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## Community Spirit Award Presented to Pugwash by Lieutenant Governor Arthur J. LeBlanc



Insp. Blair Bannerman, His Honour The Honourable Arthur J. LeBlanc, Greg Nix, Cumberland Trails, Maureen Leahey, Communities in Bloom.  
Photo: Catherine Bussiere

On Sunday September 10th, His Honour Arthur J. LeBlanc, was in Pugwash to present the village with the 2023 Lieutenant Governor's Community Spirit Award.

This province-wide award celebrates the power, strength and diversity of vibrant communities across Nova Scotia. Pugwash was one of four communities chosen to receive this honour in 2023.

"This award recognizes and shows appreciation to the over 50 volunteer organizations and more than 500 volunteers who work hard to make this a resilient community. We are a small fishing community with a big heart, "can do" attitude, and the vision, creative spirit and determination to get things done!" says Maureen Leahey, Chair of Pugwash Communities in Bloom.

The award ceremony was hosted by the five volunteer organizations who nominated Pugwash to the Community Spirit Award committee: Cumberland Trails Assn., Friends of the Pugwash Estuary, Pugwash Harbourfest,

Pugwash Farmers' Market and Pugwash Communities in Bloom. The event was emceed by Greg Nix, Cumberland Trails Association. Guest speakers included Sue Duncan, Pugwash Village Commission; Murray Scott, Mayor of the Municipality of Cumberland County; Elizabeth Smith McCrossin, MLA Cumberland North; MLA Colchester North Tom Taggart representing the Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism & Heritage; and His Honour the Lieutenant Governor.

The Community Pride in Action Volunteer Awards were also presented to Eleanor Conrad, Cumberland Trails volunteers Valerie Brown, Dean Hunter, Maurice Gallant, Charles Kennedy and Clara and Larry MacDonald, with a

special award going to Mike Cunningham.

Just Like Magic, a commemorative poem by Richard Dittami, was read to celebrate the occasion.

"I am delighted to recognize Pugwash with the Community Spirit Award. It is a town that has gone above and beyond to ensure residents are connected and have a place to belong," said Lt.-Gov. Arthur J. LeBlanc. "The demonstrated commitment to positive change and collective growth is inspirational, and I was happy to meet community members during the award ceremony."

"Pugwash has a rich heritage of building connections within the community and creating a warm and supportive environment for all its residents. I'm pleased to recognize the exceptional efforts of the people of Pugwash and celebrate their commitment to making Nova Scotia a place to thrive." – MLA Colchester North, Tom Taggart, on behalf of the Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism & Heritage.



Norene Smiley

# Minister Masland Visits Pugwash Hospital Site



Aerial photo of the new facility showing East Cumberland Lodge in the near background and mobile construction company trailers in the foreground. These will be removed when the building is completed. Photo supplied by NS Health.

Public Works Minister Kim Masland visited the new North Cumberland Health Care Centre as clinical and support teams get ready for the transition to the new health care centre later this year.

The new facility will provide enough space for the services housed in the current hospital and in the primary health collaborative practice next door to be under one roof. Rachael Little, health services lead with Primary Health Care believes it will improve access for both patients and providers. "Patients can have blood work and then walk down the hall to see their provider. They don't have to go outside, walk in the rain or down an icy hill to get to the clinic – one stop," she shared.

Irene Chevarie, health services manager with the Primary Health Care Cumberland Network, looks forward to the additional space and increased access to equipment. "When everything is under one roof, we



(L to R): Dr. Brian MacFarlane, co-lead of the project's clinical planning team, Maryanne Jackson, North Cumberland Memorial Hospital site lead, Public Works Minister Kim Masland and Tyler Voeltz, project manager.

increase access to equipment, space and resources. This requires less coordination and planning for procedures which helps

us deliver care more efficiently," she says. "We are very excited, as much like the hospital, our current clinic has its challenges due to its age. There are bumps in the road but soon we will have a fresh, tranquil space that we will be proud of. And with anything fresh and new, I am optimistic it will attract providers and support recruitment. If you build it, they will come!"

Construction teams are working to complete flooring, painting, and finishing work. You can also follow the progress by visiting [www.pugwashhealthcare.ca](http://www.pugwashhealthcare.ca).

Jaimee Dobson, NS Health

### Public Meeting

A public meeting with NS Health to discuss the hospital and its status as an emergency or urgent care facility is being arranged. Once details are known they will be advertised to the public.

Staff

### Public Works

The Pugwash Public Works building (the old fire hall) is used heavily by the Village and for storage. To be even more useful and to improve its looks, it needs renovations inside and outside. The Village does not have the funds on hand to cover these costs. The building could be sold to raise funds to build a new one, but the Village still needs a Public Works shed in the meanwhile. A solution is being examined to enter a partnership with local construction company and contractor to provide a new Public Works shed elsewhere in the Village in return for the old one which they would renovate.

