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## New Pugwash Library Close to Completion



Exterior as seen from Durham Street (Staff)



Exterior as seen from Pugwash Harbour (Cole)

The Library at the current location at the old CN train station will close on December 3rd. Until this beautiful new facility opens in January/February next year, the drop off box will remain at the train station location and Borrowing By Mail is available to anyone residing in Cumberland County. Your library card is valid for borrowing at any other library in the province. Please call 902 667 2549 for further information.



Interior is ready for paint, then flooring and trim. (Cole)

Over \$600,000 was raised locally to go towards the costs of this 3,700 sq ft building. The project is on financial and timing target with a budget of nearly \$2.2million. In this downtown location, it will be fully accessible with plenty of parking, space inside for small meetings and programs and stupendous views of Pugwash Harbour and river.

Cole

## North Cumberland Health Care facility Progress

Construction of the new facility in Pugwash is progressing well, with siding on the backside of the building complete and stonework from Wallace Quarries underway on the front. In the interior, electrical and ventilation installation is underway, and drywall work continues. The landscaping design is coming to life with retaining wall blocks, curbing, lighting, and walkways started around the building. The building exterior is nearly weather tight for the winter months with the exterior doors arriving soon. Interior finish work, procurement of new equipment, and operational planning will continue over the next several months with the expectation to be open to patients in the spring of 2023.



Photo: NS Health

and the North Cumberland Community Health Foundation to celebrate and capture the history of North Cumberland Memorial Hospital. For more information or to get involved, contact Barbie Cook by email at [barbie.cook@nshealth.ca](mailto:barbie.cook@nshealth.ca). Updated pictures of construction progress can be viewed by visiting <https://pugwashhealthcare.ca/>.

As we transition from the old building to the new, the planning team will work with the community

Erin Forsey, NS Health

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

*Community Christmas Dinner*

HELP WITH THE PUGWASH COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER!

ALL AGES NEEDED! ALL SKILLS VALUABLE!

GIVE A FEW HOURS ON DECEMBER 24 AND/OR DECEMBER 25

Contact: Maureen Leahy 902-243-3454  
mleahy@clincud.com by December 15

Dinner is Christmas Day 12:30pm, Pugwash Legion Hall



## Pugwash Community Christmas Dinner

To celebrate the season, a group of community organizations/ businesses and the Municipality are partnering to offer the first ever Community Christmas Dinner. We hope you'll join us Christmas Day, 12-3 p.m. at the Pugwash Legion for this fun event! Enjoy a hot turkey dinner, talk with old friends and neighbours, and meet new community members. All are welcome to this free community dinner! No registration needed.

Sponsors include HarbourFest, Cunningham Construction, Municipality of Cumberland, Village of Pugwash, Open Hamper Food Bank, Pugwash Communities in Bloom, Pugwash Farmers Market, Pugwash Legion, Pugwash Women's Institute, Rebekahs, and Wallace, Wentworth, Pugwash & Area Community Health Board.

Many volunteers are needed for a few hours on December 24 and/or 25. All skills are valuable! Contact Maureen Leahey by December 15 at 902-243-3454 or [mdleahey@icloud.com](mailto:mdleahey@icloud.com) to volunteer. We appreciate you!

Maureen Leahey

## Message from your Councillor

Over the past year I have been very busy learning the ins and outs of Municipal Government.

I have been attending every Village Commission meeting and working with several community groups to provide support and strengthen our community and surrounding area, as well as holding my breath and watching the new Pugwash Library become a reality and dreaming about the ways it will change Pugwash and make a beautiful free space for people to gather and enjoy. Honestly I drive by every single chance I get, just ask my kids!

It is hard to believe that we are coming to the end of 2022. As much as I love the warm weather and Dinghy Beach, I also enjoy spending the winter months planning

## North Cumberland Community Health Foundation (NCCHF)

In 2022 our Foundation has continued to raise funds for health care in the Pugwash area as we excitedly anticipate completion of the new North Cumberland Health Care Centre.

