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North Cumberland Memorial Hospital Redevelopment Project

The new North Cumberland Health Care Centre is nearly complete, and planning is underway to transition to the new facility! Staff, physicians and volunteers are preparing for occupancy to make the move as smooth as possible.

In recent weeks, siding, stonework and walkways have been completed, as well as the installation of doors and windows. Some ceiling, painting and finish work is in progress. On the exterior, laying of sod and completion of the healing garden is underway.

The project team is proud that Wallace Quarries Ltd., located in nearby Wallace, is supplying the sandstone being installed on the exterior walls near the entrance of the new facility. The stonework features a rockface finish with exposed and angled edges. Sandstone from Wallace Quarries has been used in the Nova Scotia Legislature, Parliament of Canada buildings, universities across Canada, and locally in the Joggins Fossil Centre and Halifax City Hall.



The new Emergency Health Services (EHS) building, pictured with the new North Cumberland Health Care Centre in the background, shows some of the completed stonework with sandstone from Wallace Quarries Ltd.

The new North Cumberland Health Care Centre is expected to open later this year. Once the final stages of construction are complete, an opening date will be shared with the community.

You can follow progress on the new facility by visiting www.pugwashealthcare.ca.

Erin Forsey, Nova Scotia Health Communications

Grand Opening of Pugwash's Library July 29th

The Pugwash Library Grant Opening Ceremony is Saturday, July 29, from 1 to 2 p.m. The library is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and there will be a full day of children's activities, including crafts, puppet shows and story time. The official opening, including the ribbon-cutting ceremony, will take place at the rear of the library overlooking Pugwash's harbour (weather permitting). Please note, the parking lot will not be available to the public for the day.

It is hoped representatives of the federal and provincial governments will be on hand to speak, along with Municipality of Cumberland Deputy Mayor Mark Joseph.

After years of planning, the Municipality of Cumberland decided last year to move forward with

the project, committing approximately \$1.7 million to the \$2.198-million price tag.

The community raised nearly \$600,000 and the library opened in early February. From opening day, hundreds of people have been flowing in to use the facility.

The library is much larger than its previous location in the former train station, allowing it to offer more programs than ever before. Already, there are two book clubs and a knitting club meeting weekly while there's plenty of space to meet and host events.

If you haven't been into the library yet, it would be a perfect opportunity to see the building and what it offers.

Darrell Cole

Colour pages

Save Page 5 as a Canada Day poster. See you July 1st!

Pages 6 & 7 PDHS grad photos

Annual Report from the Chair of the Pugwash Village Commission, Brent Wilson. Presented at the Annual General Meeting of the Village Electors on May 25th 2023

Welcome to the Village of Pugwash Annual General Meeting and thank you all for coming here this evening.

As you have heard from the auditor, the Village is in stable financial standing.

However, due to very low revenues from property taxes, the Village is still not in a position to get into any new, large capital spending for the next year or two.

The capital loan the Village took out to finish paying for the new stage in the park, the Pugwash Harbourfront Centre, will be paid off this year, as will the payments on our tractor. The Village is obliged then to build up reserves for capital spending. These reserves are generally used for unbudgeted, or unexpected, capital spending.

For example, post tropical storm Fiona heavily damaged our beautiful waterfront boardwalk. After many appeals, the insurance company continues to disallow coverage for that damage. The Village will have to bear those repair costs. This is a capital cost we did not budget for this time last year and becomes a cost that will be covered by reserves. We have applied for funding assistance from the Province and the Federal governments.

Just like our residents and businesses, our operational costs have increased, forcing our staff to continue to look at every cost saving measure during these tough times.

Despite these increasing operational costs and mandated requirements to build up reserves, the Commission has agreed that tax rates will not go up this year.

Tax relief is given to three worthy organizations in the village: Pugwash Area Ground Search and Rescue, Camp Pagweak, and Northumberland Community Curling Club.

Preparations for Canada Day and the Gathering of the Clans are proceeding. The theme of the day is "Proud to Call This Home" – welcoming visitors and residents old and new. The Gathering of the Clans and Canada Day celebrations have changed and evolved over the years. A recent change is the company that provides midway rides and games. After many years of increasing costs, the company that came here for many years is no longer able to come to Pugwash for July 1st. We have been able to hire HRM Mascots who will be providing all kinds of bouncy fun and games instead.

