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## Mr and Mrs Claus visit the Pugwash Village Hall during Christmas-by-the-sea



Keighan Matheson, 4, and his sister Sierra (3 months) got to visit with Santa and Mrs Claus!

Santa sightings are ramping up through December. The jolly elf was spotted at the Pugwash Village Hall on December 1st with his lovely wife. He is next expected to be found in Wallace on the 14th at the Community Hall at 5pm. He is likely to be found at the Cyrus Eaton Elementary School toward just before Christmas break. Did you get your wish list sent to the North Pole yet? Details on page 6 of this newsletter.



### Architect 49 to Design Pugwash Health Care Facility

On December 1, 2017 the Nova Scotia Departments of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, Health and Wellness, and Nova Scotia Health Authority announced that the architectural firm Architecture49 has been awarded the contract to design the new health care facility in Pugwash to replace North Cumberland Memorial Hospital. The request for proposal (RFP) for design services was issued August 22 and closed in late September.

Architecture49 will begin immediately to develop the architectural design sketches based on the work already undertaken by the redevelopment project team. This phase of the project will provide an opportunity to create a new

health care facility with flexibility in its design to meet the changing needs of the community. There will be opportunities for care providers and the community to have input as part of the design process and to review drawings as the project proceeds.

Nova Scotia Health Authority is very pleased to see this project moving forward and we are looking forward to entering this next exciting stage. To view the news release go to <https://novascotia.ca/news/release/?id=20171201001>.

From: Ann Keddy Senior Communications Advisor, Corporate Affairs

## Central Water Supply - latest News

As the development of the Pugwash groundwater supply project progresses, the time has come to think about connecting to your new municipal water supply. A list of contractors capable of doing this work for you is on the Village of Pugwash website (and on page 12 of this newsletter), although this list is subject to change and there is no obligation to the home or business owner to use those contractors listed.

As a new water customer it is your responsibility to install piping from the curb stop to your building. Early in the New Year, you will receive a Customer sign-up sheet. This sheet will detail the procedure to follow and the Municipal requirements for connection to the new system.

The underground infrastructure including distribution piping and laterals to the curb stop at the edge of your property is complete. Pressure testing of the distribution system is now underway and this will be followed by disinfection by the new year.

The storage reservoir is complete. It is 9.1m (30') in diameter, 18.2m (60') high and has a capacity of nearly 1 million litres (260,000 gallons). It is cobalt blue and can be seen to the south from Route 6 at Port Phillip. It too will require pressure testing when the water supply is commissioned early 2018.

The development of our three production wells is underway and soon we will have the pumps installed and electricity provided to each.

Infrastructure and equipment for the water treatment plant is currently being assembled. The purpose of this plant is to remove iron and manganese from the raw water. The water will then be chlorinated before being pumped on to the reservoir and ultimately to our water customers.

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



The Pugwash water reservoir is 60' high and has a capacity of one million litres or about three days' supply of water. It can be seen from the road at Port Phillip.

### 60th Pugwash Peace Conference Anniversary on Climate Change

## *A Powerful Roadmap for Small and Rural Communities*

"We know there are no more chances. It is not going away, and today is the time to get it right in dealing with climate crisis," said Andy Horsnell, Chair, Centre for Local Prosperity, at a recent Thinkers Retreat. "Our world will live with it for the rest of our history, just as we have lived with the 20<sup>th</sup> century legacy of the threat of nuclear war. Our shared duty now, as one people, is to protect and repair Mother Earth, even as we prepare ourselves for its future unknowns."

Armed with this conviction, 60 years post the inaugural Pugwash Thinkers Retreat on nuclear disarmament, 22 global and regional Thinkers, representing all aspects of community life, gathered in Pugwash for two and a half days of intense, intentional and focused conversation on the greatest threat facing humankind, Global Warming.

Atlantic Canada is starting now, with a localized bottom up attitude, to create a change model for the world. Believing local action the best path, the retreat's mission was to move conversation to 'doing' by generating a roadmap to develop community-based action plans, with drawdown potential, that hold the capacity to face and manage life in a very different world.

The diversity of participants—scientists, First Nation representation, municipal government, artists, Project Draw Down Director and others identified and articulated Global Warming's cascading impacts on small, rural and coastal communities, each facing challenges around population size as well as that which is unique to location and individuality. Participants worked to generate and share place-based solutions that contributed to

drawdown through greenhouse gas emission reductions and stimulated economic health, while respecting and fostering natural resource stewardship.

Narrowing in on specific areas where communities can take action now, such as education and awareness, municipal governance and local finance, the group drilled down into community risk factors, benefits and opportunities. This process created the framework for a development model for change, while mapping out the resources, partners and connections individual communities need to map out their different futures.

"Make no mistake," stated Robert Cervelli, Executive Director at the Centre for Local Prosperity. "This represents only the beginning, not of talk but of doing."

