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## North Cumberland Memorial Hospital Project Site preparation and early construction now underway

This summer, the construction contract for the new North Cumberland Memorial Hospital (NCMH) was awarded to Avondale Construction Group.

This is a significant milestone and one that our physicians, staff, patients and volunteers have been patiently awaiting. To celebrate, a sod turning was held on July 12, 2021 with Nova Scotia Health, the NCMH Foundation and government partners.



Joining Lloyd Hines, former Minister of Transportation and Active Transit, for the sod turning was Dr. Brian McFarlane, NCMH redevelopment project medical lead, Brian Gordon, North Cumberland Community Health Foundation chair, and Barbie Cook, NCMH site manager and redevelopment project clinical lead.

As part of early construction, a temporary parking lot is being constructed, the maintenance shed is being relocated and fencing placed around the construction site. The site of the new hospital is being prepared for the construction of the concrete and steel structures this winter. There will be impacts to parking and traffic flow even in these early stages. As a precaution, please allow extra time when travelling to the hospital and watch for construction crews.

The new North Cumberland Memorial Hospital will provide enough space for the services housed in the current hospital and in the primary care clinic next door to be under one roof. Doctor and nurse practitioner offices will be in one wing of the building connected through common reception areas with hospital-based services including urgent care, x-ray, laboratory and observation/short-stay patient care beds. The facility will be located on land between the present hospital and East Cumberland Lodge on Gulf Shore Road in the village of Pugwash.

Many thanks to our staff, physicians, volunteers and residents who have helped move the project forward. If you have questions, email [Barbie.Cook@nshealth.ca](mailto:Barbie.Cook@nshealth.ca).



Pugwash Market has had another successful and well-attended season, despite ongoing Covid restrictions. Visitor numbers have ranged from 650 to over 900 this summer, which is incredible given the ongoing Covid situation. While precautions are relaxing, most people, are still choosing to wear masks. We appreciate everyone's consideration in these uncertain times.

This summer marks the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Pugwash Farmers' Market! I would like to give a shout-out to the original champions of the Market without whom we would not have such a vibrant Village on Saturday mornings: Kirsteen Thompson and Louise Haycocks, John Duynesveld, Janet Rose, Brian & Peggy Stevens and Debbie Lawless. Other loyal, long-time vendors have worked hard since 2006 to keep the Market running successfully. We will be hosting a local food event on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Watch [pugwashfarmersmarket.com](http://pugwashfarmersmarket.com) for more details.

Our last regular Market Day is Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. A big **thank-you** to the vendors who have endured blistering heat and humidity this summer. Another big **thank-you** to all you faithful shoppers, cottagers, and those from away who make the Market the vibrant, happy place it is.

The Christmas Market this year will be **Saturday, 13 November**, storm date of **November 14<sup>th</sup>**. We will be outdoors at the Market site again. Covid aside, many of us feel that nip in the air contributes to the mounting excitement of Christmas. Rumour has it that Santa might visit again this year.

Marney Simmons

### Public Washrooms

There are public washrooms available at the Village Hall (office hours) and the Train Station Baggage Room (May to October). A porta-potty has been installed at Dinghy Beach for the past two summers.

The Village plans to do some significant renovations to the Village Hall to create a fully accessible wash-room with access 24/7. We hope to have this available by Spring 2022.

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## Thinkers Lodge Summit on Nuclear and Climate Crises

With the reopening of Thinkers Lodge, it is possible to convene gatherings again of Thinkers to discuss world affairs and how these may impact our region in Atlantic Canada.

The Centre for Local Prosperity, in partnership with Thinkers Lodge, is inviting 12 regional leaders to the *Thinkers Lodge Summit on Nuclear and Climate Crises*, from Sept 30 to Oct 3. They will be in discussions with 12 global leaders attending virtually to discuss the combined threats of nuclear war and climate change. The Thinkers who will be coming to the Lodge include Atlantic Canada students and others involved in international nuclear policy, climate science and action, as well as arts and psychological aspects of working with these issues.

Public online events related to this Summit are posted on the Centre for Local Prosperity website. These include public webinar discussions with some of the Thinkers on August 25, September 7 and September 13. Recordings of these webinars are posted to the Centre for Local Prosperity website.