The Village has supported projects such as Art in the Park, StoryWalk and Community Hub projects at the Train Station property, new tennis courts and a study looking at the use of highways by off road vehicles. The Village has also been in communication with different levels of government to add its support in projects working towards sidewalks in the Village and extended services, primarily sewer, to areas not yet served. We believe that these developments will be of great benefit to the Village residents and help the development of housing and businesses outside the core of the Village.



Exciting Innovations at the Pugwash Farmers' Market

Pugwash Farmers' Market is back on Saturdays from 8:30am to 1pm! Opening Day on May 20th was a success with lots of folks shopping, visiting, eating and dancing.

Kiln Crust wood-fired pizza truck was on hand and plans to return every couple of weeks throughout the summer. It looks to be a busy season, with a number of new vendors, as well as many of your familiar favorites. You can expect 30-40 makers, bakers and growers each week, as well as our engaging Wellness Tent programming. Live music at the market starts July 1.

We'll also be experimenting with a few Night Markets this year: the first will be held Friday June 30 from 6-9pm. For information and details about special events and market news follow us on Facebook or visit our website www.pugwashfarmersmarket.com

Marsha Amanova

**"Time and Tide wait for no man" ...
... even after he is gone**

The constant currents and change in tides is eroding the shores surrounding Palmerston Cemetery. Before too long, some gravesites may be in danger of washing away. Think of that – *the bodies of loved ones, washed out to sea!*



Trees and other vegetation is seen going over the bank into the sea at the Palmerston Cemetery.

Photo supplied

Shoreline protection is very expensive, the price of which will quickly shrink, or perhaps deplete, the funds we have in investments. We do not receive any funds from any government. The only monies we receive are from other foundations dedicated to the protection of cemeteries, memorials, or donations to perpetual care; funds entrusted to the cemetery society to care for the buried remains.

If you have loved ones buried there, or plan to be there yourself someday, and this is a project you would like to support financially, please contact Jan Saunders, Treasurer of the Palmerston Cemetery Committee at (902) 448-6671. Cheques can be mailed to The Palmerston Cemetery, in care of Jan at 19-3 Harbourview Lane, Pugwash, NS BOK 1LO. This is a Registered Charity and you will receive a tax receipt.

Nancy Mundle

Communities in Bloom Springs into Summer 2023



The Litter Clean-Up was a big success! More than 200 amazing volunteer local residents, PDHS/CEES students, and employ-

ees pledged to clean a roadway section, chose their own time and picked up about 100 bags of litter weighing 510 pounds. Cigarette butts, coffee cups, and disposable take out containers were the most common garbage collected.

A big thanks to all participants for covering 30 km in the village core, West Pugwash, sections of Gulf Shore, Irishtown, Rabbittown, Murray, Pugwash River, Cape Cliff and Crowley Roads. Port Howe and

Linden also participated. Thanks to KGB, the Village Commission, and the Municipality for co-sponsoring this Great NS Pick-Me-Up event.

Tree Eco-seminar - dealing with post-Fiona tree damage was the focus of this presentation attended by 40 people. The Q&A was extensive and helpful.

Gateway Welcome Sign. CIB will be planting shrubs and landscaping around the West Pugwash welcome sign. Work will start once the sign posts are repaired.

Join the Garden Happenings! Many thanks for your generous support of our very successful Annual Plant Sale. Purple is the 2023 national CIB colour. Enjoy try-

ing new purple flowers. In early June we'll be adding annuals to the village planters and window boxes. Help us find gardeners in August who by their skill and creativity go the extra mile. We want to honour them in the Celebration of Gardens. Keep an eye out for "Take me" Flowers when CIB leaves small bouquets randomly in the village to surprise and delight the lucky recipient.

Gerald Gloade, noted Mi'kmawey storyteller, artist, naturalist and elder is coming to Pugwash this summer! Big thanks to Inn the Elms for their generous support of our annual Spring Dinner. With great community support, CIB is able to contribute to making Pugwash more pristine.

