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Pugwash Celebrates Canada's 150th birthday in Multi-cultural Style



Gordie MacKeeman and His Rhythm Boys

Entertainment on Eaton Stage on July 1st will include artists from all three Maritime provinces and reflect many of our local cultures and heritage with performers with Scottish, Acadian and Mi'kmaq backgrounds. There will be new and familiar faces in the line up, which will include The Funtones, Hannah Martin, Paul Randy Mingo, The Elliotts and Alycia Putnam and family.

Headliners this year are **Gordie MacKeeman and His Rhythm Boys**. Each member of the band "is skilled on multiple instruments gives (them) a high-powered musical arsenal. The result is an eclectic signature sound that draws upon bluegrass, old time country, folk, rockabilly, swing, Celtic, and other styles in genre-defying fashion" The band is nominated for two 2017 ECMA awards.

The Tall Ships will be in Pugwash, bringing with them crew members from all over the world. We hope they will be warmly welcomed to Pugwash's shores.

With funding help from Heritage Canada, the Municipality and HarbourFest, we can expect the best fireworks ever seen in Pugwash - or anywhere else in the County!

With tall ships in port, HarbourFest events and Gathering of the Clans events all going on at the same time over three days, Pugwash will be THE place to be in 2017 for the Canada Day long weekend!

See pages 6 and 7 for more information.

From: Lisa Betts, Canada Day and Gathering of the Clans coordinator

Central Water Supply - Update and fee structure

Work continues on the Municipal water project. Construction of the water treatment plant is well under way with completion of the building expected in June 2017.

Approximately 2km of pipe remains to be installed to the well site.

Construction of the storage reservoir will begin in June.

The Council for the Municipality of Cumberland has

approved the capital charge that will be part of the Local Improvement By-law. A charge of \$4,054 will be levied on each developed property serviced by the system. The soonest the fee will be applied is the 2018 tax bill. It may be paid over a period of ten years at low interest rate. This payment schedule and rate is yet to be determined by Council.

The quarterly water usage fee is estimated to be about \$114

for a family of four. This includes a base charge of \$50.10. This is below the provincial average. These rates have to be first approved by the Nova Scotia Utility Review Board (UARB).

The Municipality will be offering to have testing conducted on any well on a property that will be serviced by the water system that has not yet been tested for minerals. This is planned for May or June of this year.

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

Pugwash Waterfront Improvement Projects

Public consultation is part of Costing and Design

Architecture49 and WSP are pleased to be on board as part of the team that will be implementing the Pugwash Waterfront Improvement Concept Plan which the Municipality of Cumberland and the Village of Pugwash have initiated. This will be a series of waterfront projects to help build and expand on the overall vision previously established by the community. This design and costing study will build on a number of projects currently in various stages of visioning and development. This is expected to realize the Municipality's economic and business development strategy for the area, pro-

mote tourism and create vibrant and active communities within the Village.

We will be producing design and costing for a Multi-Purpose Centre which will include a library, a Harbour Centre, replacement performance area in Eaton Park, improvements to Dinghy Beach access, concept advancement of a Market Square and enhancing the way finding signage and the various trails and sidewalks that link the spaces and places of Pugwash's waterfront area.

From: Ron Burdock, Architecture 49

A vital part of the advancement of these projects is meaningful public and community consultation. Opportunities to provide feedback, concerns, and input will be available for residents of Pugwash through public open houses, community meetings, and resident surveys. Consultation is expected to begin in the middle of April, 2017. All public open houses and community meetings will be advertised on the municipality's website and social media accounts at least 2 weeks in advance.

Funding announcements for Pugwash and Area

December 20th, 2016: Bill Casey, Member of Parliament for Cumberland-Colchester, announced contributions totalling \$139,375, through the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA)'s Business Development Program (BDP) and the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program (CIP150), to upgrade community infrastructure in Pugwash. MP Casey made the announcement on behalf of the Honourable Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development and Minister responsible for ACOA.

A \$60,000 non-repayable BDP contribution supports the Municipality of the County of Cumberland as it undertakes detailed design and costing to develop the Pugwash Waterfront. This work will facilitate significant future infrastructure investments, including a multipurpose centre, trails, extended boardwalks, sidewalks and a harbour centre. The project will generate growth in the tourism sector, increase foot traffic in the downtown core and promote a long-term increase in people choosing Pugwash

as a place to live and do business. Additional support for the project includes \$50,000 from the Municipality of Cumberland County and \$15,000 from the Village of Pugwash.

