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Jennifer Houghtaling Acclaimed as Councillor for District 3

Jennifer has a passion for her community and the local economy from a grassroots perspective. She has helped grow small business through the Pugwash Farmers Market and through programs involving youth in the school system here in Pugwash.

Her goals as Councillor will be to help develop a sustainable economy through tourism and infrastructure/community beautification. Some projects she is currently working on are the Sustainable Pugwash Committee's Solar Market Plan to create a net zero Farmers' Market and Library here in Pugwash by installation of solar panels. She has been working with the Municipality on the Waterfront Development Plan for the Pugwash area.

She would also love to have more civic engagement from the residents so she can make informed decisions on issues the Council will be voting. Please feel free to reach out to Jennifer Houghtaling (that is pronounced Ho-tell-ing) at 902-297-3867 or jenniferhoughtaling@gmail.com and Jennifer Houghtaling District 3 on Facebook.



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Get Ready for Hurricane Teddy (and any other severe weather)

From: Nova Scotia Emergency Measures Organization (EMO) website

Strong winds, heavy rains and storm and power surges can cause significant damage. All Nova Scotians are asked to prepare in advance and monitor local weather forecasts.

The basic checklist includes:

- enough food and water for 72 hours
- monitoring local media outlets for updates
- securing gates, doors and windows
- moving yard furniture and securing trash cans, hanging plants and anything that can be picked up by wind
- checking radio batteries
- filling vehicles with gas and parking them away from trees
- keeping pets inside
- moving any type of watercraft to high ground
- ensuring the safety of you and your family
- checking on neighbours
- if the power goes out, do not leave candles unattended

Nova Scotians should also remember that they need to continue to follow COVID-19 public health direction as they prepare. Stores often have longer lineups in advance of a storm, and physical distancing of two metres (six feet) and mask wearing are still required.

Important Dates for Municipal Elections

Voting information for electing a Mayor and all other councillors.

Electors will receive a voting card in the mail with a unique Personal Identification Number (PIN) for each voter. Starting on October 5th, voters can use the PIN to vote online or by phone. The number can only be used once.

Polling Station for Districts 3 & 4
Pugwash Village Hall
124 Water Street, Pugwash

Advance Polls: 12 noon to 8pm
October 10th and 16th

Election Day 8am to 7pm, October 17th

Basketball, pickleball and tennis courts are open, but with restrictions. Please use the online booking form to book and make arrangements for off hours access.

See page 6 for more information.

Visit the Pugwash Village website at www.pugwashvillage.com
Listings include local businesses, government services, volunteer organizations, contacts, history of the Village and events.



Thriving in the Summer of Covid

The COVID-19 pandemic provided lots of challenges for the Farmer's Market sector this summer. President, Nancy Burgess Graham, with the help of a dedicated team of volunteers, instituted a Market Safety Plan that enabled our outdoor market to open in late June, about a month later than in previous years. Our proto-

presentations in our Sustainability Hub, with an emphasis on Recycle, Re-purpose, Reuse, Re-use. Due to distancing regulations that discouraged live events, we used the grant to create short video clips with the support of local videographer, Catherine Bussiere, and a number of our vendors as presenters, to deliver the infor-



Photo: Nancy Burgess-Graham

cols included a contained market site, hand sanitizing, physical distancing, contact tracing, optional mask wearing, as well as limiting visitation to a maximum of 80 visitors at a time, to reassure the vendors and customers that we took public safety seriously. The feedback from the majority of people was positive and we were encouraged by the response from the community with between 600-800 visitors each weekend. We would like to say thank you to Village of Pugwash for the use of the entrance gate and fencing.

In addition to the live market, we provided support to our member vendors with promotion and marketing strategies. We offered our members micro-grants to help them get set up to sell products on-line. We used Facebook, especially through May, June and July to feature vendor specials and revamped our website, pugwash-market.com. Our on-line presence now includes a new Google map and contact information detailing how to reach participating vendors for pre-ordering, pick ups or deliveries. We were also happy to welcome vendors from the Earltown Market to join us this summer as their Market was not able to open.

Another challenge for our 2020 market season was our program delivery. With the generous support of the Wallace, Wentworth, Pugwash and Area Community Health Board we had planned to feature weekly interactive hands-on

mation. The videos will be posted on Facebook and archived on our website for easy access now and in the future.