Staff

### Visitor Information Centre (VIC) to Return to Original Site in 2024

The Pugwash VIC started off at the historic Train Station building where it was very visible to visitors coming into the Village. It was then moved to stand alone octagonal buildings nearby to make room for the Library. When the Farmers Market buildings were constructed, it was moved to the Village Hall on Water Street. Now the Train Station is available again, the VIC will be back where it began, offering information and services to visitors and residents alike. Printing, computer and fax services will be available there by Spring 2024.

Staff

# Communities in Bloom Springs into Summer 2023



Bench painting, as well as weeding and mulching work parties were the order of the day in Eaton Park and the Train Station to help our gardens

and Eaton Park look their best. Thanks to all the volunteers who answered the call for help! Thanks also to Mike Cunningham for building a dory for the triangle intersection where Durham Street leaves Route 6, replacing the original that was a victim of an encounter with a local vehicle. Plans are in the works to replace the planters and window boxes in 2024.

CELEBRATION OF GARDENS judges were happy to recognize the hard work of gardeners in our beautiful village and surrounding area. Winners this year:

**Heritage Garden:** Harry Moore, West Pugwash. **An Amazing Transformation:** Matthew Halverson & Morgan Campbell, West Pugwash. **Spectacular combination of flowers and vegetables:** Ian & Nancy Mundle, Durham St.

CIB "TAKE ME" FLOWERS delivered over 40 bouquets, surprising people in the village, complements of the flower elves, including children in the Summer Garden Club.

ART IN THE PARK was back as part of Pugwash HarbourFest on July 29 in Eaton Park. 'Tie a Knot for Peace' gave everyone a chance to add their dreams for world peace at the Peace Sculpture. The Pugwash Open Air Gallery ART ON THE LINE tent invited artists of all ages to get creative! The Peace Hall hosted an Art Show & Sale. Plein Air Artists painted at various

locations in Eaton Park, with proceeds from a Silent Auction of their work supporting future art programming.

We are proud to announce Pugwash is a recipient of the Nova Scotia Lieutenant Governor's Community Spirit Award for 2023. This was presented September 10th at the Pugwash Library in an event celebrating the hard work of all our volunteer organizations.

Pugwash Communities in Bloom is a proactive, energetic community organization proud of its collaborations with the Village, businesses and other non-profit organizations to make Pugwash a great place to live. If you would like to join us, please email [mdleahey@icloud.com](mailto:mdleahey@icloud.com).

Noreen Smiley



## Thinkers Coming to Pugwash

Since 2017, the Centre for Local Prosperity has been conducting intensive retreats at Thinkers Lodge focused on the climate crisis and the threat of nuclear weapons. These gatherings have involved deep and brave conversations among invited groups of Thinkers – ranging from high school youth, to religious leaders to scientists and public officials.

Eleven retreats have been conducted in total over these 6 years, with documentary films, trailers, declarations, interviews, podcasts and other output disseminated worldwide. Much of this material can be found at [centreforlocalprosperity.ca](http://centreforlocalprosperity.ca), under the Climate Change tab.

Between October 19 to 22, 2023, the Centre is inviting all past participating Thinkers to attend a grand reunion. There will be a large number of Thinkers coming to Pugwash for this gathering. Since they are a truly global group of about 160, many will be participating virtually as well.

Several public events are being planned during these days. There will be a Thinkers discussion salon with the students at Pugwash High School on Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 to 3:00pm. The public and media are invited to attend.

There will also be a Thinkers public presentation at the Peace Hall, 14 Victoria Street, Pugwash on Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1:30 to 3:00pm. All are invited to attend. It is an opportunity to meet a number of engaged Thinkers working with the threats of climate change or nuclear weapons.

For updates on these and other possible public events during this gathering, please visit the Centre's Facebook page ([CentreForLocalProsperity](https://www.facebook.com/CentreForLocalProsperity)) or email: [info@centreforlocalprosperity.ca](mailto:info@centreforlocalprosperity.ca).

Robert Cervelli

## Mobius Champion Still Cleaning Up Pugwash

Many thanks go to Frankie Ferdinand for his continuing work to keep Pugwash perfect. It is he (we are told) who is mostly responsible for keeping the roadside weeds at bay from the harbour (Palmerston) bridge westward.

Frankie was awarded a Mobius Award in 2021 by Divert Nova Scotia. From their website:



"Francis has been cleaning up litter in the Pugwash area for over 10 years. In 2017, he adopted a stretch of highway under the Nova Scotia Adopt-A-Highway Program and focuses on making it a more beautiful part of Cumberland County. He ensures the area is safer for everyone as there is less litter to attract wildlife, resulting in fewer collisions along the highway."

Belated congratulations Frankie, from the Village and all those who appreciate a safe, clean and tidy community.

Divert NS / Staff



## Great Year for 2023 Market

Marsha Amanova

What a great season we've had at the Market this year! Folks have been enjoying the patio at the Train Station, as well as the food, entertainment and locally produced products on offer from our vendors. Our weekly 50/50 draw is helping our fundraising efforts toward the Market Hub.

We're having fun at our Friday Night Markets and have something special planned for Thanksgiving weekend: mark your calendars for Friday October 6th (6-9pm) & Saturday October 7th (8:30-1) for our final two markets of the regular season.