A \$47,625 CIP150 contribution supports the Northumberland Community Curling Club as it completes energy efficiency and physical upgrades to the Curling Club. This includes an automated heating and humidity control system, energy-efficient LED lights, fire-resistant steel siding, upgrades to ice and lounge areas and resurfacing a portion of the parking area with asphalt pavement. The project will help the Club provide an even higher-calibre recreational experience for all who enjoy the facility, such as members, local schools and the Sunset Adult Residential Centre Program. Additional support for the project includes \$51,260 from the Northumberland Community Curling Club.

A \$24,250 CIP150 contribution supports the Northumberland Golf Club (Northumberland Links) as it completes renovations to the lower level

of its clubhouse. The project includes improved lighting, updated public washrooms, improved exterior signage and the addition of barrier-free access to the main entrance. Northumberland Links attracts visitors from near and far and hosts community social and cultural events at its clubhouse such as dinner theatres, an annual fashion show, and meetings. Additional support for the project includes \$48,000 from the Northumberland Golf Club.

A \$7,500 CIP150 contribution supports the Royal Canadian Legion, Peace Branch 60 (Pugwash Legion) as it repairs its roof. Through this project, the Legion will replace its asphalt shingles with durable metal roofing. The contribution helps the Legion remain sustainable for community events such as meetings, Remembrance Day services, emergency measures training, youth programming, community suppers, and fundraisers. Additional support for the project includes \$7,750 from the Municipality of the County of Cumberland.



Communities in Bloom

“People, plants, & pride growing together”

Communities in Bloom (CIB) continues to collaborate with the Village and local organizations to achieve meaningful goals and enhance a sense of community belonging.

Celebrate Earth Day, April 22, 9-12 p.m. Come join your friends, neighbours, children and grandchildren for the **Great Pugwash Garbage Challenge!** Clean up your road/street/yard. Stop littering. Use the dumpster to be located that weekend on the Salt Mine Wharf.

Learn time-saving and practical tips. Debbie Cameron, a local gardener with extensive experience in designing and cultivating gardens, will present *Gar-*

dening and Mulching Debbie’s Way on April 20th. A hands on demonstration will follow at the Farmers Market on Saturday May 20th. On April 27th learn practical skills from Betty Hodgson, a noted local birder, as she presents on *The Fine Art & Science of Birding*. Presentations are free and all welcome! 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Curling Club, Pugwash.

Buy interesting unique or common plants and trees. Drop by the CIB Plant & Tree Sale to be held in May. Consult with expert local gardeners. Pre-order native trees to increase the canopy in your yard and the village.

Watch for new CIB projects this Spring! Plans are underway and surprises will be unwrapped.

Prepare to welcome national CIB judges. Two national judges are coming to evaluate Pugwash this summer. In 2014, Pugwash won three awards: Best Village in Canada (population category under 1000), 5 Blooms, and Outstanding Youth Achievement for the PeaceGround. This year the competition is more challenging as Pugwash strives to excel against previous national winners. Join with us by preparing your gardens and properties.

CIB always welcomes new members. We need people of all skills not just gardeners. Call Mary Maron 902-257-2468 or Maureen Leahey 902-243-3454. Like us on FaceBook!

From: Maureen Leahey



Pugwash Area Health Care Facility Redevelopment Project - Update

Nova Scotia Health Authority certainly acknowledges the aging infrastructure at the current North Cumberland Memorial Hospital and the challenges that this presents in meeting the health needs of the community. While there had been previous work undertaken to plan for the replacement of the facility, following the creation of Nova Scotia Health Authority, it was agreed to review all capital planning within the context of broader provincial health planning and to ensure that the plan was reflective of the community needs now and into the future.

To that end, between February and June 2016, representatives from Nova Scotia Health Authority entered into a consultation process with the local Ad-Hoc Committee for a new health care

facility. This process enabled the sharing and review of data and information related to community needs to inform facility planning. At the conclusion of these consultations in June 2016, the results as well as other data sources were shared with the Project Planning Committee which was assigned the responsibility of guiding the development of a clinical services plan to inform the facility space plan.

Comprised of the site manager, physician lead, zone executive director, vice presidents and other staff of Nova Scotia Health Authority with expertise to support this planning, the Project Planning Committee reviewed a wide range of information through the Summer of 2016 to ensure that the facility meets the needs of the community into the

future. The Project Planning Committee completed their review in Fall 2016 which was endorsed by the executive leadership team of Nova Scotia Health Authority and submitted to the Department of Health and Wellness for consideration.

Since that time, staff from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal have become engaged in the planning process and, together with the an architectural firm, are supporting the Project Planning Committee in completing the next steps of the planning process.