We plan to keep the market open until October 10th, Thanksgiving weekend, provided that the provincial rules for gatherings do not change.

We look forward to hosting our first **Outdoor Christmas Market, November 14** (backup bad weather date Nov. 15). Understandably, our regular indoor venue at the high school will not be available and everyone is excited about trying it outside.

Nancy and I want to take a moment to say a huge Thank-You to everyone in the community who has supported us over the summer. And thank-you to the vendors who believed in us. Our motto is "Building community spirit, one Saturday morning at a time" which seemed more important than ever this year. We have done our best to make our market a safe, but still welcoming and fun experience. The Pugwash Farmers' Market is already looking forward to 2021.

We would love to hear from you and support your ideas and ventures. Please contact us for more information: Norene Smiley 902-243-2073, c: 902-297-8475 or pugwashmarket@gmail.com.

Norene Smiley

Multi Purpose Centre

The Multi Purpose Centre (MPC) committee recently met with Michelle Byers, Manager of Community Economic Development for Cumberland County, to review the status of the MPC project. Currently, the Municipality is in the process of securing a contract with a consulting group to develop a business plan for the project. Once this is complete, the next step will be the detailed design for the Centre to make the project "shovel-ready".

The committee has requested that the plan include the building being "net-zero" in terms of operations as there is provincial funding available for this. The Multi Purpose Centre would be built beside the bridge on Route 6, just across from Langille's Gas Station and the Pugwash Farmers Market. The building would include a new library and multipurpose space.



Thrift Shop Now Open



The Thrift Store at Sunset Industries is open Monday to Friday from 10 am to 4 pm. The shop is located at their location on the Crowley Road just after the exit off the Sunrise Trail. The shop accepts donations of gently used clothing, bedding, children's toys and small household items. There is a weekly auction on the Facebook page: "Sunset Industries Thrift Store & Auction".

The Industries also offers a drop off laundry service. Drop off today, pick up tomorrow.

Sunset Industries is a not for profit Social Enterprise providing supportive employment and day programs to over 40 adults living with disabilities since 1984.

Randy Thompson



Pugwash Welcomes Art into the Heart of the Village

The *Pugwash Open Air Gallery* (POAG) will be without

doors or roof overhead. Don't expect to roam endlessly through rooms where voices are hushed. Do expect the hustle and bustle of the village streets, seasonal weather conditions, natural lighting, and building facades bearing large-format art created by local artists!

Communities in Bloom (CiB) members, Bonnie Bond, Louise Cloutier and Norene Smiley, are spearheading this initiative with the goal of supporting local artists, increasing community pride and fostering economic development in the village. In addition to financial support from CiB, project fundraising initiatives, and in kind services from community volunteers, the POAG Committee successfully applied for funding from the Nova Scotia Beautifica-



tion and Streetscaping Program from the Minister of Municipal and Housing Affairs.

CiB believes that the *Pugwash Open Air Gallery* will grow the existing cultural footprint of the village.

The project is currently in Phase 1 of a three phase process. Last fall, local artists

answered a Call for Art. A jury of art professionals, tasked with scoring the 55 entries submitted by 19 artists, enabled the POAG Committee to create a short list for presentation to business owners hosting art on their buildings. The selected art work will be reproduced on durable, lightweight panels and affixed to exterior walls. The POAG Committee hopes to expand the gallery with youth and North Shore artists answering Calls for Art in phases 2 and three.

Join us in this Open Air Gallery project! Donate by contacting Maureen Leahey (mleahey@bellaliant; 902-243-3454). Tax deductible receipts available.

Contact POAG committee for more gallery information:

Louise Cloutier; cloutierlh@gmail.com;
Norene Smiley; norene48@gmail.com;
Bonnie Bond; johnbonnie52@hotmail.com

Camp Pagweak – Making Lemons into Lemonade!

This summer was the first time the camp has had to close since it opened in 1944. We were faced with sour lemons!! It was one of the hardest decisions Council has ever had to make and it wasn't made lightly. But in the end, we just couldn't afford to put any child or staff member at risk.

BUT, it gave us an opportunity to make lemonade!! Sweet, sweet lemonade! We took the time to upgrade the bike trails. Work is in progress for a new bouldering wall and an upgraded archery program. We have taken the time to think about a long range plan and how we can make things better!

