were only in place for hours before they were fully occupied. The birdhouses are available at the CIB annual spring Plant, Shrub and Tree Sale and from Friends of the Pugwash Estuary.

Sunset continues to offer the birdhouses for sale at Sunset Industries. Village residents are encouraged to install the birdhouses to encourage nesting of swallows in our area.

## **Community Involvement**

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### **Friends of the Pugwash Estuary (FOPE)**

FOPE completed a detailed, scientific mapping and plant survey of the salt marshes along Doherty Creek. This important work, not previously done, adds to FOPE's role as an Interpretive Centre for the ecology of the Pugwash Estuary.



FOPE was proud to have been acknowledged by Nature Conservancy Canada (NCC) as being part of their decision to name Pugwash as one of their nature destinations. Collaboration with NCC has meant help and interpretive signage for the trail constructed through some of the NCC land. <http://www.natureconservancy.ca/en/where-we-work/nova-scotia/news/ncc-expands-pugwash.html>

<https://www.natureconservancy.ca/en/where-we-work/nova-scotia/featured-projects/pugwash-estuary.html>  
Facebook: Friends of the Pugwash Estuary and Web:  
[www.pugwashestuary.com](http://www.pugwashestuary.com)

### **Tree Conservation**

The Village promotes conservation of trees and has helped CIB with planting memorial trees in the park. It also cost shares on planter and garden plantings as well as gardener hiring. The Village does not use herbicides on its properties.

### **Personal Filling Station**

Personal Filling station for water bottles is now located in the Village Hall. With the new water system, it was important to bring safe water to the visiting public. The new station promotes reusing and elimination of single use plastic bottles.

### **Tropical Storm Dorian Cleanup**

In September 2019, Dorian caused a significant loss of trees, Village boardwalk and water's edge embankment due to the tidal surges. Both present a long-term problem and challenge for the Village. A major cleanup of the hiking, biking and snowmobile trails caused by wind damage and erosion was required. Rte. 6 Snowmobile Association, Friends of the Pugwash Estuary and local enthusiasts have been organizing and conducting this clean up. (See *Landscape Section*)

### **No Mow May Project**

In support of biodiversity, the Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) is suggesting that we abandon lawn mowing for the month of May. The idea is spreading across Canada, including many Atlantic communities like Moncton, Truro and now PUGWASH! In the spring of 2022 Pugwash CIB encouraged residents, organizations, and businesses to join the **No Mow May** movement to help wild pollinators and other wildlife in the green spaces where we live. Five reasons to join the movement:

- Encouraging biodiversity, wild plants, and pollinators
- Reducing unwanted or invasive weeds
- Saving time, money, and conserving resources
- Rethinking how we mow
- Maintaining our gardens naturally

The Village designated an area in Eaton Park to be untouched by groundskeepers. With support from the Municipality of Cumberland County, those residents who joined this initiative were given lawn signage to declare that they care about our environment. This initiative was extensively promoted on social media through April and May.

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### **Wastewater Treatment Plant**

Commissioned in October 2003, the Pugwash Wastewater Treatment Plant is consistently producing 5/5 mg/L BOD and TSS quality effluent. Total project value: \$1.6 million.

### **Use of Pesticides**

In Nova Scotia, pesticides are regulated by the federal, provincial and in some cases by municipal governments. Under the *Pesticide Regulations and the Activities Designation Regulations*, Nova Scotia Environment and Labour regulate the sale, use, storage, and disposal of pesticides. These regulations require applicators and vendors of restricted or commercial class pesticides to become certified. In some cases, applicators also require an approval permit from the department to apply pesticides. CIB disseminates this information to the public through the Village newsletter. There are no pesticides used on Village properties and few applications of herbicides are used on lawns or gardens. Local retailers require proof of eligibility before selling regulated chemicals.

### **LED Lights**

The new lights along the boardwalk in Eaton Park are LED. Throughout the Village properties they are replacing all bulbs with more efficient LEDs. Harbourfront Centre uses all LED lights.

## ON-GOING INITIATIVES

- **Waste-Water Treatment Plan:** established 1970, restructured in 2003
- **Solid waste transfer station**
- **Solid Waste/Composting/Recycling Bins**
- **KGB Recycling**
- **LED lights in village**
- **FOPE: Estuary house renovations, Aquatic Monitoring Program; Adopt a Stream Program**
- **NCC invasive species eradication program; new protected land**
- **Pugwash Farmers' Market sustainable development, healthy food, eat & buy local promotions**
- **Feral/Stray Spaying and Neutering Program**
- **Household Hazardous Waste Day**
- **Use of pesticides**
- **Enhanced Clear Bag Program**
- **PDHS: recycling and waste management program**
- **CEES: recycling and waste management program**
- **O'Brien's PharmaChoice prescription drug disposal**
- **Basic Spirit product initiatives**
- **Residential and business increased use of heat pumps**
- **Residential vegetable gardens**
- **CIB annual scholarship to PDHS graduate undertaking environmental studies**
- **Open Hamper Food Garden**

## Business and Institutions

### **Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC)**

Invasive species eradication program has added to already protected land.

### **Pugwash District High School**

PDHS has recycling and waste management programs including WHMIS- Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System - hazard classification, cautionary labeling of containers, the provision of (material) safety data sheets, worker education and training programs, and environmental improvements such as environmentally friendly toilets.

### **Selected Businesses/Institutions Environmental Initiatives**

Several businesses and institutions in the community strive to meet environmental by-laws and requirements regarding recycling, energy efficiency measures and safe practices. Here are some examples of initiatives:

#### **KGB Recycling**

Maureen Woodlock, 2011 RRFB Mobius Award winner, through her company KGB ENVIRO-DEPOT offers complete waste services to the Pugwash area. Many cottagers are unable to maintain backyard composting. Cottagers bring their recycling to the depot dumpsters.



*KGB onsite community compost bin utilizes the vermi-composting technique.*

The resulting compost is used in the onsite flower gardens and is available for purchase. For the past seven years, KGB has offered a work program for residents of Sunset Adult Rehabilitation Centre in Pugwash. These

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clients gain work experience by learning to count and sort containers and work on a schedule. They handle garbage and recycling, cardboard and e-waste, and textile recycling.



Many charities and non-profit organizations use the services of the KGB. When beverage containers are dropped off, people can specify that a local group benefit from the donations. These groups include the library fund, animal shelter, and Communities in Bloom. Girl Guides use the KGB as a drop-off for their annual Bottle Drive fundraiser. Families wishing to lower the Girl Guide registration fee can take their bottles to the KGB and apply the money towards that fee.

#### **Basic Spirit Environmental & Cultural Initiatives**

Basic Spirit uses lead free alloys in their pewter production. They have dust collection machines for the manufacturing area and everything they do meets required environmental/labor standards for their class of business. The owners are environmentally conscious, have developed several ways of giving back to community and are mindful of nature conservation. Ten percent of company profits fund various charities. Global Giving Key Chain & Global Giving Christmas Ornaments sales fund tree planting, peace initiatives, building two schools in Kenya, preserving wild spaces & oceans.

#### **Chase's Lobster Company**

Chase's has sold and shipped lobster product locally and around the world for over thirty years.



Lobster-fishing seasons are strictly controlled by fisheries regulations, requiring frequent inspections and scrupulous documentation. This documentation includes the number of the lobster boat and which of the sixteen districts it originated from so product can be traced back to the original source. Daily shipments to the airport are timed so that they are last on the plane and first off to lessen times from producer to consumers. In recent years packing materials have changed from newspapers to felt-like cloth and Chase's has reduced the use of Styrofoam by half. Chase's staff takes a mandatory handling course to be licensed, wash in iodine solutions, including iodine foot baths for their boots. All work clothing must remain in the processing plant.

#### **Windsor Salt Ltd, Pugwash Mine**



Windsor Salt Mine, in Pugwash, has been in operation since 1959. It is diligent in safety and environmental procedures, proudly declaring its concern with safety and the environment at the mine entrance. The mine

seeks to minimize the environmental impact of their manufacturing, storing, and distributing operations using available technology. It pursues continuous improvement in all its activities as manufacturing and mining processes continue to evolve to benefit the working environment, local communities, and the environment in general. Evaporated salt is distributed in bags and in bulk by trucks and salt boats. Vehicle movements are rationalized as far as possible consistent with customer needs. Packaging is recyclable and the company complies with the Essential Requirements and Producer Responsibility Regulations.

### Mundle's Dairy Farm



Mundle's Dairy farm has been a family-run business within the Village of Pugwash since the 1950s. The main environmental issues at the farm level of the dairy industry are:

- protecting drinking water from diffuse water contaminants of farming
- sustaining the availability of fresh water supply
- maintaining soil structure, erosion, and contamination
- protecting habitats from 'intensive' dairy farming activities
- ensuring biodiversity in the farmed environment
- reducing the level of ammonia and greenhouse gases that come from cattle
- minimizing negative impacts of climate change

Several of the many ways that the Mundle's Dairy Farm deals with their environmental concerns include:

- a septic system for wastewater that comes from the barn on the farm
- transplanted cat tails to help filter water in ditches
- concrete containment walls and pads around manure to prevent run off

- eave troughs installed on the barn to prevent rainwater from entering soiled areas
- stationary manure transfer pump which pumps solid manure underground to a holding area, preventing any runoff or toxic gases from being released into the environment.
- concrete pads are placed in pasture areas where cattle drink to prevent soil erosion and ground disturbance.

### North Cumberland Memorial Hospital

The hospital uses recycling and waste management safe environmental practices, WHMIS. One of the services provided by the hospital involves Environmental Health that works to prevent disease and injuries related to environments where people live, play, and gather. Members of this Public Health team coordinate the assessment and response to reported or suspected health hazards in many settings and situations. Locally these include housing, personal service settings (i.e., nail and hair salons), beaches, and myriad other settings or conditions. The inspectors also conduct compliance inspections related to tobacco sales, tobacco use, and snow sport helmet use.

### Holdanca Farm

Holdanca is a 500-acre family owned and operated farm located just outside of Pugwash. As both a career farmer and scientist, owner John Duynisveld puts his dedication and scientific research to the test. Winner of the 1999 Governor General Award for academic achievements in environmental research, John strives to create a responsible stewardship. He implements a more natural approach to farming than many producers currently use, primarily in the use of pasturing and free-range practices. All livestock are raised on feeds free of antibiotics, animal by-products and growth hormones. Access to fresh air, green grass and sunshine ensures a healthier and more humane method of producing a quality product. All livestock are processed at government inspected facilities and are certified free-range. The guidelines for the 'free-range' designation were developed by the provincial poultry marketing boards. All Holdanca Farm produce are voluntarily raised under the guidelines.



## Residential

### Heat Pumps

Many homeowners and businesses have installed heat pumps to reduce expenses for energy. As well, heat pumps conserve energy use by using the recovery process instead of fossil fuels.

### Vegetable Gardens



*Many households in the community have vegetable patches on their properties.*

### Pugwash Farmers' Market

The Pugwash Farmers' Market organization is a not-for-profit, membership-based cooperative. It provides a venue for and supports the development of grass-roots entrepreneurs enthusiastic about raising community awareness regarding the benefits of healthy living, choosing a small environmental footprint for food production. It stresses the importance of supporting a sustainable agricultural and artisan base in rural Nova Scotia.



With community sponsors, the Market has partnered with Cyrus Eaton Elementary School in the development of a school garden and greenhouse, and child-centered activities around growing and eating their own food.

### Feral/Stray Spaying and Neutering Program

This catch, treat and release or adopt feral cat program was conceived by and operated by local resident, Marilyn Williams, a life-long animal activist whose work resulted in many feral/stray cats being either spayed or neutered in the first year of the program. Since then, a considerable number of cats have been treated and many kittens of feral/stray cats have been taken into the LA Animal Shelter and or found homes. The reduction of the number of kitten litters is significant and has had an enormous impact on the feral cat colonies. This program has been totally paid for by public donations made directly to Northumberland Vets from donation jars around the county, refundables, bake sales and raffle tickets.

### Healthy Living Promoted by Community Health Board (CHB)

Pugwash offers a rich selection of choices for those wanting to live an active lifestyle.





The area is well-known for its outstanding beaches and warm water, as well as an abundance of nature trails. The CHB promotes golf, baseball, tennis, swimming, boating, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, all-terrain vehicles, disc golf, walking, hiking, fishing, hunting, yoga, and other exercise groups for all ages. The CHB Board initiated a snow shoeing program with the cooperation of the Village Commission. Residents borrow the snowshoes free of charge from the Village Hall. The CHB awards Wellness Grants up to \$3000 annually to deserving health promotion projects. Numerous members of the Pugwash community are members of the Advisory Committee for the new health care facility. The Community Health Plan for 2019-2022 was launched in December 2019. Its four priorities are:

- Increase Economic Well Being
- Increase Mental Health and Sense of Belonging
- Increase Healthy Lifestyles and Supportive Environments
- Increase Community Engagement and Positive Relationships

## Featured Environmental Volunteer Organization

### Friends of the Pugwash Estuary (FOPE)



FOPE was formed in 2004 by a small group of individuals concerned with the health of the Estuary and with what could be done to preserve this ecological treasure. Since that time much has been accomplished, including the engagement of the wider community and the growth of the membership. Public education and participation are a major part of building the strength of the organization. Throughout the years, FOPE has had a presence at the Canada Day Parade, provided Estuary Tours during HarbourFest, made presentations to school and community groups, entertained a wide variety of guest speakers at Annual General Meetings, and increased the Annual Flotilla to more than one hundred participants.



FOPE undertakes a host of activities each year. Included in those are culvert cleaning, Earth Day Hike, fish ladder repair, electric fencing, and stewardship and log detectors. FOPE has been busy and productive since 2017. Armed with grants from Canada 150 and Cumberland County, it undertook the renovation of Estuary House and the barn, stabilizing both structures for ongoing development as an interpretive education centre, and resource for events and outdoor activities. The footing for the gazebo was also upgraded. With the assistance of two summer students, the Peace Trail from the NCC lands south of Doherty Creek to the Seagull Foundation lands on Canfield Creek was mapped out and cleared. The Alice Power Environmental Educational Fund was created through the Community Foundation of NS as a means of ongoing fund-raising.

2018 was a difficult year for members of FOPE as they coped with the death of their Chair, Alice Power. FOPE recognized Alice with a bench on Estuary Trail and a

picnic table on the Peace Trail as well as creating the Alice Power Memorial Scholarship for a graduate from PDHS pursuing studies in environmental science. Work continued developing the Peace Trail with the creation and placement of interpretive signs along the trail identifying both the natural and human history along the river.

Students were again hired for the summer of 2019 to complete an ambitious mapping and plant survey of the salt marshes along Doherty Creek. This project was undertaken to document the extent of the marshes and the plant species growing there, prior to changes due to rising sea levels and was completed with scientific rigour thanks to the involvement of St Mary's University, NS Natural Resources and Clean NS.