From: Lindsay Peach, Nova Scotia Health Authority - response to letter from the Village Commission requesting an update.



On Saturday February 25, Friends of the Pugwash Estuary (FOPE) combined its Annual General Meeting with a guided snowshoe event. The event was in partnership with Hike Nova Scotia and attracted people from as far away as Halifax.

A presentation on the historical perspective of the development and growth of the organization since its inception in 2005, as well as a review of the accomplishments of 2016. Maureen Woodlock, one of the founders of FOPE, was presented with a Lifetime Membership Certificate in recognition of her many contributions over the years.



L to R: Maureen Woodlock and Alice Power

From: Alice Power

No Changes to Municipal Planning without Public Consultation

The Municipality recognizes the need to update our current Municipal Planning Strategy/Land Use Bylaw in order to address a changing demographic and local economy. The Municipality has recently started a process to review, revise and consolidate planning documents and a crucial step in this process is public consultation. We really want to hear what people have to say and the vision they have for their own communities. Over the next six months we will be visiting as many communities as possible to listen to potential challenges or opportunities for change. We'll be going to community group meetings, farm markets, local events and have a series open houses. Following this input, a draft bylaw will be produced likely in August or September, followed by more public engagement through the fall before final version of the bylaw is produced and approved.

The timing is right to review our bylaw to ensure it reflects the needs of our Municipality. The Pugwash Secondary Plan was approved in 2008 after two years of public consultation and so there are instances where the document does not reflect the current needs of the Village of Pugwash and its residents. Lately, drive-thrus in

Pugwash have become a point of discussion. Under the current bylaw, drive-thrus are not permitted in Pugwash. Not because there was a desire to restrict them from the area, but because at the time the Pugwash Secondary Plan was under review, there wasn't a call from residents for its inclusion and they were not included in the list of permitted uses. This issue, and many others like it, is something we will be taking a hard look at during the plan review not only for Pugwash but other communities as well. Another possibility would be to amend the current Pugwash bylaw regarding drive-thrus. That process, like the plan review, involves public input. An amendment to the Pugwash bylaw will not happen without opportunity for the public to provide input through a public hearing. Right now it's too early to say whether this particular issue will be dealt with by amendment or as part of the larger plan review. Either way, nothing will change without public input.

News release from: Nelson M. Bezanson, Municipal Planner

Latest: Mr Bezanson will be making presentations to the Village Commission at the April and May meetings. Public consultation sessions are being planned.

Pugwash Village Hall
office hours
Summer Hours
Monday to Friday
9am to 4pm

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

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

Nova Scotia



Community Access Program



Pugwash C@P Site and VIC

Hours

April: Tues-Fri, 10am to 1pm
May: Mon-Fri, 10am to 1pm

Victoria Day to Labour Day
9am to 6pm every day
Except: Fridays: open until 8pm
Sundays: 11am to 4pm

Pugwash Village Hall,
124 Water Street
902 243 2088



Pugwash and Area Community Health Board is composed of a maximum of fifteen members of the community who have an interest in local health issues. The Executive Committee includes a chair, vice-chair and secretary. Activities are supported by Colleen Dowe, Community Health Board Coordinator, and an employee of the Health Authority who is located in Amherst.

The Pugwash CHB meets at the North Cumberland Memorial Hospital Board Room from September to June on the 1st Thursday of the month from 6:00 – 8:00 pm and all meetings are open to the public.

We are currently recruiting for three additional members through the Pugwash Village website and will be

posting recruitment information in Wentworth, Wallace, Malagash, Port Howe, and Linden.

We have six Primary Advocacy/Health Promotion Projects identified for 2017 that fulfill one or more of our Priorities for 2016-2019. We also have a number of Secondary Advocacy Projects which will expand as community issues are identified.

Primary:

- Oral Health Kits - to be distributed to PDHS students in April 2017.
- Oral Health Advocacy- Increase participation in the Fluoride Rinse Treatments offered in schools by educating parents and general community.
- SafeTalk Training (Suicide Awareness and Prevention) – Saturday, March 25, 2017 . Michelle Harrison is Trainer.
- Personal Care Directives public session - follow up from Nov 2016. This public session will occur May 2017 with Margaret MacDonald, Continuing Care, as speaker.

- Wellness Grants selection November 2017.
- Coats for Cumberland - collection & distribution in November 2017 in collaboration with empowering Beyond Barriers.