David Troop, our Camp Director, is working on

next year's program and we are excited already as to what the summer will bring. Lots of new ideas and plans for a great 2021!

Until then, keep checking our Facebook page and the camp web page for staffing, volunteering, etc. We start the staffing process early in 2021!

Ruth Rushton

Pugwash Volunteer Fire Department Toonie Draw

The Pugwash Fire Department's 50/50 Toonie draw started up again on September 3rd with a good response from our players. Thank you all for your patience during these difficult times. All credits that were in the system for the two months we were shut down have been credited to your numbers.

We have eight drop boxes at: Sunrise Country Market Port Howe, Wilson's Gas Bar, Scotiabank, O'Brien's Pharmacy, Pugwash Kwik Way, F&D Esso, Sheryl's Bakery & Café, The Lantern Restaurant and the Sunset Community (for employees only).

Our website is getting plenty of hits. Players can check the status of their number(s) and when they are about to run out. The website

also shows our weekly winners and an up to date list of rules.

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

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 even-

ing shortly after 6pm. 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 page at Pugwash Fire Department Toonie Draw and on our website.

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

Check out our website at pugwashfire.tooniedraw.ca

Andy Yarrow



Community Pride in Action Awards

Pugwash Communities in Bloom wishes to acknowledge Aiden Hoeg, Mary Purdy, the Pugwash Farmers' Market Volunteer Team, Jo Teale and Judy Turple as recipients of our *Community Pride in Action Award* for 2020.

This year's recipients all have a strong love for community, are willing to work hard to make their visions a reality and generously took action when our village was impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. We saw festivals canceled, local businesses facing challenges and everyone needing to adjust to isolation and new ways of navigating our world. Our 2020 recipients all stepped up to keep everyone healthy and safe.

Aiden Hoeg - Community Problem-Solver

"making Dinghy Beach clean and hazard-free for swimmers". Aiden has lived on Water St. in Pugwash since 2017 and goes to Pugwash District High School. Like others his age, he is a young man who enjoys hanging around with his friends, which COVID-19 has made difficult in the last few months. What is different about 12-year-old Aiden is his entrepreneurial spirit, starting his own lawn care business, and building a client list of individual homes and church grounds.

Aiden and his friends soon discovered that hornets had made nests in the docks at Dinghy Beach. Knowing that children would be using the docks for swimming lessons, Aiden took the initiative to remove the invaders. Donning boots and using a net and insecticide, Aiden braved the docks at low tide, successfully removing the offending nests. And that was not all. He also made it his mission to clean up the beach, using his ride-on lawn mower to remove old debris like hot water tanks and old train rails from the swimming area, ensuring a safer and more pleasurable experience for everyone! Aiden is a fine example of youth in our village who are concerned about others and are always willing to offer a helping hand.

Mary Purdy - Community Nurturer

"delivering happiness and creativity to shut-in families". Since the beginning of the global COVID-19 pandemic, Mary Purdy and Archan Knotz have been delivering groceries to clients who chose not to attend the Open Hamper Food Bank in Pugwash. The clients' children were not in school and while their physical needs were met with the food donations, she wanted to do something for their mental wellbeing and creative spirits. The *"Happy Minds and Hearts Project"* was born! Mary gathered donated items to put together 12 storage bins for 12 families filled with very colourful items all necessary for the suggested activities, all with written instructions adapted for each age group of the 33 children served. Mary's wonderful project was a very welcome gift for children living in isolation during COVID-19 times.



Pugwash Communities in Bloom presents *The Community Pride in Action Recognition Program* 2020 Recipients



Aiden Hoeg - Community Problem-Solver
"making Dinghy Beach clean and hazard-free for swimmers"



Pugwash Farmers' Market Volunteers - Community Protectors
"making the market is a safe and happy experience"



Mary Purdy - Community Nurturer
"delivering happiness and creativity to shut-in families"



Jo Teale & Judy Turple - Community Mask Makers Extraordinaire
"keeping everyone healthy one mask at a time"

Pugwash Farmers' Market Volunteers - Nancy Burgess Graham, Joseph Spence, Joe Timmons, Drew MacDonald, Kirsteen Thomson, Louise Haycocks - Community Protectors

"making sure the market is a safe and happy experience" When COVID-19 restrictions threatened to curtail operation of the 2020 market, Market President Nancy Burgess Graham and her team of stalwart volunteers initiated and delivered a safety protocol to keep vendors and visitors protected and help the market continue to be 'the place to be on Saturday mornings' in the village.