Maureen Leahy

ART IN ACTION

A collaboration between Communities in Bloom, local Artists and HarbourFest. Join us between 10am and 4pm on July 19th

Paint the Park!

Plein air artists will be creating throughout Eaton Park as the festival events unfold around them. Observe their process, and see the world through their eyes.

Art Auction: Harbourfront Centre stage at 4:30pm to bid on the day's creations.

- Visit the Peace Hall Art Showcase and Sale of participating artists' work.

Art is Everywhere! Scavenger Hunt

Fun for All Ages! Free! Pick up your Scavenger Hunt Clue Form at the Pugwash Communities in Bloom Info Booth on Water St. near the Village Hall. Follow the Clues • Find the Answers • Complete the Form • Return to Info Booth by 4pm for a chance to win! Draw for prizes 4:30pm • Winners announced on the Harbourfront Stage • **Prizes:** Grand Prize - Silk Painting Party for 6 with fibre artist Janice Boiduk. 2nd Prize - Lunch & home studio visit with artist Donna Hutchinson. 3rd Prize - Art Supplies 80

Art on the Line!

Drop in and MAKE ART in the Pugwash Open Air Gallery Tent full of art supplies to inspire you. Hang your creations to dry and be admired on the clothesline along the boardwalk.

Tie a Knot for Peace!

Write a Message for Peace on colourful ribbons and tie them to Peace Sculpture in Eaton Park. Be part of Pugwash's history in the peace movement and participate in creating this on-going art installation for 2023. Ribbons are available at the Pugwash Visitor Information Centre at the Village Hall.

Norene Smiley

A Message from your MLA

The spring session of the Nova Scotia House of Assembly was brief but interesting. I had the opportunity to introduce thirteen bills on a variety of topics including health care, sexual assault and family violence, as well as addressing gaps in the income tax act. Other bills introduced spoke to whistleblower protection for healthcare workers and changes to the Gaming Control Act to protect children from advertising that promotes gambling.

Perhaps the most timely bill I introduced was An Act Respecting Ambulance and Emergency Department Wait Times, known as Ali's Bill. It asked that the Department of Health and Wellness provide up-to-date wait time information on its website for both emergency departments and ambulances. Ali's Bill was intended to honour the memory of Allison Holthoff of Tidnish who passed away on December 31, 2022, after waiting for care in the emergency department at the Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre in Amherst.

I am pleased to say the provincial government and Nova Scotia Health are moving forward with the recommendations from Ali's Bill and have launched a new online tool that shares essential information on emergency department wait times at ten Nova Scotia hospitals. This is great news for Nova Scotians and I remain hopeful that ambulance wait time information will be made available in the near future.

For those living and working in the Pugwash area, it is exciting to watch the ongoing work at the North Cumberland Health Care Centre as opening day gets closer. The latest information available indicates the new hospital will be ready for occupancy by late summer/early fall. With the new building set to open, the efforts to recruit more doctors to the community is even more important. I have been working with local stakeholders from across Cumberland North to support recruitment and I am very hopeful we will be successful in bringing more health care professionals to our area very soon.

Elizabeth Smith-McCrossin



Two Festivals on one day:
Canada Day and Gathering
of the Clans



Dominion Day, now called **Canada Day**, on July 1st has been celebrated in Pugwash for over 150 years.

For about half that time, the **Gathering of the Clans and Fishermen's Regatta** has been held concurrently. This was introduced in 1951 as a means of raising funds for the local hospital.

The Scottish festival includes sanctioned competitions in Highland Dance and Bagpipe and Drums. Exhibition Heavyweight Games featuring local, national and international heavyweight champions are also included.

Up until the 1970s, all funds raised from vendor sales or other events went to the hospital. This changed when commercial vendors were permitted to attend. A portion of the entrance, vendor and competition fees collected still go to the hospital, along with several local non profit

groups that volunteer their services in running the gates, security and the fire-works.

Many aspects of the day have changed over the decades. Increased costs, expectations and insurance fees have had their effect on the fishing boats races, horse and bull pulls, Queen's pageant, bed race, bingo, tug of war, Clan tents, lobster suppers and now the Midway. All we can do is roll with the times and find new, exciting and engaging activities for the enjoyment of everyone.