Secondary:

- Promote Alcohol Free/ Reduced Alcohol Focus Family Events Jan-July 2017
- Advocate for AEDs in PDHS
- Promoted Mental Wellness Expo Feb - March 2017
- Distributed Medication Cards to Clinics & MDs offices March 2017.
- Promote Smoke Free Designated Areas and at Public Outdoor Events- collaborative project with Village Commission approved March 2017.
- Distribute Lyme Disease Awareness Posters June 2017
- Use of Sunscreen Promotion July 1-2, 2017
- Assist with Numbers2Know clinics as required

From: Joyce Gray

Plan Cumberland project launched by County

Over the course of the next year, the Municipality of Cumberland will work with residents (full time and seasonal), business owners and community groups for the future of Cumberland. Warden Allison Gillis is excited to see the project get underway. “Plan Cumberland is a chance to ask ourselves, ‘What makes Cumberland special?’ and to build on our strengths. We will be looking at ways to make it easier to do business in Cumberland, to protect the beauty and natural features of Cumberland, and to shape our communities so they continue to be places where people want to live.”

The Municipality will be reaching out to ask how residents, business, and community groups see their Cumberland and how they would like it to grow. Do we have the jobs and services to attract and retain young families? How can we help enable small businesses and the agricultural sector? These questions and many more will be asked throughout the Plan Cumberland project.

Specifically, the project will result in an updated and consolidated Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use (zoning) Bylaw. The time to update the Municipal Planning Strategy and

Land Use Bylaw is now as we continue to move forward with a merged municipality which now includes Springhill and Parrsboro.

Anyone interested in learning more about the project or participating in the process can review the project website (www.plancumberland.ca), call toll-free (1-888-756-6262) or visit one of the municipal offices in Amherst, Springhill or Parrsboro.

From: Nelson Bezanson,
Municipal Planner 902-667-3304

Red and White Theme for Canada 150

The Pugwash Village Commission is suggesting a red and white Canada Day theme to be used all around the village in the weeks coming up to the big weekend.

Residents of Pugwash (and area) are encouraged to put up their Christmas or holiday lights, especially if they are white and red, and decorate their properties for the July 1st weekend. Hang some lights in the trees or bushes or across the front porch for that welcoming and celebratory look.

When looking at what annuals to plant out or hanging baskets to buy - maybe consider red and white plantings.

Red and white flags, fence or front door painting, bunting or pennants could all help dress up the village to make it one big celebration of our country's 150th birthday!

We are expecting huge crowds for this weekend - lets decorate the whole village!

GOC Barbecues
Pugwash Co-Op
June 9th and 16th
11am - 6pm



Information & Volunteer Recruitment Event

Are you interested in learning more about celebrations in Pugwash over the Canada Day long weekend? Want to volunteer? The organizing committees of Pugwash HarbourFest, Canada Day and Pugwash Gathering of the Clans invite you to a special Volunteer Appreciation and Recruitment event.

Thursday, April 20th, 6pm to 8pm
Pugwash District High School gym

Everyone welcome!
Refreshments and snacks will be served.

For more information:
call Lee at 902 243-2275 or email officemanager@pugwashharbourfest.ca
or
Call Lisa at 902 243 2946 or e-mail:
events@pugwashvillage.com

Burns Night Success

The 4th annual (reinstated) Robbie Burns Night Supper was held at the Northumberland Community Curling Club on January 21st.

A delicious and fun time was had by all at this fund raising dinner. There was succulent roast beef with Yorkshire pudding, tatties (mashed potato), neeps (turnips) and, of course - haggis. The haggis was addressed, the lads and lassies toasted and Burns poems recited. The bagpiper was Tyler Rushton from Oxford.

From: Lisa Betts, Event Coordinator



Photo: Paul Devries of Inn the Elms with the haggis.

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Contact Lee Fleming with any questions:
officemanager@pugwashharbourfest.ca or call 243-2275

Check out our website at www.pugwashharbourfest.ca
and "Like" our Facebook page - [Pugwash HarbourFest](#)

Thanks to the Scotiabank team for its continued generous support!

Easton Stage Set for Replacement

Parts of Eaton stage are 66 years old, which is a long time for a structure as exposed to the elements as this one. The stage started life as just a platform and over the years the backstage shed, stage roof, ceiling and wings have been added.

Part of the waterfront development project plan is to replace the stage with something that will function just as well as this one with maybe added types of use. Public consultations will be held to include discussion of the stage replacement. Constructive comments or suggestions are always welcome at the Village office or at 902.243.2946.



The Canada Day long weekend in Pugwash is shaping up to be the biggest event in Cumberland County this year. With Tall ships coming to Pugwash over July 1st, rather than later in the summer as usual, Pugwash HarbourFest (PHF) will take place alongside Canada Day 150 celebrations and the Gathering of the Clans (GOC).