Taking into account our geographic location, the number of active COVID-19 cases in northern Nova Scotia and the guidelines from Farmers' Markets of NS and the province, Nancy and the Market Board wanted to show people that it was possible to be open in some capacity. Being an outdoor market, they had the ability to make it work, but not without the dedicated efforts of volunteers.

Kristeen says, "The Market is an important feature in Pugwash and I want to see it succeed." Joseph who cheerfully helped at the market entrance, "likes helping people in the community." Joe who helps vendors set up and tear down the site each week says, "the Market is like a family to me and I want to help any way I can." Drew wants to support outdoor community events like the market. Louise believes, "that it is important to actively make your community the place you want to live in. I am happy to volunteer to ensure that our Market is able to stay open."

Jo Teale and Judy Turple - Community Mask-Makers Extraordinaire *"keeping everyone healthy one mask at a time"* It takes a village to raise a child and it takes a village of volunteers to truly make it safe. Jo is a talented quilter and fibre artist. She says "the more faces I can cover, the better". So, she got out her stash of beautiful materials, her

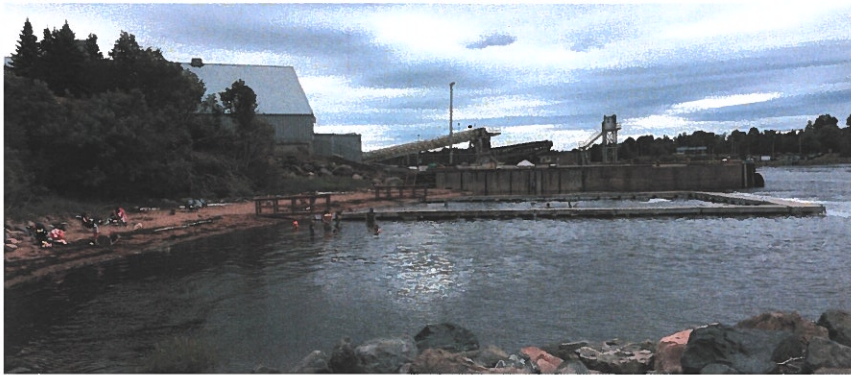
trusty sewing machine, some bits of elastic and begged for more from friends, set off to fulfill this personal, vital mission. She knew that we all would need masks and soon she was getting requests from extended family and friends. Calls came from the Joggins' Fossil Museum for staff masks. The Pugwash Food Hamper begged for masks for volunteers and clients. With over 540 masks made and distributed so far, she is a doer who loves to give back to our community and still has plans for more. For this we thank her.

Judy says she is not a sewer by choice, but the call for all to wear hard to find masks tugged at her generous heart. She started with flannel PJ bottoms for material, but knew she needed better fabrics. Using the site, "Things To Do In Pugwash", she had a quick response from local sewers and supplies started arriving at her door. Conscripting her husband Glen to cut out fabric, she has sewn over 1000 masks since March. They have been distributed to most local businesses and services, to a 'help yourself to a mask' on her verandah, to a physiotherapy clinic in Halifax. Her son entered pictures of her work in a contest at Clearwater seafood company in Halifax when they asked, "What are you doing to help others during COVID-19?". Judy won the contest and says that her mask-making has been a "community event". Bravo, Judy!

Many folks have sent donations to the Pugwash Food Hamper in exchange for one of Jo or Judy's masks. These two generous women have been Pugwash's "Sewing Samaritans", angels with a mission to help us all stay well.

For more information about Pugwash Communities in Bloom and Community Pride in Action or to nominate an deserving community member, contact Norene Smiley, 902-243-2073, nsmiley@bellaliant.com.

Community Collaboration Secures Dinghy Beach Docks Future



It was a long, hot, humid, strange summer this year. Covid-19 restrictions put the damper on many activities and events. However, once restrictions were lifted off public beaches, the community worked together to get the docks re-installed at Dinghy Beach.

The docks are owned by HarbourFest. With funding to assist with insurance costs from the Village and help from local contractors, the docks and anchors were quickly repaired and put back in the water. They will be kept over the winter on Village property, ready for summer 2021.

