

Municipality of Pictou County



Rural News & Views

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**Pictou County Representative Volunteer
Joe MacDonald**



Lieutenant Governor JJ Grant, Pictou County Representative Volunteer Joe MacDonald, and Premier Stephen McNeil.



Message from the Warden

by Robert Parker



Hello again from your County Council, representing all the rural communities in Pictou County. I am just starting to settle into the position of Warden for our rural municipality and it is certainly a very busy job trying to integrate it with my other job responsibilities and also finding time for my family. I am grateful for the eleven councillors that I have working with me and as time goes by and we continue to gel as a team, I am confident that we can improve the lives of you, our rural residents.

This is a big year for our country, Canada, as we celebrate our 150th birthday. To help our communities to celebrate this special occasion, Council has approved a \$1000 grant for each district. If an event is being held in your community and you want to add something to help with the birthday celebrations, please contact your councillor for information.

In the last 'Rural News and Views' I mentioned that one of the first goals of your new Council was to work on improving high speed internet and cellular service. This is a very rural issue as our more urban and suburban areas have good service but

many other areas have no service or spotty service. An ad hoc committee with four community members and four councillors have begun their work and over time, working with other levels of government, I am confident we will gradually see improvements.

Your council has also set up an ad hoc committee to help homeowners in rural areas to switch to alternative energy sources from fossil fuels. This committee also has a combination of community members and council members and will be investigating ways to assist homeowners looking to convert their home energy use to solar, wind or other renewable energy sources. Look for more good news from this committee.

As winter fades into a long lost memory, new challenges come with the warmer weather. One that we hear lots about, as politicians, is roads. Most roads in our rural municipality are under provincial control and you should contact your MLA. That being said, most people aren't so concerned about different levels of government as they are, simply getting an improved road. Working for you, Municipal Council can advocate and press the provincial Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal to investigate and hopefully speed up

the improvement of your road. No guarantees, but the added weight of concern from Council certainly can't hurt.

The County does own and take care of a few roads in the County and that number is increasing as some current private roads meet standards and are taken over by the County. There are very strict rules for this and they are usually in subdivisions with a cost sharing amount shared by residents and the County.

Another difficult challenge that is there all winter but raises its ugly head more as the snow melts is 'Dangerous and Unsightly' properties. Generally in our rural areas, we want our citizens to live a free and independent life. That's a big reason why we live where we do. If, however, a property is unsightly to the point where it becomes an irritant to the neighbours or even worse, dangerous to children or others, it is Council's responsibility to rectify the situation. It is a complaint

driven process, so a complaint must be received and signed before the by-law officer for the county can investigate and decide if the property does indeed meet the definition of 'dangerous and unsightly'. If it does, Council follows a formal process, working with the property owner to solve the situation.

We all want our rural areas to be environmentally clean and attractive for ourselves as residents, as well as the many urban residents and tourists who love to travel our rural roads. Don't forget that when they do, they spend money and help support many small local businesses. I will attempt to comment in each issue of 'Rural News and Views' on ways that your County Council helps to improve the environment in our expansive rural area.

On behalf of myself and all our elected councillors and staff, I wish our rural residents a very enjoyable summer and please be safe on our very busy roads.



Canada 150 Program

As Canada celebrates its 150th anniversary of confederation, the Municipal Council has created a new program to help our communities commemorate and honour our great country. The Municipal Council wants to support communities and groups that are organizing events and activities to celebrate this occasion. A new fund, Canada 150 Fund, will provide \$1000 per council district to

support these activities planned for 2017. Approvals of funds will occur as the Councilor advances the application forward to Council. The application process will be streamlined from the municipality's annual grant process, with the Councilor completing a single allotment form on behalf of the group in order to ensure funds are available in a timely manner.

Pictou County Gymnastics Club 6th Annual Fun Meet



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Come see our athletes strut their stuff on June 16th, 17th and 18th at the Pictou County Gymnastics Club 6th Annual Fun Meet. Children of all ages will be performing well practiced routines to family and friends.

558 South Frederick Street, New Glasgow (former YMCA building)

Come see our competitive team, the Pictou County Saltos show off some of their routines as well as acro skills in a demo. This will be performed after each session all weekend long.

The club is home to over 500 athletes of all ages and the Fun Meet is a sight to be seen, come see these amazing kids in action!

Admission: \$2 (children 12 and under are free)

Canteen

50/50

Bar B Q

Washroom facilities

Door prizes

Welcome all, Our doors are open for you to come see!

See you at the Fun Meet!

Salt Springs 4-H Club Report



Projects, Donations & Good Deeds

Another successful year is under way for members of the Salt Springs 4-H Club. They have been working on their projects since late fall. New to the club this year is sign language and they have already learned their 4-H Pledge. Members will showcase their hard work on Achievement Day. It will be held at the West River Fire Hall on July 17th.

Members of this club fundraise so they are able to help local causes. This year they have made motions and approved donations to the Pictou County Fuel fund, the IWK, Christmas

Daddies and the Salt Springs Elementary breakfast program. They also brought in donations for the SPCA. 4-Hers pledge their hands to larger services and this club participates in highway clean-up annually.

A tradition of the Salt Springs Club is to have secret friends. Members choose a senior in the community to give cards and gifts to throughout the year. Then in May they hold a secret friend tea where they reveal their identity and get to know their new friend over lunch.

Being a member of 4-H is a challenging and rewarding way for kids to gain new skills. We hope to see you on Achievement Day to show you just what we mean.

Hannah Moss, Club Reporter

District 7

Let me begin by thanking the residents of the 'new and improved' District 7 for again trusting me with their support. I wish to again thank former Councillor Leonard Fraser for his many years of service.

