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Performance Stage in Eaton Park Ready for July 1st

The original Eaton Stage started as a raised platform for the Highland Dance competition in 1951 at the first Gathering of the Clans. Over the years, a "backstage" area was added which was little more than a two room shed used mostly for storage. Later, the stage area was made longer with wings and steps. A ramp had to be brought in occasionally for accessibility. A roof was added to keep dance competitors and music acts dry in the rain, but that adversely affected acoustics. A ceiling was installed, but it was too low for the taller dancers and didn't improve the acoustics. Lattice panels were put up as windbreaks that didn't really work either. Every few years we had to put down new plywood on the stage floor and every year we had to paint it.

The venue became well established and artists often commented on its wonderful location and beautiful backdrop of Pugwash Harbour, but politely kept away from the rather grimy "backstage" area and used the Village Hall as their green room instead.

Nearly 70 years after the stage was first built, it was getting rotten, hard to maintain and needed to be replaced. After much planning, public consultation and two tendering processes, construction has started on a new building. The old stage has been moved to an undisclosed location where it is to be fixed up for a cottage or camp.

APM Construction won the public tender to build the new structure. After the old stage was moved out they then had to hammer through five feet of frost! As of today (20th March) preparations are being made to pour frost walls and concrete support columns. Construction will be complete by mid June to be ready for the summer season, particularly Canada Day and Gathering of the Clans on July 1st. APM is using local subcontractors, labour and materials where they can.

The new stage will be as deep but a little longer than the old stage. The wing area will be much larger. Consequently, at 1,575 square feet, the stage area will be 27% larger than the old performance space. The stage roof will be sloped so

that the front is about 15' above the front of the stage, allowing for good acoustics and also an elevated area for lighting and sound equipment. The exterior walls will be finished with cedar shingles blending with the natural space it is located and in keeping with other nearby structures. Permanent ramps will make the stage fully accessible at all times. A verandah area overlooking the harbour will be added at another time.

The back stage area will be considerably bigger than the old shed with facilities that were never available before. There will be a dressing room and green room for artists to prepare for their performances. There will be washrooms, a small office area for stage managers and technicians and storage. There will be a cross over area allowing artists to enter the stage on either side.

The design is to allow for a wide range of uses. Music bands and orchestras, solo acts, theatrical productions, art exhibitions, exercise classes and demonstrations, movies and rehearsal space. The dressing/green rooms can be connected or kept separate and used for classes, meetings or conventions. With a little bit of imagination, the list of uses is almost endless.

The adaptability of this space to multiple uses will allow for more events and for much more of the season than the old stage could be used.

The building will be paid with contributions from Village capital fund reserves and the Gathering of the Clans. Applications to the Municipality of Cumberland County and the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency are pending. Other fundraising will help pay for equipment and furnishings.

The construction area is fenced off for safety reasons. The public are invited to watch construction, but from a safe distance.

Join us on July 1st for the first big event of the year with this beautiful new building. See Page 7 of this newsletter for more information on Gathering of the Clans and Page 3 for a photo of the official ground breaking.

Municipal Water Supply Update

Compilation of news releases January - March 2019
 From Shelley Hoeg, Municipality of Cumberland County Communications Officer

It is easy to look at this project and wonder, how in the world it could be running behind schedule when cities and towns put in water system components everyday? The Pugwash Water System is unique because every component of the system had to be designed and installed from scratch. Normally, a municipality will only put in one part of an entire system and often that part is a replacement for aging infrastructure. Not only is this not the case in Pugwash, but every water system is completely different based on the size of the system, environment the system is going into and population served.

In Pugwash, the system is composed of a well field, transmission and distribution pipe, a reservoir and a treatment facility. Each of these components have been designed to work in conjunction with all other components. It is during the commissioning process, that is the testing phase of the project, that each individual part in every component is verified. There are components that have been presenting issues and contractors and municipal staff have been troubleshooting. Issues being worked on include malfunctioning equipment from a supplier which had to be sent back and replaced under warranty and electronic communication between equipment. The issues which are being worked out now are issues which need to be addressed for the long-term viability of the entire system.

There was a problem with the aeration of the water. There was too much air in the water, which is primarily an aesthetic issue however it does present issues for probes and testing equipment. Air is vital to the treatment process, as the decision was made to use a biological treatment process rather than introducing a chemical process. The quality of the water in the treatment facility exceeds all the federal and provincial water drinking standards. Aesthetically, there was too much air in it. New air release valves are being installed. Plant operators are now implementing procedures from our process supplier to reduce the amount of air injected into the system. The operators and process supplier are attempting to balance the needs of the treatment process and the aesthetic objective of reducing bubbles in the water.