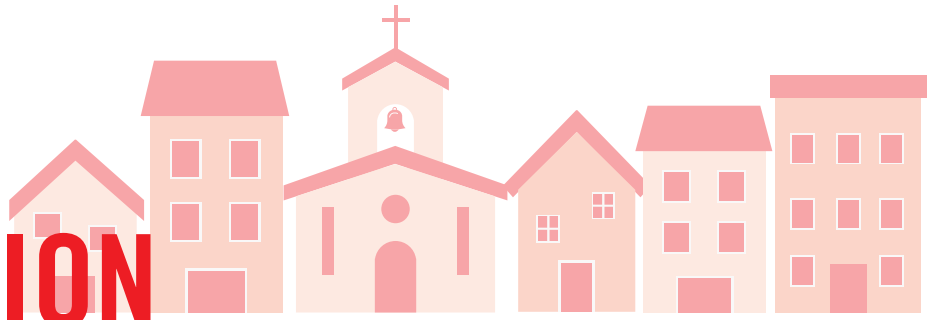
Tropical Storm Dorian felled dozens of trees along both trails in September. Trail maintenance is ongoing for FOPE but gained importance with NCC identifying the Pugwash Estuary as one of their nationally recognized Nature Destinations. FOPE was invited to have a table at the Farmers' Market monthly through the summer and benefitted from this exposure to provide information about the Estuary.

Besides specific projects each year, FOPE has continued involvement in Pugwash community events, Canada Day, Gathering of the Clans, HarbourFest and the Christmas Craft Market. They also continued with regular FOPE events such as the summer and fall colours flotillas, three annual bird counts (spring and fall migrations and the Christmas counts), Sunday hikes and their Fall Feast. These events are possible because of the dedicated commitment of local volunteers, without whom, FOPE could not exist.



In 2021 a new steel roof for Estuary House was installed in preparation for solar panels. An accessible environmentally friendly outhouse was also constructed. As an environmental group FOPE recognizes our responsibility to reduce our carbon footprint to zero. One of the coming initiatives is the planting of numerous trees on the FOPE property.

# HERITAGE CONSERVATION



## The Village of Pugwash ... rich in historically significant people and events

### SETTLERS

Mi'kmaq seasonally sought fish in the shallow waters of the Northumberland Strait and shellfish in the rich mud of the inlets and bays. Mi'kmaq's name for the area is Pagwe'ak, "shallow water." In the mid 1700's, Huguenot families from France settled in the area attracted by the fertile land and fishing until the expulsion of the Acadians in 1755. In the early 1800's, Irish and Highland Scottish immigrants made Pugwash their home. The Village celebrates its Scottish heritage each July 1, with the annual *Gathering of the Clans*.



All street signs in the Village are bilingual with both English and Gaelic translations.

### INDUSTRY

Shipbuilding played a significant role in the prosperity of the area. With the death of the 'Age of Sail,' the shipbuilding industry collapsed, and Pugwash faced economic hardship. Fishing, forestry, and farming have continued to be viable industries through the centuries. Merchants, taverns, hotels, tanneries, lobster factories and a sandstone quarry were all part of the economy of the area. The train station was built in 1888. Rail service operated from 1890 - 1993. The rail lines are now part of the Great Canadian Trail. In 1895, the Cumberland County Asylum was established just outside of Pugwash to house and treat the 'harmless insane'. Now, the Sunset Community

offers an enlightened, progressive, client-centered approach, group home in the community, and a sheltered workshop with a focus on assuring quality of life for residents and staff. Pugwash sits atop a salt deposit measuring 457.2 m thick and is home to the largest underground salt mine in Atlantic Canada, Windsor Salt Ltd. Our harbour hosts regular visits from salt boats, transporting the product along the Eastern seaboard and the St. Lawrence.



One of the salt boats guided safely around Pugwash Point by the famous Pugwash Lighthouse

Tourism and recreation are major economic drivers in the area. Pugwash, and the entire north shore of Nova Scotia are famous for its warm waters and sandy beaches. Top-rated Northumberland Links (<https://www.northumberlandlinks.com/>) and Fox Harb'r Golf Resort (<https://www.foxharbr.com>) continue to attract an influx of new, year-round, and summer residents to the Pugwash area.



## HISTORICAL BUILDINGS & MONUMENTS

- Pugwash Railway Station, designed by Sir Sanford Fleming was completed in 1892.



Pugwash Train Station is the one of the oldest train stations and is a registered historic site under the Heritage Property Act of Nova Scotia.

- Mary Crowley Memorial, erected in 1870 by the Legislature of Nova Scotia, honours the 12-year-old girl who died October 1869 after rescuing her younger brother and sister from a house fire. The memorial is believed to be the first public monument erected to a woman in Canada.
- The War Memorial sits at the corner of Water and Durham streets.
- Thinkers' Lodge & Lobster Factory - Pugwash is famous for being the site of an international conference of scholars organized by Bertrand Russell in 1957.



Pugwash's native son, steel magnate Cyrus Eaton (1883–1979), hosted the first of annual conferences at the lodge where high-level scientists from both sides of the Cold War divide came to state their opposition to nuclear weapons. The name Pugwash Conferences on



Science and World Affairs has since been used to refer to the group. Residents of Pugwash term these visitors as "The Thinkers." Joseph Rotblat's 1995 Nobel Peace Prize Medal is on display at Thinkers' Lodge.

- Gateway signs welcome visitors with "World Famous for Peace", in response to the 1995 awarding of the Nobel Peace Prize to the International Pugwash Conferences and Joseph Rotblat.
- The Village's Peace legacy is reflected in Cyrus Eaton Elementary School with a monument on the school grounds. The local Legion is named the Peace Branch Legion. Pugwash also has the Peace Dove Garden, Gateway Signs, the PeaceGround in Eaton Park, Peace Stones along the park boardwalk, Thinkers' Lodge, and the Lobster Factory. Thinkers' Lodge was declared a National Historic Site in 2008.
- Acadia Lodge No.13 A.F. & A.M., built circa 1902, is located on Victoria Street in the Village. The building and property are included in the municipal heritage designation and was a meeting place of the first Thinkers' Conference in 1957.

- The Lobster Factory is a remnant of the lobster industry of the past. It was restored as part of the Thinkers' Lodge project and is used for community events, weddings, and conferences.



*The Lobster Factory sits on the shore of Pugwash Harbour. Most recently it has hosted culturally themed dinners, concerts, and sunset parties. (<https://www.thinkerslodge.org/>)*

For more early historical information about Pugwash, (Visit (<https://pugwashart.com/pugwash-heritage-culture/>))

## NEW INITIATIVES 2018-2022

- **Waterfront Development Project**
  - Pugwash Harbourfront Centre stage
  - Pugwash Library development
  - Bill Mundle Marina infrastructure
- Village tourism Heritage, Recreation, Culture brochures
- Gateway signs adding *Communities in Bloom* Village panels
- Thinkers' Lodge Gate House Restoration & Repurposing
- Northumberland Links *Savour the Shore!*
- Pugwash Legion Memorial Banners & Calendars
- Pugwash District High School Graduation Banners
- ArtQuarters Pugwash workshops
- East Cumberland Lodge - *Art Infusion* with ArtQuarters
- Live at The Peace Hall Summer Music Series; Films; Peace Run
- Pugwash Open Air Gallery
- Art in the Park 2022
- Festival of Lights
- One Awesome Night
- Celebration of Gardens
- Hiking Trails expanded
- Northumberland Tennis & Pickle Ball Association infrastructure
- North Cumberland Historical Society database; talks and presentations
- PeaceGround signage redesigned and installed
- Governor General's Sovereign Award for Volunteerism 2019
- YMCA Peace Medallion Award
- Archiving CIB records
- History of the founding of Pugwash CIB created
- New Recreational Programs
- Youth Summer Recreation Programs
- Arts & Culture Events:
  - Pugwash HarbourFest Homecoming
  - *Writing on Fire ART JAM!*
  - Sunrise Film Festival
  - *Pugwash Artist Collective* shows
  - The Ukuladies
  - Pugwash the Play
  - Poetry readings, Book launches
  - *Maurice*, The Movie on location



## Municipality/Province/Village

### Pugwash Waterfront Development Project Pugwash Harbourfront Centre

The official opening of the Pugwash Harbourfront Centre was July 1, 2019 as part of the opening ceremonies for Canada Day and the annual Gathering of the Clans festival.



The stage is also used by Pugwash HarbourFest each summer, the Fire Department's Fishing Tournament, Gospel in the Park and other informal gatherings. In 2021, Pugwash HarbourFest Presents hosted a series of free music concerts and a puppet show. The facility is used for tai chi and line dancing in the summer. The Village is exploring opportunities to host more cultural and recreational events with this facility. (See *Landscape Section*)

### Pugwash Library

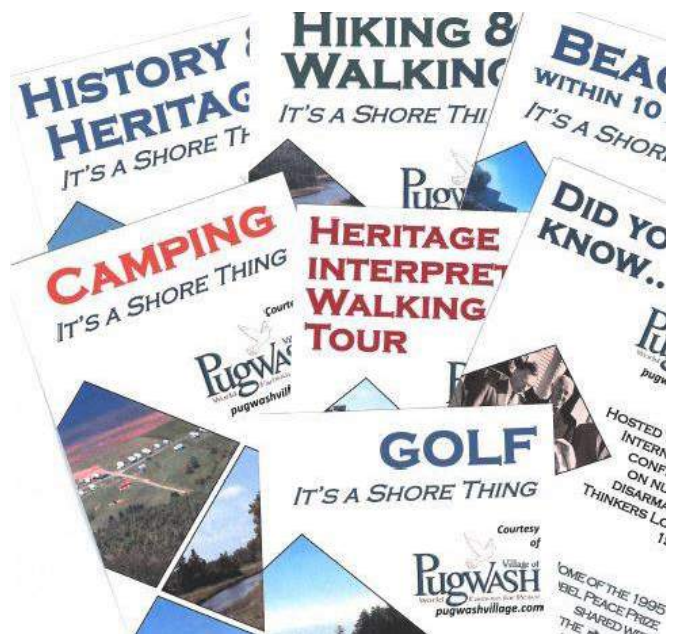
The Pugwash Library/Multi-Purpose Centre is one of the components of the Pugwash Waterfront Development project. For over 10 years, a committee representing Communities in Bloom, the Cumberland Regional Library, the YMCA, and the North Cumberland Historical Society worked with the Municipality of Cumberland County and the Village of Pugwash to help bring the new facility to fruition. In the summer of 2016, the county purchased a property on Durham Street for this building. After a series of development grants and concept designs exploring the possibilities, the cost of the project became an obstacle for stakeholders. The Municipality is now revising plans to build a stand-alone library.

### Bill Mundle Marina

The Pugwash Yacht Club (PWYC) is situated at the Bill Mundle Marina. PWYC was incorporated in 1984 when a group of enthusiastic boaters came together to establish a local marina in the Village of Pugwash. For the past 38 years, the PWYC has served the social and recreational boating needs of area residents and visiting boaters. PWYC currently reserves at least one spot for daily docking of visiting boats and one for the Pugwash Volunteer Fire Department Rescue Boat. The Bill Mundle Marina's infrastructure project is a collaboration with the Municipality of Cumberland and the Village of Pugwash to create more public green space, to build a trail connecting the inner harbour to the Village core, and to create a public boat launch. The development of the marina will help attract and retain people and business in our community, which is vital to the continued growth of Pugwash Harbour. Bill Mundle, a local resident, contributed a substantial donation to the continuing development of the Marina. It has been named in honour of his funding and vision. (See *Landscape Section*)

### Tourism Information for Heritage, Recreation, & Culture

The Village of Pugwash created ten new brochures in 2019 for visitors to the Village. The promotional materials give people suggestions of things to do and see in the area.



(<http://www.pugwashvillage.com/index.php/visiting-pugwash>)



## Gateway Signs

Three Gateway signs at each entrance to the Village were replaced in 2012. To emphasize the Village's heritage to visitors, in 2015 new panels were added to the gateway signs.

One says 'Welcome' and the other recognizes that Pugwash is the home of the Historical Thinkers' Lodge. In 2018, a new panel was added to declare that Pugwash is a "Communities in Bloom Village". (See *Landscape Section*)

## Business and Institutions

### Thinkers' Lodge Gatehouse Restoration & Repurposing

In 2021, Thinkers' Lodge received an ACOA grant to refurbish the old gatehouse at the entrance to the Thinkers' Lodge property. When completed, the Gatehouse will include a gift shop, espresso bar and staff office run by summer interns. Visitors will be able to take scheduled tours of the historic Lodge, shop from a selection of local art and enjoy refreshments at an espresso bar on the Gatehouse deck.

### Northumberland Links - Savour The Shore!

The inaugural *Savour the Shore*, a celebration of Nova Scotia's North Shore was held on July 14, 2018, at Northumberland Links.



The goal from the beginning was to highlight the best the North Shore has to offer, including live entertainment, a live and silent auction, children's games with featured professional athletes while vendors served the North Shore's finest food and beverages including lobster rolls, oysters, lamb sliders, cider, wine, and craft beers.



### Pugwash Legion Peace Branch 60 - Banners and Calendar

Since 2018 to the present, the local legion branch joined with many other branches across the country to erect veterans' memorial banners. Each banner has a photo of a veteran, which is supplied by the sponsor along with the units, dates of service, rank, if known, followed by the name of the sponsor.



Using the CIB/Village banner hangers, the banners are hung around the Village from October through November. The legion also produced calendars as a fundraiser featuring member veterans.

### **PDHS Graduating Class Banners**

In June 2021, community volunteers organized sponsored street banners celebrating the Pugwash District High School graduating students. COVID-19 prevented the usual graduation ceremonies and dances for two years.

### **ArtQuarters Pugwash**

Retired high school art teacher, Louise Cloutier and her partner, Richard Dittami, renovated an old King Street building into a centre for art and inspiration which ran from 2016 to 2019.



Louise was also asked to hold sessions in other locations including the Lobster Factory, Wallace Museum, East Cumberland Lodge with seniors and Fox Harb'r Resort. Sessions and workshops included art appreciation, drawing, collage, abstract painting, acrylic painting techniques, sculpting, watercolour and journal making. ArtQuarters was a wonderful addition to the cultural fabric of Pugwash and surrounding area.

### **East Cumberland Lodge - Art Infusion**

East Cumberland Lodge, for long-term continuing care, regularly hosts music concerts and visual arts, with the intent to enrich the lives of their residents. Under the guidance of recreational director, Jill Blaikie, Louise Cloutier from ArtQuarters led a series of five art workshops in the fall of 2018 and 2019, using materials that highlight colour, shape and texture.



These workshops culminated with an evening party and art show to celebrate the work with friends and family. The art work decorates the hallways and cafeteria of the Lodge and is a source of pride for the residents and staff. The safety measures required by COVID-19 prevented the delivery of this program in 2020 and 2021, but the institution plans to continue when community health permits it.

### **The Peace Hall Live! Summer Concert Series**

After a three-year restoration of the historic Acadian Lodge, John Caraberis and Bonnie Bond rebranded it as The Peace Hall and offered the space to individuals and groups to host gatherings that share knowledge, creativity, peace and contribute to the quality of community life. It was a stop for the Sri Chinmoy Oneness-Home Peace Run, a global relay that seeks to promote international friendship and understanding.