Of great news in District 7 is the provincial announcement that two roads will be repaved this year. The West River Station Road from Salt Springs to the bridge in Watervale and the Hamilton Road are both on the 5 year capital list for 2017-18. These roads are many decades old and both desperately need repairs. Much of my work is on road issues. I have strong working relationships with the local supervisors. They are

fair minded and do their best to address concerns within their limited and shrinking budgets.

On a sadder note, the Union Centre One Step business closed at the end of April. After more than 30 years of seven days a week service, Jessie and Sterling MacDonald have more than earned their retirement. We will lose our gas pump, convenience store and repair bays. A big Thank You is owed this this fine couple, we will miss you.

I look forward to helping you with your concerns and needs. My best contact info is found elsewhere in this newsletter.

David Parker

Councillor – District 7

Landfill Vouchers

Once again the Municipality is offering its residential property owners the opportunity to receive two vouchers to deposit garbage at the Mount William Transfer Station free of charge.

Vouchers are available at the Municipal Administration Building, 46 Municipal Drive, Pictou, or by calling 485-4311 or 752-1530. The vouchers will allow 2 free deposits at the site any time between May 1st & November 30th. A weight restriction of 1,000 lbs of garbage per voucher

will be enforced. Residents must show their vouchers upon entering the site.

Vouchers will be issued only once during the coverage period.

All normal regulations at the Transfer Station will apply to voucher holders, including the use of clear garbage bags.

**PROVIDING YOUR TAX
ACCOUNT NUMBER WHEN
CALLING TO REQUEST YOUR
VOUCHERS WILL EXPEDITE
THE PROCESSING PERIOD**

Mill Brook Community Club

Hello neighbours and friends. Hope you all weathered the winter OK. It wasn't a bad winter, compared to some ... but once spring arrived, it seemed as if Mother Nature was a little confused because we had snowand more snow. At least things have warmed up in the last couple of weeks and the robins are back – always a good sign. The crocus are growing up through the brush on my flower beds so things are improving.

We would like to thank Joey McInnis for keeping the yard at the Community Club clear during the winter months. This ensured our regulars for Monday night exercise did not have to wade through the snow to have some exercise & social time. Exercise is held on Monday nights at 6:30 pm. Cost is \$2 per night.

We have three major fund raisers for the Community Club each year. These consist of our Annual Mother's Day Turkey Dinner in May, apple pie making in October and Annual Christmas Craft Sale in November. These fund raisers allow us to continue operating as a Community Club and provide assistance to various organizations.

Our annual Mother's Day Turkey Supper was held on May 13th this year. Since the newsletter will not be out till late May - you will have missed this year so make a note on next year's calendar – it is always the Saturday of the Mother's Day weekend.

Last October we made pies, pies & more pies. Lots of work, even more laughs and a great fund raiser for the club. In total we made 423 apple pies

– bagged, boxed and ready for the freezer. We make the pies on 2 separate Saturday's in October. Thanks to all our volunteers from the community and beyond for all their hard work. That's a lot of dough to make & roll out plus over 300 pounds of apples to peel! Emma Marshall is our youngest recruit and works really hard – we are so grateful for her help. We would also like to thank the faithful people who purchase these pies – you are wonderful!! When you open the door and you can smell fresh baked apple pie – it brings back happy memories from years gone by. The pies are convenient to have when unexpected company arrives - from your freezer to the oven in 1 easy step. Cooking instructions are even included on the box. We make it easy for people who might not have the time to bake... or just don't like to bake but do like homemade desserts.

Our annual Christmas Craft Sale was held the 3rd weekend in November and was a tremendous success! We had several new crafters and a great selection of things for the early Christmas shoppers. The weather was great, the Christmas music was playing and the people were going away with smiles – one (or more) gift ticked off the list and the prices are very reasonable. Thanks to all the crafters who supplied the items and to all our faithful friends (new & old) who come out to support us in this fundraiser. If you are interested in putting crafts in the sale in November, please contact one of the members below.

Santa's helper delivered cookies to the

seniors in the community at Christmas ...and a couple who have relocated to New Glasgow and Pictou – we don't forget our old neighbours, especially at Christmas. We also contributed to the Salt Springs School Breakfast program which helps ensure the children start the day right with a healthy, nutritious breakfast. They say that breakfast is the most important meal of the day and helps children concentrate on their lessons. Everyone has had the "hangries" at one time or another and Rob Nelson and his staff help prevent this from happening at school.

We started our 5th Community Fitness Challenge in January with a goal of 35,000 km –running from January 16th to April 8th. In previous years we have had great participation and success – surpassing our goal each time. This year we had approximately 37 participants from age 5 & up. We tallied our results twice before our windup on April 8th. This year we ended with a potluck at the Community Club and a final tally of 62,296 km – TOTALLY AMAZING JOB EVERYONE!! This is a wonderful incentive to keep us moving and active through the long winter months. It's amazing that by following your normal routine, you can accumulate so many kilometers.

We continue to be involved with the Share the Warmth Program which is the making of quilts for nonprofit organizations. Atlantic Fabrics manager Debbie Green helps co-ordinate the program. They provide the material to create warm quilts for less fortunate people. Last fall, our group got together several times and made 23 tie quilts of various sizes. This is a wonderful program for communities to get involved

in. There is a sense of accomplishment & pride, knowing that the quilts you help make will provide physical warmth for someone in need and hopefully, make a lasting impression on that person. Just knowing that there are people in the area that care can make a difference in a person's life. We would like to thank Debbie for being so co-operative to our group.

Meetings are held on the last Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm – March, April, May, August, September, October (annual meeting) and November. Special meetings are held when necessary to plan upcoming events. A genuine WELCOME is extended to anyone in the community and area who would like to join.

If you are a Facebook user you can query Mill Brook Community and come up with our web page. We will try to post upcoming events and news about what is happening in the community

The hall is available to members and the community for birthday & anniversary parties, baby & wedding showers, family gatherings, etc. We have a very nice hall and we would love to see it being used for more events with more people involved. If you have an idea or would like to see a particular activity at the Club, please let us know. The more active the Community Club is, the stronger the community will be and this will ensure the future of the Club. For further information, you can contact Snookie (Anna) Hirtle at 902-755-2820, Faye Fraser at 902-396-4275 or Mary Chesnutt at 902-396-3798.