During the commissioning process operators became concerned with the reliability of the chlorine injection system. It is critical that this component of the system is dependable. The supplier has issued a purchase order for a replacement chlorination system and we are awaiting the delivery date. This will be done under the warranty for the equipment.

The other minor operational items have progressed to the satisfaction of staff and contractors.

The Municipality regularly tests the water quality with our own lab equipment and at third party laboratories. We had advised that the water is meeting and surpassing the standards set out in the drinking water guidelines and we have attached analysis of our most recent, raw and treated water which was completed by Maxxam Analytics. The columns labeled MAC and AO are based on the Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality, Health Canada Feb. 2017. Health Canada does not publish guidelines for all criteria measured. For more information on these guidelines please see: <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/environmental-workplace-health/water-quality/drinking-water/canadian-drinking-water-guidelines.html>

Every two weeks the contractors and project management group meet to discuss the status of the water system project and endeavour to move along as many project hurdles as possible. This involves project managers keeping contractors on track and contractors detailing what support they need from project management.

Norene Smiley awarded Sovereign Medal for Volunteers

Congratulations to Norene Smiley on winning the Governor General's Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers. This



national award "... recognizes the exceptional volunteer achievements of Canadians from across the country in a wide range of fields and pays tribute to the dedication and commitment of volunteers. They embody the caring country we aspire to

build" (<https://www.gg.ca/en/honours/canadian-honours/sovereigns-medal-volunteers>).

Norene is well known for her creativity, innovation, and enthusiasm for new village projects, working alongside the many Pugwash CIB volunteers. She also nurtures young writers through the Writing on Fire Society which she co-founded in 2011.

From: Governor General website and Maureen Leahey



Communities in Bloom People, Plants and Pride Growing Together

Join with Pugwash Communities in Bloom (CIB) this Spring to make our community a cleaner more beautiful place!

Pick up Top Tips as Helen Maclean presents Public Garden Spaces: Inspiring Ideas for your Community and your Garden, April 10, 7-8:30 pm, Curling Club.

Enjoy hearing Pugwash history brought to life! North Cumberland Historical Society members present Who Lived There? Reminiscences & History of Notable Pugwash Buildings, April 24, 7-8:30 pm, Curling Club.

Celebrate Earth Day/Great Garbage Challenge, April 27, 9-12 pm! Join your friends, neighbours, children and grandchildren to clean up your road/street/yard. Use the dumpster located that weekend on the Salt Mine Wharf.

Consult the 2019 Pugwash Waste Disposal List delivered to your mailbox in April. Spread the word to cottagers, villagers, and visitors.

Buy interesting unique or common plants. CIB Plant Sale, Saturday, May 11, 9-noon, Horton Gallery Driveway, Durham Street, Pugwash. Consult with expert local gardeners!

Science & Heritage Fair Awards. CIB presented awards to seven PDHS students at their Heritage and Science Fairs: Liam Nix/Sven Schoeten, Olyvia Fahey/Ryan McIver, Jiwon Lim, Myah Parris, and Morgan Patriquin. These youths challenge and motivate others to make our community better, recognize the importance of environmental action, and celebrate our heritage.

CIB AGM. All welcome, Tuesday, April 23rd, 1-2 pm, Peace Hall, Victoria Street, Pugwash.

Check our FaceBook page for new CIB Spring projects!

CIB welcomes new members. All skills needed. Call Mary Maron 902-257-2468 or Maureen Leahey 902-243-3454.

From: Maureen Leahey



Official Ground Breaking for New Performance Stage

Village Commission Chair Bill Martin and Commissioner and past Chair Charley Gould were on hand recently for the official breaking of ground for the new stage. Safety gear and golden shovel were provided by APM Construction.

Construction progress photos are available on the Village facebook page and website at www.pugwashvillage.com.

From: Staff



Pugwash Farmers' Market Planning for Another Great Summer!

The Market will officially open on Saturday May 18, 8:30am - 1:00pm. Look on our Face Book page for updates to the 2019 Wellness Tent programs in the works, with the support of the Pugwash and Area Community Health Board. 'Growing a Healthy Community' is this year's theme with an emphasis on fresh, healthy food (where to get it and how to cook it); active lifestyles for everyone and what recreation opportunities our community offers; growing your own amazing food; and sharing info and services about the environment and how it affects your health. In collaboration with the Gettin' Healthy' Programs in Oxford, Springhill

and Amherst, we plan for live cooking demos, a crazy-fun Kids' Cook Off, A Power of Play installation, our annual Blueberry Festival and a Fun Farm Olympics.

We are also planning to make improvements to the Market site, throw a fundraising party for the community and look at other ways we can use our fantastic new construction. With the success of Bethlehem Live! last December, we are even more convinced about the potential of the market site. If you have an idea for an event or you belong to an organization that needs a place to hold an outside event, please contact us.