They also initiated Live at the Peace Hall Concert Series in 2018 and 2019 from June to September, featuring award-winning musicians in a variety of genres. COVID-19 precautions curbed use of the hall for concerts in the summers of 2020 and 2021.



Live at the  
**Peace Hall**  
 Pugwash Nova Scotia

**SUMMER CONCERT SERIES**

14 Victoria Street, Pugwash  
 Doors open 7pm Show 7:30 - 9:30 Limited Seating

**July 4 James Hill & Anne Janelle \$25**  
 Award winning, "utterly world-class"  
 NS singer-songwriter Ukelele-Cello duo

**July 18 Tomato Tomato \$25**  
 Genre-bending power duo from NB, perform an  
 eclectic mix of folk & country

**July 28 Catherine MacLellan \$25**  
 Award winning PEI folk/Canadiana singer-songwriter

**Aug 17 Kitchen Party**  
 A stomping good time - more details to follow

**Aug 25 Cassie & Maggie MacDonald \$25**  
 NS sisters with a unique blend of traditional and  
 contemporary Celtic instrumentals and vocals  
 Sponsored by Basic Spirit

Tickets: Basic Spirit Craft Gallery, Hwy 6, West Pugwash (902.243.3169)  
 Chesnutt Cafe, 10163 Durham, Pugwash  
 email: [thepeacehall@gmail.com](mailto:thepeacehall@gmail.com) Prices include HST Performances are Upstairs  
 Season Pass: 4 Tickets @ \$89

The project was officially launched in July 2021, with a website, self-guided tour print materials, and an on-going marketing strategy. Five more art works were installed in the fall of 2021, for a total of sixteen installations throughout the village.



## Community Involvement

### Pugwash Open Air Gallery

The *Pugwash Open Air Gallery* (POAG) is a new cultural project under the umbrella of CIB. It encourages the development of artistic excellence, stimulates awareness of and interest in visual arts, and fosters tourism to the Village and surrounding area. This is accomplished through the acquisition and installation of an accessible outdoor art gallery that is comprised of reproductions of artwork of local contemporary artists on the exterior walls of buildings in the Village.



In addition to financial support from CIB, extensive community donations and in-kind services from community volunteers, the POAG Committee successfully applied for funding from the Nova Scotia Beautification and Streetscaping Program from the Minister of Municipal and Housing Affairs, the Sheonoril Foundation, Community Health Board, and Thinkers' Lodge. Local businesses, organizations and the Pugwash Village Commission were enthusiastic supporters of this amazing and popular initiative.

Pugwash and The Pugwash Open Air Gallery received two Outstanding Achievement Awards from National CIB for Youth Involvement and Heritage Conservation in 2021. (<https://pugwashart.com/about-pugwash-open-air-gallery/>)





### Art in the Park

Communities in Bloom and the Pugwash Open Air Gallery joined forces with Pugwash HarbourFest in 2022, to host *Art in the Park*. Art came alive with a day of Art Demonstrations, Guided Art Tours around the village, Artful Tree installations and the creation of a Community Art Project. The community was invited to a celebration of art in Eaton Park along side of natural beauty of Pugwash Harbour. Visitors to Eaton Park were able to see local artists as they worked in their chosen mediums, such as painting, hooking, photography, mono printing, clay, quilting, metalwork, and so much more. The public was 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 offered insight into the 16 Pugwash Open Air Gallery installations around the village. Visitors also conducted their own walking tour using the POAG rack card map available at the Communities in Bloom INFO Kiosk on Water Street. The POAG organizers invited local organizations and businesses to join in the fun by decorating an Eaton Park tree. The public voted for their favourite Artful Tree for a chance to win a prize from a local business.



Art in the Park also offered the public a chance to help create a new sculptural contribution to our village's cultural landscape in Eaton Park by writing images and messages of Peace and tying them to a large wrought iron peace sign symbol.

### Festival of Lights

In 2019, as part of Christmas by the Sea, CIB promoted participation in Pugwash Festival of Lights. It encouraged the community to light up and celebrate the season. Volunteer judges traveled throughout the area looking for residences, institutions, and businesses who made the extra effort. The community was encouraged to make suggestions of their favourites. Winners were announced at the Pugwash Christmas Farmers' Market.



In 2020 and 2021, community involvement grew leaps and bounds. Pugwash Volunteer Fire Department added lights to the CIB wreaths on the bridge.



*Northumberland Boating Assn. floated a lit tree in the inner harbour to gladden hearts as you enter the village from East Pugwash.*



*Volunteers from Chase's Lobster erected a Buoy Tree, on top of which was its visiting Elf from Cumberland Trails.*

Pugwash Harbour Authority, Brickyard Marina, and the Bill Mundle Marina added delightful Sailboat in Lights to their wharf and Pugwash Farmers' Market lit their site. All the enthusiastic volunteers

ensured residents and those travelling through the Village of Pugwash were wowed when entering from West Pugwash. Communities in Bloom Winterfest volunteers annually decorate the bridge, the old Train Station, Cenotaph, HarbourFront stage, Triangle corner, planters, and window boxes. In 2021, an anonymous person(s) installed a Mystery Christmas Tree on the Gulf Shore Road. The Hartling family, Victoria St., and MacDonald family, Hwy 6, have set the bar high in seasonal decorating. The Hartlings use elements on their property to enchant young and old. They outdid themselves in 2021 adding a stunning antique tractor in all its shiny glory! For years, the MacDonald family have erected an outstanding display with over 20,000 lights and music, encouraging donations to the Cumberland Toy Bank. This is a huge amount of work and commitment to community wellness. It was almost impossible for the judges to pick their favorites again this year. Our residents are all winners. (See Appendix # 3)

### **One Awesome Night**

In early December of 2018 and 2019, the churches of Pugwash and Area held *One Awesome Night* at the Pugwash Farmers' Market, a re-enactment of the manger scene in Bethlehem, as part of the Village's celebration of Christmas by the Sea.



The groups transformed the market site into a Bethlehem Streetscape and everyone was invited to be part of the cast by dressing in period costumes, representing shepherds, Roman soldiers, and residents of the small town. With live animals, food, singing and activities, the free event attracted over five hundred visitors each year. COVID-19 prevented this program from happening in 2020 and 2021, but the area faith groups hope to continue it when community health permits.



## Celebration of Gardens

*Celebration of Gardens* was an initiative promoted by Pugwash CIB to celebrate gardens and gardeners in the summer of 2021. Using social media, the community was urged to help CIB identify local gardeners who brighten their properties and our neighbourhoods with their beautiful creations.



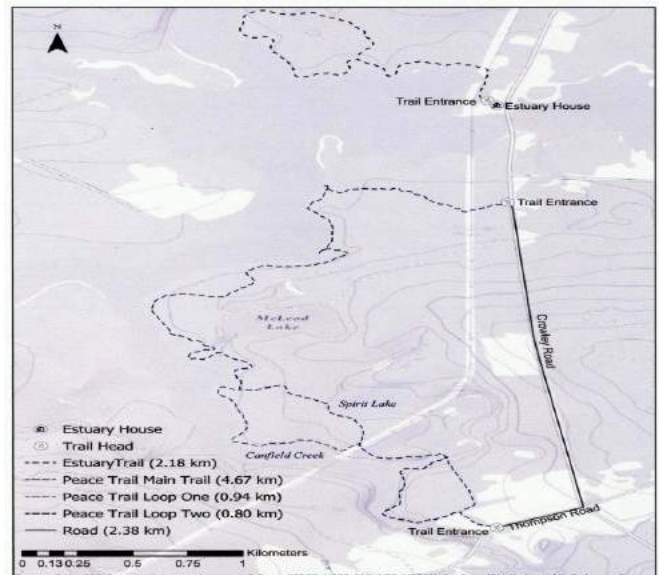
CIB volunteers led with the annual filling of planters and tending of public gardens with colourful floral displays. The public was asked to send emails and a photo of their favorite gardens whether they were edible, just for show, a community garden, created by a seasoned gardener or the child next door, large or small, local business or organization or a residential property.

Judges travelled through Pugwash & Area (South and West Pugwash, and the Gulf Shore) during the month of July, looking for inspiring gardens and innovative gardeners. Photos were posted on Face Book to generate interest and boost morale during another pandemic summer. Winners and honorable mentions were announced in early August on Pugwash Communities in Bloom's Face Book Page and prizes were awarded. (See *Plant and Floral Displays Section*)

## Hiking Trails and Guided Walks

The Friends of the Pugwash Estuary (FOPE) has constructed the beginning of a new trail system - The Pugwash Peace Trail System.

There are currently two trails for the public to hike, both along the shores of the Pugwash Estuary and River.



Initially, FOPE provided guided hikes of the Peace Trail every Sunday from the Estuary House. Visitors can now arrange a guided hike upon request.



In addition to the FOPE Trails, hikers can access hundreds of miles of trails in the area, thanks to the Cumberland Trails Association (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/933121780095660/media/albums>) and related ATV, Snowmobile, snowshoeing/skiing groups that maintain and repair trails. Recent projects are the protection of the Wallace River Bridge. Cumberland Trails led the repairs on the rail bed from Tropical Storm Dorian and recently repaired a major culvert collapse at Wallace Station.



### **Northumberland Tennis & Pickleball Association**

Northumberland Tennis and Pickleball Association (NTPA) partnered with the Sunset Adult Residential Centre, to create a new outdoor racquet facility on the Sunset grounds. The facility will feature two tennis courts and four pickleball courts, a parking lot, paved walkways, all being wheelchair accessible for both residents of Sunset and members of the public. This initiative will enhance the recreational opportunities, promote social healthy lifestyles, plus positively impact inclusion and diversity for the broader Pugwash community. NTPA has been active in building partnerships with Tennis NS and Pickleball Canada/ Pickleball NS, to support and improve local tennis and pickleball facilities, to provide spring, summer and fall programming and playing opportunities. As President of NTPA, Diane Burnham has been instrumental in organizing our annual tennis tournament, hosting instructional clinics with TNS, as well as patching the Village courts for safe play.



*Pugwash NTPA currently has over seventy members, while continuing to grow, integrating different communities within the Pugwash area through healthy and fun racquet play.*

### **North Cumberland Historical Society**

The North Cumberland Historical Society (NCHS) collects photos and records the histories of homes, barns, and outbuildings built before 1950 in Pugwash and surrounding areas. The 'Built Heritage Project' is an inventory of buildings in the area that are still standing, falling-down, or that previously existed in the areas served by the NCHS. Focus of the Project addresses one of the top requests the Historical Society receives. People want to know details of where their ancestors lived. Building on work done by John MacQuarrie, Peter Vale, and Harry Brown, the Society is looking to answer those questions. (<https://ncumbhistorical.wixsite.com/genealogyhistory>)

### **The PeaceGround in Eaton Park- New Signage**

The PeaceGround in Eaton Park was a collaborative project between CIB, the grade 8 and 10 visual arts students at Pugwash District High School, and the Village of Pugwash. The First Phase culminated in a Peace March and Installation Ceremony on May 22, 2014. The Second Phase was hard and soft landscaping the area around the peace benches including a pathway made from local materials in the form of a peace sign, followed by the planting of native trees and shrubs. Due to weather damage of the painted designs on the benches, the designs were replicated and screened on sign board and affixed to the back rests on each bench. (See Landscape Section) CIB also added planters to the site. In 2021, a new sign outlining the intent and history of the project, while tying into the other Village Historical Installations, was erected on the site.

### **CIB Member Received the Governor General's Sovereign Medal for Volunteerism**

Norene Smiley, a member of Pugwash CIB since 2007, has been involved in numerous projects, from the development of the PeaceGround in Eaton Park, Pugwash Open Air Gallery, annual CIB fundraising including the Christmas Home Decorating Tours, CIB fundraising Calendars, and many more. She was delighted to receive this recognition on behalf of the many volunteers in the Pugwash community.



*Her Excellency the Right Honourable Julie Payette, Governor General of Canada, presented honours to Norene Smiley during a ceremony on Thursday, April 25, 2019, at Rideau Hall in Ottawa.*

### YMCA Peace Medallion Presented

YMCA of Amherst NS honoured Dot Pal in 2020 as Peacemaker for demonstrating the values of Peace. Dot's tireless volunteer work with the Open Hamper Food Bank and the Community Garden were recognized as significant contributions to not only helping overcome food insecurity but to building capacity of the clients and volunteers.



### Archiving CIB Records with North Cumberland Historical Society

In 2019, CIB took the initiative to collect and preserve their scrapbooks, photographs and records, with digital copies in waterproof containers, and deposited them in the care of the North Cumberland Historical Society.

### Arts & Cultural Events

#### Pugwash Harbourfest Homecoming Presents

In 2021, when HarbourFest volunteers were unable to hold their annual festival for a second summer, they organized a successful series of outdoor concerts and a puppet show using the Pugwash Harbourfront Centre Stage, drawing visitors to the village for lively entertainment while meeting the restrictions for public safety during COVID-19.



### Youth Cultural Retreats: Writing on Fire Art Jam!

Writing on Fire promotes reading, writing and creative expression by bringing the finest of Canada's authors and other artists to the small communities of the North Shore of Nova Scotia. Since 2013, Writing on Fire has provided mentored art experiences for youth in grades 7-12 to explore their own voices, stretch their wings and challenge themselves. What started with writers-in-schools, one-day writing workshops and literary cafés, grew into an annual weekend retreat: ARTJAM! at Thinkers' Lodge. It now combines writing with other art forms like videography, podcasting, and visual arts.



#### Art Jam! Mentors 2017

**Sheree Fitch** is an award-winning novelist, playwright, poet, essayist, and storyteller, with books that have been in publication for almost 30 years. She's travelled from Africa to Nunavut, Shutan to China, and places in between, as writer, speaker and teacher. Now at work on a novel to be published by Doubleday Canada in 2017, *Majorly Weird and Freakawfully Wonderful*, she has also co-edited an anthology of poetry for children by poets of Atlantic Canada, *Whispers of Mermaids & Wonderful Things* (Nimbus 2017) [www.shereefitch.com](http://www.shereefitch.com)



**Louise Cloutier** is an art teacher who presents art classes, workshops and art socials in Art Quarters, a unique venue located in Pugwash, NS. Louise is the recipient of the Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence, Certificate of Achievement and the provincial, 'Bringing Arts to Life Teaching Excellence Award'. She has served on the Board of Directors for Visual Arts Nova Scotia and has participated in the PAINTS program. She has had numerous solo and group art exhibits and is a member of the Pugwash Artists' Collective. Louise was the Pugwash District High School Art Teacher for 25 years. Her passion for teaching art in her community will never retire!