The YMCA Swim program mid August made good use of the docks

Staff

Elections for Village Commission October 10th

Pandemic restrictions have eased off sufficiently for the Village to be permitted to hold elections for the Commission that should normally have been held in June. Nominations are open now until September 30th. There is a regular election for two Commissioners (terms ending June 2023) and a by-election for one position to replace Commissioner Redmond who resigned to run for Council in District 3 (term ends June 2022).

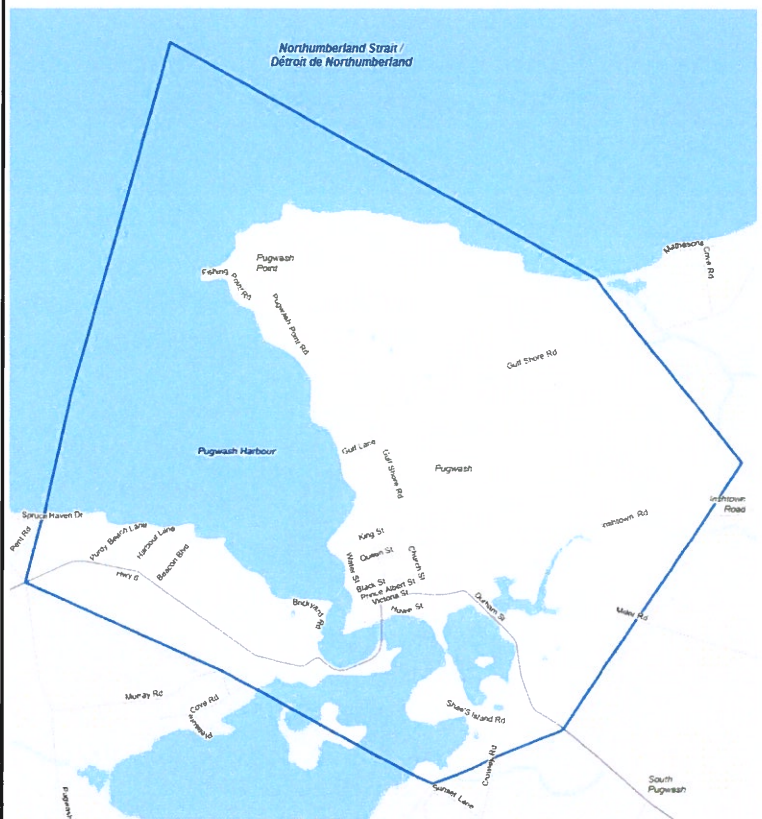
The Commission is made up of five volunteers. To be nominated, a person needs to have lived within the Village limits (see the map) for at least six months, be a Canadian citizen and 18 years old or older on the day of the election. Elector eligibility is a factor of where they normally live, not if they own their residence. Therefore, electors do not have to be a property owner in order to vote. The elected term is for three years. The terms overlap, which is why there is an election every year. The advantage of overlapping terms allows for new Commissioners to learn from the sitting, experienced Commissioners. As you can see from the map, the Village of Pugwash includes the "urban downtown" core and a large rural area.

Commissioners have regular meetings on the second Monday of the month. They may have other meetings to attend through the month depending on what other committees they sit on. Current committees include those for Audit, Sustainability, Accessibility, Doctor Recruitment & Retention and Tennis/Basketball Courts.

It is the job of a Commissioners to form and pass policy or by-laws and it is the role of the staff to enact those policies. Villagers can bring their concerns or ideas to Commissioners or staff. These get investigated and acted upon as required. No policy change can happen outside of a regular meeting and all meetings are open to the public to attend. More on the rules and procedures of meetings can be found on the Village website at pugwashvillage.com.

Staff

Village of Pugwash Map



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The Pugwash Library will open to the public in the week of September 28th. We will be restricting it to two visitors at a

time. There will be one computer available for 30 minutes. The computer will be cleaned after each use.

Face masks are required in the library except for by those who have a medical reason to be excused. The Library still has a supply of free reusable cloth masks

Denise Corey



The Friends of the Pugwash Estuary (FOPE) have managed to keep busy this summer despite the COVID restrictions. We held a very successful "Lumber Lug" in June meticulously organized by Sarah Witney to comply with COVID restrictions. All the boards and posts needed to raise parts of the tread-way of the Estuary Trail above the mud, were "lugged" by very willing volunteers, to the appropriate places along the trail, thus preventing degradation of the environment and making walking easier. This work was made possible by a generous donation from the Jost Family Foundation, for trail maintenance, in memory of Alice Power. FOPE also completed the site preparation and placement of a memorial bench for Alice on the Estuary Trail near a site where Alice liked to stop and look over the River. FOPE would also like to thank Nature Conservancy Canada for allowing us to place this memorial on their land.