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. Please contact us for more information: Norene Smiley 902-243-2073, pugwashmarket@gmail.com

Our AGM will be Wednesday, April 17 at 6:00pm at the Peace Hall, Victoria Street. Come join us for a pot luck supper and meet our board and vendors.

From: Norene Smiley, Market Manager



The Friends of the Pugwash Estuary is continuing with regular activities despite the winter weather. Our Sunday hikes are continuing leaving at 1pm from Estuary House. Both trails are open for hiking. Grippers and a hiking pole are recommended to cope with icy sections.

The Christmas Bird Count on Dec 28th was a success despite the cold with three teams covering different the areas around the Pugwash River and input from three feeder watchers. Nearly 2000 birds from 36 species were observed.

January was busy for the FOPE Executive as the job description for our summer student project and the grant applications for federal and provincial funding were completed. FOPE is excited to be providing employment opportunities for two biology students to help describe the salt marshes along Docherty Creek.

The FOPE Annual General Meeting was held at the Northumberland Community Curling Club (NCCC) on Feb 24th following a morning hike on the Estuary Trail with near perfect winter conditions and a light lunch back at the Curling Club. Nearly 30 people heard the reports of an active and successful year for FOPE. Werner and Louise van Thielen were

Visitor Information Centre

The Pugwash Visitor Information Centre (VIC) will be expanding to use all of the big, bright room at the front of the Village Hall with the great view of the harbour and park. The VIC was reinstated at the Village Hall eight years ago, sharing space with the Pugwash C@P Site. The C@P Site closed down at the end of 2018.

The VIC will have more displays and literature for visitors and locals alike and more storage space. There is an expanding database of local attractions, activities and businesses on hand. Local research helps us keep our information current.

FOPE Busy With Winter Activities and Spring Plans

recognised with Life Memberships for the exceptional work they did in finishing the interior of Estuary House. Two new Directors joined the Board to fill vacancies.



L to R, Mary Jamieson, FOPE Board; Ralph Thompson, FOPE Board and Life Member; newly awarded Life Members Werner and Louise Van Thielen and FOPE Vice-Chair, John Caraberis.

The meeting concluded with an interesting talk by Allen Beck from Clean Foundation about salt marshes along the Northumberland Strait.

Up-coming events include an Open House and Celebration of Earth Day at Estuary House in April and the spring migratory Bird Count on May 18th. Visit the FOPE website or facebook for more details.

From: Betty Hodgson, FOPE Chair

There will be two computers available for public use in the VIC. Wi-fi is available 24/7 and this has a range that allows most users to sit in the comfort of their vehicle or, on a warm sunny day, in the park. There is a small selection of merchandise available.

The VIC will open in May with hired summer staff. Hours will expand to seven days a week in July and August. However, the VIC is busy until late October, so volunteers are welcome to help out at any time through the summer and after school starts up again in September. Candidates or volunteers with conversational French would be very welcome!

From: Staff

Pugwash Village Hall

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

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

e-mail:
villagecommission
@pugwashvillage.com

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

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

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



Pugwash Visitor Information Centre

Spring hours
Closed until April.
Open by chance or by Appointment

Volunteers welcome

Pugwash Village Hall
124 Water Street
902 243 2088

NORTH CUMBERLAND MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUXILIARY (NCMCA)

After many years of looking after the finances for our Auxiliary, Claire McKim has stepped away from her duties as Treasurer. Effective January 1st Beryl MacLean has taken on the duties of Treasurer and Carol Hall has assumed the position of President.

We were pleased to welcome Jane Van de Sande, Northern Region Chair, to our December meeting. Jane updated us on items that had been discussed at the NSAHA Board Meeting in October. Following our meeting, a Christmas social time was enjoyed by members and Shop volunteers.

Our online auction resumed on February 17th. This will be posted every second week on our Facebook page at NCMHA Thrift Shop. Our monthly meetings will resume on Tuesday, March 5th. We meet the first Tuesday of the month at 2 pm in the hospital boardroom, except for January, February, July and August. New members are always welcome.

Our Thrift Shop is open Wednesday from 1-4pm; Thursday from 10am to 4pm; and Saturday from 9am-12 noon. The first Saturday of each month is 'Bag Day', where you can fill a garbage bag with clothing for \$5, or a grocery bag for \$2. If you are interested in volunteering at the Thrift Shop please contact Helen Cameron at 902-243-2615.

From: Faye Moore



Maggie's Place

Mission statement:

To strengthen and enhance the health and social development of children and their families, in Cumberland and Colchester Counties. By providing a variety of promotion and prevention services and programs, our aim is to support families through the preconception, prenatal, infant, early childhood and youth periods, with an emphasis on the ages 0-6 early childhood period. We strive to strengthen partnerships and collaborative activities among families, service providers, communities and governments.