Facebook: ArtQuarters Pugwash

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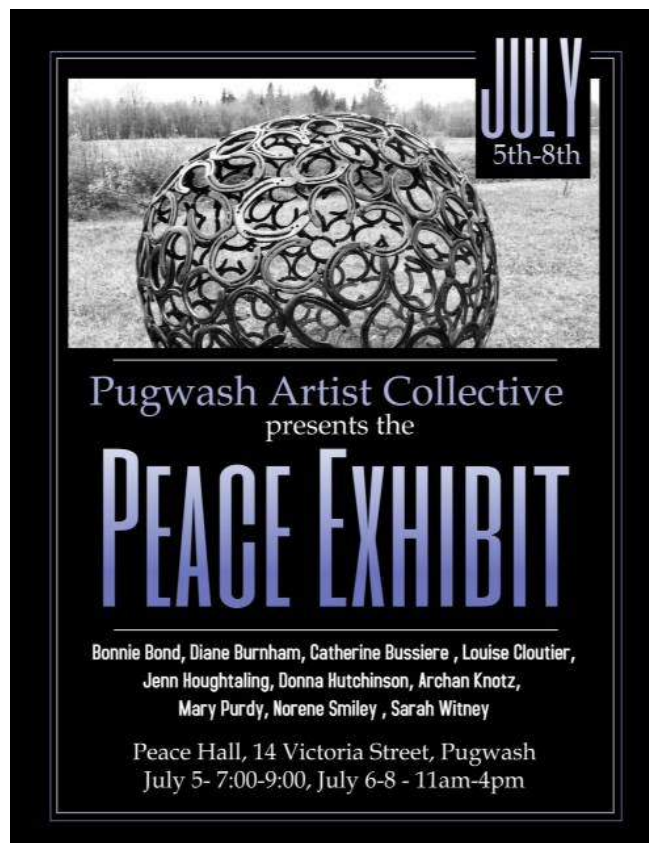
2018. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S5h5FJaWK-E&feature=youtu.be>) Most recently in 2021, The Isolation Diaries Project was initiated in response to feelings of separation and anxiety during the COVID-19 pandemic in our communities. Youth participants and senior adults came together to share writing experiences during lockdowns and strategies to use art to overcome challenges. The retreat resulted in the production of a Podcast of readings and interviews.

### Sunrise Film Festival

The Sunrise Film Festival, founded in 2015, provides film screenings and workshops along the North Shore. The festival screens films from all over the world and attracts international film makers to our little corner of Nova Scotia. Audiences learn through interesting panel sessions, Q&As and informal parties around the world of filmmaking. Based in Pictou, the festival has also held screenings in other North Shore communities such as Pugwash at the Lobster Factory.

### Pugwash Art Collective Exhibitions

The *Pugwash Artist Collective*, formed in 2010, contributes to the culture of the North Shore of Nova Scotia through annual group and individual art exhibitions.



Despite working in different mediums such as fibre art, painting, metal work, clay, film, paper, photography, printmaking, mixed media, they are strengthened by the diversity of the work, the variety of approaches to a theme and often inspired to try different art forms.

### The Ukaladies

In 2018, local group *The Ukaladies* was formed to take weekly lessons from a local musician while benefiting from learning new skills. It proved to be such fun that the group shared their love of music by performing at a variety of local events and fundraisers. Meetings of this group were curtailed in 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions.

### Pugwash, The Play

*How the tiny fishing Village of Pugwash tried to stop a nuclear war.*

The story of how the world's leading scientists descended on Cumberland County in 1957 forms the backdrop to Pugwash. The play made its world premiere at Parrsboro's Ship's Company Theatre in July of 2017. The play is a powerful, poignant story about politics touching personal lives. It was written by Canadian playwright Vern Thiessen who was supported in his research by the North Cumberland Historical Society.

### Poetry Readings & Literary Publications

*Poetry at Large* was launched in 2018 to celebrate national Poetry Month in April. Pugwash poets, Sarah Jewell and Richard Dittami read from their latest works. Growing in its second year, the festival included folk music and ancestral poetry, where people shared poetry of their parents and grandparents. In 2020/2021 COVID restrictions prevented the celebration. It returns in 2022.





Local writers published books in recent years: Richard Dittami, a poetry collection *Shredding Plywood* in 2020; journalist, Sara Jewell, *Field Notes* 2016; Hazel Felderhof, *Amanda's Story* 2012; and Prudy White, *The Grey Dawn* 2017 and *The Gathered Moss* 2020.



In the fall of 2021, the Peace Hall hosted the launch of Stephen Leahy's historical book, *Chignecto and Remsheg Before 1755*, about Acadian commerce in the area.

### **Maurice The Movie**

This short film, with the working title *Maurice*, is a production by Calamity Pictures. It was filmed on the streets of Pugwash in May of 2017.

The film was written by Village resident Norene Smiley, and Shannon Bell. Local cinematographer, Catherine Bussiere, and experienced sound person, Ron McNutt provided their expertise. Volunteer crew and local volunteer actors participated. The film locations made use of local businesses for interior and exterior shots including Shannon's Hair Salon on Prince Albert St., Monty's, and O'Brien's PharmaChoice on Water St.



## **New Recreational Programs**

### **Tai Chi**

Tai Chi has become a popular exercise regimen in Pugwash. It is offered free of charge to participants.

### **Disc Golf Courses & Tournaments**

Disc Golf, while it is like traditional golf, you do not hit a ball with a club. Instead, you throw a disc into a metal basket.



Sport Pugwash, located on the Miller Road, opened a nine-hole disc golf course in the spring of 2018, with plans to expand to a full 18-hole course. Two local men were key to this development. Benjamin Smith is an experienced disc golf designer, and Jim MacNab provided land to allow Sport Pugwash to build the local course adjacent to the existing Sport Pugwash facilities. Sunset Community also hosts the Denis Brown Memorial course on Crowley Rd. The game has enjoyed global growth from ten thousand courses in 2000, to forty thousand this year. Pugwash has joined many communities that have adopted the new sport that "anyone can play."

### **Summer Recreation Program**

Although the village hires a recreation coordinator each summer to organize youth recreation programs, 2021 saw this initiative reach new heights with collaborations with other groups such as the YMCA in Amherst. Families in the area could choose from: swimming lessons at Dinghy Wharf, basketball, softball, pickle ball, tennis, geocaching, road hockey, bocce ball, games in the park, water relays, yoga, fitness sessions, scavenger hunts, adventure therapy, and building sandcastles. A popular addition was regular movie nights on a big screen at the Pugwash Harbourfront Centre Stage.

## ON-GOING INITIATIVES

- Pugwash Gathering of the Clans Festival
- Robbie Burns Night
- Thinkers' Lodge Conferences
- Thinkers' Lodge Oral Histories
- Johnny Cash Fundraiser at the Pugwash CO-OP
- Pugwash Farmers' Market Artisans
- PDHS Sports, Arts & Music Concerts
- PDHS Annual Heritage Awards
- Remembrance Day Parade & Ceremonies
- Pugwash HarbourFest & Homecoming
- Pugwash Volunteer Fire Department's Annual Mackerel Fishing Tournament
- North Cumberland Historical Society Webpage & Databases
- Pugwash Community Pride in Action Recognition Program
- Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon
- Christmas by the Sea & WinterScape Lighting Displays
- Friends of the Pugwash Estuary Flotillas
- Historical Panels
- Village Street Banners
- Mixed Palette Art Group
- Peace Stones along Eaton Park boardwalk
- On-going Community Recreational Programs:
- Camp Pagweak - summer camp for youth

## Municipality/Province/Village

### Gathering of the Clans

Pugwash celebrates its Scottish heritage on Canada Day with the Gathering of the Clans. The day begins with piping bands, highland dancing, and a parade.



It ends with evening entertainment and fireworks. Highland dancers from various provinces compete on the Pugwash Harbourfront Stage, the winner receiving the prestigious Bonnie Gael award. Heavyweight games, a midway, residents and visitors enjoy artisans and food vendors. Community groups benefit from the funds raised by admission fees. 2020 and 2021 saw the cancellation of the festival due to COVID-19. (<https://www.pugwashvillage.com/index.php/festivals-and-events/gathering-of-the-clans>)

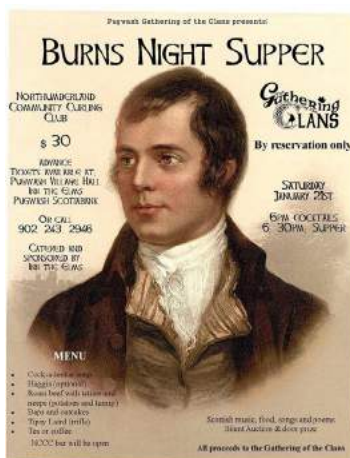




Pugwash Communities in Bloom annually enters a display in the Canada Day Parade, highlighting themes like, Anti-littering, (Video - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=leM9GleNvul>)

### Robbie Burns Night

The birthday of the eighteenth-century poet Robbie Burns is celebrated by Pugwash every January as a fundraiser for Gathering of the Clans. This popular event features Scottish music, food, poetry, whiskey, and haggis piped in and addressed in the traditional manner. 2020 and 2021 saw the cancellation of the event due to COVID-19.



## Business and Institutions

Thinkers' Lodge Conferences & Lifelong Learning  
This National Historic Site has hosted conferences, historical tours, workshops, and educational events continuously since 1957. More recently, Thinkers' Lodge and The Centre for Local Prosperity presented Climate Change Retreats with youth and adults in October 2021. The Lodge has also hosted a number of writing workshops. COVID-19 restrictions prevented most programming in 2020 and 2021. (<https://thinkerslodge.org/programs-and-events/upcoming-events/>)

### Thinkers' Lodge Oral Histories

Cathy Eaton, in 2010, began collecting oral histories of the Thinkers' Lodge and the peace movement in Pugwash, recording various residents who witnessed moments. (<https://www.thinkerslodgehistories.org/>)

### Johnny Cash Fundraiser at Pugwash CO-OP

The Pugwash CO-OP and volunteer board annually supports a fried bologna sandwich lunch which celebrates Johnny Cash's birthday and favourite sandwich. Proceeds go to the Open Hamper Food Bank.

### Pugwash Farmers' Market Artisans

The Pugwash Farmers' Market organization is a not-for-profit, membership-based Cooperative, with a volunteer Board of Directors and employs a part-time Manager.







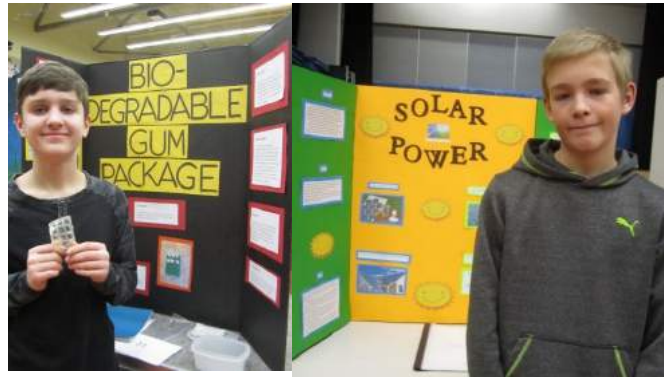
It provides a venue for and supports the development of grass-roots entrepreneurs passionate about raising community awareness regarding the benefits of healthy living, choosing a small environmental footprint for food production and the importance of supporting a sustainable agricultural and artisan base in rural Nova Scotia. Established in 2006, the Market has over 45 vendor members that attend the outdoor, seasonal Market each Saturday morning between May and October. It also holds an annual Christmas Market in mid-November.



The market is an opportunity for artisans and artists to promote their products and connect with buyers. These include potters, jewellery makers, painters, journal-makers, printmakers, writers, candle makers, textiles artisans including knitters and crocheters, felters, weavers, woodworkers, leather workers, glass workers and quilters. (<https://pugwashfarmersmarket.com/>)

### PDHS Science Fair

The annual PDHS 2020 Science Fair took place on February 11, 2020. There were interesting projects with research, investigations, and thoughtful conclusions.



Pugwash Communities in Bloom congratulated CIB Award Winners: Ethan Gullen (grade 7) for his amazing hands-on experimenting with “Bio-degradable Gum Package”; Sven Scouten (grade 8) for his great presentation on “Solar Power”; and Rachel Trenholm for her original exploration into “Breaking the Tension”. The 2021 Heritage Fair did not use community judges due to COVID-19 restrictions.

### Remembrance Day Parade & Ceremony

The Pugwash Royal Legion Peace Branch 60 organizes a Remembrance Day Parade on November 11 each year, with a ceremony at the Cenotaph. (<https://www.facebook.com/PugwashLegionPeaceBranch60/>)





## Community Involvement

### Pugwash Harbourfest & Homecoming

Pugwash HarbourFest & Homecoming is celebrating its 17th year in 2022 with a weekend of festivities during late July or early August. Through the years, the festival has hosted Tall Ships, Dragon Boats, and motorboat races. Since 2014, smaller family-oriented activities such as the soap-box derby and the cardboard boat race became the heart of the festival. In 2018 and 2019, Homecoming became a feature of the event, with reunions, family picnics and dances. CIB unveiled a Village Scavenger Hunt in 2018, encouraging families to walk the village businesses, finding the answers to the quiz, and learning more about the Village. In 2019, participation more than doubled. Under the Pugwash HarbourFest banner, community groups provide festival activities such as the popular Lobster Maze and raise needed funds for their individual organizations. (<http://www.pugwashharbourfest.ca>)



### Pugwash Volunteer Fire Department Annual Mackerel & Striped Bass Fishing Tournament

The volunteer fire department has organized a two-day fishing tournament for the last 27 years as a fundraiser. (<https://www.sixrivers.ca/pugwash-fishing-tourney-a-winwin-again>)

### Pugwash Community Pride in Action Recognition Program

Pugwash CIB initiated the Community Pride in Action Recognition Program in 2011. CIB celebrates those who make a difference in the community, rather than focusing on competition. CIB reaches out to the community to nominate candidates each year. CIB recognizes the people, organizations and businesses who inspire, motivate, and set an example in Pugwash. Individuals who act, lead the way, show initiative, pay attention, or share their time and energy are honoured.

**Pugwash Communities in Bloom presents  
The Community Pride in Action  
Recognition Program  
2021 Recipients**

  <b>Diane Burham</b> <i>Community Energizer</i> <i>"keeping our community active and healthy"</i>	 <b>Pugwash Volunteer Fire Department</b> <i>Community Protectors</i> <i>"first responders for community safety"</i>
 <b>Lobster Buoy Christmas Tree Makers</b> <i>Community Highlights</i> <i>"lighting up the night &amp; warming our hearts"</i>	 <b>Pugwash HarbourFest Homecoming Presents</b> <i>Community Booster</i> <i>"celebrating and highlighting our community strengths"</i>



### Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

Co-sponsored with the Village Commission, CIB annually organizes a Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon celebrating those who have contributed thousands of hours to enhance our lives. The recipients are publicly acknowledged before a room full of over 50 volunteer organizations.