All these festivals will combine forces to bring a weekend of activities as part of our Pugwash Celebrates Canada 150 program! A schedule of all of the activities will be posted on a new dedicated website at pugwashcelebrates.wixsite.com/canada150 with links to and from it with the Pugwash HarbourFest website, the Village of Pugwash website and on the Gathering of the Clans page. There will also be updates through all of our social media channels such as Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. These will be the best way to stay up to date on events and activities as well as supplemental information regarding Pugwash Celebrates 150.

There are still a number of things to be detailed as we go, but for right now, here's a glimpse of how things will look:

Friday, June 30th will see combine PHF and GOC events and activities along the shore and in Eaton Park, tours of Thinkers Lodge to showcase the history of the Pugwash Conferences and the two Nobel prizes on display there. There will be entertainment on the Eaton Stage and numerous vendors along Water Street; the midway and of course tours of the Tall Ships- "Geronimo", "Atyla" and Nova Scotia's very

own "Katie Belle" within the "Windsor Salt Compound". This "Compound", which will host the Pugwash HarbourFest Opening Ceremonies, will also feature "Taste of Nova Scotia" and local food and beverage vendors as well as the PHF Wine and Beer tent. We are hoping to populate this area to feature local food and beverage businesses and activities that highlight our Fishery, Agriculture, regional businesses and products. If you are such a business or producer, please contact PHF Event Coordinator Lee Fleming to discuss your possible involvement and participation.

On Saturday, Canada Day, all of the traditional and wonderful activities associated with the Gathering of the Clans- including the Canada Day Grand Parade, sanctioned Pipe and Drum competitions, the Heavyweight Highland Games, pancake breakfast at the fire hall, midway, street-side vendors and top notch entertainment. In the "Compound", vessel tours will take place again as well as supplemental entertainment and activities. In the evening, The Legion Peace Branch #60 will host the annual Lobster Supper and the Village will once again host the fantastic Canada 150 Fireworks and more entertainment on the stages!

On Sunday, July 2nd the fun continues with more activities for all ages, including the Recycled Boat Races, the Soap Box Derby, vendors and fun along Water Street, entertainment throughout the village and vessel tours and food & fun in "The Compound" and finally an evening send off to our visiting vessels as they

sail to Quebec to finish off the RendezVous 2017 (RDV2017) International Regatta.

While Canada Celebrates 150, we will showcase our entire region to our foreign visitors, US and fellow Canadian tourists, fellow communities and to share our wealth of culture, our histories, our local flavours, our unique way of life, our economic opportunities, our future prospects and innovations and of course our world renowned hospitality!

We encourage everyone to participate and become involved with this spectacular event- likely to be the largest of its kind in the region for some time as we **all** celebrate Canada 150!

For more information on this weekend event please contact:

Lisa Betts: Event Coordinator- Canada Day and the Gathering of the Clans, 902 243 2946, events@pugwashvillage.com

Lee Fleming: Pugwash HarbourFest Event Coordinator, 902 243 2275, officemanager@pugwashharbourfest.ca

Wally Vaters: Chair Pugwash HarbourFest and Cumberland East Recreation Development Association/ Pugwash Tall Ships Liaison, 902 297 2728, chair@pugwashharbourfest.ca

Lisa Betts, GOC Coordinator
Wally Vaters, PHF Chair

Spring Events

March

- 25th Legion Brunch (9)
- 25th "Life Of Brian" at NCCC

April

- 2nd Pancake Supper (Wallace)
- 6th Tartan Day
- 10th Regular Village meeting
- 12th Sink or Swim (8)
- 16th Easter Sunday
- 20th Volunteer Recruitment day (6)
- 20th Gardening presentation (3)
- 22nd Earth Day - garbage pick-up (3)

April (continued)

- 27th Birding presentation (3)
- 27th Roast beef dinner take-out (9)

May

- 6th Camp Pagweak work day (8)
- 10th Regular Village meeting
- 13th Camp Pagweak work day (8)
- 19th Cake Sale (6)
- 20th Farmers Market opens
- 22nd Victoria Day
- 27th Dandelion Festival (Wallace)

All events are in Pugwash unless otherwise noted. More information, see page referenced in brackets.

Sport, Exercise & Dance Classes

Exercise

- 9:30 - 11am. Tuesdays. PDHS. \$5
- 9:30 - 11am. Fridays. PDHS. \$5

Badminton

- 8:30-10pm Tuesdays - PDHS. FREE

Zumba

- 6:15- 7:15pm Tuesdays. PDHS \$5

Ladies' Basketball

- 8-10pm Thursday. PDHS.