In June we held our most successful ever, annual Northumberland Links Golf Scramble raising over \$17,000.00. We sincerely appreciate all sponsors, large or small. This year we were very pleased to have Scotiabank Pugwash as a major contributor of \$3,000 (photo Eleanor Conrad, Treasurer, Brian Gordon, Chair, Kathryn White, Scotiabank Manager). This year in addition to supporting the Cumberland Health Care Bursary Program the Foundation funded the production of a health professionals recruitment video.

Monetary donations are accepted all year through memorials via local funeral homes, e-transfer to [ncchf2020@gmail.com](mailto:ncchf2020@gmail.com), by mail to NCCHF, PO Box 175, Pugwash, B0K 1L0 or by contact our Treasurer, Eleanor Conrad, at 902-447-2818.

The NCCHF Board of Directors wishes everyone a Healthy and Happy Holiday Season!

Beryl MacLean

and working on complex issues that have been top priority for me as your elected official such as housing insecurity, poverty reduction, and building a stronger more resilient community. I believe we are stronger when we work together.

I encourage anyone with an idea or who is motivated to be part of this community and get more involved with the local organizations who are the foundation of Pugwash and area and the reason we have so much going on here to give me a call. I can introduce you to some really great movers and shakers and you can be part of what makes Pugwash a thriving community!

I can be reached at 902-297-1298  
Happy Holidays Everyone!

Jennifer Houghtaling



**Pugwash**  
*Community Pride in Action*  
**Recognition Program**  
**2022**

## Pugwash Library Fundraising Committee



### Special Achievement Award

The members of the Pugwash Library Fundraising Committee - Co-Chairs Dennice Leahey and Elizabeth Clarke, Donna Hutchinson, Maureen Leahey, Municipal Councillors Jennifer Houghtaling and Rod Gitroy - are being recognized for their outstanding efforts in taking the lead to raise community funds for the new Pugwash Library. Pugwash Communities in Bloom whole-heartedly applauds these community members for setting a fine example of what it takes to grow a dynamic village.

## Northumberland Boating Association

The NBA wishes to thank all those that supported their efforts to mark Pugwash River and River Phillip by making a donation or purchasing a pass. The new owners of the gas station (First Stop Convenience) sold a record number of memberships which will help us prepare for another great summer in 2023! We also wish to thank all of our sign sponsors for 2022: Chases Lobster Ltd, The Northumberland Links, K&P Excavating, Logan Drilling, Cunningham Construction, Canadian Tire Amherst, Windsor Salt, Harrison and Sons Ltd Amherst, Coastal Woodworkers Ltd, Casey Concrete, Mundle's Propane and Crossroads Cycle!

Greg Nix



**Pugwash**  
*Community Pride in Action*  
**Recognition Program**  
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### Jennifer Houghtaling

### Special Achievement Award

Thank you for your visionary leadership and commitment in serving our community as our Municipal Councillor and Deputy Mayor for the Municipality of Cumberland County. You have approached this position with uncommon energy, dedication and empathy for your constituents. Your concern for the environment and sustainability, while encouraging collaborations, have made a significant difference in our village. Pugwash Communities in Bloom applauds you for setting a fine example of what it takes to grow a dynamic village.

## Congratulations Pugwash - 5 Bloom winner!



Pugwash is the 2022 national Communities in Bloom (CIB) winner in the population under 1000 category with a rating of 5 Blooms out of 5, Silver, and a special mention

for Prospering Partnerships! The award was given at the National/International Symposium Ceremony in Victoria, BC. Following their evaluation visit to Pugwash, the volunteer judges wrote: *Pugwash is a vibrant community of enthusiastic people. In summer, the population can swell seven-fold with the addition of cottagers and visitors. Volunteer dedication has enabled Pugwash to host this quantity of visitors and be one of the best places to live in Canada. Amazingly, this small village has more than 60 volunteer organizations. Partnerships among the volunteer organizations have prospered. Operating under the umbrella of the CIB Committee, the Pugwash Open Air Gallery adds greatly to the landscape. Friends of the Pugwash Estuary join CIB in protecting the natural heritage. The CIB Committee also partners with agencies, schools, and groups to advance their goals. Village Collaborative Partnerships enable the community to grow and bloom.* A granite trophy is at the Village Hall.