Public events may include a presentation and discussion with students at the Pugwash High School (details to be announced).

Collaborating partner organizations for this Summit include *International Student/Young Pugwash (ISYP)*, *Student Pugwash USA (SPUSA)*, the *Bulletin of Atomic Scientists*, the *Outrider Foundation*, and the *Canadian Chapter of the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War*.

For more information, visit:  
[www.centreforlocalprosperity.ca](http://www.centreforlocalprosperity.ca)

Robert Cervelli

## Recycling Goes in Recycling slot, Litter goes in the Garbage slot....

There are eight multi sorter garbage/recycling/compost bins around the Village.

\$63.35 from refundables was donated to the North Cumberland Community Health Foundation over this summer. Thank you to everyone who helped us raise those funds by putting your pop or juice container in the right slot.

Residents and visitors are reminded that these bins are not for household garbage and to please pay attention to which part of the bins refuse is deposited. The bins are all well labeled as to which section is for what purpose.

So much garbage was being added to the bins, that the Village had to get a locked dumpster for the overflow. Garbage sorting guides and pick-up calendars are available at the Village Hall.

Putting refuse in the wrong slot makes for an unhealthy and potentially dangerous situation for Village staff and for workers at KGB recycling when sorting the bags.

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## Communities in Bloom Celebrates Gardeners, Artists and Community Heroes

Helen Matheson

The 2021 Festival of Gardens was a huge success with more than 30 entries. Four properties were awarded prizes, not because they were perfect gardens, but because the gardeners were committed to having an outdoor experience that provided happiness, beauty and natural bounty. Congratulations to the Bingham Family for a real family effort; Valerie Brown who shares her beautiful flowers with the village; Sunset residents and volunteers who expend so much creative energy creating a wonderful space; Bev Kempt for creating her peaceful and enchanting garden. And to all the many gardeners out there: keep going, we appreciate your efforts!

2022 will be very special for gardening. Parliament of Canada proclaimed 2022 Year of the Garden. Visit Year of the Garden (<https://gardenscanada.ca/year-of-the-garden/>)

CIB officially launched the Pugwash Open Air Gallery with a celebration in Eaton Park featuring the artists and thanking the generous sponsors. Self-guided tour info maps (now available at the Village Hall) were distributed. Art cards are sold at Basic Spirit retail store. Visit the website <http://www.pugwashart.com/> for information about the art and video interviews with the artists.

**Annual Community Pride in Action Awards;** you can nominate someone or suggest an organization by emailing [nsmiley@bellaliant.com](mailto:nsmiley@bellaliant.com). Given to indi-

viduals or organizations who have enriched our village through their community service and generosity of spirit by setting an example of what it takes to grow a village of positive energetic people who care about each other. Over 80 recipients have been recognized since we began the program in 2011.

And did you know, CIB is totally funded by donations? And we can issue you a tax receipt for your donation. CIB is a community organization dedicated to encouraging community growth; people and plants growing together. We welcome ALL volunteers. Visit our Facebook page **Pugwash Communities in Bloom**. Call Maureen Leahey 902-243-3454 or Mary Maron 902-257-2468 for how you can help.



Photo provided by DiannElliott

An idyllic scene on Pugwash River during the FOPE summer flotilla. For more information, please see page 4.



Friends of the  
Pugwash Estuary

The Friends of the Pugwash Estuary (FOPE) hopes that everyone was able to be outside and enjoy the good weather this summer. We could not have asked for a better day for our Summer Flotilla on July 10th. Sixty-five paddlers took part in a 2-hour paddle from Estuary House, up river to Canfield Creek and back to enjoy a barbeque and the music of the Abandoned House Band. Many thanks to everyone who contributed to making the event such a success; even the mosquitoes cooperated and stayed away.

Our hiking trails have continued to be well used throughout the summer and are in good shape. We are hoping that there will not be any damaging wind storms this fall. A review of the streams and culverts feeding into the Pugwash River earlier this summer with Clean Foundation and the Salmon Federation revealed that the streams are in pretty good shape and that the work done 10 years ago is still largely intact and functioning - good news indeed.

FOPE is disappointed to report that our new steel roof has not been completed yet due to difficulty getting the materials. Once again, we are hoping for good weather through October so that work can be completed.