Walking Group

- 3:30pm Tuesdays CEES FREE
- 9:30am Thursdays CEES FREE

Pop-Ups

- 9am. Mondays CEES. FREE

For more details, check out the events calendar on the village website:
www.pugwashvillage.com/index.php/festivals-and-events/events-calendar



From: Denise Corey

Wednesday, April 12

Titanic: Sink or Swim. 3:30-4:30pm, Grades P-6
Find out how the "unsinkable" ship sank 104 years ago and create your own sea-worthy vessel.

Please call 902-243-3331 to register.
NOTE: Children under 9 must be accompanied by an adult.

Easter Hours
Closed April 14th and April 17th


For more information on library programs and services check our website:
www.cumberlandpubliclibraries.ca

Pugwash Library

Winter hours: September- May

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

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Camp Pagweak – Can't Wait for SPRING!

From: Ruth Rushton

Camp Pagweak will soon be swinging the doors open! Our first work day is scheduled for May 6th so you will no doubt see a lot of activity as we prepare to open the camp for the upcoming summer camping season!

We are so excited to welcome back Greg Porter as our Camp Director. Greg served as our Director back in 2014.

Staffing is in full swing and plans are being made to hold interviews for the various positions. We still require male Counsellors – both Jr. and Sr. so please spread the word! A Jr. Counsellor must be 15 years of age. We also need Life-guards! It's a great place to spend the summer! Good food, good friends and a wonderful atmosphere full of children and youth! Don't miss out – if you are interested – please go to our web page – www.pagweak.org and fill out the application. We're also on Facebook.

The first camp will start on July 2nd and our weekly camps run until August 25th (8 weeks of camp) for ages 5 - 15. Many campers return year after year and some eventually become staff members as they love camp so much!

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.

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 6th or May 13th - it's a great opportunity to have a look around! We might even put you to work!

Recreation plans in Pugwash

This summer, the Village of Pugwash will be working collaboratively with the Municipality of Cumberland County to offer some recreation programming in the Village. The Village will also work again with the Amherst YMCA to offer swimming lessons at Crescent Beach in August.

There is a wide variety of facilities available in and close to the village including facilities for soccer, baseball, basketball, volleyball, tennis, disc golf, regular golf, geo caching, trail walking and, of course, the sea!

A new full time position with the Village has been announced that is a combination of part time Recreation Director and part time Administration Assistant. See page 12 for more information.



PREPARING FOR THE 21ST CENTURY
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Royal Canadian Legion, Peace Branch 60

Chase the Ace

1st and 3rd Saturday of the month
Ticket sales: 3pm-5pm. Draw: 5:15pm
Ticket holder must be present for the draw to win.

Bingo

Every Wednesday at 17pm. \$10/person

Cribbage

1st and 3rd Saturday at 1pm. \$20 per team.

Brunch

March 25th Adults \$7 and Children \$3.50

New members are always welcome.
Canteen: 902.243.2123



Pugwash and Area Ground Search and Rescue

Meghan Rushton,
Michael Ackerman of team
"Follow Tracks
not Compass" at
the 2017 Storm
the Mountain in
February



Ground Search and Rescue's 3rd annual Storm the Mountain Adventure Challenge (SMAC) was a huge success. Numbers were up significantly from last year. 118 participants from preteen to 60s formed 41 teams and took up the Challenge with gusto! The cold weather was not a deterrent but did ensure that seven pots of chilli were emptied. GSAR is anticipating even more participants in 2018 and appreciates all the community support and commitment from it's members.

From: Debbie Cameron

P&DVFD Roast Beef Dinner and Toonie Draw



There will be a Roast Beef Take Out Supper at the Pugwash Fire Station at 11059 Highway 6 on April 27th from 4-6pm. Tickets are \$10 each and available from any Pugwash firefighter.

The 50/50 Toonie Draw is proving to be very popular with some big winners announced already this winter. The weekly draw number is announced on our Facebook group page at: **Pugwash Fire Department Toonie Draw**. We also advertise the weekly draw number on our electronic sign at the fire station.

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

If you have any questions, would like to know when you are paid up to or if you have forgotten your registered number, please send an email with your name to pugwashfiretoonie2016@gmail.com and we will reply within 24-36 hours with the information – or you can leave a message at 902 243 2600. Please quote your registered number when you can.

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

From: Chief Yarrow and the Toonie Team

You'll Need More Than The Right Shoe Size To Fill These Boots!