From: Robert Cervelli



## Pugwash Communities in Bloom (CIB) Blooming in Winter

**National Awards.** Pugwash scooped up several honours at the 2017 National Communities in Bloom Ottawa Symposium: *National Finalist in the Circle of Excellence with 5 Blooms out of 5 and a Silver rating; Special Recognition* for the 2017 Pugwash, Our Community in Bloom Calendar; *Outstanding Achievement Award for Community Involvement* which spotlights the variety of community organizations in Pugwash and the way the community got behind the calendar. In addition, Pugwash was a finalist in two other categories for *Outstanding Achievement Awards*: (1) Environmental Action highlights Friends of the Pugwash Estuary (FOPE) and (2) Community of Gardeners spotlights the School Garden and the Food Bank Garden.

Awards are based on the assessment two national CIB judges made when they visited Pugwash early July, met with over 50 people. They evaluated the village on tidiness, heritage conservation, environ-

mental action, floral display, landscape and urban forestry.



**Mark Cullen comes to Pugwash!** As a result of winning the *Outstanding Achievement Award for Community Involvement* Pugwash gets to host Mark Cullen, who is the national Home Hardware gardening guru. There will be lots of free events and opportunities to meet Mark on June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018.

**CIB Community Calendar.** Local artists and CIB volunteers teamed up to create a beautiful and beguiling 2018 calendar featuring well known community faces and local business sponsors. Purchase

your calendar (\$20) from Judith Rickard 902-243-3593, Norene Smiley 902-243-2073, or Mary Greatorex 902-243-2109, Home Hardware, Scotia Bank, or at the Christmas Market. Calendar sales support the many projects CIB undertakes and the Bank of Nova Scotia matches funds raised up to \$5,000.

**Tree Planting.** CIB planted 10 Red Oak trees on the Cyrus Eaton Elementary School property this Fall. See pugwash-village.com for a complete tree inventory and map of village trees.

**Winterscape.** CIB is helping beautify the village for the winter with lighting in the Cenotaph shrubbery, the Eaton Stage tree display and wreaths on the bridge and some power poles.

**Facebook.** Please like Pugwash Communities in Bloom on Facebook! To join our group call 902-243-3454 or 902-257-2468. We are always keen to welcome new members.

From: Maureen Leahey

### Volunteer hours at Thinkers Lodge rewarded with special memories

During the last two years in Pugwash, while living at my cottage nearby I have visited the Thinkers Lodge on many occasions, introducing various members of my family and friends to this amazing National Historic Site. Each time I have learned more and more of the importance of the story within this building and as a result I have joined the volunteer team to welcome people from far and wide. This group of volunteers replaces student tour guides at the end of the summer season. Travellers visiting Pugwash in the fall often make the Thinkers Lodge the focus of their destination.

I have a keen interest in meeting people from around the world and volunteering

here as a guide had given me this opportunity. This October I reviewed the visitor's guest book and compiled a list of countries representing these people. My findings indicated that there were 1383 Canadian visitors, representing all ten provinces; 251 visitors from 35 states from the USA; and, 111 visitors from 24 overseas countries. This covered the months of June to mid October with July bringing in the most visitors- 788. Many visitor to Thinkers Lodge did not sign the guest book, so actual numbers would be higher.

It is quite amazing that people from all over the world come to the village in such great numbers. This fall, a couple from

East Germany were nearly overcome with emotion because they had studied in school about Cyrus Eaton and the Pugwash Conferences helping to bring the end to the Cold War. They were so grateful and appreciative. It is the personal stories of the visitors that make the volunteering so rewarding.



**THINKERS' LODGE**  
NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

From: Patsy Cox



# Friends of the Pugwash Estuary

## Fall and Winter news from FOPE

Friends of the Pugwash Estuary (FOPE) enjoyed a busy fall. Our 4th Annual Feast of Land and Sea, hosted at the Northumberland Golf Club was again a success and, combined with the silent auction, helped raise needed funds.

The weather was beautiful on Sept 23rd for the Canada 150 Celebration and Opening of the Peace Trail at Estuary House. The Celebration, which recognised the contribution of the wider community to building the Peace Trail, started with a Mi'kmaq solstice and smudging ceremony, a ribbon cutting and Canada 150 cake cutting. This was followed by either a hike of the trail or a paddle on the river and concluded with a barbeque back at Estuary House.

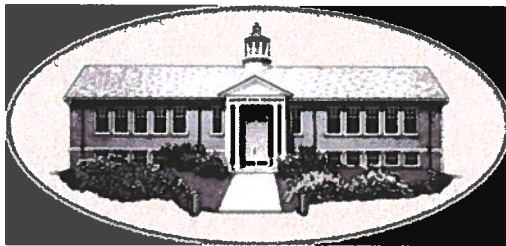
September 30th saw FOPE and Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) combining to hold the first waterfowl survey for the Pugwash area. Teams of observers covered 12 sites, recording a total of nearly a thousand birds from 38 different species. Intermittent surveys of those sites are continuing through

the fall. The data, managed by Bird Studies Canada could result in the Pugwash Estuary being recognised as an "important bird area" by birders across Canada and the US. Our Christmas Bird count is scheduled for December 28th and will be particularly important this year after the devastating outbreak of a bacterial infection among finches this summer.