## FOPE trails kept busy all year

The Fall Migratory Bird Count will take place on September 25<sup>th</sup>, and we will be looking for contributions from feeder watchers. Phone or email results to Betty at 902 243 2476 or ejhodgsonca@yahoo.com. Our observational blue heron study is ongoing as well. A few herons were observed along the shore during the early summer but the numbers have been steadily increasing from mid-August as the young leave the nest. So far, we have not located any nesting sites between Tidnish and Tamagouche.

FOPE is looking forward to the end of pandemic restrictions so that we can plan more group and social events. We are beginning planning for the development of a series of pamphlets or booklets about the Pugwash River, use of the river and safe-guarding the environment. FOPE is always looking for new members and volunteers to help with various projects.

Please visit our web site [www.pugwashestuary.com](http://www.pugwashestuary.com) or reach us through email: [pugwash.estuary@gmail.com](mailto:pugwash.estuary@gmail.com) or Facebook: Friends of the Pugwash Estuary.

Betty Hodgson, FOPE Chair

## Pugwash Village Hall

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

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

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

124 Water Street  
PO Box 220  
Pugwash, NS  
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902-243-2946

## Pugwash Visitor Information Centre Pugwash Village Hall

**Fall hours:**  
Come by chance  
Monday to Friday.

COVID-19 restrictions may apply

## New Federal Statutory Holiday: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

The Government of Canada is committed to reconciliation and ensuring that the tragic history and ongoing legacy of residential schools is never forgotten.

As you may be aware, the government recently passed legislation to make **September 30<sup>th</sup>** a federal statutory holiday called the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Like all Canadians, this day provides an opportunity for each public servant to recognize and commemorate the legacy of residential schools. This may present itself as a day of quiet reflection or participation in a community event.

Our current collective agreements include provisions to allow for an additional designated holiday if one is proclaimed by an act of Parliament. As a result, the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation will become a designated paid holiday and will allow employees in the federal public service to observe and participate in this important day starting September 2021.

Government of Canada

Nova Scotia will annually recognize Sept. 30 as Truth and Reconciliation Day beginning in 2021.

Provincial government offices, public schools and regulated child care will be closed. Businesses will have the choice, as they do on other occasions, to remain open. "We are taking this step to recognize the importance of honouring First Nations, Inuit and Métis residential school survivors and their families and communities," said Premier Tim Houston. "We encourage all Nova Scotians, whether you are working or in school, to make time on September 30 for important discussions about Canada's history of residential schools."

Truth and Reconciliation Day will acknowledge the legacy of residential schools and the role it holds in the reconciliation process.

Province of Nova Scotia

## Government Services in Pugwash - by level of government

Service	Village of Pugwash	Municipality Cumberland County	Province of Nova Scotia	Federal Canada	Other
Banners	✓				CIB/Legion
Basketball courts	✓				
Beaches			✓	✓	
Boardwalk	✓				
Boat Ramp	✓				
Building permits		✓			
Car Parks - train station and Harbourfront	✓				
Cenotaph	✓				Legion
Christmas-by-the-sea	✓				
Community Garden	✓				Food bank
Crosswalks			✓		
Curb - if no sidewalk			✓		
Curb - if sidewalk is present	✓				
Curling Club					NCCC
Dinghy Beach docks					HF Committee
Dog catcher		✓			
Eaton Park	✓				
East Cumberland Lodge		✓	✓		
Farmers' Market	✓				Farmers Market
Fire Department		✓			
Fishermen's wharf					✓
Flower gardens - public	✓				CIB
Flower planters and window boxes	✓				CIB
Garbage pick-up/management	✓	✓			
Gathering of the Clans	✓				
HarbourFest					HF Committee
Hydrants		✓			
Hospital			✓		
Income Assistance				✓	
Landfill site		✓			
Library	✓	✓	✓		
Noise bylaw enforcement					RCMP
Parking restrictions			✓		
Playground - Eaton Park	✓				
Police (RCMP)		✓		✓	
Private Roads					owner
Public washrooms - Village Hall & CN Station	✓				
Recreational programs	✓	✓			
Recycling pick-up/ management	✓	✓			
Schools			✓		
Seawall - park and car park	✓				
Seawall - Crescent Beach			✓?	✓?	
Sewer		✓			
Sidewalks	✓				
Snow removal - sidewalks, car parks	✓				
Snow removal - streets			✓		
Storm drains			✓		
Streets			✓		
Streetlights	✓	✓			
Sunset Community		✓	✓		
Supply water		✓			
Tennis Courts	✓				
Traffic act enforcement - parking, speeding etc					RCMP
Unsanitary and dangerous premises		✓			
Visitor Information Centre	✓				
Volleyball court	✓				
Free Wifi - Village Hall and CN Station	✓				