Thanks again for everyone's support in all our endeavors. By working/playing together we will have a stronger and happier community.



Abercrombie Community Center

The Abercrombie Community Center is a facility available for meeting rentals, rentals for birthday parties, dances, weddings, anniversaries, etc. We hold flea markets on the last Saturday of each month as a means of supporting the center, beginning in April and running through October, weather permitting. During the year we are available for festivals, reunions, etc. Our Center is available for funeral receptions at no charge to area residents.

We hold an Annual Tea and Sale during the latter part of November/early December which constitutes our largest fund raiser of the year with lots of help from our community members. Our Night of Music scheduled for December 1st had to be postponed this year due to the weather so we held

our musical evening on May 6th. Our evening consisted of all local talent and proved to be an enjoyable time.

If anyone has any ideas they would like to suggest as to what programs would be of interest to the community please feel free to make suggestions as we would like our center to be used by the community members – any children's programs, adult program ideas, etc. would be appreciated

Our monthly meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 1:00 pm. We would like to encourage community members to attend with the aim to utilizing the Center. Our membership drive is now being held. For further information please contact Marilyn Judge at 902-752-8914 or for Hall rentals Faye Dunbar at 902-755-5447.

Scotsburn 55+ Club

The activities offered are:

Exercise • Snowshoeing • Yoga
Biking • Rug Hooking • Kayaking
Hiking • Pickleball

Plus there are 8 Lunch and Learn in the spring and 8 in the fall.

For more information please contact Sharon Lynch at 902-396-3403.

District 8

It's going to be a busy spring and summer in District 8. We have a couple of capital projects that will be happening in the Alma area and Abercrombie. Shovels should be in the ground mid to late spring.

Thank you to all residents in District 8 for placing your trust in me to be your Councillor. It is certainly a privilege. If there are any issues large or small that you wish to discuss with me please contact me and we can have a conversation as to the best action we can take to resolve the issue.

As always we will be having our Ratepayers Meeting. If there are

any residents that wish to access some funding for your community organization please contact me.

The County as a whole is in great shape financially. We have a very capable group of Councillors and our administration is strong. So we will be discussing over the next few years how to best leverage our finances to provide the best services to our citizens.

If you wish to contact me you can call me at 902-921-1227 or e-mail at Larry.Turner@municip.ca.

Larry Turner

Councillor – District 8

Abercrombie Women's Institute

The Abercrombie Women's Institute was formed in March 1952, sponsored by the Fox Brook Women's Institute, making this our 65th Anniversary. We meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10:00 am.

We support projects of the Women's Institute of Nova Scotia, provide prize money and volunteers at the Pictou Exhibition and support our Abercrombie Community Centre by

providing a mercury vapor light at the playground area. We give treats or gifts to our Special Seniors at Christmas.

President: Pat Christensen

Vice-Pres: Norma Morse

Secretary: Elizabeth Palmer

Treasurer: Vivian Ingham

Charter Member: Pearl Coady

New members welcome! For more information please contact Secretary, Elizabeth Palmer at 902-752-3826.



Heartland Tour 2017

The 11th Annual Heartland Tour will take place from July 8th to the 15th and Pictou County will be host to the Closing Event this year. This is a great event for the whole family.

Halifax – July 8th
Yarmouth – July 9th
Annapolis Royal – July 10th
Bridgewater – July 11th
Truro – July 12th
Sydney – July 13th
Antigonish – July 14th
New Glasgow – July 15th

For further information please check out the web-site at heartlandtour.ca.



Miss Carla's Dance

Miss Carla's Dance will be holding its 7th Annual dance recital the weekend of May 26-27 at the North Nova Education Centre. All are welcome to attend, tickets available at the door.

In the months of July and August, there will be weekly summer dance camps featuring different styles of

dancing each day. Information can be found on the website at www.misscarlasdance.com

Miss Carla's Dance is located at 260 Westville Road, New Glasgow. For further information please contact sinclairchoreography@gmail.com.

Need A Building Inspector?

Building a new home or completing extensive renovations? At some point you will need the services of our building inspection division. Building Inspectors operate out of our Administration Building at 46 Municipal Drive in Pictou.

Office hours for the Building Inspectors are 8:30 am to 10:00 am. After that the inspectors are on the road completing site visits. Appointments

are recommended but not required. We do suggest that you contact the Building Inspection office before your visit to make sure you have all of your documents with you before traveling to Pictou for your appointment.

For inquiries about building inspection, or to make an appointment to obtain a building permit, call 902-485-4588.

District 9

On November 28th, 2016 I was sworn in as councillor for District 9. Also I have been asked to represent the county at large on several committees. It is indeed a privilege to serve the citizens of District 9 and all the citizens of Pictou County.

On Thursday April 20th the first community meeting for District 9 was held. It was an opportunity for me to introduce myself to the residents. The turnout was good and the residents shared input of what they would like to see happening in

District 9. Thank you to Martha Feit for taking minutes of the meeting.

I have much to learn but I am looking forward to serving all the constituents of District 9 and working with you to help you move your agendas forward. If you have any ideas of how we can continue to improve our communities or have any issues or concerns please don't hesitate to get in touch with me.

Have a fun and safe summer.

Peter Boyles

Councillor – District 9

Linacy Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary



The Linacy Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary are as busy as always. We hosted a Valentine's Day Dinner on Feb 14th; we hosted a paint night on April 8th and our annual Ham & Salad Take out on May 12th. We are also catering some private events in the upcoming month. Please feel free to call one of our members if you are looking for a small dinner to be catered throughout the year.