CIB Chair, Maureen Leahey, honoured the recipients. "Through this program, we hope to say thank you to people who might not always get the recognition they deserve. We want to find, publicly acknowledge, and publicize the people who make a difference." In the fall of 2019, CIB recognized Hurricane Heroes who helped neighbours in distress after the destruction caused by Tropical Storm Dorian. The Luncheon was cancelled due to COVID in 2020/2021. The recipients were promoted on social media. *(Appendix #3 2011-2021 Winners)*

### Christmas By the Sea

The first weekend of December, the village celebrates the season with a tree lighting ceremony at the library.



Various organizations and businesses sponsor unique events which vary from year to year, including chowder dinners, concerts, open houses, sales in various businesses, Treefests, Christmas markets and Christmas Light displays.

### Historic Panels

The Pugwash Business Association in collaboration with CIB and the North Cumberland Historical Society erected Historical Panels around the village depicting historical facts and photos of the Village. CIB has continued this tradition in 2022 and erected a heritage panel at Sheryl's Bakery and Cafe. It honours the history of the Windsor Salt Mine.





### **Village Street Banners**

CIB in collaboration with the Village of Pugwash erects banners each summer since 2015, welcoming visitors and reflecting the heritage of the area.



### **Peace Stones in Eaton Park**

In 2016 CIB, with permission from the Village Commission, installed seven stones along the wooden walkway of Eaton Park, inscribed with quotes about peace.

### **Sport Pugwash**

Sport Pugwash promotes sports and a healthy lifestyle. The property consists of a ball field, a disc golf course, harness horse track and walking trails.

(<https://www.facebook.com/sportpugwash/>)



### **Recreational Programs**

The Village and area have numerous on-going recreational programs available throughout the year including snowshoeing, adult and junior golf programs at Northumberland Links, and at Fox Harb’r Resort - golf, skeet shooting, horseback riding, kayaking, fishing. Northumberland Community Curling Club has Little Rocks, Sunset Program. There are also multiple equestrian disciplines - English, Western & Driven, Trail Riding, Cattle Penning/Sorting.

# TREE MANAGEMENT

## NEW INITIATIVES 2018-2022

- CIB planted additional trees: all 42 species of native NS trees now represented in Village boundaries
- Held Public information programs: Good planting techniques and best practices available on Village website
- CIB submitted Pugwash Tree Inventory as Appendix to Official Plan of the Municipality
- Advocated Village Commission & Municipality hire an arborist
- Village hired an arborist following Tropical Storm Dorian
- CIB hired arborist: Recommended planting 16 new trees on Village property, replace 6 at CEES
- CIB purchased, planted, maintained, watered over 37 new trees
- CIB removed and replaced dead trees on perimeter of CEES
- CIB provided information to Village, Municipality, and on social media recommending native trees, good planting practices, maintenance, watering, & pruning
- Decaying and damaged limbs removed from Eaton Park trees
- CIB Chair presented at 2019 Atlantic Urban Forestry Collective
- Succession trees planted in Eaton Park and Train Station in 2020
- Fruit trees planted at Open Hamper Food Bank Garden
- CIB planning activities around NS's 2022 Arbour Day
- FOPE conducted weekly guided hikes of estuary trails for visitors & locals to increase knowledge & appreciation of urban forest
- Felderhof family donated tree stumps for outdoor learning classroom/venue at CEES
- CIB expanded Community Pride in Action Program criteria for trees
- Planning underway for 2022 Tree Seminars

Nova Scotia has Acadian forest while much of the rest of Canada has Boreal forest. Over 75% of the province is covered by this diverse, dynamic, and productive resource. Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources is responsible for laws and policies regarding a variety of aspects of forestry in the province. Department of Lands and Forestry administers these laws and policies regarding strategic planning, integrated pest management, etc. (See <https://nslegislature.ca/sites/default/files/legc/statutes/forests.htm> and [https://www.novascotia.ca/Just/Regulations/regs/ENVPEST.HTM#TOC2\\_1](https://www.novascotia.ca/Just/Regulations/regs/ENVPEST.HTM#TOC2_1)) Ecologically sound forestry practices were proposed in the Lahey independent review of NS forestry in 2018. These are slowly being implemented. A new NS policy for protecting old-growth forests was placed on the table for review in 2021.





## Municipality/Province/Village

The first impression of the urban forest in Pugwash is that some tree species are represented in great abundance and some by only a few individuals. This is typical of most towns. Such non-native species as the Manitoba Maple, Norway Maple, European White Poplar, Linden, Horse Chestnut, and Lombardy Poplar are in great abundance.

Several native species abundant in Nova Scotia but poorly represented in Pugwash include Sugar Maple, Yellow Birch, and Eastern Hemlock. Black Ash and Ironwood are rare in NS and yet found in the Village.



Since the completion of the Pugwash Tree Inventory in 2015-2016, CIB planted 48 native trees so that all 42 native Nova Scotia trees are growing within the Village.



The Municipality of the County of Cumberland has a bylaw pertaining to the encroachment of vegetation but typically leaves tree regulation to the Village and individuals. Since the 2015, *Great Pugwash Tree Events*, public information programs about good planting techniques and best practices are available on the Village website. The Village and businesses provide in-kind service to maintain trees.

**Table 1. Trees of Nova Scotia found in Pugwash**

Common Name	Scientific Name	Common Name	Scientific Name
Ash spp.	Fraxinus spp.	Ironwood	Ostrya virginiana
Ash, Black	Fraxinus nigra	Larch	Larix laricina
Ash, Red	Fraxinus pennsylvanica	Maple, Mountain	Acer spicatum
Ash, White	Fraxinus americana	Maple, Red	Acer rubrum
Aspen, Trembling	Populus tremuloides	Maple, Sugar	Acer saccharum
Birch, Yellow	Betula alleghaniensis	Mountain Ash	Sorbus spp.
Birch, Gray	Betula populifolia	Oak, Red	Quercus rubra
Birch, White	Betula papyrifera	Pine, Jack	Pinus banksiana
Cedar, Eastern White	Thuja occidentalis	Pine, Red	Pinus resinosa
Cherry spp.	Prunus spp.	Pine, White	Pinus strobus
Cherry, Choke	Prunus virginiana	Poplar, Balsam	Populus balsamifera
Cherry, Pin	Prunus pensylvanica	Prunus spp.	Prunus spp.
Dogwood spp.	Cornus spp.	Serviceberry	Amelanchier spp.
Elm, American	Ulmus americana	Spruce, Black	Picea mariana
Fir, Balsam	Abies balsamea	Spruce, Red	Picea rubens
Hawthorn	Crataegus spp.	Spruce, White	Picea glauca
Hemlock, Eastern	Tsuga canadensis	Sumac, Staghorn	Rhus typhina
		Willow spp.	Salix spp.

## Appendix to Official Plan of the Municipality

CIB submitted the 2015-2016 Pugwash Tree Inventory as an Appendix to the Official Plan of the Municipality. Evidence of the value of the tree inventory has been the inclusion of its recommendations in the Pugwash Waterfront Development Project planning documents. Table 1. Trees of Nova Scotia found in Pugwash

### Arborist Recommended by CIB

CIB advocated the Pugwash Village Commission hire an arborist to appraise trees in Eaton Park and the Train Station area particularly concerning safety, succession planning, increasing species diversity, and dealing with the spread of ash disease. Owing to budget constraints, the arborist was not hired. Instead, CIB engaged an arborist and recommended the planting of 16 new trees on Village property. This recommendation was accepted by the Village Commission.

### Clean up Following Tropical Storm Dorian

Following the uprooting and damage of many trees during Tropical Storm Dorian in 2019, the Village Commission then secured the services of an arborist. CIB provided detailed information to the Village, Municipality, and on social media about recommended native trees to plant, good planting practices, and maintenance, watering, and pruning. Village maintenance staff removed decaying and damaged limbs from Eaton Park trees and planted fruit trees near the Open Hamper Food Bank Garden located on Village property.

### TD Friends of the Environment Foundation Grant

In 2020, thanks to a TD Friends of the Environment Foundation grant, Communities in Bloom and Friends of the Pugwash Estuary (FOPE) partnered to plant 16 native tree species at Cyrus Eaton Elementary School (CEES), Pugwash Train Station/Library and Eaton Park. These included 7 red maple (*Acer Rubrum*), 7 red oaks (*Quercus Rubra*), and 2 sugar maple (*Acer Saccharum*). These were all species recommended to be increased in the Village by Dr. Peter Duinker when he and his students completed the Tree Inventory in 2015-2016.



*As part of the 2020 Great Pugwash Tree Blitz, Jerry Draheim, a local farmer/tree grower/ beekeeper, gave a tree planting demonstration.*

### Tree Planting Tips and Tricks

CIB distributed handouts on Tree Planting Tips and Tricks, a resource prepared by the Dalhousie University School for Resource and Environmental Studies. Fifteen volunteers and two Village paid staff participated in the planting. In addition, seven other volunteers participated in the planning, permission granting, etc. This brings the total to twenty-two volunteers. CIB also contracted to hire a local man with his mini excavator. This was a significant help as most of our volunteers are in their 60's and 70's.

Because of COVID-19, we unfortunately were unable to conduct some of our plans. The international students who had agreed to participate in this project had to leave Pugwash early for home on repatriation flights.

## Business and Institutions

### Cyrus Eaton Elementary School (CEES)

Cyrus Eaton Elementary School (CEES) has been particularly receptive to CIB planting trees around its perimeter. Since 2017, CIB purchased, planted, maintained, and watered over 27 new trees, and removed and replaced dead ones. An arborist was engaged to evaluate the trees in 2019.

Children engaging with the School Garden Club, initiated by a CIB member, have learned about the value of trees, and participated in the planting, care, and watering of a variety of fruit trees planted on the





school grounds. CEES has expanded the diversity of trees on its property and encouraged children’s interest in trees and gardening.

### **North Cumberland Memorial Hospital and Collaborative Health Centre**

Once the new hospital has been completed in 2023, a variety of native NS tree species will be planted on the property. A CIB member is a Public Advisor to the project and will provide input.

### **Pugwash Ground Search and Rescue**

CIB engaged Pugwash Ground Search and Rescue to consider purchasing trees for its headquarters property. Owing to safety concerns and the ability to have quick and easy access to its grounds, the group decided not to pursue tree purchases. Rather, they planted a flower garden in their front yard.

## **Residential**

### **Educational Outreach, Advice, and Consultation**

CIB engaged in educational outreach and offered advice and consultation to various residents about tree diversity, care, and maintenance of trees, and increasing species diversity. Plans are underway to offer Tree Seminars in 2022 to encourage replanting of trees damaged by Tropical Storm Dorian. Also, activities around Nova Scotia’s 2022 Arbor Day are being planned.

Information about best practices will be offered at the CIB Annual Plant Sale. The Village Newsletter and the various news media will share this information to help inform tree health decisions.

## **Community Involvement**

### **Community Pride in Action Program & Awards**

CIB expanded its *Community Pride in Action Program* criteria for trees so that nominations are accepted for tree related actions such as extensive use of native trees in landscaping and planting native trees to replace non-native trees.

CIB honoured FOPE volunteers in the *Community Pride in Action Recognition Awards* for their work in trail development and maintenance. Nominations are accepted for recognition of tree related initiatives. FOPE volunteers have taken the lead in conservation work and eradication of invasive species (buckthorn).



*Norene Smiley recognizes Betty Hodgson, FOPE Chair, for her “passion for the environment” at the 2019 Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon.*

### **2019 Atlantic Urban Forestry Collective**

Maureen Leahey, Pugwash CIB Chair was invited to participate in the 2019 Atlantic Urban Forestry Collective in Halifax to discuss practices and challenges of urban forestry in a rural setting.



### **Outdoor Learning at CEES**

In 2019, the Felderhof family donated tree stumps for an outdoor learning classroom/venue at CEES.







# LANDSCAPE

The Village of Pugwash has a beautiful waterfront park with a sand beach, community stage, picnic areas, playground, and beach volleyball court. Additionally, there are several parks and green spaces close by.

## NEW INITIATIVES 2018-2022

- Harbourfront Centre
- Municipal water project
- Farmers' Market
- Playground accessibility
- Eaton Park boardwalk
- Swallow birdhouses
- Bug and insect houses
- Extending wheelchair accessibility – Heather Beach and Sunset Residential Centre
- Windsor Salt brine pond reclamation
- PeaceGround signage
- Pugwash Open Air Gallery initiative
- Courts and Communities in Action Project



*The scenic boardwalk winds its way along the water's edge of Pugwash Harbour and Eaton Park.*

## Municipality/Province/Village

### Pugwash Harbourfront Centre

The Pugwash Harbourfront Centre is the first component of the Pugwash Waterfront Development Master Plan. Located in Eaton Park, it offers much more than the aging stage that was built on the site several decades ago.



This modern facility has a stage, backstage dressing room, washrooms, a small office for backstage crew, and a utility room for cleaning and maintenance. The exterior is sided with cedar that will naturally age over time. The building is fully accessible with ramps. The new space is available for the Gathering of the Clans on July 1, HarbourFest (end of July), meetings, exercise and dance classes, weddings, and more.

**Municipal Water Project**

This multi-year project was completed in 2019 and hook-ups are available to all Village residents and businesses.

**Pugwash Farmers’ Market**

This seasonal market operates on Saturdays from late May to mid-October with an indoor Christmas market in early December. In November 2019, the Peace Hall offered space for several “Pop-Up Markets” selling produce and artisan crafts. While the Market started in 2006, the newly constructed building on Durham Street was completed in 2018.



The structure was funded by the federal government (ACOA), Municipality of Cumberland County, and local fundraising by the Farmers’ Market. In 2020, there were approximately 45 vendors (some members, some occasional). For the last five summers the Wellness Tent Programming has promoted healthy and active lifestyles by providing a variety of guests sharing their expertise at the Market.

**Playground Accessibility in Eaton Park**

The playground in Eaton Park is a popular site for children and adults. In 2019, CIB approached the Village Commission with a plan to make the space more accessible to those using wheeled devices



(wheelchairs, walkers, strollers). The plan was approved by the Village and the Municipality. It was jointly funded by the Municipality of Cumberland County and Pugwash Communities in Bloom. Phase 1 involved an area at the top of the playground garden on Water Street. Formerly it was a combination of gravel and weeds with a picnic table on it. A stone patio was installed to blend with the existing stonework and a wheelchair accessible picnic table was purchased for the patio.

Phase 2 involved making the playground accessible from the parking lot at the base of the hill. A wooden pathway was built connecting the parking lot to a platform with a seating area by the playground.



All building, construction, and stonework were done by local businesses. In 2020, the Village agreed to add new swings to the far side of the playground and to spread additional pea gravel over the entire playground surface.



### **Eaton Park Boardwalk**

Years ago, the shoreline along Eaton Park and the Thinkers' Lodge was re-enforced with large boulders to prevent erosion. A boardwalk was built on the section in Eaton Park. Unfortunately, Tropical Storm Dorian did extensive damage to the shoreline and boardwalk in September of 2019. The damage was assessed and plans were made to rebuild the boardwalk in 2020. The rebuilding was completed in 2019.