Interior renovations to Estuary House, supported by a Canada 150 grant, are complete. Work to stabilize the barn, supported by a grant from the county, is underway. Once this work is finished, FOPE hopes to have space available to store canoes and kayaks.

Up-coming events include: the FOPE Christmas Party on Dec 10th, (more details to follow); the Christmas Bird Count on December 28th and the FOPE winter snowshoe hike and AGM on February 24th.

From: Betty Hodgson



### Anniversary Gathering in Pugwash Junction/Doherty's Creek

The 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the official opening of the Margaret King School Memorial Park as well as Canada's 150<sup>th</sup>, was held on a gorgeous Fall day in late September. President Pat Briggins introduced Warden Allison Gillis, who spoke words of praise

for volunteers whose achievements, such as the park, made him proud to be our ambassador. Sherman Williams led us on a heritage tour in Pugwash Junction, which was originally called Doherty (or Dougherty) Creek. The name was changed with the introduction of the railroad spur into Pugwash. We visited historical sites Doherty Creek, the first settler James Doherty's grave stone and the site of the former Pugwash Junction railroad station. More historical sites were scheduled to visit on the tour, but time ran out so they are for another day!

As the tour concluded the Gospel Hall, a fixture in the community since 1889 and located across the road from the Park, graciously opened their building where refreshments were enjoyed. A cake decorated for Canada's 150<sup>th</sup>, made by Winnie Coulter, was a special treat. These celebrations are good way to get people together to remember.

From: Fraser MacLeod

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

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

e-mail:  
villagecommission  
@pugwashvillage.com

124 Water Street  
PO Box 220  
Pugwash, NS  
B0K 1L0

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

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

Nova Scotia



Community Access Program



### Pugwash C@P Site and VIC

**CLOSED**

December 4th  
to  
April 9th

May be open by chance or appointment. Please call 902.243.2946

## NORTH CUMBERLAND MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

The NSAHA Convention and AGM held in Wolfville in September was attended by three NCMH Auxiliary members. Guest speakers were Dr. Said Mekary, Director, Acadia Active Aging Program and Assistant Professor of Kinesiology (Centre of Life Style Studies), Acadia University; Dr. John Ross, QEII ER Specialist and National ER Consultant; and Mary Donat, volunteer bookkeeper at Open Arms Community Outreach for People in Need in the Wolfville area.

Thrift Shop signage has been posted in the Village limits. We had heard from a number of customers that they were unaware of our Shop until a friend had mentioned it. Our Shop is open Wednesday 1-4pm, Thursday 10am-4pm and Saturday from 9am to Noon. Anyone wishing to volunteer at the shop, please contact Helen Cameron at 902-243- 2615. Proceeds from the shop are used to support NCMH and other health-related projects.

At our November meeting, the current executive was elected to serve another two -year term: Co-Presidents - Beryl MacLean and Carol Hall; Vice-President - Lavona Austin; Treasurer - Claire McKim; Secretary - Faye Moore; Shop Convenor - Helen Cameron.

Our Auxiliary meets the first Tuesday of the month (except January, February, July and August) at 2pm in the Hospital Boardroom. New members are always welcome.

From: Faye Moore

### Health News from your Community Health Board (CHB)



The Community Health Board (CHB) members are volunteers in your community who work with Nova Scotia Health Authority to highlight local health priorities and to work with partners to build a healthier community. They support community-based projects that address issues related to the social determinants of health such as housing, poverty, mental health, food insecurity, early childhood development, and social isolation.

CHB members do not have a role in the delivery of health care. CHB members are considered a resource on health care in Nova Scotia and from time to time are asked for information

about the health authority's programs and services such as the following:

**People in need of a family practice.** *Need A Family Practice* is a provincial list for people without a family doctor or nurse practitioner. Please register online at: <https://needafamilypractice.nshealth.ca/FPSearchReasons/create> or call 811, Monday to Friday 10am to 6pm.

**Emergency Department closures** usually occur when physicians or nurses are not available to work on a particular day or night. You are notified of the closure in various ways including announcements on local radio stations, signage at the hospital or health care centre, on the Nova Scotia Health Authority website, by calling 811 or the local hospital. Always check before going to your local Emergency Department. If it is closed, ask where the nearest one is open.

When an Emergency Department is temporarily closed, the many other services and programs in the hospital are still available to the public.

Emergency Departments in Nova Scotia are part of a single and increasingly integrated system of emergency care. While certain sites are closed from time to time, the overall emergency system is never closed. This is due to access to Emergency Health Services, telemedicine and the mental health crisis line.