Our Outdoor Festive Market will be held this year on Saturday November 18th, and we're planning for the Christmas by the Sea market on December 2.

Keep up with us at [facebook.com/pugwashfarmersmarket](https://facebook.com/pugwashfarmersmarket) or visit our website at [www.pugwashfarmersmarket.com](http://www.pugwashfarmersmarket.com)

## News from your Municipal Councillor



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

Over the summer months I have been very engaged with what seems to be a large influx of residents. Our area is growing after many years of steady decline, and I am happy to welcome all the newcomers to Pugwash and surrounding areas!

If you are new here and you would like to get involved in the community, meet new people, and help out with a project or two, please reach out to me. I moved here over 16 years ago and since then have really enjoyed every board or committee I have volunteered on. There are so many great things happening in Pugwash and it is all due to the amazing volunteers who make it happen behind the scenes.

I will be starting some community engagement work on food security this fall as our Poverty Reduction Advisory Committee has determined this as a priority. If you are currently working on food security issues or solutions, I would love to speak with you.

Contact me at 902-297-1298 or [jhoughtaing@cumberlandcounty.ns.ca](mailto:jhoughtaing@cumberlandcounty.ns.ca)

Councillor Jennifer Houghtaling



## Busy Spring and Summer for FOPE

FOPE has been busy this summer. We did get the exterior of the Interpretive Center painted and the cement foundation laid for the composting toilet but for various reasons, the building will not be completed until this fall. Stay posted, there may be an opening ceremony!

FOPE had a float in the Canada Day Parade again this year and again manned one of the gates for the Gathering of the Clans. We also had a table at the Farmers Market and at HarborFest to sell tickets for our Boat Tour Raffle and provide information about FOPE and the Estuary and to hand out the information cards we have created about regulations for safe river usage. These handouts are available from FOPE, the Village Office and the Pugwash Library. These handouts were created as an attempt to educate about the risks of excessive speeds used by some boaters, especially the seadoos, which are damaging to the environment and private property and dangerous to other river users, swimmers and animals.

The boat tour raffle, won by Ed Hannigan, was a success, raising more than

\$2000. Ed and friends will tour along the Gulf Shore in September. FOPE will continue to work on a plan to reduce boat speeds and wake impacts on the Estuary.

Our summer Flotilla, planned for July 22 was cancelled due to heavy rains and thunder storms but was rescheduled to Aug 19th. Twenty-one paddlers and 3 dogs enjoyed a somewhat breezy paddle up river to Canfield Creek and into the tidal lakes before returning to Estuary House for a BBQ and live music generously provided by Heather and Jerry Pyke. Many thanks as well to Greg Nix who cruised the river and kept track of the paddlers.

FOPE was pleased to welcome the day-care from Maggie's Place in Amherst back during the last week of July for their Wilderness Day Camp. Despite the mosquitoes, the children did seem to have fun learning how to live in nature.

FOPE contributed to the application process for the Community Spirit Award from the Office of the Lieutenant Governor. Pugwash is honoured to be one of

the recipients of the 2023 Award which will be presented by the Lt. Governor, Arthur LeBlanc, at the new Pugwash Library on September 10th.

Our trails continue to draw hikers and work is ongoing on both trails. A work party in early August, including interns with NCC did maintenance on the Estuary Trail and managed to punch through the big blow-down just before the loop so that the detour down onto the salt marsh could be closed.

The Fall Migratory Bird Count will take place Friday Sept 15th and Saturday Sept 16th. Anyone interested in taking part, please contact Betty Hodgson at [ejhodgsonca@yahoo.com](mailto:ejhodgsonca@yahoo.com). Reports from home bird feeders will be welcome. Planning is just starting for a Dinner/Fun-night/Fundraiser later in the fall: we will send out date and information as soon as possible.

FOPE is very proud to be an active part of the Pugwash Community.

Betty Hodgson



We had a very successful fundraiser this summer in the form of a raffle ticket with two draws. One draw was a portable barbeque with accessories and the other a summertime fun tote bag full of beach items. We raised \$1,261.46.

The draw was held at the July 1st Pugwash Gathering of the Clans festivities. Mathew MacDonald won the portable barbeque and Louise Greenlow won the summertime fun beach tote. Everyone was so generous who bought tickets and supported our cause to benefit the residents at the Sunset Community.

Among other things, we provide lunches for those residents out for appointments and regular hair cuts in the Sunset salon. This

fall we are bringing in singer Bruce Elliott once a month to entertain the residents. Previous purchases include a wheelchair scale and an outdoor wheelchair swing.

Our next fundraising event will be our annual Family Fair Day held on the grounds of the Sunset Community on Saturday September 16th from 1:00 till 4:00. Live band *Derailed* will perform and some talented residents will sing for us. There will be a white elephant table, a 50/50 draw, other local vendors, a barbeque, the 4H table and a petting zoo. Crossroads Cycle Sales will supply free popcorn. The Pugwash Volunteer Fire Department will be there with a fire truck and give out free ice cream. There will be a complementary tea in the Sunset cafeteria. Free admission, every one welcome.

