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### Special Advertising Insert

Christmas By The Sea

Sponsored By The Pugwash And

Area Chamber Of Commerce

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## Pugwash And Area Chamber Of Commerce Presents Christmas By The Sea

The Pugwash & Area Chamber of Commerce formed in January 2007 and presently has 37 members. There are general meetings held quarterly for members as well as bi-monthly luncheon meetings open to the general public during the past year. We encourage membership from businesses of any size, non-profit organizations, services and interested individuals along the Northumberland Strait from Northport to Malagash.

There are many benefits to joining an organization such as a Chamber of Commerce, including advocacy, networking, increasing your business contacts and profile, professional development opportunities, and access to the Chamber of Commerce Group Insurance Plan.

Local services and businesses are very important to this growing community and to that end the Chamber sponsored a **Shop Local** campaign. Window posters were presented to every local business in the area from Northport to Malagash in hopes of encouraging and fostering the shop local message for area residents and summer residents alike. Shopping locally benefits everyone – the business owners, their employees, the community in general and the environment. Local businesses return approximately 80% of each dollar spent back into the local community.

One of our most successful projects this past year has been in producing the **Business and Services Directory** guide for the local area, where more than 80 businesses and services are listed. Five thousand of these brochures were distributed through local visitor information centres as well as through businesses in the area. The response to the brochure has been very positive and plans are underway to produce a better brochure for 2007

This fall the Chamber has taken on the sponsorship of **Christmas by the Sea**, a new event for this area this year, in which many groups and businesses in the area are participating. We're working to make the business community more vibrant, but also to make our area in general more attractive to residents and visitors alike at all times of the year.



Christmas  
by the Sea

**For Complete list of events and sponsors of this years' Christmas by the Sea, check out the flyer insert.**



**An Evening  
Of  
Words & Music**  
Come out and enjoy  
a fun filled evening  
of  
Entertainment on  
December 1st  
At 7:30 PM  
At  
St. Thomas More  
Church Hall  
Musical Guest:  
**Bill Langstroth**  
Poetry by:  
**Sue Goyette**  
&  
Storytelling by:  
**Bill Matheson**

Advance Tickets  
Just \$10 At The Library  
and Village Hall  
Or \$12 At The Door

This Event is  
sponsored by the  
Friends of the Pug-  
wash Library and all  
proceeds will go to-  
wards our new  
Library



## 2007 Financial Report

In early October, the final meeting of the 2007 Gathering of the Clans organizing committee dealt with the auditor's report and the disbursement of funds to community groups. Revenue from all sources for this years' event was \$34, 453. The federal government contributed \$700 from their Canada Celebrates grant but the provincial government provided no funding this year, thus government funds were down nearly \$4000. from 2006.

Expenses totalled nearly \$26,000 - up from 2006 as we increased the entertainment budget for the "Pugwash 200" celebrations. The Gathering of the Clans committee was left with a bank balance of \$17,894. This is the total of the start-up funds from 2006 and this year's surplus of \$8,423.

The Committee unanimously agreed to donate \$8,500 to various community groups. The disbursements include: Pugwash Fire Department \$2,000; The Pugwash Hospital \$1,000; The Pugwash Library \$1,000; Pugwash Ground Search and Rescue \$1,000; Cyrus Eaton Elementary School \$500; Pugwash Historical Society \$200; Friends of the Estuary \$200; Cumberland Car Club \$100; Pugwash Royal Canadian Legion \$500.

On behalf of the 2007 Gathering of the Clans committee, I would like to thank our generous sponsors, our many volunteers, and all of you who supported and celebrated with us during this year's festival.

Cliff Hutchinson - 2007 Chair

## Communities In Bloom



What would Christmas be without a tree? As part of the *Christmas by the Sea* celebrations, Communities in Bloom is holding a tree display at the Meeting Place on Russell Street. Area business, groups and organizations are decorating themed trees showing the diversity of our area. They are displaying the trees on Dec. 1 from 10 'til 5. The Travellers, a well-known group of about 20 singers, is appearing from 2 'til 3. Drop by, enjoy refreshments and perhaps win a door prize or a draw worth \$50.00.