**Other important toll free numbers for services that are available 24/7:**

- \* Mental Health Crisis line  
1 888 429 8167
  - \* Call 811 for non-emergency health advice
  - \* Call 911 for emergencies
- General inquiries to Nova Scotia Health Authority can be made by calling toll free number 1-844-491-5890 or e-mail [wearelistening@nshealth.ca](mailto:wearelistening@nshealth.ca)

From: Joyce Gray

#### Women's Institute

2nd Tuesday of the month at 1:30pm  
Place: TBA

Call 902.243.4033  
for more information

#### COMPUTER PROBLEMS?

FREE help with hardware and software problems.

Wednesdays at the Pugwash Village Hall.  
11am to 2pm

#### Mixed Palette Art Group

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



From: Heather Cunningham



## Pugwash Gathering of the Clans July 2nd, 2018

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

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

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

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

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

From: Lisa Betts, Event Coordinator

Pugwash Gathering of the Clans presents:

# BURNS NIGHT SUPPER

NORTHUMBERLAND  
COMMUNITY CURLING  
CLUB

**\$ 30**

ADVANCE  
TICKETS AVAILABLE AT  
PUGWASH VILLAGE HALL  
OR THE CLANS  
PUGWASH SCOTIABANK

OR CALL  
902 243 2946

CATERED AND  
SPONSORED BY  
THE CLANS

**Gathering of the Clans**

By reservation only

SATURDAY  
JANUARY 20TH

6PM COCKTAILS  
6:30PM SUPPER

Scottish music, food, songs and poems  
Silent Auction & door prizes

All proceeds to the Gathering of the Clans

**MENU**

- Cook-a-lee
- Haggis (optional)
- Roast beef with tatties and neeps (potatoes and turnip)
- Baps and oatcakes
- Topsy Land (trifle)
- Tea or coffee

NCCC bar will be open



## HarbourFest 2018 set for July 28th and July 29th

The new executive of Pugwash HarbourFest is: Chair Louise Haycocks, Vice-chair Peter Clarke, Treasurer Douglas Leahey and Secretary, Kirsteen Thomson.

After 2017's exciting combined event with the Gathering of the Clans and the Tall Ships visit, the executive already is already preparing for Pugwash HarbourFest 2018. Dates are already set for the weekend of July 28-29th. Planned activities include many old favourites: Soapbox Derby, the Recycled Regatta (cardboard boat race), 5K race, bathtub boat races, beach volleyball, Got Bob-

bled, the lobster trap maze and much more. Anyone with ideas for activities or a desire to be involved is encouraged to contact us through our Facebook page; facebook.com/pugwashharbourfest, by e-mail officemanager@pugwashharbourfest.ca or call our office 902-243-2275.

Kirsteen Thomson  
Secretary, Pugwash HarbourFest

The old **Visitor Information Centre** building that later became part of the Pugwash Farmers' Market was given to the Village of Pugwash in the late 1990s.

It has aged out as a useful structure and will be removed to make way for the next exciting phase of the Pugwash Farmers' Market.

Watch for new structures in Spring 2018!

### Its not too late to write to Santa!

Santa has been working hard to be sure he gets his lists up-to-date. Did you get your letter to Santa sent in yet? Send it before December 11th to: Santa Claus, North Pole, H0H 0H0, Canada. Don't forget to include your full return address so he can answer your letter!

One of the ways to keep track of Santa though December, but especially on Christmas Eve is to look for him online at <http://www.norad.mil/>

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

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

Call 243 2946 with your ideas

## Founding Members of Northumberland Links Remembered in Dedication Ceremony



### Northumberland Links

Early this year, the Club completed a major renovation of the first level of the Club house with a contribution from the ACOA CIP 150 program.

Later in the season, the members dedicated the renewed space in memory of the four members who started the Club in 1963: Millard Charman, Ralph Fullerton, Gerry Gayton and Harlow Hollis. During the reception attended by family and friends of the founders, a plaque commemorating them was unveiled by Pearl Charman and Liz Roscoe.

The summer of 2017 was a great season for golf. Although May and June were cold and damp, July through to October provided many beautiful days for members and guests to enjoy the fabulous conditions at Northumberland Links.

In addition to regular golfing competitions for members and guests of the Club, there were several fun social events during the season which were open to non-members, including trivia nights, Karaoke parties, and dances. The Tap In Restaurant was busy this summer as well with many visitors from the community enjoying the lovely view and the daily specials. The rib and wing nights in August were especially popular.

The Ladies Division of the Club was very active as usual and one of the highlights of their season was the annual Phyllis O'Connor Memorial Food Bank Tournament where \$3,790 was raised for the Pugwash Open Hamper Food Bank. If you are looking for Christmas gifts for the golfers in your family, please check out the special package available on our website: northumberlandlinks.com.