In July, FOPE took to the water for a guided paddle around Docherty Creek since COVID restrictions at that time did not permit us to hold our usual Flotilla. 24 people in canoes and kayaks enjoyed a warm morning on the water. With changes in the restrictions, On September 19th we were able to have a Fall Flotilla launching from Conns Mills ending at Estuary House to enjoy the music of the Abandoned House Band. This was a free event but we welcomed donations to the FOPE "Raise the Roof Campaign".

FOPE Keeps Busy Year Round

Estuary House was extensively renovated with support from a Canada 150 grant a few years ago but the porch (main entry to the house) and the roof were not included at that time. After hurricane Dorian last fall, the need to repair the porch and replace the roof became apparent. This August, FOPE launched the "Raise the Roof Campaign" to encourage donations from our membership and community. Repairs on the porch will be completed this fall and the roof will be replaced next summer.

FOPE has the funds to support these repairs and we will be seeking additional grants but we will need to raise more funds to continue to operate as we have in the past. Donations can be made by mail or e-transfer to FOPE or using paypal or CanadaHelps. Please direct any enquires to Betty (902 243 2476) or Eleanor (902 447 2818). Every donation helps and will be tax receipted.

The FOPE Feast fell victim to COVID restrictions but we are hoping to plan an event before Christmas. FOPE will continue our mission to safeguard the environment and provide opportunities to engage the public in learning about nature through events such as our Fall Migratory Bird Count scheduled for 9am September 26th at Estuary House.

We look forward to seeing you on the River or on the trails.

Betty Hodgson, FOPE Chair

YOGA

Pugwash Peace Hall
MAT sessions: 10am Wednesday
 9am Fridays
CHAIR yoga : 11:30am Wednesdays
 \$40 per month block of classes
 Pre-register with Sarah at
 Phone: 902 243 2985
 Email: witney.sarah@gmail.com

NEW: 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: pugwashvillage.skedda.com/booking. Click on the big green button to make your booking.

Some restrictions currently apply until all pandemic response measures are lifted. Questions? Call the Clerk at 902.243.2946 or email events@pugwashvillage.com



Pugwash Ground Search and Rescue is a volunteer run organization that serves all of Cumberland

County in the event a person becomes

lost or missing in our vast tracks of wilderness. The group also provides mutual aid to search teams across Nova Scotia when called upon by the Provincial Emergency Management Office.

Pugwash Ground Search and Rescue is currently in preparation to become a designated Comfort Station for the Pugwash area during significant storm events.

We are currently welcoming new members of all skill levels and backgrounds to fill many roles within the group. We meet monthly at our headquarters on King Street in Pugwash and provide training in map reading, compass navigation, GPS and search techniques. If you are interested in joining a fun and diverse group, please reach out to pugwash_gsar@hotmail.com.

Amy Tizzard

Pugwash Village Hall

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

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Pugwash Visitor Information Centre

Pugwash Village Hall

OPEN by chance or by appointment.

Please call the Village Clerk at 902.243.2946

Change in School Bus Drop Off Areas

The school year has finally returned. Staff, parents and students are adjusting to the new covid-19 procedures and rules. We are glad to have of students and staff back in our school and are happy to say that it has been a great start to the school year.

One of the new developments this year is our new student drop off area. Buses will now be dropping elementary school students off on Church Street between 8:30am and 8:45 am. This makes their entrance to the building easier and safer. It greatly reduces the traffic congestion that we were experiencing on Queen Street.

Families dropping off students are asked to still use Queen Street and please avoid coming into the school parking area, as space is limited.

We hope that local drivers are not too inconvenienced by the new bus drop off schedule. If drivers choose to use other roads to avoid the delay for this fifteen minute period in the weekday mornings, we ask them to please be mindful of students walking to school and other pedestrians.

Steve Wells, CEES Principal



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

Royal Canadian Legion Peace Branch 60

We hope to reinstate all regular events once the Provincial state of emergency is lifted.