We are not planning anything over the summer months but will be back in September for our annual Bowling tournament including all of the county's auxiliaries. We hope to host some fun activities in October so stay

tuned for advertisements.

We are always looking for new members. Please contact Tanya Roode (President) by e-mailing troode77@hotmail.com for any information. By being a member, you are able to play Friday night darts, play in the annual bowling tourney and be a part of a great organization who likes to have fun while raising funds for our Fire Department. We meet the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm. Attendance is appreciated but not mandatory, we are grateful for whatever help our members can donate throughout the year.

Lyon's Brook Hall



The Lyon's Brook Hall, located on Hwy 376, and was established in 1884 as a multi-purpose building. It offers both small and large meeting space as well as a fully equipped kitchen. Located about ten minutes from Pictou, the Hall makes a great location for meetings, weddings, birthday or anniversary parties or for workshops. Check out the website for details on rates and availability at www.lyonsbrookhall.ca or call 902 616 9196.

Lyon's Brook Women's Institute

A Committee of residents under the direction of Lyon's Brook Women's Institute has been researching the history of Lyon's Brook. Panels relating to the founding heritage as well as the vibrant social and commercial past of the village have been designed and will be mounted at the kiosk on the hall property. They will be unveiled at a public event at the Betsey 250 Celebration on June 10th. Follow the

media for more information on this historical event.

Visitors are welcome to attend regular monthly meetings of the Lyon's Brook Women's Institute. New membership is encouraged. For more information please contact Christine (902-382-2082), Betty (902-485-5462), Ruth (902-485-5442) or Lynn (902-485-8358).

Pictou County Recreation "Fun Kits"

Do you need recreation equipment for an event? Did you know that Pictou County Recreation has all kinds of fun equipment available? A Fun Kit of everything from parachutes,

frisbees, and pylons to ball hockey, soccer, and flag football equipment is available. To reserve your Fun Kit please contact Pictou County Recreation at 902-485-8528 or e-mail cindy.fraser@munpict.ca.

The Betsey

On June 10, 1767, six families arrived on the north shore of Nova Scotia to begin a new life. These first English-speaking settlers brought a spirit of perseverance and determination that led to the development of not only Lyon's Brook but of Pictou County. 2017 marks the 250th anniversary of their arrival and a permanent display of banners will be installed throughout the community. Also, on June 10th and 11th residents and visitors are to participate in the activities that are being planned to celebrate the Landing of the Betsey. These activities include a pancake breakfast, demonstrations of traditional crafts, genealogy sharing,



unveiling of the historical panels for the Community Kiosk, BBQ, variety concert, and church service. Most of the activities will take place at the Lyon's Brook Hall. Watch for further details on the www.lyonsbrookhall.ca or the Facebook page.



Home Up-Grades For Low Income Earners

Everyone deserves a warm home. For homeowners who qualify, Nova Scotia Power, the Province of Nova Scotia, the Clean Foundation & Efficiency Nova Scotia have partnered to offer you a comprehensive energy audit and works with you to determine the energy efficient upgrades that make the most sense for your home. A Home

Warming Team takes care of managing sub-contractors to have the upgrades completed at no cost to you. The end goal is to give you a more comfortable home in both winter and summer, and more room in your household budget for other priorities. To learn more about the program call toll free at 1-877-2136 or visit homewarmig.ca

Pictou County Municipal Council



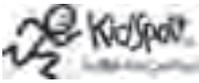
*Seated L - R: Darla MacKeil, Wayne Murray (Deputy Warden), Robert Parker (Warden), Brian Cullen (CAO), Peter Boyles & Deborah Wadden
Standing L - R: Don Butler, David Parker, Ronald Baillie, Larry Turner, Andy Thompson, Chester Dewar & Randy Palmer*

Update Your Mailing Address

Customers of the Municipality are reminded of the importance of keeping your mailing address updated on our records so that you receive your tax and utility bills on a timely basis. Each year 300 tax bills are returned to the Municipality undelivered because of incorrect addressing. If you have moved, or if Canada Post has assigned you a new mailing address, it is your responsibility to notify us so that we can change our records in order to

avoid any delays in getting bills to you. We do share address changes with the Property Valuation Services Corporation which is the agency responsible for delivering your annual assessment notice. If your address has changed, please contact the Municipal Office at 902-485-4311 with your account number and your new address and we will make the change immediately.

Funding Opportunities Available



KidSport and JumpStart



The Pictou County Chapters of KidSport and JumpStart are set up to financially assist children participate in sport and other recreation activities. These programs help users to overcome the barriers preventing or limiting their participation.

Gary Boone Leadership Development Fund

Gary Boone Leadership Development Fund, a leadership development program, is one of many initiatives that have been established to increase the physical activity levels of children and youth in Nova Scotia. While this fund is directed to leadership development, financial support can be considered for creation of new programs as long as there is a leadership development component.

For more information or applications for these funding opportunities please contact Cindy Fraser at the Pictou County Recreation Office at 902-485-8528, 902-752-1530, or cindy.fraser@munpict.ca.

Pictou County Roots Society

Are you a Genealogy Enthusiast?

(PCRS) is a registered non-profit organization. The society held its first monthly meeting on November 11, 1998 for the purpose of assisting the public in genealogical research and preserving historical records so that they may be available for public use.