Watch for our on-line auction in October or November. We will be hosting our final fundraiser of the year the first weekend in December, our annual Christmas Craft Sale and Bazaar at the Pugwash Legion.

Barbara Clark

## Girl Guides Looking for Volunteers

Girl Guides offers opportunities to share adventures, activities, fun and laughter with friends. Registration will soon be open for girls in Wallace, Pugwash and surrounding areas. Meetings will be held at the Wallace School.

We are looking for additional leaders and/or helpers. Moms, grandmothers, aunts, and friends are invited to share the joy of volunteering with groups of fun loving girls! Perhaps you or someone you know has great memories of being a Girl Guide or you know someone with experience as a leader. Please consider volunteering or encourage others to do so. You will work and learn together with a group of experienced guiders.

Be a part of growing Girl Guides along the north shore! Look for meeting details and further information on Facebook or call/text Mary Maron at 902-956-2020.

## County selected RCMP as preferred proponent for policing services

Cumberland municipal council has accepted the recommendation of its Policing Services Options Review Committee to proceed with the RCMP as the preferred proponent for policing services within the Municipality of Cumberland.

Council voted to accept the recommendation during its June regular meeting on Wednesday, June 28, 2023.

The municipality issued a request for proposals at a special meeting on April 11 and received three responses - the RCMP, the Amherst Police Department and Prof. Stephen Schneider.

The Policing Services Options Review Committee met on June 22 to evaluate the responses and prepare a recommendation to council regarding a police services provider.

"The committee and council are adamant

that the status quo is not what we want and what the citizens deserve," Municipality of Cumberland Mayor Murray Scott said. "We will pursue a better deal for the citizens of Cumberland County when it comes to the provision of policing services."

The RCMP proposal includes several options which will have to be explored, discussed and costed. The proposal does however include an option to continue providing the same service for the same financial considerations as are currently in place.

There was general agreement at the committee that the status quo is not adequately addressing the needs of the municipality and that improving policing service will take engagement with the RCMP and the Department of Justice at the highest level.

Council's motion from Wednesday authorizes the mayor and CAO to enter into nego-

tiations with the Department of Justice and the RCMP for improvements to the service, based on feedback provided by last summer's public participation sessions facilitated by Narrative Research.

"We heard a lot from people who participated in the sessions with Narrative Research and we have to carry that message forward to the RCMP and the Department of Justice to say this is what the citizens want and what we need in Cumberland County," the mayor said. "I believe there's a tremendous opportunity here to create a stronger partnership with those two organizations to provide a better service."

Wednesday's decision is a significant milestone in a process that began more than a year ago when the municipality struck a review committee that included four councillors, the mayor, four citizens and the CAO as well as a representative from the Department of Justice.

# Gathering OF THE CLANS



The 72<sup>nd</sup> anniversary Pugwash Gathering of the Clans and Canada Day dodged the rain clouds for the day.

The day started with the Highland Dance competitions on the Harbourfront stage and ended with Ashley MacIsaac playing the Harbourfront Centre and fabulous fireworks at 10pm.

winner of the much-prized Bonny Gael Memorial Trophy was Grace Porter of Rusagonis, NB. The judge was Barbe Yorke from Kensington, PE.

There were three pipe and drum bands this year, two from the Cape Breton Island Pipe Band and the Corrections Canada band Grade 5 band competed for the first time in many years. Cape Breton

new to the festival, COVID having taken its toll on many others.

The heavyweight games were held again at the Cyrus Eaton Elementary School playgrounds.

The Opening Ceremony was held on the Pugwash Harbourfront Centre stage. Competition and parade winners were announced from the stage and those present were awarded their prizes.

The entertainment at the PHC were Drew Polegato, SheNova, the Mark MacMillan Trio and Ashley MacIsaac, accompanied by Kyle Waymouth. By the time the fireworks were set off around 10pm by the fire department, the park was packed.

Conservative estimates were that there were at least 3,000 people in the park. Advance sales and the six gates took in \$26,442 (up from \$19,403 last year) representing 3,830 wristbands sold. This was down 10% from last year's wristband numbers. Revenues were up due to a long overdue gate ticket price change. Advance sales at the VIC/Clerk's Office were up again this year. We used e-transfers for many sales.



Ashley MacIsaac and Kyle Waymouth. Pugwash Harbourfront Centre., July 1st 2023. Photo: Ron MacNutt

The theme for the Parade was "Proud to Call this Home – welcoming residents and visitors new and old". Greg Nix, community volunteer extraordinaire, was the Parade Marshall.

The parade winners were:

**Commercial**

- 1st Cunningham Construction
- 2nd By the Bay Farm AND Fort Equipment
- 3rd Wallace Fire Department 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary

**Non-commercial**

- 1<sup>st</sup> George Lockhart
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Pugwash Communities in Bloom
- 3<sup>rd</sup> West Pugwash Women's Institute

**Most Original/Humorous:**

Glenn Pettigrew

There were 80 Highland Dancers competing on the Pugwash Harbourfront Centre stage through the morning. The

Island Pipe Band won the Grade 4 and Grade 5. There were 9 pipers and 1 drummer who registered for a total of 28 solo competition events. Updated numbers from field entries are pending.