The chart on the left demonstrates many of the services offered in Pugwash and who is responsible for delivering them. There are many more events and facilities that are run by volunteers. There are too many to mention here, which is part of what makes Pugwash an awesome place to be - too many volunteer organizations! Many of those organization report their events and progress in this newsletter. They can be found listed on the Village website at: [www.pugwashvillage.com/index.php/living-in-pugwash/volunteer-organizations](http://www.pugwashvillage.com/index.php/living-in-pugwash/volunteer-organizations)

The chart is a very simplistic representation of who is responsible for what - it does not show the degree of collaboration between some levels of government or the funding that comes from each level. It is primarily to demonstrate what services are unique to the Village of Pugwash.

It was determined some years ago that the same services the Village offers could only be provided by other levels of government at a least the same tax rate as the Village charges.

If you have a question, problem or compliment on any of the services listed, first find which level of government looks after that service and then contact them at:

**Village of Pugwash:** 902.243.2946 or [villagecommission@pugwashvillage.com](mailto:villagecommission@pugwashvillage.com)

**Municipality of Cumberland County:** 902.667.2312 or <https://www.cumberlandcounty.ns.ca/> for specific contacts.

**Provincial** - go to [pugwashvillage.com/index.php/government/provincial-government](http://pugwashvillage.com/index.php/government/provincial-government) for a listing of some services.

**Federal** - go to [www.pugwashvillage.com/index.php/government/federal-government](http://www.pugwashvillage.com/index.php/government/federal-government) for a listing of some services.

*[Item reprinted by popular demand]*

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### Message from your Councillor

As your municipal councillor I would just like to invite individuals and groups or organizations to contact me directly at 902-297-1298 or [jhoughtaling@cumberlandcounty.ns.ca](mailto:jhoughtaling@cumberlandcounty.ns.ca) regarding issues or for more information on what I can do to help you.

My role is to collaboratively work with others to source funding opportunities, find ways for likeminded people to work together and form relationships with local businesses and organizations so we can communicate with each other to understand what is best for our community. I am also available if you are looking for any information regarding the services provided by the Municipality of the County of Cumberland, these include property development, planning and zoning, building permits and inspections, recreation, solid waste, police and fire services support, water and wastewater services in densely populated areas, library support, tourism, community and economic development, capital projects and infrastructure, grants to non-profit organizations, climate change and emergency management.

If you are new to the area, I would love to hear from you about your experience so far and if you would like to get involved in the community please reach out and I can put you in touch with local volunteer opportunities. Take care!

Jennifer Houghtaling



### Pugwash Ready for next Gathering of the Clans

In what would have been the 70th anniversary year, the 2021 Pugwash Gathering of the Clans again fell victim to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions early in the year. This was the second year that pandemic restrictions had cancelled the

festival, an important cultural and family event in Cumberland County.

There are just too many facets to this festival, that usually includes the help of over 130 volunteers and dozens of other groups and vendors, to risk going ahead.

Essential parts of the festival include sanctioned competitions that are under the authority of organizations such as ScotDance and the Atlantic Pipe and Drum Association. These organizations are still not allowing for in person competitions, so cancelling for July 1st turned out to be a wise move.

We have great hopes for 2022 - with old favourites such as the parade, fireworks music and vendors and we are working on some new events.

What ideas do you have for the Pugwash Gathering of the Clans and Fishermen's Regatta?

We are always on the look out for volunteers to help with the parade, the gates and the competitions. Send your constructive and fun ideas or offers of help to: [events@pugwashvillage.com](mailto:events@pugwashvillage.com)

Lisa Betts

### The Pugwash Harbourfront Stage saw a lot of action this summer, and we are not done yet!

There were several music acts, including Derailed, Gospel in the Park and the Myles Goodwin Trio. Coming up on September 12th is an open mic hosted by the Abandoned House Band.