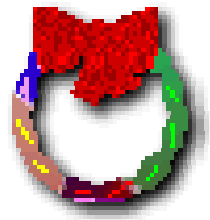
Even more Christmas spirit from CIB. During the week ending December 7, CIB volunteers are cruising Pugwash and area to find great lighting displays. They will announce their choices around Dec 10.

CIB is developing a plan to add trees to Pugwash in the spring. They requested Darwin Carr of Colchester Tree Services for a report outlining tree varieties suitable to the area and will add diversity and aesthetic interest. The report will also include suggested locations and area tree suppliers.

Whether it is Christmas, spring or any time of year, a strong community is one that comes together for the good of the people. "Metropolitan Pugwash" is well on its way to becoming such a community. Come out, meet friends and neighbours, enjoy our village at *Christmas by the Sea*.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Happy New Year

By Elaine Cook



# The Northumberland Community Curling Club

Pugwash Village Commission administration office hours:

**Monday to Friday**

**8:30am to 4:30pm**

(closed noon to 1pm)

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Almost ready, almost set, almost a-go! The projected date to begin curling is now the week of Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Local Match Committee has presented a tentative schedule for the first two weeks. This

features free curling for all.

games. (Don't worry about the terms -- there will be more than enough people there to tell you what to do.) Put your name down and get in on the excitement.

Sunday, 1:00 - 3:30 will be Family drop-in. Give it a try!

Monday, Dec. 3 to Friday Dec. 7 will be Drop-In Days from 9:30 - 12:00, from 1:00 - 3:30 and from 6:30 till closing. Come in, throw a few rocks, have a cup of coffee, and see what curling is all about. Curlers will be on hand to help and instruct. This is your chance to sign up for membership or just socialize and check it out.

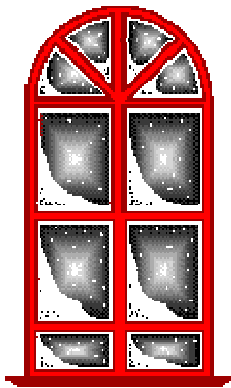
Free Week # 2 runs from December 10 - 16 and will consist of clinics. The mornings, 9:30 to 12, will have ladies on Monday and Wednesday, men on Tuesday and Thursday and Friday will be open to both. Evening clinics (starting at 6:30 and 8:30) will be open to all adults. The afternoons, 3:30 - 5:30, will be the same as week 1. Sunday afternoon, 1:00 - 3:30, will again be a family drop-in.

Monday, Dec. 3 from 3:30 -5:30 is for Juniors, Grades 7 - 9 to try out curling and/or sign up. Tuesday, 3:30 - 5:30 is for residents from Sunset. Wednesday, same time, is Drop-in for Little Rocks, (Grades 4 - 6) and Thursday, same time, is for senior high students, (Grades 10 - 12).

On Dec. 16 the regular curling schedule will be in place with team league night, and commercial night in addition to the above groups mentioned. All the above information is tentative. Watch for advertising.

Friday evening (starting 6:30) and Saturday, Dec. 8, will be our first Fun Spiel. Teams will be set up and play 4 ends

For inquires call Norval Benjamin, Local Match Chair, 243 2992 or Hazel Felderhof, Membership Chair, 257 2772.



**Above:** A tireless crew of determined volunteers installing light fixtures over the curling area. **Right:** Pictured here is Mike Power putting the finishing touches to the hallway outside of the men's and lady's changing rooms. Mike is just one of many volunteers who are making the Curling Club a reality.



**Call for Volunteers**

The Gathering of the Clans organizing committee is looking for volunteers to help organize the 2008 Festival.

Volunteers are needed to help out with all aspects of mounting this very special event. From highland dancing to site preparation, parade set up, vendor coordination, entertainment, administrative, gate organization, and everything else.

Working on a major event like the Gathering of the Clans Festival is a wonderful way to gain experience in event management, skills which employers find very valuable.

For more information on how to volunteer or to get more information on the opportunities available, contact:

Randy Thompson  
243-2946

**Commission Meetings**

The Commissioners of the Village of Pugwash meet each 3rd Monday of the month at the Village Hall at 7 pm.