The festival is completely reliant on the 150 or so volunteers who give a part of their day to help the day go smoothly. Many thanks go to them and all our other supporters for this important community fundraiser. Any new helpers are welcome. Call 902.243 2946 for information.

Staff

Pugwash Village Commission, Chair's Report. Continued from page 2:

The Village is working in collaboration with the Municipality and the YMCA to bring some recreational programming to the Village including soccer and swimming programs.

On behalf of my fellow Commissioners and the residents of Pugwash and the surrounding community, I say thank you to our staff – full time and part time, seasonal and year-round, for all they do to keep the village running smoothly and looking beautiful, tidy, clean, and safe.

We invite you to attend our regular meetings on the second Monday of each month to observe and witness how a Commission operates. I truly feel that an informed community is a united community. Knowing how decisions are reached is often more important than simply knowing the decision.

I encourage any village resident to consider joining us as volunteers on the Commission. There is always much to learn about governance and the job brings great satisfaction.

Respectfully submitted: Brent Wilson, Chair
Pugwash Village Commission



17TH ANNUAL HARBOURFEST

This year, the 17th Annual HarbourFest is being held from Friday July 28th until Sunday, July 30th, 2023. We are excited to greet visitors from near and far to showcase the Pugwash waterfront and the beautiful Harbourfront Stage.

Admission to Pugwash HarbourFest is free. There will be everyone's favourite water events; the Sinkers' Conference (Cardboard Boat Race) and Canoe Jousting, and this year, two new water challenges - Log Rolling and Stand Up Paddle board races. Make sure to take part in other land events, and children's activities going on that day too. Art in Action, organized by Communities in Bloom, will be in and around Eaton Park with Paint the Park, Art is Everywhere Scavenger Hunt, and more.

We are thrilled to announce that we have a very special exhibit featuring renowned Nova Scotia artist Alan Syliboy being displayed at the new Pugwash Library during HarbourFest.

Enjoy lots of live music on the Pugwash Harbourfront Centre Stage during the afternoon and evening including **The Chris Brown Trio, The Mark MacMillan Trio, The Ellis Brothers, and The Russell DeCarle Trio**. Lead singer Russell DeCarle is widely known as the lead singer and a founding member of multi-platinum country-roots group Prairie Oyster. A beer and wine garden and food trucks will be nearby to satisfy your thirst and hunger needs.

Tickets will be available for purchase for the Friday Night HarbourFest Dance with **Derailed 2.0** at SeaShell Beachwear or message us.

To participate in the 5km Race and Beach Volleyball paid registration is required. The 5km race registration link will be posted on our website www.pugwashharbourfest.ca in mid-June.

We are thankful to Communities in Bloom who organize the Art in Action events, the Pugwash Yacht Club who coordinate the boat rides, and to the many volunteers from around our village who help us to make this weekend special. More details can be found on our website!

And don't forget! The first **HarbourFest Presents Concert in the Park** is on July 16, 2023 with **Big Fish** on the Pugwash Harbourfront Stage from 7-9pm.

Gillian Forward



2023 Proud to Call This Home

Welcoming residents and visitors - new and old



- 7:30am Sausage & Pancake breakfast | Pugwash Fire Station
- 8am Artisan vendor booths | Water Street
- Food vendor booths | Water Street
- Information displays & booths | Water Street
- 8:30am Highland Dance Competition | Eaton Park
- 10am Inflatables and games | Municipal parking lot
- 10am Grand Parade | Pugwash Village
- 11am Lobster rolls | Lobster Factory
- 11am Pipe and Drum competitions | Thinkers Lodge
- Heavyweight Highland Games | CEES playgrounds
- Antique car Show & Shine | Mundle's Funeral Home
- Antique tractors & engines | Eaton Park
- ~2pm Massed bagpipe bands | Water Street



ENTERTAINMENT AT PUGWASH HARBOURFRONT CENTRE

- 8:30 Highland Dance
- 2pm Opening Ceremony
- 4:45pm Drew Polegato
- 6pm She Nova
- 7:15pm Mark MacMillan trio
- 8:30pm Ashley MacIsaac
- ~10pm Fireworks



Thank you to all of our valued sponsors, volunteers & supporters

ALL THIS FOR ONLY EIGHT BUCKS? !
Keep your admission wristband on - pay just once and then come and go all day long!