Exercise classes and Tai Chi became a regular activity. The Village Recreation Director organized and ran a lot

of programming on the stage with activities such as Theatre Sports, arts and crafts, outdoor fitness and Friday night movies.

There has been some interest in forming a drama group. If you are interested in joining or can offer your expertise in workshops or master classes, please contact us at [events@pugwashvillage.com](mailto:events@pugwashvillage.com).

The Village could offer some classes in

acting and stage craft. However, the biggest part of the work of putting on a successful show is done backstage. We are looking for talents in costume making, sound and lighting design and set design and fabrication.

We would like to encourage other performance arts such as in different forms of dance and music.

What ideas do you have?

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## Pugwash Volunteer Fire Department's 27th Annual Mackerel and Bass Fishing Tournament

The Pugwash Volunteer Fire Department hosted the 27th Annual Mackerel and Bass Fishing Tournament August 21st and 22nd.

This tournament is a major fundraiser for the fire department and was a success thanks to businesses in Pugwash and surrounding areas who donated all the prizes that were awarded, and everyone who came out and registered for a beautiful two days of fishing.

Jason Trenholm was the 1st place winner in the mackerel category, his catch weighing in at 1.13 lbs. Jason won a new propane patio heater donated by Charman's Home Hardware in Wallace. Nick Roddick was 2nd at 1.0 lb, and Ron Allen came in 3rd at 0.97 lb.

Branden Boudreau was the 1st place winner in the bass category with a 2.4 lb. catch, which awarded him a brand-new outboard motor donated by Cobequid Mountain Sports.

The firefighter category was won by Shane Theale of River Hebert at a weight of 0.89 lb. Previously funds raised in this tournament went towards the purchase of a water rescue boat.

After purchasing the water rescue boat last year the funds are now going towards the purchase of an off-road rescue vehicle. Thank you to everyone for their continuing support!

Amy & Kyle Laird



Photo: from Brandon Boudreau

Brandon Boudreau – First Place Bass Category



## Creative Thinking and Flexible Schedule Keep HarbourFest Events Going Through the Summer

The uncertainty around COVID-19 restrictions this year forced the HarbourFest-Homecoming committee to think outside the box. The 'traditional' weekend of HarbourFest was not an option, as it would certainly exceed the allowable numbers of spectators.

Instead, this summer, we have hosted a series of free events titled "HarbourFest-Homecoming Presents"- 3 concerts and one performance- on the Harbourfront stage in Eaton Park. The first was the Ellis Brothers, a very popular blues/rock local band, followed by Derailed 2.0 with their vintage rock sound. A puppet theatre, performed by The North Barn Theatre Collective, was enjoyed by the young and not so young.

Our final concert in this series took place

on September 5 and featured the Myles Goodwin Trio. It proved to be our most popular event of the summer.

Additionally, our committee, with the assistance of some dedicated volunteers, was able to install the docks at Dinghy Beach again this year. We are always happy to see the numerous families and young people taking advantage of this safe place to swim.

The HarbourFest-Homecoming committee is pleased that we were able to provide opportunities for residents of the village and surrounding area to get out and enjoy our wonderful summer. Fingers crossed that next year we will see a return of the full slate of HarbourFest-Homecoming activities.

If you are a group or individual with an idea for an activity to take place during

HarbourFest-Homecoming 2022, please contact us. We'd love to help your ideas come alive. Contact us at [harbourfest1@gmail.com](mailto:harbourfest1@gmail.com).



Derailed played the Pugwash Harbourfront Centre on August 15th

Thank you to all the volunteers, sponsors and the Village of Pugwash for supporting HarbourFest Homecoming again this year.

Kirsteen Thomson



Photo: Bill Martin

L-R : Shane Theale – 1<sup>st</sup> Firefighter Category, Ron Allen – 3<sup>rd</sup> Mackerel, Jason Trenholm – 1<sup>st</sup> Mackerel, Nick Roddick and son – 2<sup>nd</sup> Mackerel, and Kyle Laird – Pugwash Firefighter/Tournament Chair

### Remembrance Day Thursday, November 11th

10:45am Parade to Cenotaph (from the old fire hall)

11am Cenotaph

#### Online Booking of 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](http://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. Please add some information about your event when booking the stage or the park.