It takes a special person to fill the boots of a volunteer firefighter.

Someone with a desire to do something important for the community. Someone with courage and dedication, who isn't afraid of hard work, and is willing to accept the challenge of a difficult job.

It takes a person who considers respect and appreciation reward enough, and who is just glad to help.

If you're this kind of person, you're needed as a volunteer firefighter.

Come down to the fire station and talk to us. We might be able to fit you with a pair of boots!

*Wednesday evenings, 7:00pm - 8:00pm
or email pugwashfire@gmail.com
for an application form*

Pugwash Fire Department

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valuable, dynamic addition to the market experience.

Another collaboration project is the Cyrus Eaton School Garden. Over 65 elementary students have gathered and created a stunning perennial pollinator garden, an orchard with 12 fruit trees, 12

Market Planning Spring Projects

Through the depths of wintery snowstorms, snuggling down beside cozy fireplaces, the growers and artisans of Cumberland County investigated new ideas and opportunities to make the 2017 Pugwash Farmers' Market an exciting destination. We have been ordering flower and vegetable seeds, experimenting with new pottery glazes, planning new products and welcoming new vendors. We have been working hard to show the community and visitors what we are made of... literally. And now that spring is on the horizon, we are initiating some of our ideas and improvements.

This spring we will be levelling the market site, working with engineers and designers and engaging in more fundraising in preparation for construction of vendor kiosks. This initiative will provide more wind-resistant shelter for sellers and visitors to the market.

Part of the Farmers' Market mandate is to give back to the community. One of our projects for 2017 is to have a "Wellness Tent" from May to September where there will be demos and talks, taste-testing of local produce along with recipes and ideas for healthy eating. There will be information on local recreational activities related to healthy living such as gardening, hiking and exercise programs. The Pugwash Farmers' Market is working with the communities of Oxford, Springhill and Amherst to share COOP university students to help us deliver this programming. Thanks to the Pugwash Community Health Board we are able to host this

high bush blueberries, grape and hardy kiwi vines, elderberry, strawberries, a large raised bed for vegetables, and a beautiful greenhouse where they grew herbs and peas in the fall and learned about extending the season. This project was supported by the Village of Pugwash, the Municipality of Cumberland County, Communities in Bloom, Harrison's Hardware, Pugwash Home Hardware, the Co-op, Vista Bella Farm, The Atlantic Superstore, Greensmith Contracting, The Ecology Action Center, The Home and School Association, and many other individuals in the community. We worked with the Open Hamper Food Bank to provide families with locally grown produce throughout the summer months while school was out. This year we have formed a committee of volunteers who are looking forward to extending the garden with more raised beds and engaging the students with more hand-on activities.



If any of this sounds like something you would like to become part of in any way, please contact Norene Smiley at 902-243-2073, for further details.

From: Norene Smiley

Open Hamper Community Garden

A new project is underway in cooperation with the Village of Pugwash, the Pugwash and Area Community Health Board and the Open Hamper Food Bank that will produce fresh produce for the food bank throughout the summer.

The Village Commission has agreed to the use of part of a village owned plot of vacant land behind O'Brien's Pharmacy to form a community garden. A committee is already in action with plans for ground preparation and planting. Updates will be posted on Facebook page: *Things to Do in Pugwash*.

From: Dorothy Pal

North Cumberland Historical Society

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

902 243 3348

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

Mixed Palette Art Group



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

It Takes a Village Newsletter is generally published quarterly in March, June, September and December. The deadline for our next issue is **May 29th**. Maximum word count of 250. No ads. We reserve the right to edit for length and content. Submissions from non-profit groups only please. Photos or graphics will be used as space allows. The newsletter distribution covers the Village and all rural postal routes serviced by the Pugwash post office.

Send articles by email to: villagecommission@pugwashvillage.com

For more info call:
902 243 2946

Feral Cat Catch and Release Project Deemed a Success

It is now three going on four years that Marilyn & Friends set the first live trap to catch a colony of cats all ages and sizes on Foundry Street in Oxford where very kind and faithful caregivers had been feeding the large number of cats, helping them survive the elements. I had never set a trap before or seen how a feral cat can react once it is trapped. I am an old hand at it now and I don't freak if I can't get the cats delivered to the vet clinic ASAP as I realize they aren't going to die on me. The number of cats spayed or neutered in this area of the county is now creeping up to the three hundred mark of which those closely involved with this publi-

cally funded program are quite proud of how in this small way we have been able to decrease thousands and thousands of kittens from being born and providing a better level of health to the cats that returned to their place of origin if they are not able to be re-homed. So much thanks must be expressed to all those who help to finance this program with donations to the jars in various venues, donations directly to Northumberland Vets or myself as well as donating refundables, crafting items for sale and helping at fundraising events. Every cat spayed or neutered makes a huge difference!

