

NEWSLETTER

KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY
CONNECTED



FALL 2026



**Special thank you
to the Pictou Garden
Club with the
“Come Grow with
Us” Program.**

The Town of Pictou is proud to work alongside the Pictou and Area Garden Club and our local business community through the “Come Grow with Us” Program. Partnerships like this show what can happen when our community comes together with a shared goal of making Pictou a beautiful, vibrant, and welcoming place.



Pictou is on the Move

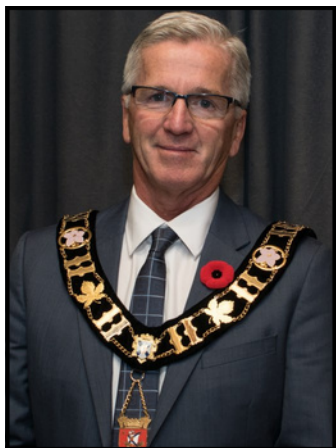
As the leaves begin to change and another vibrant season unfolds, there's plenty to celebrate in the Town of Pictou!

It's been a year of growth and progress, with new housing, businesses, and exciting improvements taking shape throughout our community.

In this Issue:

- **Town Infrastructure Projects**
- **Recreation and Active Living Programs**
- **Events and Happenings**
- **Community Organizations and More**





Greetings !

It has been another busy summer in the Town of Pictou with plenty to keep us busy. I would like to start by expressing the Town's thanks to the many volunteers who worked year-round to ensure that our summer was full of great activities designed for residents and visitors of all ages. The annual Lobster Carnival, numerous Vendor Village Events and the summer markets were certainly among the highlights.

Our Parks and Recreation volunteers and staff must also be recognized for providing the extensive summer programming enjoyed by children from the Pictou West area. The activities at Broidy Park, including those surrounding our wonderful new splash pad, were a huge success and the Love Local Concert Series throughout the waterfront district, once again, attracted large crowds.

Construction on Caladh Avenue has been completed providing an enhanced space that promotes active transportation and healthy lifestyles for residents and visitors. We have also been watching, with anticipation, the construction of the new breakwater and wharf, and we are looking forward to the opening of the new marina in the spring of 2027. This will be a great addition to our beautiful waterfront.

The Jitney retaining wall reconstruction at the intersection of Water and Church Streets and the Union Street storm water separation, now underway, will go a long way toward the necessary improvements to important community infrastructure. Thanks to residents for your understanding and cooperation as this work proceeds over the next few months.

Finally, as we move into Autumn 2026, be sure to take advantage of the numerous fall events and the many opportunities for exercise and enjoyment outlined in this newsletter.

Wishing everyone a wonderful Fall!
Jim Ryan, Mayor

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Meetings

Committee of Council Meetings

Meets on the first Monday of each month except on holidays.

Regular Town Council Meetings

Meets on the third Monday of each month except on holidays.

Pictou Recreation and Parks Committee

Meets on the last Wednesday of each month except on holidays.

All meetings take place in Council Chambers at 71 Front Street, former CN Train Station. All meetings are open to the public. Minutes of meetings are posted on the Town website.

NOTE: Meeting dates may change. Please check website for changes or call the Town Hall at 902-485-4372.



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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM



www.townofpictou.ca



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8:00 am - 5:00 pm

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Dog Control: Contact the Town Office at 902-485-4372. For emergencies contact the RCMP at 911.

Unsightly Property/Miscellaneous Complaints: Contact the Town Office at 902-485-4372.

Street Light Outages: Contact the Town of Pictou at 902-485-4372.

Tax Billing: Billed twice a year - June and October (tax year is April 1-March 31).

Water Billing: Billed four times a year - January, April, July and October (subject to change).

Bill Payment Options: Cash, debit, cheque, and online banking; payments made at Town Administration Office, 40 Water Street.