To further these aims, the society has formed working partnerships with the

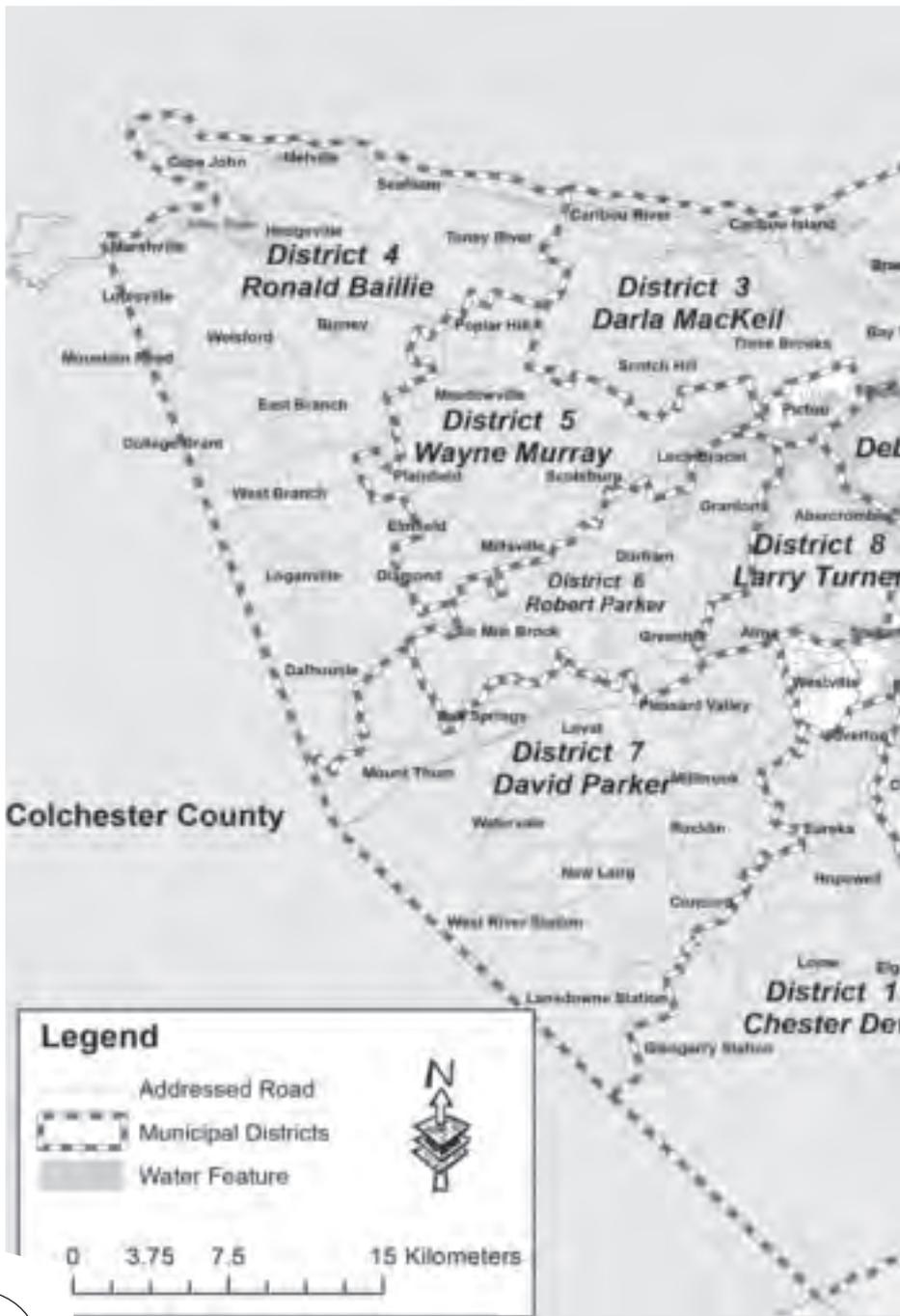
New Glasgow Branch of the Pictou Antigonish Regional Library, the Town of New Glasgow and the Pictou County Historical Society.

Monthly meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month in the Program Room of the New Glasgow Library. Members and guests are

always welcome. For information on membership contact the office at the address/phone number below.

The Pictou County Roots Society has many resources available for genealogy researchers. The PCRS has over 100 cemeteries recorded and a collection of over 60,000 obituaries of the Pictou County area. Volunteers and staff are happy to assist the visitors.

For more information please call 902-752-9543, e-mail roots@parl.ns.ca, or visit our web site at www.parl.ns.ca/roots. You can also come in to our office at 182 Dalhousie Street, New Glasgow from Tuesday to Friday, 10:00 am until 4:00 pm.



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Toney River Community Hall

Our Annual & General Meeting was held as was advertised on our yellow roadside hall sign on April 11th, 2017. There was an election of officers and confirmation of directors and one new one. If anyone wasn't at the meeting and was a previous director we left you on the list unless we hear you don't want to be. Our president and vice-president offered up their positions quite willingly but no one received these officers. They will continue on for one more year. The treasurer who does a very detailed job generously will continue and the secretary when there will also. Thank you everyone.

About 30 Tony River 2016 Royal Blue T-Shirts are left from last year, small, medium and large. They did run a bit on the smaller size last year, and they were \$12 each. This year some red ones will be ordered (red was our previous main outside hall colors and to go with Canada's 150th). Whatever size you need, please contact Lisa and they will be sold at the BBQ on July 23rd. See you out there somewhere with them on.

The Adopt a-Highway ditch clean-up was held May 6th. This is a great way to love your nation or better yet please do not throw garbage out. Take it home and sort it to compost, blue, black or clear bags.

IWK Supper was Saturday, May 13th on Mother's Day week-end. 100% goes to the IWK!

The Chicken BBQ will be July 23rd from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm or sold out. We are encouraging people to slow down more than the 60 km speed area while this is on and park up the Toney

River Road (Mill Road) or in back of the hall, to keep people from parking on the Sunrise Trail where vehicle traffic can be too busy.

The Place names Toney River and Toney Mills where did they come from? Toney here has an "é" due to French-Aboriginal history. As recounted by Rev. George Patterson in the "History of Pictou County" 1877 and by James Cameron 1972 – a French man named Capt. Toney became well thought of with the Mi'kmaq nation adopted their way of life becoming like a chief, could converse with them and spoke enough English, and may have helped with a 1761 peace treaty between all 3 affecting Pictou County area and further. The Toney name became part of the Mi'kmaq culture. Our own folk lore has a story of a close descendant of his drowning up river giving us the name.