After several years of warning that they could no longer afford to come to Pugwash, the midway games and rides are no longer available for July 1<sup>st</sup>. They were replaced by inflatable activity area, an expansion (so-to-speak) of last year's "bouncies" which was very popular. Entry was by wristband or one-time ride tickets. Advance tickets were sold at the Visitor Information Centre (VIC) and local merchants.

With the addition of beach toys and bubbles, the volleyball court became a very popular sand pit, entertaining youngsters for free all day.

26 vendors registered for the day. Four didn't show. Most of the vendors were

Thank you to the 150 or more volunteers that helped the day go so well. All the various events, parade security, the gates and bankers are all run by volunteers and all deserve big thanks! Other paid help also helped make the day run smoothly and professionally: Hub City Sound (sound and lights), Ron MacNutt (stage manager and MC), the competition judges and HRM Inflatables.

Thanks also go to the many sponsors whose generosity help make this historic event a success. Sponsorship showed an astonishing 200% increase from last year. Sponsors make a tremendous difference in keeping this festival going.

Thanks again for helping us support the festival and our community.

Staff



As summer draws to a close, let's reflect on the Harbourfest events that shaped many memories in our beautiful village this year.

The 17th Annual Pugwash Harbourfest was a resounding success bringing laughter, food, and festivity to our waterfront from July 28th to 30th. Thank you for joining us and participating!

The Sinkers' Conference, a perennial favourite, was back, joined by new water challenges including Log Rolling and Stand Up Paddle Board. On land, the 5K Salt Dash sponsored by Windsor Salt, and the Beach Volleyball competitions continue to be crowd pleasers while the new Family Fun Zone children's activities, alongside the Art in Action tent and other activities added layers of joy and creativity to the festivities.

We love our music! The Friday night dance at the Northumberland Curling Club was

lively with lots of dancing and socializing, as always. On Saturday live music at the Pugwash Harbourfront Centre Stage featured five acts including the Russell DeCarle Trio of Prairie Oyster fame. A beer and wine garden, along with an amazing variety of food trucks and vendors kept everyone happy and nourished.



Sinkers' Conference 2023. Photo supplied.

Two Harbourfest Presents Summer Series music events were held in Eaton park this summer. In June, the ever popular Big Fish filled the air with their lively tunes. In August we welcomed Ol' Soles along with JD Clarke and Silverado. Villagers and summer visitors

gathered together to enjoy these idyllic evenings of music and sunsets on the beautiful Pugwash waterfront.

Our dedication to community support shone brightly during our six-band fundraiser at the high school in April. We raised an astonishing \$12k for the Red Cross Nova Scotia Wildfires Appeal.

Looking forward, plans for the Second Annual Pugwash Community Christmas Dinner are underway. Volunteers are invited to get involved. Contact us at [harbourfest1@gmail.com](mailto:harbourfest1@gmail.com) or reach out to one of our committee members.

And finally, the Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held in November with details to follow on our [website](#) and [social media](#).

Thank you to the many volunteers who help to make Pugwash Harbourfest events a success and to the new members who have joined our planning committee this past year. Our village thrives on volunteerism and together we are committed to making it a very special place.

Gill Forward

## Fall Events

### September

- 10th Community Spirit Award (1)
- 11th Regular Village meeting (12)
- 15th Fall migratory bird count (8)
- 16th Fall migratory bird count (8)
- 16th PVFD Vendor Market (9)
- 16th Sunset Community Fair (5)
- 16th Rosh Hashanah
- 17th Terry Fox run
- 21st Lobster Takeout (Wallace)
- 23rd Fall equinox
- 25th Yom Kippur
- 27th Pencil Pinwheels (7)
- 30th Truth and Reconciliation Day
- 30th 2D Dinner and dance NCCC (11)

### October

- 4th Author reading (7)
- 6th Friday Night market (4)
- 7th Author reading (7)
- 9th Thanksgiving
- 11th Marbled Leaves (7)

### October continued

- 16th Regular Village meeting (12)
- 19-22 Thinkers in Pugwash (3)
- 26th PVFD Roast Beef Takeout (9)
- 31st Hallowe'en

### November

- 5th Daylight savings time ends
- 11th Remembrance Day
  - 10:30am Parade from Village Public Works building (the old fire hall)
  - 11am Cenotaph
  - 12pm Church service (TBA)
- 12th Diwali
- 13th Regular Village meeting (12)
- 17th December newsletter deadline (10)
- 18th Outdoor Market (4)
- 20th National Child Day

### December

- 2nd Christmas-by-the-sea
- 11th Regular Village meeting (12)
- 14th Country Christmas (Wallace)



#### Kids

3pm Wednesday, September 27th.  
PENCIL PINWHEELS  
Grades PP-6.

3pm Wednesday October 11th.  
MARBLED LEAVES  
Grades PP-6.