**Pugwash Community Profile Book.** Have a look at [www.pugwashvillage.com](http://www.pugwashvillage.com) to see the complete community profile book. A hard copy would make a great Christmas gift for residents and those away! Contact Joyce Gray, 902-243-3326 to purchase (\$40).



Some of the Pugwash CIB members (L to R): Bonnie Bond, Jeanne Hunter, Cathie Glenn, Suzanne Totten, Maureen Leahey, Susan Webster, Joyce Gray, Natalie Coody, Lorna McCallum, Wendy Isenor, Mary Maron, Anita Langill. Photo: Darrell Cole

**Festival of Light 2022 - Light up the Night!** The village planters have been put to bed and the two new bike racks purchased by CIB with grant money from the Municipality are safely stored. Our fundraising auction was very suc-

cessful and we are most grateful to those who contributed items and those who bid. CIB *Winterscape* volunteers have been busy putting up lights, wreaths, trees, and seasonal greenery in the village planters and Cenotaph. Join us in celebrating the season by decorating the exterior of your home/ business/property with lights, installations and decorations. There is no need to register, but let us know if:

- ◆ You have a favourite decorated house/business;
- ◆ You see someone who has made a special effort
- ◆ You live off the beaten track and don't want to be missed

CIB judges will view the village core and area (South Pugwash, West Pugwash, and Gulf Shore) on the evenings of December 12-18 looking for displays that bring a smile to their faces and put a jingle in their hearts. Winners and honourable mentions will be announced December 20<sup>th</sup> on Pugwash Communities in Bloom and Things to Do in Pugwash Facebook pages. Prizes

will be awarded. Contact Susan Webster, 902-297-6671, [suguv48@gmail.com](mailto:suguv48@gmail.com) or Suzanne Totten, 902-957-7723, [suzan-netotten@icloud.com](mailto:suzan-netotten@icloud.com) or Lynda Cudney, 902-970-5479, [lyndapages@gmail.com](mailto:lyndapages@gmail.com)

Maureen Leahey

## Pugwash Volunteer Fire Department Toonie Draw

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

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

The home page on the web site shows when it was last updated, which is normally done after the Wednesday night draw, so if you have paid during the week, it won't show up until after the draw.

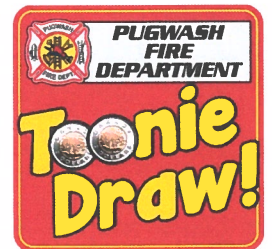
You can still contact us at [pugwashfire-toonie2016@gmail.com](mailto:pugwashfire-toonie2016@gmail.com) and we will get back to you in 24-36 hours if you have any questions, or call 902 243 2600 and leave us a message.

We are encouraging our registered players to pre-pay in advance by placing bills or cheques in the drop boxes. Remember to tell us your number by applying a yellow sticker.

The draw takes place every Wednesday evening between 6-7pm. Members of the public are welcome to come along to the Fire Station to witness the draw. The weekly drawn number is published on our Facebook group page at Pugwash Fire Department Toonie Draw and is published on our website.

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

Andy Yarrow







# Christmas-by-the-Sea 2022

## Friday, December 2nd



Basic Spirit Fine Craft Gallery \* Holiday sale and Christmas cookies

Cross Roads Cycle Sales \* save 25% on all in-store apparel

Cut to the Chase \* Giveaways, in store tax free sales

Fire Truck Rides \* 4:30pm to 6pm from the Village Hall

First Stop Convenience & gas station \* Customer draw

Harbourview Pizza \* Customer draw

Harrison's Building Supplies \* In store specials \* prize draw for each purchase

Horton Gallery \* Open House. 20% off regular priced items, refreshments, open until 6pm.