GATES OPEN FROM 8am to 9pm

- Adults (12 yrs & over) \$8
- Students (5-12 yrs) \$5
- Children under 5 FREE

Avoid the wait at the gates.
Advance sales of wristbands are available at the Pugwash Visitor Information Centre at 124 Water Street 902-243-2498 or e-transfer: events@pugwashvillage.com

CANADA DAY

Free events:
10am - Grand Parade
10pm - Fireworks

Daylong wristbands for various inflatable activities and other bouncy fun: \$30
Advance sales: \$25
One ride only: \$5



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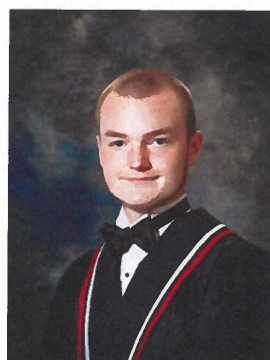
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Busy Spring and Summer for FOPE

Our trails are busy, used daily by local folks and hikers from around the province. FOPE hosted a Hike NS Trails Maintenance Workshop on May 7th following a very successful trails work-party on May 6th which saw a new bridge built on the second loop of the Peace Trail over a difficult stream/ravine crossing. The trails are open and a wonderful hike but proper footwear and some caution is still required where Fiona knocked over trees and disrupted root systems.

A very successful work-party at Estuary House saw the site for our new composting toilet facility cleared. We hope to have that installed before the end of June.

Clean up of debris from the restoration of the Interpretive Center building and around the barn was also done, sending a full trailer load to the dump. Many thanks to Guy L'Ecuyer for the use of his trailer. Outside painting of the Interpretive Center is to begin before the end of May as well; keep posted for a possible "Painting Party" in June.

FOPE combined with other Pugwash volunteer organizations to submit an applica-

tion for the Community Spirit Award in Nova Scotia. The community of Pugwash deserves recognition for supporting all the volunteer groups whose work make this such a great place to live.

FOPE also is supporting the Eco-Seminars Series. The first, a talk on forest recovery after Fiona by Greg Watson was presented to a large group at the Curling Club on April 20th. The next seminar was at the Lobster Factory on Oceans Literacy Day, June 8th 6:30pm, with a display of local ocean themed art, screening of a NFB film and discussion by Doug van Hemesen from NCC.

The work that FOPE has done to promote conservation and natural history education was recognised by the Halifax Field Naturalists' Colin Stewart Conservation Award for 2023, accepted by Betty Hodgson on behalf of FOPE.

The Spring Migratory Bird Count was done May 18 and 19th. Close to 40 species of birds were identified and the numbers of birds seem to have recovered from last fall, although the numbers of tree

swallows is down from last year and the increasing numbers of eagles seems to be impacting the numbers of osprey. Documenting these fluctuations in bird populations is an important reason for doing seasonal bird counts.

Planning is under way for the Summer Flotilla to be held on July 22, 2023 launching at 1pm from Estuary House and followed by a BBQ and music. We are hoping for a good turn out to enjoy a great paddle on the Estuary. FOPE will also be hosting the Wilderness Day Camp for Maggie's Place in Amherst at Estuary House the week following the Flotilla, July 24 - 27, 2023.

FOPE Board Meetings are open to the public and FOPE welcomes anyone who would like to know more about FOPE and would like to volunteer. For more information, please visit our web site www.pugwashestuary.com or on Facebook at Friends of the Pugwash Estuary.

Betty Hodgson



Board Members Sought and 78th Birthday Celebration Invite

The Pugwash Co-Op is currently seeking volunteers to serve on the **Board of Directors**. There will be several vacancies to be filled at the Annual General Meeting to be held this fall.

Terms will be for three years in accordance with by-laws passed by members at the October 18, 2022 AGM. Any Pugwash Co-Op member is eligible to run for a position on the Board. Members from all walks of life bring their unique experience, skill and insight to the Board, however, as the Co-Op moves into the future there is an identified need for volunteers with financial, retail and legal experience to come forward.