History of the early 1800's had virgin pitch pine of superior quality being cut down and shipped at the mouth of the river to England leaving future agricultural land. Any other of these pitch pines would have been destroyed during the great fire of 1849. Up river at Toney Mills there was a saw mill and grist mill from about 1855 to the early 1920's. There was a problem with the water wheel for the grist mill even in the 1881 as Cora McRae tells of her memories there as a child. As more and more trees were cut down there was less water for the wheel to provide power. Millers through the years were Alexander McRae and son John (Cora's father), James MacKay, David Anderson and son Geddes and

grandson George. Roderick McRae also Alexander's son ran the sawmill (boards and shingles) which might have ran longer than the grist mill (flour and meal). A big log from the dam just washed down the river in the past 10 years.

More recent news: There were more days with ice in the Northumberland

Strait this winter of 2017 blown in from the Gulf of St. Lawrence than many recent years. It is usually late forming like the end of January now. It is broken up ice and started dispersing the 2nd week in April. "The colder the water the tastier the lobsters". Hope you all get to enjoy some.

Pictou Landing Harbour Authority

HAPL has just ended its 12th year since incorporation. This year we put in a new well, washrooms and office to assist fishermen, recreational and the public using these facilities. The funding was made available by Trans Canada Trails, Recreation Facility Development, Small Craft Harbour and Pictou Landing Community Grants.

This past year we berthed 15 commercial boats fishing lobster, rock

crab, herring and tuna along with 5 recreational vessels who boat for leisure. The Board meets monthly with 4 non-natives and 4 First Nations, along with our Wharf Manager to conduct business. 2017 is Canada's 150th anniversary and we plan to help celebrate with Tans Canada Trails connecting our country by land and water.

Bill MacPherson
Vice-President

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LARK Program

The Leisure & Active Recreation for Kids (LARK) Program will once again taking place in rural Pictou County. LARK gives children the chance to get out into the community and be active in the summer time. The program includes lots of fun and games, cool crafts, awesome activities and surprises. It is open to children ages 5-12, and will provide recreation

in their community twice a week. Tentative plans are to have LARK in three communities this summer.

If your Community Organization is interested in hosting a LARK Program next summer, or would like any further information please contact the Pictou County Recreation Office at 902-485-8528 or cindy.fraser@munpict.ca.

Summer Recreation Programs

Once again communities around Pictou County will be providing Children=s Summer Recreation Programs. Each area will have its own unique program for the summer, with activities ranging from sports, crafts and theme days to low organized games and environmental

games. As well, there will be exciting trips, tournaments, beach days and much more provided throughout the summer.

For more information on what is being offered in your area contact Pictou County Recreation at cindy.fraser@munpict.ca or 902-485-8528.

Pictou County Solid Waste

Battery Recycling – Did you know there are recycling boxes across Pictou County where you can recycle your batteries? Following is a list of their locations;

- Simpsons Appliance and Furniture - River John
- Merigomish School House Community Center – Merigomish
- The County of Pictou Municipal Administration Office and all Town Halls
They accept AA, AAA, C,

D, Hearing aid batteries (small flat ones), watch batteries (larger flat ones), as well all cell phone batteries.



Barney's River Station School House Museum

The Barney's River School House Museum is, at present in a state of transition. Nova Bannerman, founder and curator, has retired. Colene Williams, a former student, has agreed to accept the position of curator.

In the year of celebrating Canada's 150 years as a nation, it is interesting to note that the school house had its beginnings in that era as well. The school house was built as a result of the controversial Free School Act which was passed 3 years prior to 1867.

The little white school building has witnessed many changes over the years. One of the earliest teachers, a Miss Turner, enjoyed an annual salary of \$22.00. The teacher boarded at different homes in the community if the family had an extra room or if they could afford it.

There is an account of the Inspector of Schools, Daniel MacDonald, who visited in the winter and dismissed the children "as an act of kindness so they could warm up by running home."

The first hour of the school day consisted of religious studies. The compulsory teaching aids were a globe, a map of Palestine and a counting board. Blackboards were painted on the walls with a mixture of stove black, plaster of paris and vinegar. If one lived 2 miles from the school, attendance



was not compulsory. Water was carried from a nearby home. The Christmas concert was the "highlight" of the year and initially was held on Christmas Eve. Boys and girls were made to sit together in the in the double desks as a form of punishment, and corporal punishment, though not encouraged, was permitted.

When you visit this school museum, you will learn of so many changes have taken place over the years, fascinating stories of the education system that have shaped our community and country, and notable community members and families that made a difference. The school house is full of artifacts from the early days of formal learning in this province. You are most welcome to visit this little schoolhouse museum which is in its third century as the centre of the community.

The museum is open in the months of July and August, noon to 5:00 pm, Tuesday to Sunday. The rest of the year, it can be visited by appointment.

Little Harbour Community Centre



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We have had another busy year at the Community Centre, and wish to thank everyone in the community for their continued support of our events. Over the past year we've had two dances featuring the band Big Fish that were both sold out and lots of fun! We also implemented Kids' Days that occur quarterly. This past year, we've done bouncy houses, a dance, and a reptile show. We also had our Christmas Dinner, Brunch, Yard Sale, and Craft Sale. Seniors' Luncheons continue to be successful and we are so thankful to be able to offer those events. They will start again in the fall.

Aside from ongoing maintenance and upkeep, we are extremely pleased to say our renovations at the hall are now complete! In the past few years, we have updated the exterior of the Community Centre, including landscaping. We also completely renovated the bar, added

a fully- accessible family washroom (with baby-change station), and in 2016 also completely renovated both of our other washrooms! It is a lovely, air-conditioned facility with a full kitchen and capacity of 200 people. We would really like to thank everyone who volunteers their time to events. Your contributions made these updates possible!