#### Adults

TWISTED STITCHERS  
Join our stitchery group in person at the Pugwash Library! Bring your own project to work on. ALL TEXTILE CRAFTS WELCOME!  
10:00am-12:00pm Every Tuesday

7-8pm Wednesday, October 4  
Jill MacLean author reading

1:30 - 2:30pm Saturday, October 7  
Bruce Graham author reading

Call 902-243-3331 to register or for more information!

Denise Corey

### The Wallace Wentworth Pugwash and Area Community Health Board (WWPA CHB)

After a bit of a summer break the WWPA CHB is ramping up for an exciting and busy fall.

Our Wellness Fund Celebration has been set for September 13<sup>th</sup> at the Northumberland Community Curling Club. This year we had \$10,839.38 and received thirteen applications requesting almost three times our available amount. The volunteer selection committee funded nine of the projects.

The projects funded were:

- \*Autism Nova Scotia Cumberland - Get Active Program
- \*Cumberland SchoolsPlus- Fall Fun Run/Walk/Roll
- \*Cumberland Trails Association-Hike and Learn
- \*Maggie's Place Family Resource Centre- Youth Leadership Program
- \*Multicultural Association of Cumberland – Multicultural Community Event
- \*Nova Scotia Community College Cumberland Campus- Personal Care Cupboard

- \*Pugwash District Highschool – Insta Chef
- \*Wallace and Area Development Association – Wallace Pickles
- \*Wentworth Learning Centre Cooperative- After School Tutoring

We are also working in partnership with YReach and the Pugwash Farmers Market to bring Festival Junina to the October 6th Pugwash Night Market. This Brazilian festival celebrates the end of summer and new harvest. There will be samples of Brazilian food and music to help us celebrate.

Our popular Hike of the Month in partnership with Cumberland Trails Association will continue to run and we will share information about events on Facebook and Instagram.

We have some openings on our board and if you are interested in joining us please contact Colleen Dowe at [colleen.dowe@nshealth.ca](mailto:colleen.dowe@nshealth.ca) or 902-397-0376.

Colleen Dowe

### North Cumberland Memorial Hospital Auxiliary (NCMHA)

At the PDHS graduation in June, bur-saries from NCMHA were presented to Adriana Alas, Courtney Leard, Chloe Miller, and Myah Parris. The four graduates will be continuing their education in a health-related field.

The Thrift Shop and online auction continued to be busy over the summer months. Fall and winter clothing is now available in the Thrift Shop. We are open Wednesday from 1PM-4PM; Thursday from 10AM-4PM and Saturday from 9AM-12 Noon. The online auction can be accessed on our Facebook page at [ncmhathriftshop](http://ncmhathriftshop).

Our monthly meetings resumed in September. New members are always welcome to join us. We meet the first Tuesday of the month at 2PM in the hospital boardroom.

Faye Moore



Founding members, (L) Bert Van Vulpen and (R) Beth Semple, cut the NCHS 60th anniversary cake at The Lobster Factory. Photo supplied.

### North Cumberland Historical Society

The North Cumberland Historical Society has had two events this summer. First was our AGM in June. Ralph Waugh wrote a book on the David family of Fox Harbour/North Wallace, and he was our featured speaker. He explained his process in a very entertaining talk, detailing how he got the information for his book. There was a good turnout.

Then, on August 16th, we held our 60th anniversary celebration at the lobster factory. Two of our founding members, Beth Semple and Bert Van Vulpen, were able to attend and spoke about that meeting of 1963 when it was decided that the area should have a historical society before all local history was lost. The anniversary was a chance to reflect on how far we have come from those early days and the work we have to do to keep more recent history from getting lost. A lovely lunch was served. Thanks to all who attended.

We are open every Friday from 1 - 4pm upstairs at the historic Train Station and are always happy to see people with historical questions or doing their genealogy. If you can't make it up the stairs, we are happy to bring the information down to you.

Dianne Elliott





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## Royal Canadian Legion Peace Branch 60

Ken Cameron

**Cribbage** - 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month  
**Darts** - Friday evening  
**Chase the Ace** Saturdays 3-5pm Draw at 5:15pm  
**Bingo** - 7pm Wednesdays  
**Canteen:** 902.243.2123  
**Bar hours:** 2-6pm Friday & Saturday  
**Remembrance Day** - details pending

New members always welcome.

## West Pugwash Women's Institute

We are a local branch of an international non profit organization for women who wish to make a difference in their communities and meet new people. We meet once a month for a couple of hours for social interaction and to address community needs in our area. At our meetings we decide on how to raise funds to assist seniors, school programs, for high school seniors to further their education, food banks, the volunteer fire department and other needs in our community. We also invite speakers to come in to inform and educate us on many subjects.

We also meet together for social interaction by having snacks at the end of our meetings and meeting for lunches, pot luck suppers, picnics, craft days and celebrations. We rally twice a year with another branch in our area to socialize and exchange ideas and information.