The primary goal of the Pugwash Co-Op is to provide the best possible service and support to members and the wider community. To achieve this the Co-Op needs diverse, energetic and dedicated volunteer directors to lead the way.

Help shape the future growth and sustain-

ability of your local Co-Op by sharing your time, experience, ideas, and enthusiasm as a member of the Board of Directors of the Pugwash Co-Op.

If you are interested in serving as a volunteer please make your intentions known to the store manager, Steve Arkens or any current Board member and you will be contacted by the Board Secretary who will provide additional information.

Birthday Party!

Join Us Saturday August 12 from 12:30-2:30 pm at the Pugwash Co-Op as we celebrate 78 years of service to this community.

Enjoy free cake, popcorn, soft drinks, and entertainment.

Become a member and enter the new member only draw for a great gift basket. Current members are also eligible to enter the draw.

Betty Ann Watts

Gathering of Clans 2023
 Proud to Call This Home
 Welcoming residents and visitors - new and old

SATURDAY JULY 1ST CANADA DAY
 PUGWASH NOVA SCOTIA

INFLATABLE FUN - MUNICIPAL CAR PARK - 10am to 8pm

EXTREME SPORTS
 Triple Lane Bungee Run

80' Obstacle Course "Adrenaline Rush"

Toxic Meltdown 2
 Mechanical game Centre piece. 8 players

My Little Farm
 Interactive combo bouncer 9 years and under

Birthday Cake Bouncer

EXTREME SPORTS
 Toxic Wrecking Ball 4 players

Play all day for \$30 Advance wristband purchase \$25
 Single ride ticket \$5

For more information on all the events for The Gathering of the Clans and Canada Day go to www.pugwashvillage.com

Helpers Needed

Help keep the users of these fun bouncy rides and games safe. The inflatables are staffed by the company we hired, but we need extra hands for all the extra rides. Please contact the Village office if you can spare a couple of hours on July 1st. Thanks! 9022.243.2946



PREPARING FOR THE 21st CENTURY
ON SE PRÉPARE POUR LE 21e SIÈCLE

Royal Canadian Legion Peace Branch 60

Ken Cameron

Darts - start again in the Fall
Chase the Ace New game and rules start soon.
Bingo - 7pm Wednesdays
Canteen: 902.243.2123
Bar hours: 2-6pm Friday & Saturday

June 18th: Yard Sale

New members always welcome.

Good News from your Municipal Councillor!



Jennifer Houghtaling, Councillor for District 3, Municipality of Cumberland County. Photo: Kaydance Smith

The municipal council has been very busy. Several projects are in the works for this fiscal year including major upgrades to fire protection services, which the Municipality is responsible for. See our budget for details.

Another exciting priority of Council is rural recreation, this summer we hope to provide more recreation programming in the Village. Please check the Municipality of Cumberland website for more details.

Solid waste: the Province of NS is implementing Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for paper and packaging. This will move the cost of recycling from the Municipality and over to the producers which has had the effect of decreasing packaging and waste and finding better material such as backyard compostables to replace plastic.

1,600 people visited the new Library in the first month of being open. It has increased membership and many children's programs have seen increased attendance. There will be a grand opening July 29th during Pugwash HarbourFest.

Councillor Jennifer Houghtaling

No Wake Zone

Boaters: please observe the no wake zone in Pugwash Harbour. The stage in Eaton Park is a good visual cue of the location of where speeds should be dropped. This is to avoid creating a wake that is damaging to the environment, docks and is potentially hazardous to other boats, divers and swimmers.

Have a great, and safe, boating season!

Transport Canada Safe Boating Guide / staff

Pugwash and District Volunteer Fire Department



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 pugwash-fire.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 pugwashfiretoonie2016@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, Fire Chief



Pugwash Ground Search and Rescue

Warmer weather is (sporadically!) upon us, and with it more opportunities to take to the woods camping, hiking and taking advantage of living in one of the prettiest corners of the world. PGSAR wants to remind you of a few basic tips before you leave the beaten path or head out on a wilderness adventure:

- Tell someone where you'll be and when you'll be there.
- Have a knife and compass, a whistle and means to make fire, and plenty of water.
- Synthetics and wool fibres will keep you warm in cool over-nights and rain, cotton won't.
- Pack for what could happen, not what you hope will happen.