Current Commissioners:

- Katheryne Langille (Chair)**
- Linda Langille**
- Mary Lou Trenholm (Vice Chair)**
- Jim Whitman**

**Friends Of The Pugwash Estuary**

The two summer students employed by the Friends of the Pugwash Estuary explored a total of seventeen streams in the Pugwash River Watershed. This study extended from Big Lake Brook at the southern end to the tidal streams of the estuary itself. Many of these streams had no official names on the map and any local knowledge would be appreciated.

The students looked at the water flow, depth and width of the streams, obstructions to fish movement, make-up of the bottom, the shelter offered by the surrounding banks and overall general condition of the streams. The recommendation was that the Friends look at either Patton Brook in Conns Mills or Canfield at Canfield Creek for their first habitat restoration project. Over the next few months the Friends will be working with Adopt-a-Stream and the relevant landowners to develop an enhancement plan.

Meanwhile, the Community Aquatic Monitoring Program (CAMP) was expanded to 6 sites this summer. Once a month for 5 months, these sites are netted and species counted. The program also includes water testing, checking of vegetation, and a temperature gauge that stays in the water and records all summer.

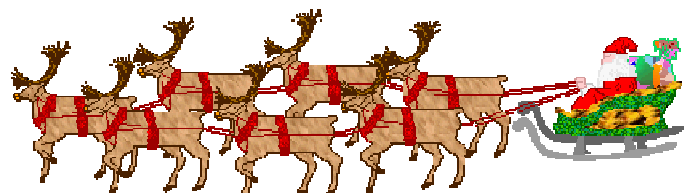
Volunteers are always needed to help with these and other projects. The Friends of the Pugwash Estuary meet at the Village Commission at 7p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month. Look for our environmentally friendly@ tree at the Tree Fest during Christmas by the Sea.



**Featured Photo:**  
This is a picture of a fallen culvert on the Canfield Brook.

**Train Station Gets New Furnace**

The Village Commission has carried out repairs at the Historic Train Station Property on Durham Street. Replacing the aging furnace and installing a new chimney liner at a cost of \$5,328 which will serve the heritage building for many years to come. The cedar shingle roof of the Visitor Information Centre just behind the Train Station has deteriorated to point where repairs are no longer viable and the Village Commission is having the roof replaced altogether this month.



## Pugwash & Area Community Health Board



## Pugwash Peace Exchange Representatives Attend Pugwash Peace Conference In Bari - Italy

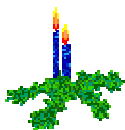
We now have a new Community Health Plan that will take us through to 2009. The plan reflects what you the community told us during the consultation process. Your voices were heard and recommendations have been sent to the CHA for consideration. We will make this available to any interested parties as well as promote it in our community.

One of the recommendations that has been acted on is the appointment of a nurse practitioner to our area. Carla Greene will be locating here shortly.

Our health plan will be our guide for mapping out our next steps as a community health board with recommendations and strategies to the Cumberland Health Authority to help improve the health of our community.

I am pleased to advise that three well qualified new members have joined our board; Isabelle Mullaley, Peter Lewis and Melinda Tatty. Your other members are Teresa Fowlie, Peggy Stevens- Secretary, Jane Jorgensen-Vice Chair, Leslie Dawson, Eleanor Conrad, Soledad Gosselin, Jarred Nix-Student Council and Mary Ellen Clark who also is a CHA Board member. Feel free to contact any board member including myself on improving the health of our community.

David Farley – Chair Pugwash & Area Community Health Board



Dennice and Stephen Leahey were recent observers at the Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs in Bari, Italy. One becomes a Pugwash Conference delegate only by invitation, and the delegates consist of distinguished scientists and policy-makers who have made a substantial contribution in their fields be they science, academic, political foreign affairs, military, or intelligence.

The mission of the Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs is to bring scientific insight and reason to bear on threats to human security arising from science and technology in general, and above all from the catastrophic threat posed to humanity by nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction. Drawing its inspiration from the Russell-Einstein Manifesto of 1955, which called upon leaders of the world to renounce nuclear weapons and “remember their humanity”, Pugwash above all is an expression of the social and moral duty of scientists to promote the beneficial applications of their work and prevent their misuse.