We are waiting for an easing of restrictions before deciding whether to run the usual Remembrance Day supper.

Yard Sale
September 26th, 9am to 1pm

Canteen: 902.243.2123
Bar hours: closed

Hall rentals currently unavailable
New members always welcome.

Ken Cameron

North Cumberland Memorial Hospital Auxiliary (NCMHA)

The NCMHA Thrift Shop reopened on June 10th in accordance with public health protocols. We are limited to 6 customers at a time in the shop. Masks are mandatory for both customers and workers and hand sanitizer is provided as you enter. We are operating our normal hours, which are: Wednesday from 1-4; Thursday from 10-4; and Saturday from 9-12 noon. Because of the restrictions on the number of people allowed in, Bag Day has been suspended indefinitely.

Our online auction has also resumed. It can be accessed through Facebook by typing in ncmhathriftshop. Items are posted on Monday and the auction runs until Sunday. Rules are posted on the Facebook page.

Bursaries were awarded to Jessica Liebman and Taylor Spicer at their PDHS graduation ceremony. Both graduates are continuing their education in a health-related field.

Our next monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, October 6th at 2pm in the hospital boardroom.

Faye Moore

Rising to the Challenge of Keeping Curling Covid Free

Northumberland Community Curling Club will reopen for the 20/21 season but with restrictions due to covid-19. An ad hoc committee, named *Return to Play* is comprised of NCCC chair, Beryl MacLean and one representative from each of the NCCC standing committees. The committee is working on guidelines from recommendations made by Curl Canada, Curl NS and Nova Scotia Public Health protocols. The NCCC new guidelines will be communicated to members and social media as soon as they have been approved by the Board.

An Orientation Week, with registration and sign-up for leagues, will take place the week of October 26 -29, Mon. – Thurs., 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm. During that week potential new members are encouraged to visit the club

for information and to register. There will be an hour session, each night, explaining the new rules of play, safety measures which will be in effect, and any changes in scheduling.

Flyers will be mailed out to all households after Thanksgiving weekend Oct. 10 -12. They will include information about programs available, schedules and prices. Little Rocks and Juniors, and Sunset Industries Curling will not be available this year because of COVID-19 restrictions.

Safety for curlers is a major concern. This requires sanitizing of all areas of common usage: handles of entrance doors, boot-boys, washrooms and tables and chairs. Locker rooms will be closed. Coffee and bar drinks will be served at the tables. We will encour-

age maintaining social distancing of 2 meters.

Each curler will sign the log book on entering the rink stating the date, their name and phone number. This can be used for tracing and also to form teams for Morning Men's and Morning Ladies Curling, eliminating the necessity of drawing tiles.

Curling can be a challenging game; with restrictions it will be even more so. NCCC, with its many enthusiastic volunteers and history of success, will work to meet this challenge.

Hazel Felderhof



Pugwash Village Commissioners: Who are they?

Pugwash Village has five elected Commissioners who volunteer their time to help decide what is going on in YOUR Village. To be a Commissioner, you have to live within Village limits 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.

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

Bill Martin (902 614 3000 or bill@billmartin.ca) lives on Church Street. Bill is a retired Baptist pastor and is the Pugwash Volunteer Fire Department Chaplain.

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

Tracey Mundle - has recently resigned from the Commission as she has moved out of the Village.

Kathy Redmond - has recently resigned from the Commission to run as Councillor for District 4

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



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Next Regular Commission Meetings

September 14th
October 19th
November 9th

Annual General Meeting
Cancelled. New date TBA

Meetings start at 7pm
Meetings may use Zoom - see
details on the Village website

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Village Commission Election/ By-election Day 2020

October 10th. Three vacancies

Nomination period:
September 16th to September 30th.

Two vacancies for terms ending June 2023
One Vacancy for term ending June 2022

Nomination papers must include signatures from five Village electors. To be eligible for the Commission, a candidate must be 18 years old or older on the day of the election and Canadian citizen. Candidates for the Village Commission must also normally reside within the Village of Pugwash and have lived in the Village for at least six months.

The same qualifications apply to electors. There is no proxy vote permitted. There is no advance poll.

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

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Did you know ... The area of the Village of Pugwash is 9.81 square kilometres and has a population of 736?

The Village was founded in 1807 and incorporated in 1948.



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