From: Liz Roscoe, Club President

## Snowshoe Clinic

**Saturday January 13, 2 pm  
Estuary House, Crowley Rd**

Pugwash and Area Community Health Board will be conducting a fun-filled afternoon of "learning to snowshoe" this coming January. Clinic will be lead by snowshoe experts, Sara Whitney and Theresa Ruston. Friends of the Pugwash Estuary will host the clinic participants with hot drinks and treats. Both adults and children are invited to participate. Snowshoes will be provided by the Village Commission and the Municipality Snowshoe Lending Programs. Transportation will be arranged for participants who require it. Space is limited to twelve registrants. Watch in December for information about how and when to register.

Bundle up and join your CHB for an afternoon of snowshoeing fun.

**Any questions, please call Joyce Gray (CHB Chair) 902-243-3326 or email [graysen@seasidehighspeed.com](mailto:graysen@seasidehighspeed.com)**

## Winter Events

### December

- 1st Christmas-by-the-sea
- 2nd Christmas-by-the-sea
- 5th Heritage Fair PDHS
- 9th Christmas Farmers' Market (10)
- 9th Senior boys basketball PDHS
- 9th Christmas Concert, 7th Day church
- 10th FOPE Christmas party (4)
- 11th Village Commission meeting
- 13th Hanukkah
- 14th Country Christmas (Wallace)
- 16th Senior girls basketball PDHS
- 16th Legion President's Reception (9)
- 21st Winter begins
- 21st Christmas Cheer Day (CEES)
- 25th Christmas Day
- 26th Kwanzaa
- 28th Christmas bird count (4)

Some dates are subject to change.

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

### January

- 1st New years Levee (9)
- 3rd Back to school
- 8th Village Commission meeting
- 12th Trivia Night NCCC
- 13th Snow shoe clinic (7)
- 20th Burns Night Supper at NCCC (6)
- 27th Legion Brunch (9)

### February

- 3rd Storm the Mountain (4)
- 12th Nova Scotia Heritage Day (8)
- 13th Science Fair PDHS
- 14th Valentine's Day
- 16th Chinese New Year
- 19th Village Commission meeting
- 23rd Johnny Cash Open Hamper fundraiser
- 24th Legion Brunch (9)
- 24th FOPE AGM & hike (4)

### March

- 11th Daylight Savings Time begins
- 12th Village Commission meeting
- 20th Spring begins
- 31st Passover

## Sport, Exercise & Dance Classes

### Ladies' Exercise

10-11am Fridays. PDHS. \$5

### Badminton

8-10pm Tuesdays. PDHS. FREE

### Zumba

6-8pm Tuesdays. PDHS \$5

### Walking Group

9:30pm Tuesdays. CEES FREE

9:30am Thursdays. CEES FREE

### Pop-Ups

9-11am. Mondays. CEES. FREE

### Beginner & Intermediate Yoga

9am Wednesdays. Wallace

### Restorative Yoga & Playful Class

11am Wednesdays. Peace Hall. \$8  
(Mary Purdy 694 3491)

**Cheer Athletics** Wednesdays, Amherst  
(Ashley Grace 694 2217)

**Modern Dance** Wednesdays, adults, Wallace.

**Ballet** Thursdays 5pm, Wallace (ages 4-6)  
(Kathleen Hicks 257 2444)

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



From: Denise Corey  
Chief Librarian, Cumberland  
Public Libraries

**Food for Fines**

Throughout the month of December you can pay your library fines with non-perishable food items that will be donated to the Pugwash Open Hamper Food Bank.

**Welcome Archan Knotz** who has joined our team at the Pugwash Library. Pop in and say hi!

**Trim the Tree Scavenger Hunt**

December 1st-23rd. Ages 3-12.

Stop by the front desk for list of missing ornaments you'll need to trim the tree! Find all the items hidden in the library to decorate the Christmas tree and win a book prize!

Call the Pugwash Library at 902-243-3331 for information on any of our programs or services.

Follow us on Twitter @CumberlandPL, Instagram @cumberland\_pl and on Facebook.

**Nova Scotia Heritage Day 2018: Mona Louise Parsons**

Mona Louise Parsons, actress, nurse, resistance fighter (born in Middleton, Nova Scotia on 17 February 1901; died in Wolfville, Nova Scotia on 28 Nov 1976). Mona Parsons was the only Canadian woman to be imprisoned by the German army.

**Early Life**

Mona Parsons was the daughter of a successful businessman and was an independent woman. She studied acting and moved to New York City in 1929, where she became a Ziegfield showgirl. Her theatrical pursuits did not take her far and she became a nurse.

In 1937 Parsons married millionaire Willem Leonhardt, a Dutch businessman. The couple moved to Holland and lived a life of privilege until the Nazis invaded in 1940.



Mona Parsons c1929

**Second World War**

She and her husband joined a resistance unit that rescued dozens of downed Allied airmen, but their involvement was short-lived. A Nazi informer betrayed them to the Gestapo in 1941 and they were arrested. Parsons was condemned to death. She appealed and her sentence was commuted in 1942 to life in prison. In 1945 Parsons was moved to Vechta Prison where she met Baroness Wendelien van Boetzelaer. They planned to escape when an opportunity arose, which happened during an Allied bombing raid. The men's side of the prison was bombed, and the women were taken outside. The warden left the gates open and told the women they could take their chances with the Allied bombs or German bullets.