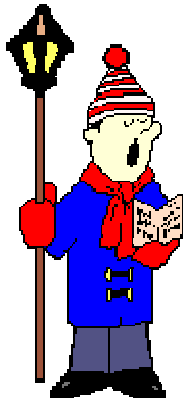
As the Pugwash network of scientists and policy specialists has spread over the years to now include more than 50 national Pugwash groups around the world, so too has the Pugwash agenda broadened to include vitally important issues of energy, environment, health, food security and international scientific cooperation that have fundamental impacts on the security and well being of the world’s peoples.

The weeklong Pugwash Conference was opened by Italian Foreign Minister, Massimo D’Alema, who spoke about the dangers of nuclear weapon proliferation and the concerns world-wide with the prospects of Iran building a nuclear arsenal. The 150 attendees came from among the 50 countries in which Pugwash has an active presence. Of particular interest were representatives from all of the major “hotspots” including Iran, North and South Korea, Palestine (Fateh), Israel, Afghanistan, Kashmir, Russia, China, India and Pakistan.

Work groups and discussions were established to give all groups a hearing. Speakers included ambassadors, generals from the military, and high profile policy makers. A former UN Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs, Dr. Jayantha Dhanapala of Sri Lanka was appointed President of the Pugwash Conferences. Among his many diplomatic successes, Dhanapala was widely acclaimed for his Presidency of the 1995 Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Review and Extension Conference, a landmark event in disarmament history. In July he spent 5 days in Pugwash at the joint Middle Powers Initiative/Pugwash Conference Extraordinary Workshop. He has met many of the PPE’s Directors, Advisors and members and is very supportive of the work being done locally to create a world-class learning centre.



Pictured here  
L-R: Dennice Leahey,  
Dr. Jayantha Dhanapala,  
Dr. Stephen Leahey.



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&  
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For The Holidays*

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Best Wishes  
From Commissioners and  
Staff At The Village  
Commission*



## North Cumberland Memorial Hospital Auxiliary

On Oct. 16th the North Cumberland memorial hospital Auxiliary hosted the semi annual meeting of the Northern Region, Nova Scotia Association of Health Auxiliaries. The luncheon meeting was held at the Pugwash Legion with some sixty members from Amherst, Springhill, Tatamagouche, Truro, New Glasgow, Stellarton and Pugwash attending.

NCMHA President Margaret Jamison welcomed guests and introduced head table guests – Jackie and Leo Guyette, President and Secretary Treasure of the Northern Region, Jane Vande Sande President of the Provincial NSAHA and Bob Janes guest speaker.

A memorial service for the 10 members deceased through the year was led by Rose Nicholson. Rose noted that since these services started in 1999, eighty eight volunteers have been honoured in this manner.

Jane Vande Sande brought greetings from the NSAHA and spoke of the annual convention encouraging work of auxiliaries.

The introduction and induction of the new regional officers followed – Marilyn Conklin, President and Marie Truman Secretary Treasurer. Bob Janes, President of Windjammer, Rotarian leader of the Rotarian Camp for Challenged Children and now the first male President of the Cumberland Health Care Auxiliary delivered an encouraging, serious, yet light hearted address on the value and rewarding feeling of being a volunteer – of getting your spouse and your children involved to reap the satisfaction of being a caring volunteer. Bob noted, reading from the Provincial report, that 252,944 volunteer hours were recorded for the year with \$5,868,200.00 being disbursed to hospitals and health related projects. We should all be proud!

## What's New @ The Pugwash Library

Be sure not to miss the latest Friends of the Pugwash Library fundraiser "An Evening of Words & Music" on Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at St. Thomas Moore Church Hall. The evening will feature the musical talents of Bill Langstroth, poetry by Sue Goyette, and storytelling with Bill Matheson. Tickets are just \$10 advance and \$12 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at the Pugwash Library, and at the Village Commission. All proceeds are for the Pugwash Library Capital Campaign.



Pugwash Library

The annual Christmas Open House at the Library will be held Friday evening, November 30<sup>th</sup> during Christmas By the Sea celebrations. Drop in to warm up with some treats.