Questions? Call the Clerk at 902.243.2946 or email [events@pugwashvillage.com](mailto:events@pugwashvillage.com)

## Camp Pagweak – What a Success!

We are just finishing week 8 of the camping season at Pagweak, and what a successful summer we have had! It started off with a few challenges due to Covid restrictions but each week we were able to gradually get back to normal!

Our camps filled up very quickly and in some cases we had waiting lists. We were happy to welcome many new campers and hope they return next summer! Check out the Pagweak Facebook page – you will see lots of photos and happy faces!

Thank you to Camp Director David Throop and Melanie Falconer, Assistant Director and our great staff for all their hard work!

In September we are holding a Ladies Retreat on Sept. 17-19. This is always a popular event and all the info is found on the camp web page. Ladies come from all over and look forward to seeing friends each year. Also in Sept. we hold our annual Supporter's Picnic – this year it is planned for Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm – everyone is welcome so come on over! Rental opportunities are also available for the fall months.

**A big thank you to the Village of Pugwash – you support our Camp in so many ways!**

Ruth Rushton

## NORTH CUMBERLAND MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

The NCMH Auxiliary presented bursaries to Parker Van de Wiel and Olivia Wilson at their Pugwash District High School graduation in June. Both are planning to continue their education in a health-related field.

With the construction of the new hospital taking place close to our Shop, we would like to remind our customers to use extra caution in parking and accessing the Shop during this time. While we are striving to keep our regular hours of operation, there may be times when these will change. Our regular hours are: Wednesday 1PM-4PM; Thursday 10AM-4PM; and Saturday 9AM-12 Noon. Please keep an eye on our Facebook Page at ncmhathriftshop for any necessary changes due to the construction.

Our monthly meetings will resume on Tuesday, September 7 at 2PM in the hospital boardroom.

Faye Moore

## Fashion Show to be Hosted at Sunset

The Sunset Community is hosting our first Fashion Show on September 12<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm on the Sunset grounds with a rain date of Sept 19<sup>th</sup>.

The Fashion Show will feature clothing donated to our thrift stores and will be available for purchase along with displays of other products produced at Sunset Industries.

Some of those items will include arts and crafts, dog leash hangers (can be personalized) and an assortment of acrylic coasters. Pet ID tags, dog treats and many unique pieces of artwork created by clients of the Sunset day program at Sunset Industries will also be available. The Sunset Lifestyles team will have tables items for purchase. All proceeds go towards the Lifestyles recreation programs at Sunset and improvements to our Thrift Store in Oxford. Come out, enjoy the afternoon, and help to raise funds for a good cause.

Tickets are \$10 each and are available at either of Sunset's thrift stores in Pugwash and Oxford as well as at the door. The Fashion Show will be presented on the lawn around the band shell outside the residential centre. Ample parking is available at the site.

Randy Thompson

## West Pugwash Women's Institute

The West Pugwash Women's Institute is a local branch of an international non-profit organization for rural women who wish to make a difference in their community. We meet once a month for social interaction and to address community needs in our area. At our meetings we decide on how to raise money funds for seniors, struggling families, school programs, funds for high school seniors to further their education, food hampers, volunteer fire departments and other needs in our community.

COVID-19 restrictions have limited our work this year, but we have managed to have an on-line auction and our annual yard sale as well as a fudge sale in the spring. We got together in August and had a fancy hat tea in Eaton Park.

Anyone who is interested is welcome to come and join us at one of our monthly meetings as a guest. We meet at the Legion in Pugwash on the second Tuesday of every month at 1:30pm.

Our first meeting of the season will be September 21 (this month the only exception from being on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the week) at the Legion at 1:30pm.

We look forward to seeing you there. For further information please contact Sue Duncan (902-243-2595) or Judy Turple (902-243-2231).

Sue Duncan



## Royal Canadian Legion Peace Branch 60



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

**Rafflebox** Peace Branch 60 is now with Nova Scotia Legions weekly raffle box 50/50. Ticket sales end at noon on each Saturday with the draw at 5pm

**1st and 3rd Saturday of the month. Cribbage.** 1pm. \$20 per two person team. Season may start Fall 2021

**Chase the Ace** Every Saturday. 3-5pm. Draw at 5:15pm. Ticket holder must be present for the draw to win.

We have hopes for a Fall yard sale

For more information check our Facebook page *Pugwash Legion Peace Branch 60*

New members always welcome.