To express an interest in Maggie's Place services and perhaps re-start some programs in Pugwash, please call 902.667.7250 or e-mail maggies@ns.sympatico.ca

From: staff & maggiesplace.ca

Pugwash and Area Open Hamper Food Bank

From: Dot Pal, Open Hamper Food Bank Administrator

The Open Hamper Food Bank offers a grocery distribution Program, to assist families move from food insecurity towards food security.

Food security exists when families have physical and economic access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food that meets their dietary needs and food preferences defined by personal tastes and culture.

The Food Bank is located on the lower level of the Pugwash Hospital. It is open every Wednesday from 1pm to 3pm. For those families who occasionally find themselves without transportation, arrangements can be made to have groceries delivered to their home.

How do we keep our shelves stocked? Feed Nova Scotia (located in Dartmouth) delivers food and personal care items every other week. Food donations and personal care items, from the public, are left in the donation box at the Pugwash Co-Op or dropped off at the Food Bank site on Wednesdays. Individuals can make monetary donations directly to the Food Bank or purchase and donate Co-Op gift cards. All monies are used to purchase grocery items. We also have individuals and various organizations/groups who organize fundraisers and donate the proceeds.

Thanks go to all our volunteers, including PDHS Grade 10 students, who work or are on standby on Wednesday afternoons. Thanks also to the volunteers who meet the Feed Nova Scotia truck to unload and stock shelves and those who organize and run fundraisers. We could use more volunteers to help with grocery delivery. Please call or email the contact information below. Your dedication in assisting families in the village of Pugwash and our surrounding communities is noticed and applauded.

To volunteer or make a donation, please contact Dot Pal at 902-664-8691 or d.pal@seasidehighspeed.com.

Local Wildlife Conservation Area Expanded

An important conservation area in Atlantic Canada for migratory birds is growing. The Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) has received a gift of coastal land that expands its Pugwash Estuary Nature Reserve, located in one of the few remaining undeveloped river estuaries on Nova Scotia's north shore.

Two properties totaling 49 hectares (122 acres) were donated to NCC by Matthew Currie, an American living in Vermont. The donated lands are mainly forested, and border coastal wetlands, which provide important habitat for migratory shorebirds and waterfowl. The donation expands NCC's Pugwash Estuary Nature Reserve to 504 hectares (1245 acres), one of its largest in Nova Scotia.

The newly conserved properties are located on the eastern arm of Pugwash Estuary, at Docherty's Brook. The area provides habitat for black bear, deer, porcupine, snowshoe hare, skunk, fox and coyote, along with many species of birds.

The Pugwash Estuary is a critical stopover site for more than two dozen species of migratory shorebirds such as greater yellowlegs, spotted sandpiper and willet. Its extensive salt marshes, beaches and mudflats provide habitat for American black duck, green-winged teal, and Canada goose and Great blue heron. Eastern woodpecker, a species listed as special concern under Canada's *Species at Risk Act*, is also found in the area.

The Pugwash Estuary Nature Reserve is a popular destination for birders and nature lovers and is one of NCC's "Nature Destinations". The Nature Destinations program invites the public to explore some of the greatest exam-



Pugwash Estuary, looking towards Northumberland Strait. Source: NCC

ples of our country's natural areas, from BC's interior, to the prairie grasslands, to the coastal estuaries in Atlantic Canada. At its Pugwash conservation area NCC maintains a trail for hiking and birding in cooperation with Friends of the Pugwash Estuary.

Funding for the Pugwash Estuary conservation project was provided by the Government of Canada through the Natural Areas Conservation Program.

From: Kathryn Morse, Atlantic Director Communications, NCC



Pugwash District High School Students excel in Winter Sports



Freestyle Skiing

Stepup Freeski Tour, Stoneham, Quebec. 26th January 2019

Top three places went to Ski Wentworth Freestyle Ski League. First (middle): Rowan Durning, 2nd (L): Malcom Farris and 3rd (R) Cole Mundle from Pugwash!

Information and photos from team members' families and social media. Thank you!

Snowboarding

PDHS Junior Boys Snowboard team won the first ever Nova Scotia School Athletic Federation (NSSAF) Provincial banner for PDHS in snowboarding. The gold winning team members were:

Brodie Langill, James Nesbitt, Keegan Siddall and Kyle Steeves.

The PDHS Senior girls team won the regionals and came second in provincials. The team members were:

Paula Beck, Luca Baeyer, Megumi Ozawa and Cadence Steeves.



Left: Cole Mundle catches some air at the Freestyle Nova Scotia Slope Style competition at Ski Wentworth.



Downhill Skiing

The PDHS Senior Boys and Intermediate Boys teams both came second in Provincials at downhill skiing. The Senior Girls team came in third.