Parsons and van Boetzelaer made a break for it. For three weeks they made their way to the Allies posing as German sisters, with Mona feigning a speech impediment to cover her accented German. The women became separated and Parsons eventually reached a Canadian battalion, the North Nova Scotia Highlanders.

**Awards and Honours**

She received a commendation for her war efforts from British Air Marshal Lord Tedder and US President Eisenhower.

From: <http://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca>

**Pugwash Library**

**Winter hours:  
December - May**

Monday: 11am - 4pm  
Tuesday: 11am - 4pm  
Wednesday: 2pm - 7pm  
Thursday: 2pm - 7pm  
Friday: noon - 5pm  
Saturday: 10am - 1pm  
Sunday: closed  
Phone: 902 243 3331

**North Cumberland  
Historical Society**

Open: Fridays 1-4pm  
The old train station  
2nd floor

902 243 3348

<http://ncumbhistorical.wixsite.com/genealogyhistory>

**North Cumberland Historical Society**

Changes at the Historical Society abound. After serving as president since 2008, Vivian Godfree has stepped down and Harvey Gullon is president. Thank you, Vivian, for guiding us through the last decade. Harvey is not new to the job, having been president in the early 1990s. Alison Forshner is our new secretary and we welcome new directors Geoff Langill and Alec Dotten.

Special speaker at our AGM this year was Linda Letcher who spoke to us about writing her books. She has authored three books titled "Northport Through the Years".

We are back to winter hours at the Historical Society, which is on the second floor of the old CN train station. We are open Fridays 1-4pm each week, but if that is difficult, we can arrange another time. Just call or email us. We spend the bulk of the time looking up family histories, mailing out publications and organizing our files.

The NCHS web page continues to grow. We have added write-ups on the histories of Pugwash Junction and Pugwash River. Have a look and let us know if we have any errors or if you have anything to add.

We are also listing our obituaries by cemetery. We have added Port Howe Cemetery. That is eight down and 74 to go! Check them out on the web page at <http://ncumbhistorical.wixsite.com>. The goal is to get them all listed before 2018.

We are on facebook as *North Cumberland Historical and Genealogical Society*. Like us to keep up-to-date with our most recent projects. It has been a great help to keep us connected to people looking for historical information. Bring us your questions and your input. You can email us at [ncumbhistorical@gmail.com](mailto:ncumbhistorical@gmail.com), phone us at 902 243 3348 or drop in on Friday afternoons.

From: Dianne Elliott



## Pugwash Fire Department Toonie Draw



From: Fire Chief Andy Yarrow

The 50/50 Toonie Draw is continuing to be very popular with several winners taking home over \$1000 over the past year. The weekly draw number is announced on our Facebook group page at: **Pugwash Fire Department Toonie Draw**. We also advertise the weekly draw number on our electronic sign at the fire station and on [www.sixrivers.ca](http://www.sixrivers.ca)

It only costs \$2 a week to play and we would like to encourage people to pre-pay for weeks in advance. You can place a \$10, \$20, \$50, \$100 bill or cheque (payable to **Pugwash Fire Department Toonie Draw**) into one of the drop boxes to pre-pay. Use a sticker on the bill or cheque to identify your registered number.

If you have any questions, would like to know when you are paid up to,

or if you have forgotten your registered number, please send an email with your name to [pugwashfiretoonie2016@gmail.com](mailto:pugwashfiretoonie2016@gmail.com) and we will reply within 24-36 hours with the information – or you can leave a message at 902 243 2600. Please quote your registered number when you can.

On December 20<sup>th</sup> 2017, in addition to the regular weekly draw, we are going to have two \$100 guaranteed prize winners. If you are going away on vacation, don't forget to play your Toonie.

What about signing up a friend for the Toonie Draw as a Christmas Present? Fill out the registration card and attach a \$20 bill to it, marking it as a Christmas Gift, and we will register that number for 10 weeks starting the Wednesday after Christmas!

The Pugwash Fire Department would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support with this fund raising initiative, and to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

*Toonie Draw drop boxes are currently located in Pugwash at: Wilson's Garage, Pugwash Home Hardware, O'Brien's Pharmacy, Kwik Way, Esso Garage, Sheryl's Bakery & Café, Scotia Bank, and Sunrise Country Market in Port Howe.*

## Pugwash Ground Search & Rescue 4th Storm the Mountain Adventure Challenge



February 3rd, 2018

Whether you participate competitively or just for the fun of it, it's a great event for those who love winter in the woods!

More information to follow on our website  
[www.pugwashgsar.webs.com](http://www.pugwashgsar.webs.com).

From: Teresa Rushton

## Royal Canadian Legion, Peace Branch 60



**1st and 3rd Saturday of the month. Cribbage.** 1pm. \$10 per person  
**Chase the Ace** 3-5pm. Draw at 5:15pm Ticket holder must be present for the draw to win.