The Library is offering Drawing Classes for kids ages 10-12 with volunteer Felicia Doucette. Learn how to draw fantasy art such as dragons and unicorns! Classes are just \$1. Call the library at 243-3331 for dates and times.

The newly formed Library Knitting Club meets again on December 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.



Linda Langille, Village Commissioner and advocate for animal care and welfare welcomed Vets Susan Hunter and Jillian Foster and their Staff; Donnie McCaffrey and Christine Drinnan to the Pugwash area. Commissioner Langille and Village Clerk Randy Thompson visited the Clinic recently. "We're just so glad that you're here" Said Commissioner Langille. "I think this is such a good thing for the area".

**Northumberland Veterinary**

**Services** is located just past the Hillcrest Motel on Rout No. 6 civic No: 11072. Dr. Susan Hunter told Commissioner Langille that their facility is still being renovated but they are open and providing services. Medical Pet food and supplies are available at the clinic and some surgeries are being performed there already. "We hope to be a full service clinic by the end of the winter" said Dr. Hunter.

Dr. Hunter explained that pet neutering and spaying is now available at the clinic. She told Commissioner Langille that the costs for those procedures are comparable to other clinics in the area. People should call the clinic directly for pricing as costs may vary depending on the treatment needs of individual animals.

The Clinic is fortunate to have two Veterinarians on Staff for both small and large animals. Dr. Hunter told Commissioner Langille that she grew up in Halifax but very much enjoys the Pugwash area. Dr. Jillian Foster is from the local area and has had a large practice (mostly with large animals) for some time.

Emergency Services are available at the clinic as well and Vets are on call after hours. The Clinic has a telephone message service and the number is the same for after hours calls.

## Village Commission Welcomes Northumberland Veterinary Services



Village Commissioner, Linda Langille (left) welcomes Dr. Susan Hunter to the Pugwash area.



Above: Veterinary Assistant Donnie McCaffrey, Veterinarians: Dr. Jillian Foster and Dr. Susan Hunter at their clinic on the Sunrise Trail outside of Pugwash.

**Northumberland Veterinary Services is located at 11072 Highway No. 6 Telephone for appointments and inquiries: 243-3999**

## Rescue Me



**“Rescue Me” is a project to combat the greatest preventable cruelty inflicted upon dogs and cats which is pet overpopulation. Each year in Canada, tens of thousands of unwanted dogs and cats are put to sleep because lasting, loving homes cannot be found for them.**

**There are an estimated 7.3 million dogs and 8.3 million cats in Canadian households. Surveys indicate that at least 6 out of 10 families share their homes and their lives with their pets. The Canadian Humane Society plans to adopt more animals and reduce pet over-**

**population through a series of sustained long term initiatives involving engaging creative multi-media campaigns; and by working even more closely with breed rescue groups, rescue groups, foster homes and animal shelters; and through low cost spaying and neutering services and the use of non surgical methods; and pet license and id fee differentials; and by improving lost and found services; and by encouraging training courses for pet owners; and conflict resolution between landlords and pet owners.**

**In just six years, two dogs and their offspring can theoretically be the source of 67,000 puppies. Cats, able to have three litters per year, are even more prolific. In theory, over a seven- year period, two cats and their offspring can produce 420,000 kittens. The death of each animal shifts the blame away from irresponsible pet owners and on to the shoulders of groups like the Humane Society, SPCA, and other local organizations like the L.A. Animal Shelter in Amherst, who must bear the moral, ethical and practical burdens of coping with this problem.**



**What can you do to help?**

**Make certain that your own pets are spayed or neutered.**

**This holiday season - contribute to local and national shelters and programs.**

**If you are giving a gift to a food bank consider making a similar donation to a local shelter.**

**In Pugwash: On December 1st, during ‘Christmas by the Sea’ a Wine and Cheese Open House is being held at the Eaton-Webb Guest House on Water Street 3 pm to 5 pm. Stop by and enjoy wine and cheese and a visit with your hosts Paolo and Sandy Brenciaglia. Bring along a donation of food for pets for the L. A. Animal Shelter and share the gifts of the Christmas Season with our four legged friends.**

**Merry  
Christmas**