The Senior Boys team: Riley Blackwell, Fredrico Coin, Anton Henrich, Makoto Ozawa.

Intermediate Boys team (pictured above, left to right): Leam MacEwan, AJ Cunningham, Noah Pollard, Lucas Bollong.

The Senior Girls team: Robin Dewar, Brooklyn Hibbert, Megumi Ozawa.



Rawlins Cross Returns to Pugwash

July 1st will be a rocking good time with Rawlins Cross christening the new stage in Eaton Park. The rest of the line-up is yet to be confirmed.



Rawlins Cross in Concert. From: rawlinscross.com

All the usual events and attractions will be here for July 1st. Highland Dance, Pipe and Drum bands and Highland heavyweight exhibition games, vendors, music and the midway will be back. Suggestions and volunteers welcome. Call 902.243.2946.



From: Lisa Betts, Festival Coordinator

Pugwash HarbourFest July 26th and 27th



Plans for the 2019 HarbourFest-Homecoming celebrations are taking shape. This year most activities will take place on Friday July 26th and Saturday July 27. Friday will kick off the weekend at the Northumberland Community Curling Club with the HomeComing Meet and Greet and dance featuring the Ellis Brothers. Saturday will see the return of our favourite activities- the SoapBox Derby, the Sinkers' Conference (aka the Cardboard boat race), Domino Man, the Salt Dash 5k race, the Sand Castle competition, the Firefighters' Competition and the Lobster Trap Maze. Plans are in the works to return some other popular events such as the bathtub race and golf across the water, along with a few new ideas, possible boat races and harbour tours.

Our volunteers are working hard to create a weekend that will be enjoyed by locals, visitors and former residents alike. We welcome comments, suggestions and help with any or all of the activities. You can see more about HarbourFest-Homecoming at www.pugwashharbourfest.ca or find us on FaceBook <https://www.facebook.com/pugwashharbourfest>, and soon on Twitter and Instagram. Email us at harbourfest1@gmail.com

From: Louise Haycocks, HF Chair

Spring Events

March

- 23rd Chase the Ace now every Saturday!(9)
- 23rd Outdoor walking challenge starts
- 30th Legion Bunch (9)

April

- 6th Tartan Day
- 6th Bag Day, NCMHA (5)
- 6th Cribbage (9)
- 6th Girl Guide cookies at the Co-Op
- 7th Pancake Supper (Wallace)
- 10th Penguin Day (8)
- 10th Public Garden Spaces, NCCC (3)
- 15th Village Commission meeting (12)
- 20th Cribbage (9)
- 21st Easter Sunday
- 22nd Earth Day (4)
- 23rd CIB AGM (3)
- 24th Historic Pugwash Buildings, NCCC (3)
- 25th Fire Dept roast beef take-out (8)
- 25th Library meeting (Amherst) (8)
- 27th Great Garbage Challenge (3)
- 27th Legion brunch (8)

May

- 4th Bag Day, NCMHA (5)
- 4th Work Day, Camp Pagweak (10)
- 4th Cribbage (9)
- 11th CIB Plant Sale (3)
- 11th Work Day, Camp Pagweak (10)
- 12th Mother's Day
- 18th Spring migratory bird count (4)
- 18th Farmers' Market opens (3)
- 18th Cribbage (9)
- 13th Village Commission meeting (12)
- 20th Victoria Day
- 25th Legion Bunch (9)
- 25th Fire Dept. Tailgate sale (8)
- 30th Village Annual Meeting

June

- 1st Commission Election (12)
- 1st Bag Day, NCMHA (5)
- 1st Cribbage (9)
- 10th Village Commission meeting (12)
- 15th Cribbage (9)

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

Sport, Exercise & Dance Classes

Ladies' Exercise

10-11am Fridays. PDHS. \$5

Pickleball

8pm Tuesdays. PDHS. FREE
7:30pm Sundays. PDHS. FREE

Walking Group

9:30pm Tuesdays. CEES FREE
9:30am Thursdays. CEES FREE

Toaist Tai Chi

6-8pm Thursdays Peace Hall

Chair Yoga with Sara

Other Local Event Calendars

Facebook

Things to Do in Pugwash, Pugwash Happenings

Municipality

<http://www.cumberlandcounty.ns.ca/upcoming-events2.html>

Six Rivers

<http://www.sixrivers.ca/Calendar>

Pugwash Baptist Church

<http://www.hopecentre.ca/Calendar.aspx>



From: Denise Corey, Chief Librarian,

Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them

Wednesday, March 20
3:30-4:30pm

Grades P-6

Calling all witches, wizards, and muggles who love magical creatures; join us in our celebration of Newt Scamander's book *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*. We'll read legends about these fantastical creatures and make a craft to take home. Call 902-243-3331 to register.