KGB – Christmas treat bags

Langille's Service Centre \* draw and refreshments

Nelly's Grill and Dairy Bar \* Customer ballots for a prize will be drawn

Northumberland Veterinary Services \* Customer draw and 10% off pet food

NSLC \* 4pm to 7pm in store samples for tasting & yummy treats

O'Brien's PharmaChoice \* In store sales and giveaways \* enter draw to win a TV\*

Pugwash Co-Op \* In store specials, refreshments and customer draw. BBQ (weather permitting)

Pugwash Home Hardware \* In store specials and draw \* Open 8am to 5pm

Pugwash Legion \* Darts and treats in the evening

Pugwash Post Office \* Refreshments and draw

Pugwash Train Station \* 7pm\* Lighting of the community Christmas tree\* Carol singing

Pugwash Village Hall \* Open House 3-5pm \* Refreshments

Pugwash Village Hall \*3pm to 4:30pm\* Santa Claus

Rebekah Silver Spray \* Craft and bake sale \* Starts 10am

Seagull Pewter \* 15% off Christmas pewter \* Prize draw for each purchase

SeaShell BeachWear and Gifts \* In store specials \* Open until 7pm,

Scotiabank \* Refreshments

Sheryl's Bakery & Café \* special rates on Christmas orders

The MacFarlane Lantern Restaurant \* Hot beverage & Christmas cookies

Thrift Store at Sunset Industries \* special sales and draws



## Saturday, December 3rd

Basic Spirit Fine Craft Gallery \* Christmas Sale and cookies

Cross Roads Cycle Sales \* save 25% on all in-store apparel

Cut to the Chase \* Giveaways, in store tax free sales

First Stop Convenience & gas station \* Customer draw

Harbourview Pizza \* Customer draw

Harrison's Building Supplies \* In store specials \* Prize draw for each purchase

Horton Gallery \*Open House. 20% off regular priced items, refreshments, open until 5pm

KGB – Christmas treat bags

Langille's Service Centre \* Draw and refreshments

North Cumberland Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Thrift Shop – door prize

Nelly's Grill and Dairy Bar \* Customer ballots for a prize will be drawn

NSLC \* Noon to 3pm in store samples for tasting

O'Brien's PharmaChoice \* In store sales and giveaways \* enter draw to win a TV\*

Pugwash Co-Op \* In store specials and customer draw

Pugwash Farmers Market \* Christmas Market at PDHS \* 10am to 3pm

Pugwash Home Hardware \* In store specials and draw

Pugwash Legion \*Special treats at the regular cribbage game

Rebekah Silver Spray \* Craft and bake sale \* Starts 10am

Seagull Pewter \* 15% off Christmas pewter & 50% off Christmas giftware

SeaShell BeachWear and Gifts \* In store specials \* Gift for accompanied children

The MacFarlane Lantern Restaurant \* Hot beverage & Christmas cookies





The Gathering of the Clans will start preparations in the new year for July 1st 2023. Your ideas and help are always welcome.

Let us know if you or your friends are interested in learning Highland Dance - online at first and then in person as numbers grow. We are also looking at Gaelic workshops and lessons.

Call 902.243. 2946 or email [events@pugwashvillage.com](mailto:events@pugwashvillage.com)

## Winter Events

### December

- 2nd Christmas-by-the-sea (4&5)
- 3rd Christmas-by-the-sea (4&5)
- 3rd Cribbage (7)
- 8th Country Christmas (Wallace)
- 12th Village Commission meeting (8)
- 12-18th Festival of Lights - judging period (3)
- 14th Cribbage & Chase the Ace (7)
- 22nd Hanukkah begins
- 19th Christmas Cheer Day (CEES)
- 20th Festival of lights - winners announced
- 21st Winter begins. Yule.
- 17th Cribbage (7)
- 22nd Hanukkah begins
- 24th Draw for TV (O'Brien's)
- 24th Carols & Lessons, Wallace (2)
- 25th Christmas Day
- 25th Community dinner (2)
- 26th Boxing Day
- 26th Hanukkah ends
- 26th Kwanzaa begins
- 31st Hogmanay/ New Year's Eve