Upcoming Events for 2017:

June 10th: Yard Sale (Community Centre Fundraiser)

-Donate your unwanted items to the Community Centre for us to sell. All of the money made goes toward the Community Centre's upkeep and maintenance.

June 16th: Ladies' Bridge Party

-If you're interested in playing, please contact Lynne Sheridan at 902-752-0781. Bridge players must register to play.

June 24th: Mike's Harbour Beach Market's 5th Anniversary

-We will be having a fundraiser BBQ at the Beach Market for the

Community Centre. Come celebrate with Mike!

July 8th: 9am-12pm-Ladies' Aid Coffee Party

2pm-4pm-KIDS' DAY-We will have bouncy houses and lots of games. We are planning this as an outdoor event, but it will be moved indoors in the event of inclement weather.

July 16th: Brunch! (Community Centre Fundraiser)

August 13th: Planked Salmon Supper (Little Harbour Fire Dept. Fundraiser)

October 28th: Halloween Dance Feat. Big Fish! (Community Centre Fundraiser)

-We are also planning to have a Halloween-themed Children's Dance

in October, but don't have any definite plans yet.

November 18th: Craft Sale (Community Centre Fundraiser)

December 3rd: Christmas In the Harbour Turkey Dinner (Community Centre Fundraiser)

For up to date information on all of our events, booking rates, and contact information, follow us on Facebook, or visit www.LittleHarbourNS.com. If you would like to book an event, please contact Freda Hepditch at 902-752-3768. New volunteers are always welcome, and we would love to have new members join our Board of Directors. If you are interested, please contact us!

2017 Volunteer Week

The Provincial Volunteer Awards Day was held in Halifax at the Westin on April 18th. At this reception each Municipality



from throughout the province selected a representative volunteer to attend. The Municipality of Pictou County's volunteer representative was Joe MacDonald of Kenzieville. The Municipality of Pictou County would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Joe for being selected as the representative for recognition during the 2017 Provincial Volunteer Week Activities. We would also like to thank him for his years of volunteer service.



Lieutenant Governor JJ Grant, Pictou County Representative Volunteer Joe MacDonald, and Premier Stephen McNeil.

MacPherson's Mills Women's Institute

The MacPherson's Mills Women's Institute is 1 of 10 branches in Pictou County. We are a group for all women. Members have the opportunity to meet new people, make connections and learn new skills. We support activities in our community, families, schools, and have a voice in helping make our province, nation and world a better place to live. The Women's Institute members also like to have fun.

Some of MacPherson's Mills Branch projects include:

- support the Book Award and breakfast program at Thorburn Consolidated
- contribute to a bursary fund made available to graduating students planning to further their education
- support our community hall
- provide prize money to the Pictou County North Colchester Exhibition

- donate old towels, mats and other supplies to the SPCA in Granton
- support projects like knitted finger puppets to give to the Pictou County Health Authority

Our branch meet on the second Thursday of each month. We take a break during the summer months. At our meetings we have programs with speakers or someone sharing a new craft, hobby or topic of interest.

If you would like to have more information or are interested in attending one of our meetings, please contact Secretary Lorraine Blakeney at 902-922-2059.

To learn more about Women's Institutes you can go on line at:

www.winovascotia.ca

www.fwic.ca

www.acww.org.uk

Pictou County Celtic Workshop

The Annual Celtic Workshop will be held at the Lismore Community Centre from July 7th to 9th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. The workshop will end with a Ceilidh on the last

evening at open to the public. All kids are free – ages 5 and up! To register call Frances MacDonald at 902-926-2421 or e-mail frances.mac@hotmail.com.



Durham Community Club

The Durham Community Club had a busy year. We have been working hard to finish up the renovations started in the fall. We now have three new washrooms and a storage room with one of the washrooms being wheelchair accessible.

In November, we held our annual Christmas Craft Fair. As always it featured all local artisans and producers. It was a great success with everyone enjoying the intimate atmosphere and hot apple cider.

We have had several Prize Bingos throughout the year and plan to have more in the coming year. Jam sessions continue to be held every Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm. Bring your fiddle or guitar; or come to listen and tap your toes. Everyone is welcome. Line

dancing is being held at the Hall on Thursday nights at 7:30 pm, \$2 per night.

On March 17th we held our second annual St. Patrick's Day Coffee House. The evening featured Irish music and food. Everyone enjoyed the evening.

Our annual Strawberry Tea will be held in July. Watch the community bulletins for the date and time. Also, Watch the community bulletins for other future events. Thank you to the community for your continued support of our events and activities!

The Durham Community Hall is available for rentals for meetings, small functions and celebrations at a cost of \$30.00 per day. If you are interested in renting the Hall please call Betty at 902-485-4917.

Landsdowne Outdoor Recreation Development Association

LORDA is busy planning for another active year. Jim Crawford, curator is now busy collecting maple sap and processing it into delicious maple syrup. Please support the park by purchasing their syrup.

Plans are underway for the annual Disabled Fishing Day on June 10th. On this date buses and vans bring those with significant challenges to the park to enjoy catching fish in the stocked pond. Please plan to visit on that day to truly see what the park is all about.

The annual Music LORDA concert is shaping up for August 20th. This fun filled day features many local artists and is our major fund raiser.



New this year is a pay as you fish. This is being permitted from an upper pond with larger stocked fish.

LORDA, located in Landsdowne, Pictou County and provides at no charge, outdoor recreational opportunities for seniors and those with disabilities. A truly unique place!

Scotsburn Recreation Club

The SRC Board of Directors are working towards improvements to the building and rec facilities and offering increased activities through the re-introduction of the Community School.

We encourage residents from near and far to participate in many of the events that we support to be able to make the community vibrant yet again. Find info on upcoming events/activities by following us on Facebook at Scotsburn Recreation Club, or email us at scotsburnrec@hotmail.com.