Penguin Day

Wednesday, April 10
3:30-4:30pm

Grades P-6

Did you know that penguins drink salt water? Or that they can swim 32 km per hour? Learn more about penguins as we read stories and make crafts to celebrate these beautiful bird. Call 902-243-3331 to register.

Public Meeting

The Cumberland Regional Library Board invites you to a meeting on the future of Cumberland Public Libraries.

Thursday, April 25
7:00pm
Four Fathers Library
21 Acadia St., Amherst

Please call 902-243-3331 for more information.

Check our Calendar of Events on the Cumberland Public Libraries' website to see the other fantastic programs lined up for the winter at cumberland-publiclibraries.ca

Follow us on:
Twitter at @CumberlandPL
Instagram @Cumberland_pl
Facebook



PVFD Update on Water Rescue Craft

From: Darren Clark

A priority focus for the Pugwash Volunteer Fire Department (PVFD) continues to be the acquiring an offshore water rescue craft. This would service coastline from Northport to the lower Gulf Shore and rivers Philip and Pugwash.

The number of pleasure and personal water crafts along this coastline are on the rise year over year. As a result, mishaps are also on the rise.

In the meanwhile, the fire department can strive to improve response times, train to safely extract boaters and provide immediate medical triage. These skills complement existing rescue services which are coast guard stations in PEI and auxiliary coast guard craft from local fisherman. The fire department has the expertise, commitment and dedica-

tion to provide immediate first level support to boaters in need.

Regrettably, offshore rescue craft are not cheap. A cost sharing proposal was presented to the Cumberland Municipal Council last September. Informal feedback on the merits of proposed additional rescue services from Council Members seemed very favourable. As the Municipal budget firms up for the year it is hoped that consideration and priority will be given to the rescue craft. A modest investment now will improve the chances of saving lives. Ongoing rescue craft fund raising events have been tabled by the fire department.

Community support to date has been overwhelmingly positive. Stay tuned for updates this summer.

PVFD Upcoming Events & Fundraisers

From: Kathie Betts

Our roast beef takeout fundraiser is set for April 25th, \$12.50/plate. We deliver in the Pugwash area for those that need. Thank you in advance for your support.

Keep your eye out for our fire boots used for raising funds for muscular dystrophy.

New this year we will be having a "TAILGATE SALE" May 25th. Details and rain date will be posted on our Pugwash Fire Dept. Facebook page. Watch for it and spread the word. It sounds like it is going to be a lot of fun!

Check out our Pugwash Fire Department Toonie Draw Facebook page to see some of the purchases we have been able to make - all thanks to you!

**Pugwash Library
Winter hours
September - June**

- Monday: 11am - 4pm
- Tuesday: 11am - 4pm
- Wednesday: 2pm - 7pm
- Thursday: 2pm - 7pm
- Friday: noon - 5pm
- Saturday: 10am - 1pm
- Sunday: CLOSED

Phone: 902 243 3331

Mixed Palette Art Group



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

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



PREPARING FOR THE 21ST CENTURY
ON SE PRÉPARE POUR LE 21^E SIÈCLE

Royal Canadian Legion Peace Branch 60

1st and 3rd Saturday of the month.
Cribbage. 1pm. \$20 per two person team. Ends May 4th.

Chase the Ace Now every Saturday!
Sales: 3-5pm. Draw at 5:15pm. Ticket holder must be present for the draw to win.

Bingo: Starting April 3rd Every Wednesday at 7pm. Entry book required \$10/person.

Saturday Brunch: Last Saturday of the month. 10am to 1pm. Adults \$7 and Children \$3.50. Next supper is March 30th.

Canteen: 902.243.2123
Bar hours: 2-6pm Thurs, Fri, Sat

Hall rentals available

New members always welcome.

From: Ken Cameron, RCL Peace Branch 60

Pugwash and District Volunteer Fire Department



The Pugwash Fire Department's 50/50 Toonie Draw continues to grow in the community and surrounding areas. We have 10 drop boxes situated at Sunrise Country Market Port Howe, Wilson's Gas Bar, Pugwash Home Hardware, Scotia-bank, O'Brien's PharmaChoice, Pugwash Kwik Way, F&D Esso, Monty's, Sheryl's Bakery & Café and (for employees only) the Sunset Community.

The draw takes place every Wednesday evening between 6-7pm. Members of the public are welcome to come along to the Fire Station to witness the draw.