This list is by no means complete. If you want to know more, we'd love to tell you. We're always welcoming new members. All that's required is attending two short meetings a month, and a commitment to join searches when you can. Learn orienteering, first aid, and outdoors skills with a friendly group of people. We can be reached at: pugwash_gsar@hotmail.com

Amy Tizzard

Pugwash and District Volunteer Fire Department

The Pugwash Fire Department appreciates your continued support through our weekly 50/50 Toonie Draw and the provincial 50/50 draw. We are looking forward to an exciting summer of in person fundraising including:

Sausage and Pancake Breakfast - July 1. Location: Pugwash Fire Station; 7:30-9:30 am. \$12.50 a person; 10 years and younger \$6.00

Fireworks in the Park - July 1. View from Eaton Park at dusk.

Fire Department BBQ at Cruisin' to Crossroads - July 22. Open for the



entirety of the Cruisin' to Crossroads event; 10am-4pm. Location: Crossroads Cycles; 11103 Hwy 6, Pugwash

Harbour Fest Sausage and Pancake Breakfast - July 29. Location: Pugwash Fire Station. \$12.50 a person; 10

years and younger \$6.00

Annual Mackerel Fishing Tournament - August 19-20 Registration both mornings at the Pugwash Fire Station- Stay tuned to the Pugwash Fire Department Facebook page for updates. Flyers and pamphlets will be available in July.

If you have ever wondered what it would be like to join your local fire department stop in at the station any Wednesday evening at 7pm.

Amy Laird

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Could emergency services find your home - at night - in a snow storm - in a power outage?

Help fire, police or EHS find you and your loved ones in an emergency by clearly posting your civic sign. The Municipality bylaw on signage states where these reflective signs must go.

The Pugwash Fire Department will sell you a sign and post for \$45 and, if you are in their fire district, will even put it up for you. Delivery could take 2-3 weeks. Call 902.243.2600 to order yours today.

Andy Yarrow / staff

Burning Restrictions

During wildfire risk season (15 March to 15 October), no domestic brush burning or campfires are allowed between 8:00 am and 2:00 pm, except industrial permits.

Burn restrictions are updated daily at 2:00 pm.

novascotia.ca/burnsafe/

It Takes a Village Newsletter

Published quarterly in March, June, September and December. The deadline for our next issue is **August 22nd**.

Maximum word count of 250. We reserve the right to edit for length and content. Submissions from non-profit groups only please. No business advertisement accepted. Photos or graphics will be used as space allows. Please source all information and photo credits. Please send in a Word document.

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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.

Heather Cunningham

North Cumberland Historical Society

The North Cumberland Historical and Genealogical Society is in a bit of a holding pattern as we wait for the green light to move downstairs.

The ladies' waiting room has been renovated and the old library bathroom taken out. The office area is where we will meet the public and the visitors who come to our area to look up information on their roots.

We have applied for a grant for the funding to get proper archival storage materials such as acid-free envelopes, etc. and will use our move downstairs as a chance to get our materials even more organized and visible than they are currently.

Our AGM will be in June. Ralph Waugh has recently written an excellent book titled Two Soldiers on the David family of our area and will be our speaker.

We will be having a celebration of our 60 years in August and will provide details over our web page and facebook.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you to our new premises.

Dianne Elliott

The Wallace Wentworth Pugwash and Area Community Health Board

Colleen Dowe

We work on our current Community Health Plan Priorities with a focus on building community connections, healthy lifestyles, food security and mental wellness.

We continue to support Cumberland Trails Walk of the Month and this year we hosted a couple of special group walks. We invited the Springhill, Oxford, Amherst and Region CHB to join us in March for an evening flashlight walk. Greg Nix told ghost stories and there was a huge furnace set up along the way as a fire pit courtesy of Mike Cunningham. There was approximately 40 people in attendance, and everyone had a great time.

On Good Friday we partnered with YReach and hosted a walk open to everyone. was a fun walk with about 15 people attending all in Easter Bonnets (see photo right).