We meet at the Village Hall at 1:30 PM on the second Tuesday of every month from September to June. Guests are welcome to join us for a meeting to learn more about our organization and meet our members. For more information please contact: Secretary Maureen Albert 902-497-6260 or President Sue Duncan 902-243-2595

Sue Duncan



## Pugwash Ground Search and Rescue

Boasting over 40 years of service, PGSAR train in a variety of search techniques, including the use of GPS, Map and Compass, tick prevention and other outdoor survival skills. If Interested; contact the President, Anthony Fromm at [anthony@amherstdetailers.com](mailto:anthony@amherstdetailers.com)

Greg Nix

## Pugwash and District Volunteer Fire Department



The Pugwash Fire Department is closing down their weekly 50/50 draw at the end of September, the last draw will be September 27th 2023.

If you have overpaid and would like a refund, please send an email to [pugwashfire-toonie2016@gmail.com](mailto:pugwashfire-toonie2016@gmail.com) by the end of the year providing a mailing address, your name, phone number on file, and your ticket number, and we will mail out a cheque to you after the draw ends. Any monies not claimed by the end of the year will be considered a donation to the fire department.

The Pugwash Fire Department would like to thank all those who have played the game over the last seven years. We have given away over \$110,000 in that time, meaning that we have raised the same amount for the department for equipment that has benefited the fire department and the district.

If you would like to continue supporting the Pugwash Fire Department through a 50/50 draw, we would encourage you to go to <http://firefighters5050.com/23> and support us through this draw. Once again, thank you for your support.

Andy Yarrow, Fire Chief



## Pugwash and District Volunteer Fire Department

The Pugwash Fire Department has had a busy summer of fundraising! We have hosted three pancake breakfasts, BBQs, and the annual mackerel fishing tournament. Members also raised money in support of the Society of Atlantic Heroes by running in the HarbourFest Salt Dash. None of these would have been successful without the continued support of our community.

Upcoming events include:

Vendor Market hosted at the Fire Station with small canteen. September 16. Location: Pugwash Fire Station; 8am - 1pm

BBQ at Sunset Community Fair - September 16  
Location: 140 Sunset Lane; 1pm - 4pm

Roast Beef Takeout Supper - October 26  
Tickets will be available from any Pugwash Firefighter by the end of September. Pick up will be from 4pm - 6pm at the Fire Station.

If you are interested in joining the fire department, or if you wish to help with any fundraising efforts please feel free to stop by the station at 11057 Highway 6 any Wednesday at 7pm.

Amy Laird

# New Public Courts at Sunset Community

The beautiful new racquet facility with two new tennis courts and four pickleball courts at Sunset Community are now completed and regularly enjoyed by many members of the Pugwash community and beyond.

All the hard work and perseverance from the courts committee in action, comprised of Sunset and Northumberland Tennis and Pickleball Association (NTPA) representatives, has paid off. Big thanks and congratulations to all that brought this major project to fruition.



Beautiful blue and green courts are already in play at Sunset Lane just off the Crowley Road, Pugwash. Photo supplied.

The new state-of-the-art racquet facility showcases public courts, including an online booking system, [sunsetcommunity.publiccourts.skedda.com/booking](http://sunsetcommunity.publiccourts.skedda.com/booking). The grand opening ceremony will be scheduled next spring when all the walkways and finishing touches are completed. Congratulations to all involved who made this happen.



NTPA hosted their 12th annual PITA tennis tournament in August. Sarah Witney with Werner VanThielen are the proud 2023 grand champions and Karen George with Tom Charlton are the runner ups. Congratulations!

Diane Burnham

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

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

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

Andy Yarrow / staff

## Burning Restrictions

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

Burn restrictions are updated daily at 2:00 pm.

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

## It Takes a Village Newsletter

Published quarterly in March, June, September and December. The deadline for our next issue is **November 17th**.

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

The newsletter distribution covers the Village and all rural postal routes serviced by the Pugwash post office.

Send articles to: [villagecommission@pugwashvillage.com](mailto:villagecommission@pugwashvillage.com)

For more information call: **902 243 2946** or visit <http://pugwashvillage.com/index.php/government/village-of-pugwash/it-takes-a-village>

## Mixed Palette Art Group

This fun group is a great way to spend Thursday mornings at the Pugwash Village Hall. No fee. Bring your own materials.

There is much to learn and we have lots of laughs.

Heather Cunningham

## I♥Cribbage

Join us for a fun evening of Cribbage & Conversation

Wednesday Nights  
7pm

October - May

Wesley St. Matthews Church Hall  
14 Church Street, Pugwash

\$5.00

Snacks

Single Players Welcome

## Palmerston Cemetery

The shoreline protection project has been delayed due to the lack of dry weather.

The cemetery looks very nice thanks to caretakers Carl & Liz MacKenzie. I would also like to thank people from near and far for donations and support. Also thanks to all the volunteers who have tirelessly worked over the years to keep this cemetery going. Donations to Palmerston Cemetery can be sent to, c/o Jan Saunders, 19-3 Harbourview Lane, Pugwash, NS B0K 1L0.