Ken Cameron



The Pugwash Fire Department's 50/50 Toonie continues through the pandemic. The number of drop boxes has

changed over the last few months, here is the up to date list: Sunrise Country Market Port Howe, Langille's Automotive, Scotia Bank, O'Brien's Pharmacy, Pugwash Kwik Way, Langille's Esso, Sheryl's Bakery & Café, The Lantern Restaurant, Crossroads, and the Sunset Community (for employees only).

Our website is getting plenty of hits, players are checking 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. Please check out our site at [pugwashfire.tooniedraw.ca](http://pugwashfire.tooniedraw.ca)

The home page on the website shows when it was last updated, which is normally done after the Wednesday night draw, so if you have paid during the week for future weeks, it

won't show up until after the draw.

You can still contact us at [pugwashfiretoonie2016@gmail.com](mailto: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 shortly after 6pm. Members of the public will be welcome to come along to the Fire Station to witness the draw after the pandemic. Today we are recording each draw on a 30 second movie, if anyone would like to see it we can provide a copy.

The weekly drawn number is also 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.

Andy Yarrow



## Civic number signage saves lives

Picture this - you arrive home from work and detect a heavy smell of smoke or friends come to visit and one of them suddenly has deep chest pains. These are potential emergencies. Are you ready? You know to call 911 for help, but do you know your civic number and the proper name of your street?

Is that civic number posted correctly so that emergency responders can find you? In the dark? In a snow storm?

Experienced emergency responders have all felt the frustration and heartbreak of arriving too late - just because of time wasted looking for an address when the civic number was not visible or not even there.

Emergencies can happen to anyone. Even you.

The Municipality of Cumberland has a By-Law in place (06-03) 'Civic Addressing By-Law' in which it states in paragraph 8 that the owner of a lot on which a building is located, including an incomplete building for which a building permit has been issued, shall post and keep posted on the lot or building the assigned civic number.

Signs should be standard size reflective white on blue, between 2-6m from the travelled part of the road, 1.2m above the ground and posted in a location which is clearly visible from the public street or private road. Signs and posts can be pur-

chased from your local fire department or the Municipality.

If you are inside the Pugwash Volunteer Fire Department coverage area, please send your civic address to [pugwash-fire@gmail.com](mailto:pugwash-fire@gmail.com) or call and leave a message at 902.243.2600. Payment of \$45 can be made by cheque, e-transfer or COD when they deliver and install your brand new sign, already mounted on a post.

Help us find you when you, your family member, visitor or neighbour needs help.

Staff & Chief Yarrow, PDVFD

## Cumberland Trails Association

We have been busy working on bringing a "Destination Trail" to northern Nova Scotia. This will create a high profile trail that will attract both motorized and non-motorized users to the region.

The most exciting project has been to save the arch culvert at Docherty Brook near Pugwash Junction meeting NS Dept. Forestry and Environment bridge standards.

With no grant cash available for this project; YOU stepped forward! Our community and friends near and far raised \$60,000 to ensure this trail stays safe and open for the present and well into the future!! Many thanks to all those who made a donation.

Visit the Cumberland Trails Facebook page to stay up-to-date on trail improvements and soon...guided hike/bike experiences.

Greg Nix



## An active, hot and humid summer for NTPA and PITA

Photo: James Raftan



Front row: Sarah Witney, Marjorie Stone, Doug Hunt, Dianne Elliott, Faith MacKinnon, Donna Grandy, Calla Shank-Hogue, Diane Burnham, Rocky Irons, Rod Young. Back Row: Andy Wainwright, Werner Van Thielen, Karen George, Ches Grandy, Mike Magnus. Missing: Mallory Rushton

The tenth annual Pugwash International Tennis Association (PITA) tournament took place last Sunday on a gorgeous sunny day with a full turnout. The winner of the first tournament in 2012, George Verrilli, showed up to present the grand champion trophies to our 2021 winners, Mike Magnus (one of the original gang of PITA) and Rod Young. The semi-finalists were Werner Van Thielen & Andy Wainwright vs. Dianne Elliott & Karen George. Rocky Irons & Ches Grandy vs. Mike Magnus and Rod Young were the other semi-finalists. Huge congratulations to all!