We are always welcome assistance/feedback on activities you'd like to see in your community. Please feel free to contact or join us to share ideas. Meetings are generally held at 7:00 pm at John P. Gammon Recreation Center (4136 Scotsburn Road) on the fourth Sunday of the Month.

Here are some upcoming events to watch for:

Community School Activities - Anyone interested in offering future courses in the fall, or to make a suggestion for activities you'd like to try, or for info on current Spring Sessions, please contact Jennifer MacLennan at jenmaclen@gmail.com or 902-485-5448.

Book Exchange - A large selection of books are available to the public for free the first Sunday of every month (except July & August) from 1:00-3:00 pm, or anytime you are in the area and the building is accessible.

Please only donations of novels and children books.

Clothing Swap - June 11th at JPG Rec Center 1:00-3:00 pm; We are looking for donations of gently used clothing to be dropped off on June 10th or make arrangements with Alena Martin via scotsburnrec@hotmail.com. Stop by and fill a plastic bag for \$10.

Canada's 150th Celebrations - evening of July 1st at JPG Rec. Center; contact Amber Manning at amberlynnmanning@gmail.com to offer assistance in planning/fundraising for events, and be on the lookout for further details as the date gets closer.

Summer Recreation Program - for children ages 5-12 running July 3rd to August 25th; watch for additional info through Scotsburn Elementary Newsletter/Facebook for registration dates and fees. Additional information will be available in June once students are hired for the summer.

CATCH Afterschool Program (Coordinated Approach to Child Health) - For children attending Scotsburn Elementary there is a daily afterschool program that offers a nutritional snack, physical games, crafts and activities at the school and JPG Rec Center. For more information contact CATCH Coordinator Julie Blais at catch.reccenter@yahoo.com. We are also looking for two additional Coordinators to begin this fall on a part time basis, or to have

names of individuals available to be a sub when we are short staffed due to emergencies or illness. For more information please contact Alena at scotsburnrec@hotmail.com.

55+ Club Activities - To learn more about programs offered

or for membership information please contact: Sandra Malenfant at malenfant1@eastlink.ca or Joan Clark at jjclark@TNCweb.ca. Activities are also listed through the Community School Newsletter.

Caribou River Community Hall



The Caribou River Community Hall located on the Sunrise Trail is the centre of our community. Once a one-room schoolhouse, it has been renovated to become a nice hall with a great kitchen. We have a dedicated group of volunteers who help plan and host the popular “Lunch and Learn” program (June 22nd will be on container gardening), Country Breakfasts (June 18th, Father’s Day), and Christmas Craft Sale.

This spring we offered Chair

Yoga and hope to have more fitness programs in the fall. It is also the site of the 3rd Annual Maritime Lace Day with bobbin lace makers from PEI, NB and NS attending (October 7th). The Community Hall is also used for community meetings, family parties and showers.

For more information on our events or to book the Hall please contact Donna Bullerwell 902-485-1484 or check on Facebook District 3 Community News for upcoming events.



Spring is here!

Remember to get out,
be active and enjoy it!



Pictou County Volunteer Appreciation Banquet

The Pictou County Volunteer Appreciation Banquet was held on April 22nd at the Plymouth Fire Department. This banquet is held each year honouring the many groups and individuals who give so freely of their time. This volunteer effort is what makes Pictou County so great. Nearly forty volunteer groups and organizations were recognized this year for their volunteer efforts and Joe MacDonald was the guest speaker for the evening. The Municipality would once again like to express appreciation to all volunteers, especially those who were unable to attend the banquet. We extend our deepest gratitude for your unselfish giving of yourselves, our heartfelt appreciation for volunteers

making Pictou County a better place to live, and our wish that all volunteers continue to enjoy good health and to be able to continue with their community efforts.

Following are the award recipients recognized at the banquet;

Volunteer Group (with a facility) –

Caribou River Community Club

Volunteer Group (without a facility)

– District One Meals on Wheels

Volunteer Youth Group – Hopewell 4-H Club

Volunteer of the Year – Joe MacDonald



Photo L-R; Joe MacDonald – Guest Speaker and Volunteer of the Year, Christine Czapalay – Caribou River Community Club, Christina MacMaster – Hopewell 4-H Club, and Leslie McDuff – District One Meals on Wheels

8th Annual “FAMILY” Fishing Derby

The 8th Annual “FAMILY” Fishing Derby will be held at the CUB CAMP RODERICK on MacKinnon Lake in Sunny Brae, Pictou County on Saturday June 10th, 2017 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. There will be a breakfast being served, the cost is a donation. There will also be a Barbeque on site in the afternoon.

The cost is \$20.00 for 16 to adults, 11-15 year olds \$10.00, and children 10 and under are free. There will be trophies and prizes in three categories as well as door prizes. If Adults want to fish they must bring at least one youth 15 years or under.

If adults show up without a youth they can't fish in the derby. You can bring your own boat and life jackets for all that will be using the boat. All proceeds will go to help repair the camp. Nova Scotia fishing rules will apply for the derby.

We are taking bookings from organizations if they want to rent Camp Roderick on MacKinnon Lake this year 2017. For further information please contact Scott Murdoch, Area Commissioner at 902-922-2805 or scott.sherill@live.ca



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Errors? Omissions?



If any of the contacts or groups in this newsletter have changed, please contact Cindy Fraser at the Pictou County Recreation Office at 902-485-8528 or 902-752-1530.

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Don't Be Left Out of the Next Newsletter!

Pictou County Recreation will be accepting information to be included in the next newsletter until October 13th, 2017. The next issue will be distributed in late November. Any group or organization wishing to submit information can do so via mail, fax or e-mail. If you have any questions feel free to contact the Recreation Office. **Please limit submissions to 500 words to allow enough space for all volunteer groups.**

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