We have a subcommittee working with YReach and the Pugwash Farmers' Market to plan a Festiva Junina (Brazilian Harvest Festival) in September. Stay tuned for more information.

At our April meeting we invited principals from local schools to talk about school food. We had two attend and share information. It was very eye opening. There is still a great need for help with school food and food programming.

We received thirteen Wellness Fund applications from our community partners. The Wellness Fund Selection Committee is working on setting a date to review the applications they received for project funding and hopes to share results with applications before the end of June.

The Wallace Wentworth Pugwash and Area Community Health Board meets the first Thursday of each Month September through June. We have openings for new members. If you are interested please contact Colleen Dowe colleen.dowe@nshealth.ca for more information.



In their Easter bonnets

Back. L to R:
Mariana Nardy,
Cathie Glenn,
Val Brown,
Debbie Cameron,
Coleen Dowe,
Suzanne Totten
Front. L to R:
Lorna McCallum,
Jill Black,
Susan Atkinson

North Cumberland Memorial Hospital Auxiliary (NCMHA)

The NCMHA will be taking a break from our monthly meetings for the months of July and August. Meetings will resume in September. Our Thrift Shop will continue to be open our regular hours during the summer:

Wednesday from 1PM – 4PM.
Thursday from 10AM – 4PM
Saturday from 9AM – 12 Noon

The online auction can be accessed on Facebook at [ncmhathriftshop](https://www.facebook.com/ncmhathriftshop).

NCMHA recently made a donation to Camp Pagweak in support of their summer camping program.

Thanks to all who support the Thrift Shop and/or the online auction. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Faye Moore

Busy Winter Season for NCCC

At the January AGM Rob Nowlan returned as President, Beryl MacLean as Vice, and Shelly Blair as secretary. Brenda MacDonald accepted the position of Treasurer. Bruce Reage and Jennifer Jamieson Chase filled two vacant Director positions.

As an additional measure to promote head safety, our Health and Safety Committee provided helmets to the club. The aim is to allow curlers to try wearing a helmet and encourage their use on ice.

In 2023 the club hosted several successful bonspiels. The Invitational Tournament, in late January, iced 18 teams with 12 teams

from outside clubs. After a 3 day competition, Team Morris from Amherst came out on top.

February 24-25 the club came alive to the music of a Hawaiian Luau when the Gulf Shore/Pugwash Village group executed a successful funspiel, 92 curlers participating. With the overall top score, Team Ron Weeks, supported by Angie Gegan, Mike Rushton and Rick Parker, won the "Broken Broom" trophy.

Joanne Craib organized a Mixed Doubles exhibition tournament March 10. There are hopes that it will become a more regu-

lar part of club play.

Closing bonspiel, in late March, brought the 2022-2023 playing season to a close. Team Nancy Smith, with teammates Larry MacDonald, Dougal MacDonald and Ron Weeks, were the winners of the Codiac Cup.

Closing BBQ was held on April 2nd and featured a competitive Men's final league game between Team Canfield and Team Gordon. Team Canfield came out the winners.

Debra 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 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. Come to the next meeting and find out what is going on in YOUR Village!

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

If you would like to make a presentation, call the Clerk at 902 243 2946 or email villagecommission@pugwashvillage.com



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Next Regular Commission Meetings

July - no meeting

August 14th

September 11th

Village Hall Board Room
124 Water Street
7pm

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What is a Commissioner of Oaths?

A Commissioner of Oaths is a person appointed by the Minister of Justice under the Notaries and Commissioners Act to administer oaths and take and receive affidavits, statutory declarations and affirmations with the Province of Nova Scotia for use in the Supreme Court or any other court in Nova Scotia.

A Commissioner of Oaths cannot notarize documents to certify or verify that a document is a true copy of the original document – this requires a person to be a **notary public**. Only lawyers and MLAs may become notary publics in Nova Scotia.

Who Are the Commissioners of Oaths in Pugwash?

The Village Clerk, your Councillor and the staff at the RCMP detachment on Queen Street

novascotia.ca & staff

Village of Pugwash Merchandise



Front licence plate \$10



Gathering of the Clans hat \$15



Pens \$5



Lapel pin \$2



Gathering of the Clans shirt \$20

Prices may vary as new stock is delivered

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