From: Marilyn Williams



NCCC Season Winds Up

From: **Hazel Felderhof**

For the first time NCCC had a girls junior team. On the weekend of Feb. 3-5, Lilly Sanderson, skip, Maria Duynisveld, 3rd, Taylor Spicer, 2nd and Annika de Vries, lead, travelled to Bridgewater for the NS Under 18 Championship playdowns. Their first game was against CFB Halifax and our girls came out on top after an extra end. They were defeated in their next two games but gained valuable experience and were a credit to NCCC and their coach Lou White.

Special events at NCCC were highlighted by the 9th Annual Open Invitational Bonspiel. Teams participated from Truro, Sackville, Moncton, Amherst, New Glasgow and Tatamagouche bringing business, good curling and camaraderie to our area. Over-all winners of the event were the New Glasgow team skipped by Eric Beaton with team mates Rod McCarron, Marc Essiembre and Janet Halverson.

Home and Aways also add to the winter fun. NCCC women hosted Truro while the

men hosted Sackville and River Hebert. Return games have or will be forthcoming. Our own February Funspiel, organized by members east of Pugwash was a roaring success. The theme was Canada 150 and curlers turned out in red and white to celebrate Canada's 150th birthday. Even Sir John A. Macdonald made a guest appearance. A Canada flag cake provided dessert for everyone.

NCCC was pleased to receive a Canada 150 grant for \$49,000 which we will match from our own Long Term Development Reserve Fund. Already LED lights have replaced the outside lights around the building. This will contribute to a savings in electricity costs. A computer controlled heat/humidity system has been installed. To be completed are plans to pave the parking lot, plans to put steel siding on the exterior of the building and planned improvements to the acoustics in the lounge area.

Pugwash Village Commissioners: Who are they?

Pugwash Village has five elected Commissioners who volunteer their time to help administer 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.

Christie Blackie (902 243 3308) is the chair of the Commission. She lives on Queen Street. Christie runs a home based day care.

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

Charles Gould (902 243 3493) lives on Durham Street and works for the NS Department of Natural Resources.

Bill Martin (902 614 3000) lives at Pleasure Cove. Bill is the Pugwash Baptist Church pastor and is the chaplain for the Pugwash Fire Department.

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

Pugwash Village Commission Meetings

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

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

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



Terry Farrell
MLA for Cumberland North

We will be at the Pugwash Village Hall alternate Mondays or by appointment. Please call 902-660-3144

The Amherst office is located at 10B Havelock St on the corner with Ratchford Street. The office is staffed daily. Deby White is the Cumberland North Constituency Assistant. You can reach us at 902-660-3144 or by email at terry.farrell@live.com.



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Employment Opportunities Summer 2017

The Village Clerk Treasurer is accepting resumes and covering letter from anyone interested in the following temporary jobs:

Administrative Assistant/Recreation Director
(2) VIC/C@P Site Councillors
Groundskeeper

Job descriptions available upon request or from the village website. Deadline is April 10th.

Village Gardener Hired

The Village Commission and staff are pleased welcome Louise Hardy who will be working part time on the various flower gardens on Village property and the planters to help keep the Village extra pretty this Canada 150 year. This is with funding assistance from Pugwash Communities in Bloom.

MP for Cumberland Colchester
Bill Casey
902 - 667-8679

MLA for Cumberland North
Terry Farrell
902 660 3144

Councillor for District 4
Warden Allison Gillis
902 243 3313

**Next Regular
Commission Meetings:**

April 10th
May 8th
June 12th

Meetings start at 7pm

Solid waste

Pick up day in Pugwash and area is Tuesdays. Do you keep forgetting which week is garbage/compost and which is recycling? Download the FREE mobile app from *Cumberland County Solid Waste* and never miss your garbage day again! Printed schedules are available from the Visitor Information Centre at the Village Hall. **Compost bins** are available from the Municipality or Village office. Please call ahead to arrange bin pick-up. Please compost all organics including bones and shells and pet waste and litter.

Village Public Waste Bins These are for litter only. It is an offence to dump household waste in Village bins. Some village bins are closed for the winter.

Pugwash transfer station is open Tuesdays and Saturdays 8:30am to 4:30pm. It takes yard waste, construction and demolition waste, asphalt roofing and metal. Garbage, compost or recycling will NOT be accepted at the transfer station.