We are encouraging our registered players to pay in advance by placing bills or cheques in the drop boxes. Remember to tell us your number by applying a yellow sticker. You can also pre-pay by using e-transfers. Our new website is getting plenty of hits, so it would seem people are checking their pre-pay status. The website shows our weekly winners and an up to date list of rules. The home page on the web site shows when it was last updated, which is normally done after the Wednesday night draw, so if you have paid during the week, it won't show up until after the draw. Please check out our site at www.pugwashfire.tooniedraw.ca

The weekly drawn number is published on our Facebook group page at Pugwash Fire Department Toonie Draw. It is published on our new website and also on www.sixrivers.ca website.

If you have any questions you can contact us at pugwashfiretoon-ie2016@gmail.com and we will get back to you in 24-36 hours. Or you can call 902 243 2600 and leave us a message.

The Pugwash Fire Department would like to thank everyone for their support with this fund raising initiative and wish you good luck in the weekly draws.

From: Andy Yarrow, Fire Chief



Pugwash Ground Search and Rescue (PGSAR) Welcomes New Members and Support Vehicle



PGSAR registered several new members this winter and they are working hard on their Basic Searcher training. Ten members were certified in 1st Aid, and a few members received training for Project Lifesaver. This is a project where we help caregivers locate wandering loved ones.

When you drive around the village, take note of the new sign on our building! We also acquired a new (to us) support vehicle, which will transport equip-

ment to searches and will also serve as a warming station for our members. We are in the process of getting this truck ready for operation.

We meet every second Tuesday of the month at our hall at 61 King Street. New members are welcome.

Submitted by Louise Van Theilan, PGSAR

Camp Pagweak – Hurry up *S P R I N G!*

In just a few short months Camp Pagweak will be opening the doors! Our first work day is scheduled for May 4th, so you will no doubt see a lot of activity as we prepare to open the camp for the upcoming summer camping season! I can't wait!

Staffing is in full swing and plans are being made to hold interviews for the various positions. We still require a cook and a lifeguard. Please spread the word! It's a great place to spend the summer! Good food, good friends and a wonderful atmosphere full of FUN!

The first camp will start on June 30th and our weekly camps run until August 23rd (8 weeks of camp) for ages 5 to 16. Many campers return year after year and some eventually become staff members as they love camp so much! This year we welcome back David Throop as Director! David has many years of camp experience and has been involved in camp training for many

camp in the Maritimes. David served as Director back in 1998 -2000 and we are blessed to have him return!

Camp Pagweak is a great place to hold a school outing, a family reunion, a wedding, you name it! We have lots to offer - a zip line, rock wall, kayaks, bikes and a great beach with the most beautiful sunsets in the whole world! We have something for everyone at very reasonable rates! Our Rental Committee would be happy to hear from you!

So please keep checking the camp web site for all our events! If you've never been to Camp Pagweak – please come on over and have a look! We would love to welcome you. Come on over on our work days – May 4th and May 11th - it's a great opportunity to have a look around! We might even put you to work!

From: Ruth Rushton, www.pagweak.org

North Cumberland Historical Society

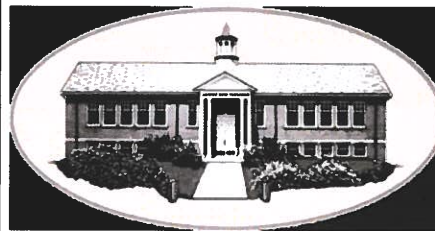
A number of genealogical records and photographs were donated to the NCHS over the past few months. A huge thank you to all of the donors! We are always looking for more donations of documents and photographs. If you have something that you would like to share but still hold onto, please feel free to bring it in and we can make a copy of it.

Our obituary work, headed by Debbie Weagle, continues with obituaries currently being photocopied from issues of the Oxford Journal dated in the 1960s. We have quite a large collection now that covers Malagash, Northport, Rockley, Wallace, Wentworth, and everywhere in-between.

Alison Forshner is back to working on the Built Heritage project with information currently being pulled from our files and Facebook groups that focus on the history of our area. She will be out and about talking with people about their houses and barns later this spring and summer.

Please feel free to stop in on Fridays 1-4pm or get in touch with us through our email (ncumbhistorical@gmail.com) or Facebook group (North Cumberland Historical Society) or call 902.243.3348.

From: Alison Forshner



Remembering Robert L. Danson

Mr. Robert (Bob) L. Danson, a former student of The Margaret King School, died this January at age 103. At fourteen Robert was in Grade 8 attending the former one-roomed school in Pugwash Junction. His daily walks to and from school provided the opportunity to observe construction of the new school "brick by brick". In February 1930, he was one of the very first students to be in this magnificent, new school made possible through the interest and generous funding provided by Cyrus Eaton.