### January

- 1st Kwanzaa ends
- 7th Cribbage (7)
- 11th Chase the Ace (7)
- 12th NCCC Invitational bonspiel
- 13th Lohri
- 9th Village Commission meeting (8)
- 21st Cribbage (7)
- 25th Burns Night

### February

- 4th Cribbage (7)
- 8th Chase the Ace (7)
- 18th Cribbage (7)
- 13th Village Commission meeting (8)
- 17th NCCC Funspiel
- 20th NS Heritage Day (6)

### Christmas Church Services

Wesley St Matthew's United Church - 7:30pm Christmas Eve. All welcome.

47th ecumenical Christmas Eve Service at St Matthew's Presbyterian, Wallace at 7pm. All welcome.

More information to follow on social media and posters.



## Santa Alert!!

Look out for Santa Claus on Friday, December 2nd

We have good information that Santa will touring around the Village of Pugwash between 1pm and 2:30pm on Friday, December 2nd. Look out for Santa and give him a big wave as he goes by and he will wave back.

How will you know where he is? Well, we hear he will be driving in a big red shiny truck. One that looks just like a fire truck! You might hear him coming by the sound of the air horn,

If you miss seeing Santa in the truck, come to the Village Hall and see him in person that same afternoon (3-4:30pm).

Have a ride in the fire truck, just like Santa and the firefighters. The truck will be picking up/dropping off kiddies at the Village Hall 4:30pm to 6pm.

Santa will be in town again that evening for the community tree lighting at the old train station at 7pm. There will be treats and carols to sing.

Elf #007

## Hey kids! Did You Send Your Letter to Santa Yet?

It's not too late. Be sure to include your home address and send your letter to:

Santa Claus, North Pole, Canada, HOH OHO and he will write back!



Santa loves to hear about children's favourite jokes, hobbies and school activities. Letters are free - no stamps required. And Santa can reply in 30 different languages! Hurry up and get your letter sent by December 9th to get to Santa in time for Christmas. Remember to include your return address so he can write you back!

Elf #24

Christmas By the Sea  
**CHRISTMAS MARKET**  
PUGWASH DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL  
SATURDAY DECEMBER 3 10-3

**PUGWASH**  
Farmers' Market

INVITATION  
**PUGWASH COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER**

Christmas Day  
12:00-3:00 p.m.  
Pugwash Legion Hall

ENJOY A HOT TURKEY DINNER  
TALK WITH OLD FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS  
MEET NEW COMMUNITY MEMBERS

**ALL WELCOME.**  
**No registration needed. Free.**

For information, contact Louise Haycocks, 902-694-3880  
[louisehaycocks@gmail.com](mailto:louisehaycocks@gmail.com)

Sponsors: Community organizations/businesses, Community Health Board, Municipality





Pugwash Communities in Bloom presents  
**The Community Pride in Action  
Recognition Program  
2022 Recipients**



**Valerie Brown**

*Community Caretaker  
"lending a helping hand in her  
neighbourhood"*



**Open Hamper  
Food Bank  
Volunteers**

*Community Nurturers  
"supporting families in  
need"*



**Ruth Rushton**

*Community Cheerleader  
"highlighting treasures from  
the past to raise spirits and  
celebrate our community"*

**Sarah Witney**

*Community Leader  
"actively working for the  
health & education of the  
community"*



**Heritage Day, February 13th, 2023  
Rita Joe**

Rita Joe (1932-2007) was a Mi'kmaw poet from Eskasoni and We'koqma'q First Nations in Unama'ki (Cape Breton Island). Rita Joe's first collection of poetry was published in 1978 and she went on to publish six more works and earn many honours.