Before Dorian, there were areas among the boulders that had become breeding places for unsightly weeds to grow. It was recommended by previous CIB judges that the area be cleaned up and planted with attractive groundcovers among the boulders. CIB and the Village discussed ways to improve the landscape appearance along this berm area. We settled on a plan to cut back the weeds in the spring of 2020 and plant the spaces between the rocks with John Cabot roses and pachysandra that would creep and grow making an attractive landscape addition. Plans were discussed with the Thinkers' Lodge to extend the same plantings along the berm area on that property. Our plan changed with the storm when the boulders and ground were moved and the weeds were gone.

### **Courts and Communities in Action Project**

The Sunset Community, in partnership with Northumberland Tennis & Pickleball Association, received \$250,000 from the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA) in January 2022. This funding will help develop tennis and pickle ball courts – the Courts and Communities in Action Project, onsite at the Sunset Community. The project was one of twelve in Cumberland and Colchester to receive funding. Residents and participants in Sunset

Community's residential and social enterprises, employees and their families, all NTPA members, and residents and visitors to the Pugwash area will have the opportunity to use the courts. The development of these courts will provide a state-of-the-art outdoor facility to add to existing programming. This project will enhance our community recreation in a significant way for people of all ages and abilities and help integrate the larger Pugwash and area community into the lives of those at the Sunset Community. Development of this project is expected to begin in Spring 2022.

## **Business and Institutions**

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### **Swallow birdhouses**

In 2017 and 2018, many swallow birdhouses were built by Sunset Industries. CIB installed several throughout the Village (Eaton Park, Library, Open Hamper Food Bank Garden, Elementary and High Schools) and sold many to area residents.

### **Bug and Insect Houses**

Bug and insect houses are fabricated structures created to provide shelter for beneficial insects. In 2018, eight were purchased and installed in Eaton Park and the area by the library. They are taken down during the winters and reinstalled each spring. June 2019, the students at CEES created their own insect hotel near their pollinator garden on school property. Jennifer Houghtaling (School Garden originator) and two other CIB volunteers initiated this project. During their Field Day, groups of children rotated into an activity in which they learned about the importance of preserving insect populations and each contributed to the building of their large "Bug Hotel." During the same



activity, the students painted their own Pugwash stones and used them to decorate their pollinator garden.

### **Extending Wheelchair Accessibility - Heather Beach & Sunset Residential Centre**

In 2019, a special ramp and water wheelchair were installed at Heather Beach making it possible for those in wheelchairs to wheel over the sand and enjoy being in the ocean water. Sunset installed a glider with a wheelchair ramp on one side. Residents could be rolled



onto it and enjoy swinging outside on a warm summer day.

### **Windsor Salt Mine Brine Pond Reclamation**

In the summer of 2018, the Windsor Salt Mine was interested in initiating a brine pond reclamation project on their property. Two CIB volunteers were asked to consult with their committee to discuss the situation. The pond was successfully filled in during the summer of 2019 and the Salt Mine will continue with landscaping to make the area into a park.

### **PeaceGround Signage**

The original PeaceGround sign in Eaton Park was replaced in 2019 with signage matching others in the Park and the heritage signs throughout the village.

It includes information about the building of the PeaceGround and the students' artwork on the peace benches.

The PeaceGround remains on Village property and was a joint project of Communities in Bloom and the Pugwash District High School. CIB funded the new signage.



### **Pugwash Open Air Gallery Initiative**

Communities in Bloom initiated an outdoor art display. Original artwork done by local artists are transferred to alupanel and placed on the outside walls of businesses and institutions throughout the village. This project has been years in the planning and the first artwork was mounted in 2020.



## ONGOING INITIATIVES

- **Pugwash Waterfront Development Project**
- **Hiking and Snowmobile Trails**
- **Banners and seasonal maintenance**
- **Turf Management**
- **Landscape Maintenance**
- **Peace Quote Stones in Eaton Park**
- **PeaceGround benches and landscaping**
- **Cenotaph**
- **Addition to gateway signage**
- **Traffic triangle fishing vignette, planters, and window boxes**
- **WinterScape - Seasonal design and décor**
- **School Garden**
- **Open Hamper Food Bank garden**
- **Maintenance of properties**
- **Northumberland Links**
- **Residential Gardens**

## Municipal/Province/Village

### **Pugwash Waterfront Development Project**

The next affordable Phase of the Waterfront Development Project, determined by the Municipality, will be the much-needed construction of a new Pugwash Library. Plans and meetings are on-going.

### **Hiking & Snowmobile Trails**

September 2019, the Great Trail from Pugwash Junction to Oxford suffered severe damage from fallen trees and washed-out areas due to Tropical Storm Dorian. By December 2019 about 90% was repaired. Deep trail culverts were replaced. Long sections of trail that were washed out were built up with shale thanks to SANS and ATVANS OHV grants, private and corporate donations, and local club support. Additional funding was approved through Communities/Culture and Heritage.

In the fall of 2019, Cumberland Trails held a Hike Nova Scotia Fall Series guided hike on the Pugwash Estuary Peace Trail. Twenty-five participants enjoyed a 6 km or 10 km hiking adventure complete with hot chocolate and treats donated by FOPE. Friends of the Pugwash Estuary (FOPE) built two new bridges and two new boardwalks to mitigate wet areas on the Pugwash Peace Trail. Over 26 volunteers helped with this endeavour. FOPE Volunteers host Sunday guided hikes.



Though all local Snowmobile and ATV Club trails took a beating from Dorian, most damage has now been repaired. Crews such as the Sunset ATV Club spent several days removing fallen trees, repairing bridges and trail washouts.

## Banners and Seasonal Maintenance



In the spring of 2019, CIB reassessed the street banner placements to optimize their impact by strategically placing them in groupings. CIB and the Village shared the cost of banners and brackets installation and removal. CIB decided in 2022 to just consult on the banner project. The Canadian Legion places banners throughout the community to honour fallen veterans for Remembrance Day and PDHS honours its graduates with special banners having their pictures on them.

## Turf Management

The Village of Pugwash has a beautiful waterfront park with a Community Stage.



Eaton Park is the gathering place for two annual July festivals and various musical events throughout the summer. Due to turf damage done during the installation of municipal water, the construction of Harbourfront Centre, and Tropical Storm Dorian wave surge, public grassy areas by the library and in Eaton Park required sod or reseeding in 2019. The Village plants the park with a blend of native and natural grasses mixed with clover and fescues. The clover stays green and recycles atmospheric nitrogen back into the soil. Fescue is a low input grass that likes shade and poor soils. Annual bluegrass is native to this area and reproduces quickly replenishing itself. The “lawn” type combination stands up well to utility uses in the public settings around the Village and holds up well to drought and other environmental stresses.

## Landscape Maintenance

The number of maintenance staff hired by the Village from May-November is 2.3 FTE and a .5 FTE gardener. Grounds maintenance tasks for such things as mowing and trimming turf are part of the Village Caretaker’s job description. It includes the task of repairing and reseeding turf as required in Eaton Park. The grounds keeping staff creates and maintains healthy, limited maintenance turfs by planting a mixture of native grasses, clover, and fescue. A groundskeeper hired by the Village routinely does the maintenance of all Village property. The Village hires an assistant and part-time gardener to help during the summer. Grass cutting, painting, repairs, emptying of blue waste receptacles are done by these people and the Village groundskeeper. Village property includes Eaton Park, tennis court, Cenotaph, Village Hall, lawn beside PharmaChoice on Water Street.





### PeaceGround Benches & Landscaping

CIB, PDHS grade 8 and 10 students, and a local high school art teacher initiated the PeaceGround, located in Eaton Park, as a co-operative effort along with the Village in 2014. The second phase of the project included a pathway made from local materials in the form of a peace sign, and the planting of native trees and shrubs. CIB also added planters to the site. High school students had drawn images of the historic peace movement on wooden benches. Over a couple of winters, the artwork was in risk of being lost due to weathering. The art teacher and CIB worked together to preserve the students' work by replicating it on "alupanel" adhered to the back of the Park benches. They also removed the old wood and replaced it with newly painted wooden slats. During the winter of 2019-20 a local volunteer disassembled the benches, sanded, and repainted the wooden slats.



The restoration of the PeaceGround benches honours and echoes the work of the students while making a more stable, weather resistant alternative to the original.



### Peace Quote Stones in Eaton Park

CIB volunteers initiated a project to include nine Peace Quote Stones in Eaton Park.



The Peace Quote Stones are part of the landscape along the boardwalk and provide people with an opportunity to reflect on the message of peace.

### Cenotaph

The Village completed refurbishment of the Cenotaph including removal of fencing around most of the area, capping a low wall with Wallace sandstone, a new flagpole, refurbishing names on the monument, and creation of a grassy area.



In the fall and spring of 2019-2020 a new garden was created. Plantings were moved from a garden at the Library to the Cenotaph site and bushes were pruned.





### Gateway Signage

Each sign that is posted at the three entrances to the Village is welcoming, uses the Village logo of a white peace dove on a blue background, and recognizes the community as the home of an historical site. Each sign has landscaping with local stone at the base. In 2018 CIB paid for additional strips on the signs recognizing Pugwash as a “Communities in Bloom Village”.



## Business & Institutions

### CEES School Garden

The School Garden that began in 2016 continues under the direction of a teacher.



Funding is obtained from several sources including the government, Community Health Board, Ecology Action Centre, Village Commission, CIB, and private donations. (See Plant and Floral Displays)

### Traffic Triangle Fishing Vignette, Planters, & Window Boxes

The traffic triangle at the intersection of Hwy 6 and Durham Street was revamped in 2016 with the addition of a fishing vignette and two dory style boats.





Each year the plantings in the dories are changed to add variety and interest to the space.

The Village has 17 wooden street planters, 8 window boxes, 5 heritage planters, 5 perennial flower beds and 2 dory-style boats.

### WinterScape - Seasonal Design & Decor

Each year after Remembrance Day CIB volunteers decorate the village for the holiday season and winter. Forty-eight (48) wreaths are placed on the bridge; wreaths are hung on the backs of benches in Eaton Park and the Cenotaph; the iron Peace Wreath (made locally) is lighted; an evergreen tree planted beside the library is decorated; wooden lit trees are displayed publicly; and greenery is placed in the street planters and window boxes.



Since December 2019, CIB hosts Festival of Lights as the Village celebration of Christmas by the Sea. Residents and businesses are encouraged to share the joy of the season with festive displays. Judges give awards to several participants.

### Maintenance of Properties

East Cumberland Lodge and Sunset Adult Residential Centre continually maintain landscaped areas on their properties. Pugwash District High School and Cyrus Eaton Elementary School maintain soccer pitches and a softball field.

Several village businesses maintain their own landscape displays with planters and window boxes.





### **Northumberland Links**

The golf course is located on the Gulf Shore Road approximately 9 km outside village boundaries. John Mills, past CIB Chair, has been the manager and superintendent of the golf course for many years. While Northumberland Links is not a new initiative, the landscape work done at the golf course deserves mention.

This well-maintained 18-hole golf course, seen above, includes extensive turf areas, naturalized areas, buffer zones of native trees and shrubs between holes, a waterfowl friendly water storage lagoon surrounded by naturalized and marshy areas, and a small family cemetery plot with gravestones dated in the 1870's. The Course maintains buffer zones where the groomed course follows the ocean shorelines. During Tropical Storm Dorian, the golf course lost approximately 75 trees and several turf areas suffered disease damage. All damage was successfully addressed in 2020-2021. The Course staff offer CIB assistance in securing mulch and whipper snipping various areas in the Village.

### **Residential**

Many residents provide seasonal landscape with fall pumpkin displays and holiday lights and displays during December. Landscape appeal on older residential streets is maintained with many gardeners creating noteworthy displays. Retirees frequently occupy newer homes on acreages/seasonal properties.







Many have noteworthy summer landscapes. Several stores and nurseries are readily available from which residents can purchase plants. Among them: Pugwash Home Hardware, Pugwash COOP, Sunrise Greenhouse, Coastal Gardens.

Year-round and seasonal residents do their best to create interesting landscapes with mown lawns and cared-for gardens.

## Community Involvement

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### **Sport Pugwash**

This recreational 34-acre area is located on Miller Road east of Pugwash. Horse racing enthusiasts gather occasionally for harness racing and trotting minis. A baseball diamond is situated in the same area. Both began because of the efforts of community residents. Several hiking trails are well groomed and maintained in the local area. These are used for hiking, snowmobiling, ATVing, snowshoeing, and cross-country skiing.

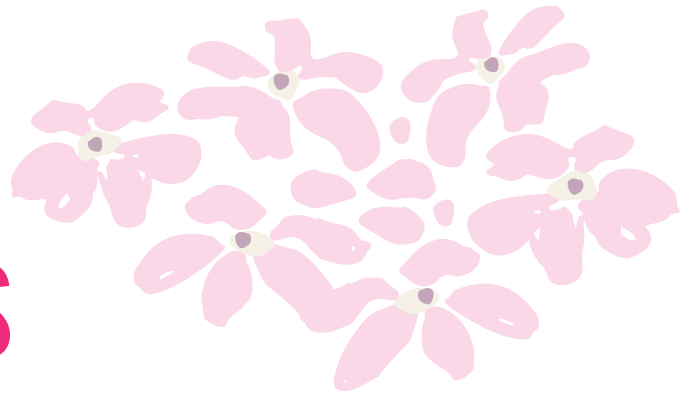
The hiking trails include Amherst Point Migratory Bird Sanctuary Trail, Pugwash Basin Head Hike, Fire Station Trail, Bay National Wildlife Area Trail, and the Sport Pugwash High Head Trail.

### **Disc Golf Areas**

A Disc Golf public course is located on Sunset Adult Residential Centre property. It offers programs for this growing sport for people of all ages.



# PLANT AND FLORAL DISPLAYS



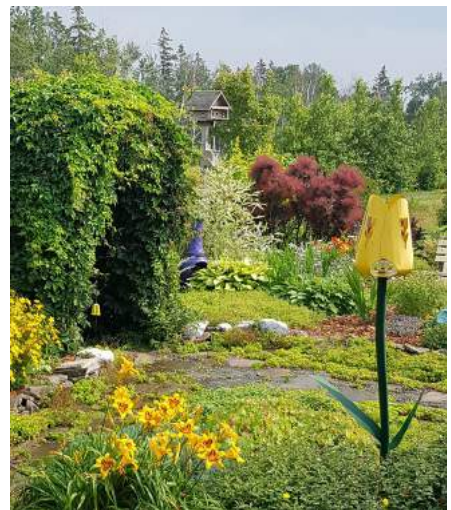
## NEW INITIATIVES 2018-2022

- Hiring a Village Gardener
- Village Commission/CIB Garden Partnership Committee
- Renovation of the train station/ library garden
- New garden at Pugwash Ground Search & Rescue
- Open Gardens 2018/2019
- Mark Cullen's visit
- Sharing Kitchen Initiative
- Hope is Growing Campaign
- Pugwash & Area Celebration of Gardens
- "Take Me" flowers
- Use of succulents, herbs, and vegetables in planters

## Municipality/Province/Village

### Hiring a Part-time Village Gardener

Watering, weeding, edging, and deadheading are the work of a groundskeeper and a gardener hired by the village. Formerly the gardener had been an untrained summer student. This changed in the summer of 2017 when a knowledgeable gardener was hired for the half-time position. Since then, the Village has hired gardeners who bring knowledge and expertise to their work in the gardens. Having a dedicated person focussing on this job has made a significant and positive difference. CIB contributes a monetary donation toward the Village Gardener's wages.