Throughout this season, NTPA, has orchestrated many successful programs and games. Weekly Sunday morning tennis pickup games and bi-weekly pickleball games (Tues & Thurs, 6-8) have been well attended, despite the rain and heat. Sarah Witney, Bob Nogler with help from Mallory Rushton (Village Recreation Director) offered a "try tennis program" for youth and beginners with newly acquired adaptable equipment. Sarah has continued successfully for the last six weeks with lessons for adults. On an extremely hot humid day, two top notch Tennis Nova Scotia clinicians engaged 12 of our eager NTPA players to zone in on their skills. Kudos to all that made these exciting activities happen this season. The fall will bring continued enjoyable play, come join the fun.

Diane Burnham

### *It Takes a Village Newsletter*

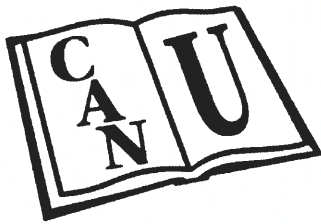
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## Pugwash Yacht Club

There has been considerable activity this summer.

Our first social in July included officially recognizing the naming of our facility as Bill Mundle Marina, home of the Pugwash Yacht Club.

The number of visiting boats has increased and we have received positive feedback about our village and hospitality.

Our August social involved our first annual Walla Balla competition. I am very pleased to report that the Commodore's team beat the Dockmaster's team.

We continue, with determination, to pursue our capital project.

Members have participated in two training exercises with the Pugwash Volunteer Fire Department. The department is proving to be a real asset to the marina.

Debbie Cameron

## CAN-U IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS Cumberland Adult Network for Upgrading

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## NCCC Moving Forward in Anticipation of a Regular Season

Northumberland Community Curling Club (NCCC) held a Board meeting on August 25 to discuss plans for reopening for the coming season. The Board is hoping that NCCC can return to a normal schedule of events which would include use of lockers, funspiels, socializing after games and generally mixing and mingling in the lounge. Final plans cannot be made until mid-September as we wait to coordination with official statements given out by Chief Health Officer, Dr. Robert Strang and Curling Nova Scotia. All depends on when the Province moves into stage 5 of the COVID-19 protocol.

Hazel Felderhof

Meetings that were postponed in the spring have now been re-scheduled. The **housecleaning day** is set for **Sept 17, at 9am**. Don't wait for a special invitation; just show up with your pail and cloths and settle down to work. Cleaning day is always fun and provides a good opportunity to get re-acquainted with curling friends. There is always time for a coffee break... and sometimes someone thinks to bring cookies. The more volunteers, the more fun!

The annual **communications meeting will be held on Sept. 27 at 12:00 noon**. This is the time when all the heads of com-

mittees meet to discuss dates for the coming season and to review the past year and plan for the next.

We have lost some volunteers in the past year, so now is your opportunity to put your name forward to actively participate in the smooth running of our club. For more information watch for and read the brochures, posters and notices that will be coming out over the next few weeks.



## 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 Chair. Roger lives on Water Street and is retired after delivering furnace oil to the area for 28 years.

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

**Bill Martin** (902 614 3000) lives on Church Street. Bill is a retired Baptist pastor and is the Pugwash Volunteer Fire Department chaplain.

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

**Sue Duncan** (902 243 2595) lives on Water Street. She and her husband Terry retired in 2017 and moved to Pugwash from Ottawa.

### Pugwash Village Commission Meetings

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

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

If you would like to make a presentation, call the Clerk at 902 243 2946 or email [villagecommission@pugwashvillage.com](mailto:villagecommission@pugwashvillage.com)



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### Next Regular Commission Meetings

September 13th  
October 19th  
November 9th

Meetings start at 7pm

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

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## Annual General Meeting Tuesday, September 21st

7pm

Pugwash Harbourfront Centre  
135 Water Street, Pugwash

Presentations from local organizations supported by or that work in collaboration with the Village of Pugwash

2021 Financial Statement

All COVID-19 protocols will be observed.

### Village of Pugwash Merchandise



Village  
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