[heritageday.novascotia.ca](http://heritageday.novascotia.ca)

**Online Booking for Village Facilities**

Book times for tennis, basketball, the Harbourfront Centre, Eaton Park and the Village Hall Board Room. Use the link on the front page of the Village website to go to: [pugwash-village.skedda.com/booking](http://pugwash-village.skedda.com/booking). Click on the big green button to make your booking.

**Cumberland Trails Association**

The weather is getting cooler but work continues to improve our multi-use trail system. New signage continues to be erected to support both wayfaring and knowledge of our railway history.

Improvements to the trail tread are underway in Oxford (Red Bridge to Water St.) and our community connections to Wallace and Pugwash. We are thrilled to report that the 10 km gap between Pugwash Junction and Oxford has been completed. The CTA thanks our local partner clubs; Route Six and Sunrise Trails in all of our trail improvement efforts!

As with all local trail clubs, we have been busy clearing trees and appreciate all work that has been done to date by so many!! The Hurricane has delayed our bid for a Destination Trail from Oxford to Pictou but we hope to be back on track in 2024 or sooner. Have you purchased our 2023 calendar yet?

Contact Jill Black at [jbblack902@gmail.com](mailto:jbblack902@gmail.com). Of course our trails always need your support. If you would like to make a 2022 charitable donation, e-transfer to [nixregalvina@gmail.com](mailto:nixregalvina@gmail.com) and include your mailing address in the comments. Thanking everyone for caring for our trails!!

Greg Nix

**Pugwash Village Hall**

Winter office hours  
**Monday to Friday 9am to 1pm**  
or by appointment. Fax and printing services available

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

e-mail: [villagecommission@pugwashvillage.com](mailto:villagecommission@pugwashvillage.com)

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

**The Route Six Snowmobile Club**

It is that time of a year when we consider our recreational options for the winter months. Pugwash, Oxford, Wallace and Tatamagouche have excellent access to the Trail 260 (Trans Canada Trail) which is groomed all winter.

Though primarily used for snowmobiles, the groomed system is also a wonderful trail system for hikers, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. Route 260, 265 to Wallace -Quarry Branch Trail- and route 263 to Pugwash -Pugwash Salt Express-are all designated multi-use rail-trails in winter. Trailheads are open for parking and mostly looked after by volunteers.

We thank WADA in Wallace at the ballfield, Cunningham Construction in Pugwash near the Salt Mine and the Town of Oxford at Water Street, for providing winter parking areas. Note snowmobile passes are available from Tyler Rushton and Mike Wood Autobody (Oxford); Crossroads Cycle (Pugwash); Rite Stop Gas Station (Wallace) and Darren Patriquin. THANK-YOU to all who have helped restore our trails. There is still lots to do, but with everyone working together we should have our trails open in time for snow.

Greg Nix



CEES students, teachers and community members join hands to make a giant peace sign. For more information, please see page 7  
Photo: Jill Black



**Wallace, Wentworth, Pugwash and Area Community Health Board (WWPA)**

On October 17<sup>th</sup>, the Wallace Wentworth Pugwash and Area Community Health Board were tickled to partner with Cumberland Public Libraries to host the grand opening of a Story Walk in Pugwash. The walk is made up of ten wooden poles each containing a portion of the Sheree Fitch poem, The Eloquent Young Elephant, and original art created by some local Cyrus Eaton Students.

This poem was hand selected by the author for the Village of Pugwash, honouring its contribution to the Peace movement. This poem can be found in the award-winning children's book about children's rights, If You Could Wear My Sneakers. A series of humorous poems, paired with timeless illustrations. Interprets 15 of the 54 articles of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Sheree Fitch came to Pugwash to help us celebrate the installment and she entertained by sharing some of her fabulous poetry. The event was attended by all the students and teachers from Cyrus Eaton Elementary and community members.

To further illustrate the meaning of the poem all attending joined hands to create a giant peace sign (see page 6).