### **Village Commission/CIB Garden Partnership Committee**

A Garden Partnership Committee was formed and is composed of the Village Clerk and a CIB member who continue to collaborate annually and as needed to ensure the floral displays look their best.

### **Renovation of the Train Station/Library Garden**

During a Garden Partnership Committee meeting in 2019, it was decided to renovate the garden in front of the train station/library. Much of the grass around the area was ruined due to the necessary work of bringing municipal water to the building. It was an opportune time to change the shape and plantings in the garden. The existing perennials were moved to a new garden area at the edge of the cenotaph.



The shape of the garden was changed to a more free-flowing space to include spring blooming bulbs and a variety of hostas and astilbes blooming later in the season. The committee chose to make it a more consistent and cohesive garden space rather than the former design of an English cottage garden.

## **Business & Institutions**

### **New Garden at the Pugwash Ground Search and Rescue Headquarters**

In 2018, one of the CIB volunteers offered to create a garden on the Ground Search and Rescue property located on King Street. For several years, CIB encouraged the Search and Rescue organization to improve the tidiness and overall appearance of the area by their building with some landscaping.

The GSAR garden was created with the donation of perennials and rocks and the purchase of compost and mulch. A bench was also added to the space.

## **Residential**

### **Open Gardens**

Open Gardens was a popular CIB event during 2018/2019 with several area gardeners opening their beautiful spaces to the public. The event was free and drew over 250 people from Pugwash and beyond.

Saturday, July 21, 1-4 pm

*Open Gardens*  
2018

(Rain date July 22, 1-4 pm)

All welcome! No Charge.  
Enjoy beautiful flower gardens  
Ask questions of experienced North Shore gardeners

- Bonnie Crowell  
3441 Cape Cliff Road
- Hal and Shirley Patterson  
106 King Street, Pugwash
- Dennice and Stephen Leahey  
41 Sunrise Ridge, Pugwash  
(laneway opposite 2240 Gulf Shore Road)

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Visitors received maps and signage was posted by each residence making the gardens easy to find. Owners and CIB volunteers were present at each home to answer questions and guide visitors. After two consecutive years, the CIB committee decided to let the event rest for a couple of years.



## Community Involvement

### Mark Cullen's Visit to Pugwash

In 2017, Pugwash won a free visit from Mark Cullen as part of our National Community Involvement Award. The community welcomed Mark for two days in June of 2018.



### MARK CULLEN Comes to Pugwash!

Mark is a third generation gardener, radio/tv Home Hardware gardening guru, and a media mogul with 18 books to his credit. Pugwash won a national Communities in Bloom Outstanding Achievement Award for Community Involvement in 2017. This award, sponsored by Home Hardware, included an opportunity for Mark to visit Pugwash to celebrate community volunteers.

Come hear Mark's ideas on latest gardening trends. Opportunities for consulting and Q&A. Learn best gardening practices.

#### Presentation: *The New Canadian Garden*

**June 8, 7:00 p.m., Curling Club, 49 New Pugwash Road**

**All welcome! Free admission. Refreshments. Door prizes.**

#### Consultations/Q&A/Book Signings:

**June 9, 9:30 a.m. All welcome!**

**Home Hardware, 10183 Durham Street, Pugwash**

Contact Debbie Cameron 902-956-2634, littleedenbeach@hotmail.ca

Mark spoke to a large audience of over 75 people on the topic of "The New Canadian Garden". He answered questions, promoted good gardening practices, and met individually with people on the second day at the Home Hardware store.

### Sharing Kitchen

In 2019, Dot Pal, who initiated the Open Hamper Food Bank, and her helpers created the "Sharing Kitchen" to encourage clients of the Open Hamper Food Bank to try new vegetables and recipes. The garden kitchen group meets in the kitchen at the St. Thomas More Church Hall. They share recipes and cook dishes using the fresh produce from the Food Bank Garden.

In the summer of 2019, the cooking group expanded to include children making kid-friendly recipes using produce from the garden. In Fall 2019, clients and volunteers worked together to create a whole meal and invited several lower income village residents to share their meal. They also had the group cook a "hodgepodge" boiled meal. In 2019-20, they expanded to include food preservation and canning. And more ideas keep coming! During COVID restrictions, indoor group activities were temporarily placed on hold.

### Hope is Growing Campaign

In 2020, CIB and encouraged the use of yellow plantings throughout the Village.



*CIB promoted the initiative for the "Hope is Growing" campaign sponsored by National CIB.*



## **Pugwash and Area Celebration of Gardens**

In the summer of 2021, CIB sponsored the Pugwash and Area Celebration of Gardens to highlight the challenging work of those who brightened properties and neighbourhoods with their gardens. Photos were submitted to CIB judges who visited a variety of gardens created by seasoned horticulturalists, amateurs, and children. During Covid restrictions, this was a hugely successful outdoor event.



## **Take Me Flowers**

Everyone likes to receive a bouquet of flowers! For three years, CIB volunteers have made this possible by surprising residents and visitors with small bouquets of flowers. They are arranged in small vases and anonymously placed in various locations



around the village. The bank, post office, hardware store, senior home, café, and hair shop are favourite spots.

Each bouquet has a small sign saying “Take Me – if you find these flowers, they are for you. From CIB.” This project has proven to be fun, easy, and the gifts are deeply appreciated.

## **Use of Succulents, Grasses, and Vegetables in Planters**

During the past three years a variety of succulents and grasses were added to the heritage planter at Dinghy Beach. Helen MacLean, a horticulturalist retired from her work at the Public Gardens in Halifax, encouraged us to try a variety of plantings and assisted by planting the arrangements each year. The area gets direct hot sun and lends itself to succulents. After listening to Mark Cullen, our committee decided to add herbs and vegetables to some of our floral planters in the village.

In 2019, CIB volunteers started with the heritage planter by the train station/library because of its location beside the Farmers’ Market.



We included swiss chard, lavender, chives, beans, and small tomatoes to the space and added the invitation to “pick me” for those passing by. The Farmers’ Market also included edibles in the two planters by the market entrance. In 2020, edibles were also added to the playground area in Eaton Park. A Wellness Grant from the Community Health Board funded a planter, soil, and the starter plants.

## ONGOING INITIATIVES

- Public floral displays
- Post Office garden
- Open Hamper Food Bank garden
- School garden
- Harbourview Manor
- Floral displays by local businesses and institutions
- Residential gardens
- Plant Sale
- Spring and fall educational seminars and activities

## Municipality/Province/Village

### Public Floral Displays

A diversity of displays including street planters, window boxes, heritage project planters, perennial flowerbeds, raised beds, carpet bedding, and dory-style boats continue to be used as floral displays throughout the village. We attempted to use hanging baskets, but they do not stand up well to the high winds off the water. Plants are purchased locally from Coastal Gardens, Sunrise Greenhouses, Home Hardware, and Lowland Gardens.



Ken Lander, owner of Sunrise Greenhouses in Pugwash, has developed a selection of Proven Winner Supertunias that grow beautifully in the street planters.

They are limited maintenance and high performance. His flowers and achievement in breeding them are recognized with signage in some of the floral displays.

The dory-style boats have been on the traffic triangle for several years.





Each year the displays change to include different plantings by attempting to find those that grow well given the extreme heat and UV reflected off the blacktop pavement.



CIB volunteers continue to plan and plant most of the flowers used in the village. The groundskeeper and the Village Gardener do watering, weeding, edging, and deadheading.

## Business & Institutions

### Post Office Garden



The post office garden was planted and is maintained by CIB Volunteers. In 2019, Canada Post was contacted and asked if they would sponsor the garden on their property. This arrangement has worked well. They now fund the cost of mulch.

### Open Hamper Food Bank Garden

Since its inception in 2017, the Food Bank Garden on Prince Albert Street has grown and expanded in space, produce, and projects related to it. Dorothy (Dot) Pal's team of three community volunteers (including herself) and three Food Bank clients work hard to sustain a garden.



The garden produces corn, carrots, radishes, lettuce, cucumbers, swiss chard, beets, green & yellow beans, peas, tomatoes, and peppers. It gives over fifty families access to fresh vegetables twice a month. In 2018, the garden project expanded to include a greenhouse and separate herb garden. Local gardeners with an





abundance of produce are encouraged to donate it to the Food Bank. CIB has helped to support the Food Bank Garden with financial donations each year. The Open Hamper Food Bank Garden has truly brought people together and fostered their positive community spirit.

### **School Garden Project**

The school garden is located at Cyrus Eaton Elementary School on Church Street. The diversity of plantings includes fruit trees, raised vegetable beds, berry bushes, and a pollinator garden. Jennifer Houghtaling, the industrious initiator of this garden, planted high bush blueberries in the pollinator garden and three raised beds. Jenn worked with the children adding perennials to the pollinator garden and replacing many plants that were being eaten by deer. When Jenn’s children graduated from CEES, the School Garden Project was taken over by Amy Laird, a teacher, and Suzanne Totten, a CIB Volunteer.

During pre-COVID times a weekly garden club met from mid April to June.



*A “Watering Crew” of grade 6 students watered plants in the greenhouse.*

During the growing season, healthy snacks were provided to nearby daycare children who walk to the garden where they can pick and eat veggies and fruits.

A tree was planted on the playground/school garden property. It was named “The Peace Tree” and is a place where children can go when they are feeling lonely or upset. In June of 2019, all the students participated with CIB members in the building of a “Bug Hotel” by the School Garden (See Landscape Section). CIB supports the School Garden with financial donations.

### **Harbourview Manor**

For many years CIB volunteers helped the Harbourview senior residents to prepare their gardens in the spring. As this task became a challenge to our aging volunteers, one of the new residents offered his time, energy, and enthusiasm to do the necessary work for his neighbours. CIB encourages and supports this volunteer. CIB also sought assistance from the Cobequid Housing Authority, the organization that owns the complex. They pay for some of the tools and landscaping work to be done.

### **Floral Displays**

Local businesses and institutions increasingly are choosing to sponsor their own floral displays throughout the village.



Examples include Pugwash Food Co-op, Chesnutt Café, Basic Spirit on Rte. 6 and on Water Street, Mundle’s Funeral Home, Langille’s Wilson Service Station, Horton Gallery, Thinkers’ Lodge, Inn the Elms, Pugwash Home Hardware, Sheryl’s Bakery, Ground Search and Rescue, and Peace Hall. Their floral displays include spring blooming bulbs, annuals in window boxes, hanging baskets and planters, perennial



and annual gardens, and native wildflowers. At this writing, plans are being made for celebrating the Year of the Garden.

## Residential

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### Residential Gardens

Many local gardeners take pride in their floral displays by providing diversity of plantings, arrangement and care for their gardens.



## Community Involvement

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### Plant Sale

Annually in May, Bonnie Crowell, a long-time gardener and CIB member donated most of the perennials for sale. Fifteen to twenty other resident gardeners also donate plants. CIB offers the Plant Sale as a fundraiser and community service. Due to COVID restrictions the Plant Sale was not held in 2020. In 2021 plants were donated, customers placed orders online, and CIB offered curbside delivery.



### Spring and Fall Educational Seminars and Activities

In anticipation of spring, CIB annually offers seminars on various gardening topics. In 2019, “Public Garden Spaces: Inspiring Ideas for your Community and Your Garden” was presented by Helen MacLean (retired horticulturist at the Public Gardens in Halifax). 2022 Seminars will be decided once COVID restriction are eased.



September 2019, two CIB gardeners had a booth at the Farmers’ Market where they greeted local gardeners, discussed plans for preparing gardens for fall and winter, sold a variety of spring blooming bulbs (supplied by Coastal Gardens), and explained “how to plant bulbs” to novice gardeners.



# SHAPING OUR FUTURE



**Although Pugwash is a small village with approximately 736 full-time residents, it is a highly active, committed community with more than fifty volunteer organizations.**

Communities in Bloom has built on strengths and:

- **Increased Collaboration.** We now partner with more agencies, community groups, schools, businesses, and funding bodies than ever before. This has resulted in increased pride, community participation in Pugwash events, and members for CIB.
- **Increased Focus on Plant & Floral Displays, Heritage/Culture, and Tree Management.** To stimulate the creation of more attractive displays and promote good gardening practices, CIB undertook several projects. The Pugwash Open Air Gallery as a combined effort of many community groups, promotes local artists, heritage and culture. Building on the Great Pugwash 2015 Tree Events, CIB and Friends of the Pugwash Estuary initiated a 2020 Tree Blitz as many trees had been lost through Tropical Storm Dorian.
- **Increased Hard and Soft Landscaping.** Supported by Municipal grants and the Pugwash Village Commission, CIB cleaned up unsightly areas and made them more usable for those with mobility issues.



Looking into the future, a few of the areas we want to focus our energies on include:

- **Landscaping.** There is a great need for hard landscaping, such as sidewalks. CIB will continue to advocate for this and participate in the Waterfront Development Project.
- **Exploration and Prioritization of CIB Ideas.** We generated numerous ideas in a visioning exercise recently and want to spend time exploring and distilling them. Some ideas are wild and big while others are small and creative.

**Thank you for visiting our beautiful Village of Pugwash.**





# APPENDICES

# APPENDIX 1





# APPENDIX 2

<i>Government Services</i>	<i>Village of Pugwash</i>	<i>Municipality</i>	<i>Province</i>	<i>Federal</i>
Sidewalks	x			
Curbs if no sidewalks			x	
Curbs if sidewalks			x	
Eaton Park	x			
Streets			x	
Gathering of the Clans	x			
Building Permits		x		
Sewer		x		
Snow Removal			x	
Snow Removal – sidewalks a& car parks	x			
Police RCMP				x
Fire Department Volunteer		x		
Hospital			x	
Basketball Courts	x			
Tennis Courts	x			
Fisherman’s Wharf				x
Library	x	x	x	
Schools			x	
Street Lights	x	x		
Boardwalk	x			
Garbage Pickup & Management	x	x		
Recycling Pickup & Management	x	x		
Municipal Car Parks	x			
Cenotaph	x			
Parking Infringements			x	
Dog Catcher		x		
Income Assistance			x	
CPP & EI				x
Water		x		

# APPENDIX 3

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The contributions of individuals, community organizations, and government groups to various aspects of Pugwash life have been described and threaded throughout our Community Profile Document. In addition, we would like to highlight some financial and/or in-kind participants who have enhanced specific categories of the CIB program.

Pugwash has over 50 organizations who rely on volunteers to get a job done; the intermingling of volunteers is important to the running of a successful village. Commissioners are volunteers and HarbourFest has a volunteer board as does GSAR, FOPE, Fire Department, etc.