Bob Danson at opening ceremonies, Margaret King School Memorial Park, Sept 27, 2014



Mr. Danson was an Honorary Member of the FMKS Society. On 27th September 2014, at age 99, he played a very active part in the grand opening of the MKS Memorial Park in Pugwash Junction. Mr. Danson held a lifelong interest in the Margaret King School and credited his experience there with some of his career decisions. Bob's dream was to be a teacher of Industrial Arts. His reputation as a skilled, highly respected teacher led to his 1961 invitation to teach at the new Nova Scotia Teachers College in Truro, with the objective of developing a new comprehensive Industrial Arts curriculum for Nova Scotia schools

From: Sherman Williams



2019 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Recreation Director/ Administration Assistant
 Visitor Information Centre Councillor
 Gardener
 Assistant Groundskeeper

Application deadline: **4pm March 29th**

Successful applicants must be able to produce RCMP Vulnerable Sector check.

Jobs may be part/full time as season progresses.

Job descriptions available at:

www.pugwashvillage.com and from the Village Office

Send résumé and cover letter to:

Lisa Betts, Clerk Treasurer
 PO Box 220, Pugwash, NS, B0K 1L0
 Fax: 902 243 2126

villagecommission@pugwashvillage.com

Telephone inquiries: 902 243 2946

Communities in Bloom Christmas TreeFest was won by The Inside Scoop Full Line Dairy Bar. Congratulations to Jennifer Langill and helpers for a very yummy looking tree. Looking forward to summer!



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Busy Winter Season for NCCC



The events of the last four months were highlighted by the Turkey Spiel, The Annual Invitational Bonspiel and The February Funspiel. The Turkey Spiel was held Dec. 14 and 15 with 72 curlers signed up to play. Turkeys were given out to the top. The highest point winner over-all and the winner of three games was skip Clarence Felderhof with Wendy Isenor as mate, Marie House, second and Emily Suen, lead.

The Annual Invitational Bonspiel took place on January 25, 26 and 27. We can proudly say that the victors were NCCC's home Team: skip Jim Wilson, third, Hughie Allen, second, Andrew Van de Wiel and lead Paul Mundle. Eighteen teams participated, coming from Tatamagouche, Truro, Amherst, Sackville, Halifax, Brookfield and St. Andrew's. On Saturday evening NCCC hosted a banquet when it was announced that the annual event would be renamed the Alice Power Invitational Bonspiel in recognition of the dedicated contribution Alice made in organizing this event over the last ten years.

The February Funspiel was hosted by curlers from "west of the Bridge" the theme was "casino night". Las Vegas themed outfits, sparkling dresses, giant dice, strings of cards and games of chance decorated the room and the gamers. The main prizes were reserved for the top curlers:

Lou White, skip, Winn Nicholson, mate, Ed Hannigan, second and Charles Lemmon as lead. They received "pure Yukon gold" potatoes.



Nellie and John Van de Weil at Casino Night

NCCC is happy to announce that they are partnering with Cyrus Eaton Elementary School to host the grade 4, 5 and 6 students for curling one afternoon per week for 8 weeks. This involvement with the school is in addition to the regular Little Rocks and Juniors programs which have been on-going for the last eleven years and which are provided free of charge.

The curling year will come to a close on the weekend of March 29, 30 and 31 with the Codiac Cup Funspiel and the Closing Barbeque. NCCC has had another successful and fun-filled season.

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.

Bill Martin (902 614 3000) is the Commission Chair and lives on Church Street. Bill is the Pugwash Baptist Church pastor.

Tracey Mundle (902 243 3666) lives on Pugwash Point. And is the Vice Chair of the Commission. Tracey volunteers with a number of organizations, particularly in school age sports.

Charles Gould (902 243 3493) lives on Durham Street. Charley is retired from NS Department of Natural Resources.

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

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

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

If you would like to make a presentation,
call the Clerk at 902 243 2946 or email

Elizabeth Smith-McCrossin

MLA for Cumberland North

A few of the issues that I have been working on your behalf as MLA for Cumberland North Health care are internet, educational needs and road conditions are. My caucus duties include Committee for Natural Resources and Economic Development and my shadow cabinet role is for the Department of Municipal Affairs.

While the legislature is sitting I am required to be in Halifax Monday through Friday but I communicate daily with my office staff in Amherst.

If you have any questions or concerns that I may help you with, please contact me. I was elected to serve you and strive to do my best every day.

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MP for Cumberland
Colchester

Bill Casey
902 - 667-8679

Councilor for District 4
Warden Allison Gillis
902 243 3313

Next Regular Commission Meetings

April 15th
May 13th
June 10th

Annual General Meeting
May 30th

Election Day: June 1st

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 2096
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

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Did you know?

That the official Municipal comfort station for Pugwash is the Pugwash Legion on Durham Street?

The Pugwash Fire Station is also set up as a comfort station if required.

Did you know *It Takes a Village* newsletter goes to over 800 local homes and is available at various downtown Pugwash locations? Look for the version number for the most recent printing.



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