The Wallace Wentworth Pugwash and Area Community Health Board currently has openings for new members. If you are interested in improving the health of our communities, this may be a great fit for you. For more information please contact Colleen Dowe [colleen.dowe@nshealth.ca](mailto:colleen.dowe@nshealth.ca)

Colleen Dowe

**Snow shoes for loan at the Village Hall**

A variety of sizes of snow shoes and poles are available for loan at the Village Hall for 48 hours or a weekend.

Try out this healthy sport for free. Many people love it so much they purchase their own shoes to enjoy all winter. (Staff)

**Royal Canadian Legion Peace Branch 60**



**Fridays**  
7:30pm Darts \$8

**Saturdays**  
1pm Cribbage \$20 per 2 person team (1st and 3rd Saturday in the month)  
3-5pm Chase the Ace. Draw at 5:15pm

December 4th: Sunset Bazaar  
Canteen: 902.243.2123.

Ken Cameron

New members always welcome.

**Basketball and Tennis Courts  
70 Prince Albert Street**

The village Commission is committed to continue ownership of the courts for the use of residents and visitors. The tennis nets are down for the winter, but it remains to be open as a safe place for basketball, bikes and skateboards. Dog walking is permitted, but please clean up after your dog.

Staff



**Northumberland Community Curling Club (NCCC)**

2D, NCCC's major fundraiser, on October 1<sup>st</sup> was a

sold-out success with great food and dancing to local band *Derailed* making for an enjoyable evening for all.

The ice went in Oct 11-20 and Open House registration took place Oct 24-27. NCCC's Fall season went into full swing the 1<sup>st</sup> week of November.

All previous Leagues returned this year, plus a Men's League on Monday evenings. Organized by Al Isenor and Hugh Allen, demand was high for this latest addition. Little Rocks, Juniors and Sunset Industries are back with the addition of several new coaches and assistants. Thanks to the volunteers who continue to step up to help-out with these groups.

**North Cumberland Memorial Hospital Auxiliary (NCMHA)**

The NCMH Auxiliary meets the first Tuesday of the month, except for January, February, July and August. New members are always welcome. Meetings are held in the boardroom of the hospital at 2pm.

Our Thrift Shop hours are:

1-4pm Wednesday  
10am-4pm Thursday  
9am to 12 noon Saturday.  
The Thrift Shop will be closed for the holidays from Wednesday, December 21st to Wednesday, January 4, 2023 at 1PM.

The online auction is posted weekly on Monday evening. Any changes to open hours due to inclement weather during the winter, or to our auction schedule, will be posted on our Facebook page at [ncmhathriftshop](http://ncmhathriftshop).

On Saturday, December 3 while shopping, enter your name for a chance to win the door prize.

Thank you to all those who support our Thrift Shop and online auction.

Faye Moore

Work has commenced on the club's new red metal roof. Expected finish date is the end of November.

The weather cooperated for a 'Swing and Sweep' event on Sept 29<sup>th</sup> as participants hit the golf course in the morning and then curled in the late afternoon. The opening Funspiel is scheduled for Nov 18-19.

NCCC is planning to offer a basic 1 day First Aid/CPR/AED course. Cost will be \$100/person. A minimum of 8 registrants is required before the trainer can be booked.

NCCC is also hosting an Ice Maker's Course on November 12<sup>th</sup>. With Covid Restrictions lifted, the club is open for spectators. Feel free to drop by to watch your family and friends curl.

Debbie Pike



### Pugwash Village Commissioners: Who are they?

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

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

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

**Margie Anderson** (902 694 5133) email: [lindsayandme@hotmail.com](mailto:lindsayandme@hotmail.com) Commissioner since 2022. Margie lives on Water Street and is a retired teacher.

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

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

#### Pugwash Village Commission Meetings

Regular meetings are generally held on the second Monday of the month at 7pm. Sign into the next Zoom Video Conference 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 2nd Monday of the month

**December 12th**  
**January 9th**  
**February 13th**

**Meetings start at 7pm**

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Lapel pin \$2



Gathering of the Clans shirt \$20

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When plowing snow, do not push snow across the road. This creates a hazard for vehicles and pedestrians.



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