### TIDINESS

- KGB organized and operated recycling and waste collection in village for Great Garbage Challenge
- KGB and Sunset Residential Centre collected waste and recyclables at summer festivals
- Chatterbox Café over many years and Chesnutt Café in 2017 provided a gathering place and refreshments for litter pickers during Great Garbage Challenge
- Municipality of the County of Cumberland handles solid waste collection and operates waste-water treatment plant and new water distribution system
- Windsor Salt Company employee team helped with Great Garbage Challenge

### ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION

- Sunset Industries
- Pugwash District High School
- Farmers' Market Wellness Tent
- Sport Pugwash maintenance and development of new facilities in the area
- FOPE trail development and waterways study and remediation

### HERITAGE CONSERVATION

- Municipality, Village Commission, and many volunteers: Waterfront Development Project,
- John Carraberis and Bonnie Bond purchase and renovation of Masonic Lodge
- FOPE work with universities and Nature Conservancy of Canada re natural heritage estuary management and conservation
- Gathering of the Clans and HarbourFest volunteers. Each of these cultural heritage festivals draw several thousand visitors.

### URBAN FORESTRY

- Basic Spirit provided gifts for students/professor and billeted two students
- Three families billeted students during Tree Inventory
- Chesnutt Café provided hospitality for meals, venue for public talk
- Catholic Church group provided screen for public talk
- Curling Club provided venue for public talks
- Amherst paper, Halifax 6 o'clock News, and Six Rivers radio covered events
- Village Commission provided labour and material for tree planting
- Betty Hodgson, FOPE Board member, gave public talk on birding

### LANDSCAPE

- Felderhof Family donation of tree stumps for student outdoor learning at School Garden
- Local fishermen donated buoys and nets for triangle
- Sport Pugwash extension of trail
- Sunset Residential Centre tennis and pickleball courts
- Sunset Community Inc. land for disc golf course



## **PLANT AND FLORAL DISPLAYS**

- Helen McLean, horticulturalist, consultation help with CIB Plant Sale
- Michael Stewart, Horticulturalist at Fox Harb'r Resort, offered two tours of their greenhouses
- Various local gardeners donated plants for the CIB Plant Sale

## **FUNDRAISING**

- More than 100 local people volunteered to help on the 2017, 2018 and 2020 CIB calendars.
- Photographers Fred Horton and Catherine Bussiere donated their time and talent.
- Ron McNutt and Lee Fleming contributed

The following were sponsors:

- Pugwash Home Hardware
- Acadian Printing
- O'Brien's PharmaChoice
- KGB Recycling
- Greensmith Landscape Design
- Northumberland Links
- Chase's Lobster
- Jost Vineyards
- Seagrape Café
- Pugwash Coop
- Pugwash Farmers' Market
- Coastal Stair Solutions
- Cunningham Construction
- Fox Harb'r Resort
- Inn the Elms B&B Café
- Basic Spirit
- Northumberland Veterinarian Services
- Pugwash Scotiabank
- Friends of the Pugwash Estuary
- Windsor Salt
- Harbourview Manor
- Golf guys
- Horton's Gallery

## **CALENDAR 2017 PARTICIPANTS:**

- Jerry Draheim
- Christina Martin
- Jenn Houghtaling
- Ruth Brownell
- Jean Williamson
- Greg Smiley
- Valerie Brown
- Ann Gillis
- George Verellen
- Ken Landers
- David Rickard
- Mike Cunningham
- Maureen Woodlock
- Bonnie Bond
- Jonathan Mundle
- John Carraberis
- Patti McWade
- Mary Purdy
- Joe Gauthier
- Harry Moore
- Earl Chase
- Bob Nogler
- Sara Witney
- Meggin King
- Chuck & Nancy Graham
- Charles Langille
- Tom McGlone

## **CALENDAR 2018 PARTICIPANTS:**

- Elaine & Freeman Cook
- Betty Brown
- Rocky Irons & Diane Burnham
- Thelma Colbourne
- Vivian Godfree
- Louise Cloutier
- Heather & Andy Cunningham
- Tom McGlone & Joyce Nix
- Gary Mundle
- Bonnie Crowell
- Paul Devries
- Rebecca Jones & Nick Smith
- Gail Wainwright
- Douglas & Stephen Leahey & Greta Dow
- Mary Purdy
- Wendy Isenor
- Debbie Cameron
- Dave & Balla Mehta
- Jennifer Houghtaling
- Donna Hutchinson
- Maggie Stone

## CALENDAR 2020 PARTICIPANTS:

- John Van De Wiel
- Doris Nowlan
- Joze Kouwenberg
- Joyce Kim
- Nicholas Kim
- Gabrielle Kim
- Rick Karst
- Claire Karst
- Eric Fresia
- Isaac Fresia
- Charlotte Fresia
- Jerry Draheim
- Scott Ferdinand
- Kyle Ferdinand
- Tyler Ferdinand
- Breanna Rose
- Liam Smith
- Maria Duynisveld
- Louise Haycocks
- Charles Purdy
- Rachel Purdy
- Nellie Van De Wiel
- Sherry Allen
- Dr. Dook Kim
- Dr. Andrew Kim
- Martin MacDonald
- Isabelle Kim
- Michelle Kim
- Carey MacDonald.
- Catherine Bussiere
- Haley McPhee Fresia
- Sam Fresia
- Carol Dennett
- Rhonda Ferdinand
- Christine Schuele
- Eric Rose
- Evan Rose
- John Duynisveld
- Kirsteen Thomson
- Zaynah Mohamad
- Nancy Purdy

Thanks to our talented photographer, Catherine Bussiere, who guided this project with infinite patience and grace and Fred Horton for helping us pull these calendars together.

## FESTIVE OF LIGHTS

### WINNERS & HONOURABLE MENTION:

#### WINNERS

**First Place:** #68 Pugwash Point Rd. - Display by Tom Boran, using blue lights on trees and coloured lights throughout the property, greeted people as they entered Pugwash Point.

**Second Place:** # 510 Gulf Shore Rd. - Sherry and Hugh Allan created this well-coordinated display, a feast for your eyes, featuring a sleigh, reindeer, and a large Christmas tree

**Third Place:** #9721 Hwy 6 - Mathew Halverson offered a delightful and immaculately executed shout out to the season

**Fourth Place:** #10436 Durham St. - Rose Junket and Charlie Gould set the scene with jolly snowmen happily greeting people to the village as they turn the corner opposite Irish Town Rd.

## HOMES AND PROPERTIES

### East Pugwash

#2756 Crowley Road - for ambitious, expansive use of many elements, including many snowmen

#2773 Crowley Road - wonderful colour and many interesting elements

#366 Wallace Bay Rd - lovely display on the rise overlooking the marsh

#549 Miller Rd - many Santas and their reindeer

#2770 Crowley Rd - beautiful snowflakes

### Pugwas Junction

#1616 Pugwash Junction Rd &

#5568 Thompson Rd - both properties with cheerful light display

### Irishtown Road

#159 Irishtown Rd. - spectacular, fully lit tree in front of the property

#115 Irishtown Rd. - dancing tree

### West Pugwash

#98 Pleasure Cove – lovely, illuminated columns

#64 Pleasure Cove - dramatic use of the colour blue

#37 Pleasure Cove - tasteful decorations and

attention to detail including lit wreaths on the garage

### Pugwash Village

#142 Water St - nautical theme leaping into the winter season with strategically placed lights

#236 Water St. - welcoming use of window boxes and lights

#30 King St. - fun decorations using the whole property

#25 King St. - simple but effective use of red and green lights

#117 Church St. - lots of lights, projected snowflakes

#33 Prince Albert St. - candy canes, Santa, snowmen, polar bears

### Pugwash Point

#191 Pugwash Point Rd. - red and blue lights with festive sparkling snowman

#221 Pugwash Point Rd. – brilliant display using white lights

#31 Pugwash Point Rd. - largest display of coloured lights in the shape of three trees



**Gulf Shore**

#2755 Gulf Shore Rd. - blue lobster with red trim on house and garage with Santa greeting one and all  
#1898 Gulf Shore Rd. - three large white wreaths with multicoloured Christmas trees on either side  
#1324 Gulf Shore Rd. - Santa and his friendly snowmen with a duck family in the yard

**OUTSTANDING INSTITUTIONS**

Sunset Community and East Cumberland Lodge

**BEST BARN**

#747 Gulf Shore Rd. - a large green wreath and cows with Santa hats, wreaths, and red bows, lots of colored lights decorating both barn and farmhouse.

**MOST FESTIVE STREET**

Black Street, from one end to the other is ablaze with lights. There are at least two former winners in this group and each year more houses light up the night. Thanks to all the homeowners who have rallied and joined in the Festival of Lights with such exuberance and joy.

**BEST NEIGHBOURHOOD**

Pleasure Cove - lots to see and marvel at, tasteful displays to inspire, with a happy snowman greeting visitors to the area

**THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES WHO HELP PUGWASH LIGHT UP THE NIGHT:**

KGB Recycling - West Pugwash  
Basic Spirit Gift Shop - West Pugwash  
Canada Post - Durham St.  
Horton Gallery - Durham St.  
MacFarlane Lantern Restaurant- Durham St.  
Pugwash Home Hardware - Durham St.  
SeaShell Beach Wear & Gifts - Water St.  
Basic Spirit Office - Water St.

# APPENDIX 4

## CIB COMMUNITY PRIDE IN ACTION RECIPIENTS

### 2011

Helen Ripley - container garden, Harbourview Manor  
Bill Atkinson - impeccable property, King St.  
Friends of the Pugwash Estuary - conservation, environment  
Harriet Barbour - Sunset, cheerful village worker  
Wayne & Beverly Arsenault - King St. (nominated by daughter)  
Nancy Huston - decades of gardening, Cumberland Lodge  
Pugwash Farmers' Market - eat local, community action  
Sean & Roxanne Langille - property improvement, Victoria St.  
COOP - community support, landscaping  
Jodi, Billie, Maureen Hawthorne - edible garden  
Mundles Dairy, Pugwash Point  
David Farley - park-like property friendly to wildlife  
Howie & Sheila Wilson - beautiful gardens welcoming visitors, Durham St.

### 2012

Kay Mundle, Victoria St. for impeccable property  
Maureen Woodlock and the KGB, for environmental initiatives  
Jason Ferdinand, representing youth who have taken action, helping with annual litter pick up  
Denis Brown, a community builder – support of Sport Pugwash, Harbourfest and Chamber of Commerce  
Dave Taplin, for being a good neighbour, Pugwash's unofficial Mr Fix – it  
Bert and Patti McWade, community builders with big ideas and energy (Bethlehem Live, HarbourFest...)  
Helen Ripley, for her beautiful container garden and age-defying energy  
HarbourFest Volunteers, for their dedication and hard work celebrating Pugwash harbour  
Valerie Brown, Prince Albert St. for her enthusiasm about Pugwash and her amazing rose garden  
Cumberland East Historical Society volunteers for preserving our heritage  
Lynn Alward & Maggie Smith, leadership for gardens Harbourview Manor  
Jim & Shirley Cummings, shady oasis on Russell St.  
Mike Cunningham, business supporter – Harbourfest, Sport Pugwash

### 2013

Joe Gautier - Cumberland Lodge garden visionary, with volunteer Debbie Cameron, staff and residents  
Sunset Litter Team - environment  
Post Office staff, Sue Darragh, Rhonda Ferdinand & Nancy Mundle - community supporters



Elizabeth Allen, 107 Russell St., 243-2920 - immaculate gardens  
Scotiabank staff - community builders & supporters  
Bonnie Crowell - master gardener, generous supporter  
Helen Cameron & staff, North Cumberland Mem. Hospital Auxillary Thrift Shop- community supporters  
Sherry & Steve Arkens - supporters of community events  
Jim & Arlene MacDonald - pride in property

## **2014**

Alan Sarson - volunteer  
Greg Nix - visionary/builder  
Margaret and Ray Jamison - builders  
Jackie and Paul Devries - property improvement

## **2015**

John Caraberis - protector of wild places - nature trust  
Louise Cloutier - creative game changer - community collaborations and youth involvement  
Marilyn Williams - good shepherd - cat rescue  
Jim Willis - community supporter - volunteering

## **2016**

Jennifer Houghtaling - school garden - community builder  
Sheryl Chambers - Sheryl's Bakery - business improvement  
Fred Horton - community supporter  
James MacNab & Eleanor Borden - business improvement

## **2017**

Dot Pal - Open Hamper Food Bank Garden  
Bob Nogler - Peace Trail volunteering for FOPE  
Louise Cloutier and Richard Dittami - Art Quarters  
Wally Vaters - HarbourFest

## **2018**

John Caraberis & Bonnie Bond - Community Visionaries - "opening up creative & educational opportunities"  
Thelma Colborne - Community Storyteller - "preserving our past, bringing history to life"  
Marilyn Kinnear - Community Connector - "raising awareness, fostering engagement"  
Kirsteen Thomson & Louise Haycocks - Community Activists - "making things happen for a vibrant community"

## **2019**

Nancy & Chuck Graham - Community Energizers - “building positive community spirit”

Betty Hodgson - Community Leader - “fostering a passion for the environment”

Jennifer Langille - Community Youth Cheerleader - “making a positive impact on the lives of children”

Ben Smith - Community Sports Advocate - “providing opportunities for people to be active”

## **2019 DORIAN RELIEF RECOGNITION**

### **ABOVE & BEYOND**

Jonathan Mundle and family - Pugwash Point

Tim Fulawka & Donna Rolfe - Pleasure Cove

Sean Langille, Langille’s Wilson Garage - Village proper

Randy Bonnyman & Ralph Weeks - Victoria and Prince Albert Streets

Ann Jeffries - Gulf Shore

Emmerson Chase & Earl Chase - West Pugwash & Gulf Shore

Macfarlane’s Lantern Restaurant - East Pugwash

Greg Smiley, John Hicks & Gail Wainwright (Rioslin) – Village proper

Mike and Debbie Cameron - Village proper

Kirk Purdy - Village proper

Bob Nogler, Mike Power, Bill Greatorex & Greg Nix - Hiking Trails

## **2020**

Aiden Hoeg - Community Problem-Solver - “ making Dinghy Beach clean and hazard-free for swimmers”

Mary Purdy - Community Nurturer - “delivering happiness and creativity to shut-in families”

Pugwash Farmers’ Market Volunteers: Nancy Graham-Burgess, Joseph Spence, Joe Timmons, Drew MacDonald, Kirsteen Thomson, Louise Haycocks - community protectors - “making sure the market is a safe and happy experience

Jo Teale & Judy Turple - Community Mask-Makers Extraordinaire – “keeping everyone healthy one mask at a time”

## **2021**

Diane Burnham - Community Energizer - “keeping our community active and healthy”

Pugwash HarbourFest Homecoming Presents Volunteers - Community Boosters - “celebrating and highlighting our community strengths”

Pugwash Volunteer Fire Department - Community Protectors - “making community health and safety their mission”

Lobster Buoy Christmas Tree Makers - Community Highlights - “lighting up the night and warming our hearts