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

**Saturday Brunch:** January 27th and February 24th. 10am to 1pm. Adults \$7 and Children \$3.50

**President's Reception:** December 16th. 5:30pm

**New Year's Levee:** January 1st, 2018. 11am-1pm

Canteen: 902.243.2123 New members are always welcome.

From: Maggie Stone

## Future of Bicycle Lanes In and Around Pugwash Looks Brighter

In response to a letter of concern from the Pugwash Village Commission, the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal said in a letter received November 2017:

"While you are correct that maintaining and reconstruction (of) provincial roads is challenging, the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal is committed to supporting Active Transportation including bicycling on provincial roads. To this

end, paving of shoulders will be considered, when practical, on provincial roadways. During the planning process for future work staff will review safety, traffic levels and other factors to determine the suitability of inclusion of paved shoulders into the work. This will hold for roads in and around the Village given that Pugwash is a destination point and that cycling is naturally increasing in the area."

From: staff/Dept TIR



## Growing to Serve the Community

The Pugwash Farmers' Market has had another outstanding year! Benefiting from sunny weekends, a variety of new vendors and hundreds of locals, visitors and cottagers descending on the market grounds each Saturday, the market has been a community gathering place and source for everything local, hand-made and home-grown.

The Pugwash Farmers' Market continues to build on its reputation as one of the friendliest and most diverse markets in Cumberland County. We also try to improve the market experience every year. From the Gateway entrance and flower boxes installed in 2016 with the help of Communities in Bloom, to the addition of the 2017 Wellness Tent with the support of the Pugwash and Area Community Health Board, in collaboration with the Healthy Livin' Programs in Oxford and Springhill, we have seen a dynamic change. We strive to offer a welcoming, informative, lively environment where demonstrations and taste-testing recipes, featured presenters sharing their expertise on a large number of topics including gardening, healthy lifestyles, bee-keeping, reflexology, vermicomposting, local hiking trails, seed saving and preserving. We hope to enlarge on this initiative in 2018 with more hands-on interactive programming to meet the needs of our customers.

Our annual Christmas Market, held at the Pugwash District High School on December 9th this year, continues to be a highlight of the holiday season.

The Market is happy to give space to a number of charitable organizations and student entrepreneurs, as well as a host of regular and seasonal vendors selling a huge variety of locally-made gifts and products.

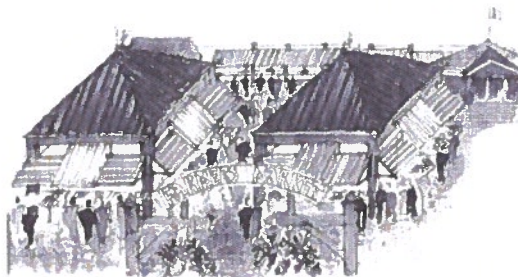
The Pugwash Farmers' Market has strived to give back to the community by being instrumental in the creation and growth of the garden at Cyrus Eaton Elementary. Under the coordination of Jenn Houghtaling, and

the support of many organizations, businesses and the village, it has been a great success. We look forward to its continued growth and networking and sharing resources with the Open Hamper Food Bank Garden and the new Green Team Garden at PDHS.

We are happy to report our fundraising efforts for the last two years, including raffles, "How does your market grow" campaign and special events like the Blueberry Festival, have been very suc-

### ***A Future of Possibilities***

*What if a little Market had big dreams ...*



cessful. All these initiatives move us a step closer to our goal to improve the market site for vendors and customers by constructing a series of vendor kiosks. Working with engineers, the village commission, the municipality, K+S Salt Company management and Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA,) our president, Jenn Houghtaling, hopes that construction will begin in the spring of 2018.

The Pugwash Farmers' Market is always looking for new vendors. Are you an entrepreneur at heart? Have you thought about becoming a market vendor? Don't be afraid to give it a try. We would love to hear from you and support your ideas and ventures.

For more information, contact Norene Smiley, pugwash-market@gmail.com, 902-243-2073

### ***Camp Pagweak – What a Summer!!***

Our first camp started July 2nd and many of our camps were at capacity by August. We welcomed 421 children this year and many were first time campers. I'm sure you could hear the singing, the laughter and the joy right across the harbour! They all enjoyed water games, kayaking, crafts, the rock wall, trail bikes, zip line and many games.

Greg Porter was the Camp Director and we were so blessed to have him and his family here all summer, Greg's second summer as Director as he served in 2014. It takes a lot of people to keep this camp going and growing and we were blessed with wonderful staff and many, many volunteers!

This year our campers took on a missions project and through

'mission soakers' each Friday and forfeiting their 'tuck money' – they raised \$2,841 to go towards food for Kenya. It's a great way for the campers to give back and they love doing it!

Thirty Atlantic Baptist Convention Churches in Cumberland and Colchester-Pictou Counties own and support this camp. We also appreciate the financial support from many individuals, community organizations and businesses.