Jan Saunders

### Cumberland Trails Association

The group has been busy this summer filling potholes and removing leaning trees from the trail. With donations and assistance from the Sunrise ATV Club Small Grant Fund, additional ditching and culverts are occurring on the Pugwash Salt Express. The CTA is happy to say the bridge by the Salt Mine is repaired and will be called the Leahey Bridge in honour of Stephen and Denise Leahey and their continued support for our trail systems! We have also installed a sign by the Kenny Braden Marsh in honour of the last engineer to run a train from Pugwash! The new benches by the Hackney Creek Bridge have been well received with thanks to the students of Cyrus Eaton Elementary under the care of Mrs. Campbell. We hope to have the trail into the Village of Wallace completed very soon. Other projects include support for the completion of the Red Bridge painting and resurfacing in Oxford (Oxford and Area Trails Association) and the replacement of a culvert on the Trans Canada Trail near Wallace (Route Six Snowmobile Club). Your donations are critical for this type of trail improvement- THANK-YOU!

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### Northumberland Boating Association

It has been slow to get the boats in this season but August and into September are making up for it! The navigation buoys will be removed in the next couple of weeks and we hope you had a great boating season. If you have not had a chance to support the NBA, member stickers are still available at the Pugwash Gas Station. We very much appreciate your support!! Contact Mike Cunningham if you are able to volunteer or would like to join the executive.

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### Route Six Snowmobile Club

It is a bit early, but we see signs of a great winter coming! Route Six has been busy with the major culvert replacement in Wallace and continues to work at post-storm clean-up on the trail system in preparation for winter grooming. We want to thank the landowners in the Pugwash area that allow access to restaurants and fuel that help promote snow related activities. We will be grooming the Pugwash Salt Express, Wallace Quarry Branch Trail and the 264 Kate Tucker Trail to the Sandpiper and Nelly's Grill this winter that also provide great trails for snowshoe and cross-country ski use!! Check out the Route Six Snowmobile Club Facebook page for new - online - trail pass information. To join the club, contact President, Greg Nix at [nixregalvina@gmail.com](mailto:nixregalvina@gmail.com)

Greg Nix



2023 Sailing School in Pugwash. Students used the docks and Dinghy Beach when they could. Photo supplied

### Pugwash Yacht Club

After a fall, winter, and spring of Fiona cleanup and repair work, and the installation of a new anchoring system, we were able to enjoy the boating season. Docks were filled with members and visiting boats.

Our second annual NS Youth Sailing Mobile Sail School was held from July 31st to August 4th, attended by youth aged 8 to 12 from around the region. The students learned the fundamentals of sailing and honed their new skills in Pugwash Harbour. Watching them maneuver the day sailors, and working as teams, was delightful indeed.

September 24th marks the 40th anniversary of the Pugwash Yacht Club. We look forward to celebrating this milestone.

We continue to navigate, with diligence, through the regulatory approval process required to implement our Capital Project.

Deborah Cameron

## Busy Off-season Events at NCCC

With the 2023/2024 curling season fast approaching, here is what has been happening in the off-season.

Cumberland County utilized our facility for their summer youth program. With this summer's variable weather it was good the young people were able to enjoy indoor and outdoor activities.

The Pugwash Physician Recruitment/ Appreciation Committee held 2 events at our club in May. Several other family celebrations were also held there this summer and Harbourfest held a dance in July.

NCCC donated \$500 to Pugwash District

High School's year-end closing program. The club also donated \$200 to the North Cumberland Community Health Foundation golf fundraiser.

We applied for an accessibility grant to offset the cost of adding wheelchair access to the ice shed. This would enable us to eventually add wheelchair curling to our schedule. Unfortunately, our request was turned down, however we can re-apply next year. The Board is looking at other more cost-effective options.

A "lounge refresh" is planned for the week of September 11<sup>th</sup> involving cleaning and painting. Volunteers are needed to get this

completed in a timely manner. Chairs were purchased for the lounge area.

NCCC's major fundraiser, the 2D Dinner and Dance featuring *Derailed*, will be held on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Contact a club member if you would like tickets.

A Communications meeting was held to plan leagues and events for the upcoming season. It's a very full schedule. More information will be sent out in early fall.

Debra Pike



## Pugwash Village Commissioners: Who are they?

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Pugwash Village Commission Meetings

Regular meetings are generally held on the second Monday of the month at 7pm. 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](mailto:villagecommission@pugwashvillage.com)



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### Next Regular Commission Meetings

September 11th  
October 16th  
November 13th

Village Hall Board Room  
124 Water Street  
7pm

Did you know *It Takes a Village* newsletter goes out to over 800 local homes and is available at various downtown Pugwash locations? New: we are back to 12 pages per edition. Look for the version number for the most recent printing and on the website for the colour version.

## What is a Commissioner of Oaths?

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

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

## Who Are the Commissioners of Oaths in Pugwash?

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

[novascotia.ca](http://novascotia.ca) & staff

## Village of Pugwash Merchandise



Front licence plate \$10

Gathering of the Clans hat \$15



Pens \$5



Lapel pin \$2



Prices may vary as new stock is delivered

Gathering of the Clans shirt \$20

Cumberland-Colchester is located in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq.



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