Rentals are available in the fall and then we start all over again planning for another year!

A big thank you to the Village of Pugwash who also supports the camp in so many ways!

from: Ruth Rushton



## SportPugwash wraps up a successful 2017

Horse racing came back to town again this year with a successful day of harness racing on our track. There were several exciting races including pacers, trotters and mini horses. Thanks to Clayton Stevens and Elaine Shortliffe for organizing this event.

We hosted the memorial fundraising softball tournament for Adrian MacDonald, raising over \$4,000 for a local scholarship fund. Pugwash high school hosted regional games here this year and Cyrus Eaton Ele-

mentary School held its first ever one day softball tournament on the field, with nearly 50 children taking part. In addition to the weekly drop-in softball games, a free local little league was started this year with approximately 50 children taking part. We were able to field a couple of teams who hosted Oxford and Tatamagouche. The league will be back again next year bigger and better than ever. Fans and volunteers are always welcome!

SportPugwash is currently installing a new disc golf course. Our local pro and course builder extraordinaire is Benjamin Smith, who has recently opened his 12th course in the Maritimes this summer. SportPugwash will host multiple school and public events on our new course next summer. We would love to see more people take advantage of

this wonderful, free lifetime game.

Some improvements made this year include the road, the parking lots, our canteen/building and the field. We have started to work on expanding our walking paths. There are plans to improve the signage around the trails so that the public can easily take advantage of our lovely property.

Our end goal is to get more people active and using the wonderful facilities we have at SportPugwash. If you have an idea you would like to share, some time to volunteer, or would like to stay up to date please check out our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/sportpugwash/>

From: Kirsteen Thomson

### *It Takes a Village*

*Newsletter* is published quarterly in March, June, December and December. The deadline for our next issue is **February 19th**. Maximum word count of 250. We reserve the right to edit for length and content. Submissions from non-profit groups only please. Photos or graphics will be used as space allows. Please source all information and photo credits. The newsletter distribution covers the Village and all rural postal routes serviced by the Pugwash post office.

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**902 243 2946** or visit

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

## Northumberland Community Curling Club (NCCC) Opens 10th Season



The opening Dinner, Dance and Draw in September was attended by many eager curlers happy to reunite with curling friends from last year. The curtain-lined walls and the freshly paved parking lot were enthusiastically viewed and appreciated. Dinner by Inn the Elms was up to its usual excellent standards. Music by Derailed kept people dancing past midnight and the 50/50 draw was won by Tantramar Motors in Amherst who donated their winnings back to the club making our fund-raiser doubly successful.

It takes a lot of volunteer work to prepare the ice for the season. In early October we begin with the heavy duty scrubbing of the ice floor, the precision placement of the under-ice lines, circles and advertising. Shiny 2017 nickels were positioned in certain spots to facilitate a new game of doubles. Then the ice plant is turned on. This is followed by eight days of 15 separate floods until the ice surface is perfect. Preparing the ice is not the end of the work for the ice committee.

Throughout the season, teams of two take one week turns to prepare the ice on a daily basis. This consists of an early morning scraping done by Howie Wilson, followed by at least two pebbles per day, depending on the schedule. Hats off to the ice-makers!

NCCC has 115 registered members and Associates. Sunday Night Commercial league is 6 teams strong and Sunset Curlers, Little Rocks and Juniors are thriving. Eighteen beginning curlers have signed up for the *Learn to Curl Program*.

Curling started in earnest on October 30<sup>th</sup> with Open League, Mixed League, Thursday Night Ladies, Learn-to Curl, Morning Men, Morning Ladies, Juniors, Little Rocks, Sunset and Sunday night Commercial. Plans are underway for the Christmas Turkey Spiel, December 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.

NCCC is successfully adding another dimension to life in the Village of Pugwash.

From: Hazel Felderhof

### Pugwash Village Commissioners: Who are they?

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

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

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

**Bill Martin** (902 614 3000) lives at Pleasure Cove. Bill is the Pugwash Baptist Church pastor. Bill is Vice Chair of the Commission.

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

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

#### Pugwash Village Commission Meetings

Regular meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at 7pm. Come to the next meeting and find out what is going on in YOUR Village!

Meetings often include special presentations from local organizations and groups, the RCMP or Provincial representatives

If you would like to make a presentation, call the Clerk at 902 243 2946 or email [villagecommission@pugwashvillage.com](mailto:villagecommission@pugwashvillage.com)



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#### Next Regular Commission Meetings

December 11th  
January 8th  
February 19th  
March 12th

Meetings start at 7pm

#### Suggested Contractors for water line hook-up

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

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

#### Village of Pugwash Merchandise Stocking stuffers and souvenirs on sale at the Village Hall



Licence plate: \$5



Ball point pen: \$5



Lapel pin: \$2

#### Gathering of the Clans Merchandise



Short sleeved t-shirts  
Stanfields. \$20



Hat: \$15



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