New Parking Project Slated for Fall

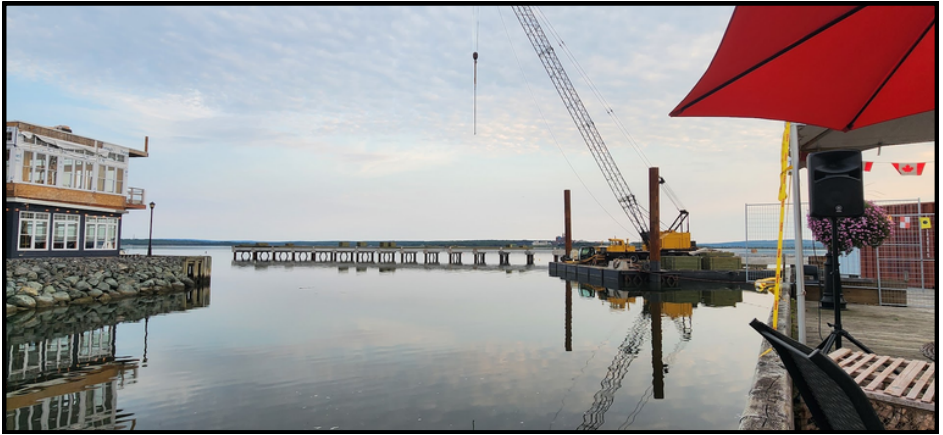
Residents and visitors can look forward to additional parking in downtown Pictou this fall. The Town of Pictou is planning to construct a new parking lot on the west side of the deCoste Performing Arts Centre, utilizing the existing green space adjacent to the facility. The new lot will provide more than 30 additional parking spaces, helping to increase parking availability for visitors attending events at the deCoste Centre and enjoying the surrounding downtown and waterfront area. Access to the parking lot will be located off Water Street, and the lot will feature a gravel surface. Construction is expected to begin this fall, with further updates to be shared as the project moves forward.

Jitney Trail Retaining Wall

Work is scheduled to begin in mid-September on an important infrastructure upgrade along the Jitney Trail. A section of the existing retaining wall has deteriorated and requires reinstatement to ensure public safety and preserve the integrity of the trail infrastructure. This work will help protect the trail for residents and visitors and ensure it remains a safe and enjoyable community asset for years to come. During construction, a section of the Jitney Trail will be temporarily closed. Detours will be in place between Willow Street and Atlantic Avenue to help guide trail users and traffic safely around the construction area. Signage will be posted throughout the area to clearly identify the detour routes. The Town appreciates everyone's patience and cooperation while this important work is completed.

Paving Projects Continue Across Town

The Town of Pictou has completed several paving projects this season, including work on Harbour Crossing Drive, Wallis Drive, Birch Hill Drive and Union Street. Work will continue throughout the fall and into December with a significant infrastructure project planned for the lower portion of Union Street, from Denoon Street to Pictou Harbour. The project will include the replacement of water and sewer infrastructure, new pavement, and upgrades to stormwater service lines. These important improvements will help strengthen essential municipal infrastructure and improve the long-term condition of this section of Union Street. Residents and motorists are asked to watch for construction activity and follow posted signage as work progresses.



Waterfront Marina Project Moving Forward

Construction on Pictou's exciting waterfront marina project remains on schedule, with a target opening date of May 2027. The expanded marina will feature 50 berths and a range of services and amenities for boaters, including fueling, pump-out services, and a boater centre with showers, laundry facilities and other amenities.

Registration for seasonal berths is expected to open this fall. Those interested in securing a seasonal berth are encouraged to contact the Town Hall for more information. The marina has also undergone a refreshed branding process and will soon have a new name and visual identity. A public announcement sharing these exciting details will be made in the near future.

Additional waterfront improvements are also underway, including the construction of a new boat launch at the east end of Caladh Avenue, near the small wharf at the Love Local Vendors Village. The new boat launch is targeted for completion by early June 2027.

Together, these investments will enhance Pictou's waterfront and create an improved destination for local boaters, visitors, and the community to enjoy for years to come.

Pictou Restoring Woodlands With 75,000 Native Seedlings

Pictou's Fitness Trails and woodlands, hit hard by Hurricane Fiona in 2022, will now be replanted with thousands of native trees and shrubs through the Thriving Forests Program; a provincial tree-planting and ecosystem restoration initiative led by the Clean Foundation in partnership with the provincial and federal governments.

The project is fully funded to receive trees and planting. Trees planted under this program help restore forest health and biodiversity, specifically in areas that will not be used for commercial forestry. Trees and shrubs in this planting include a mix of species native to the province's Wabanaki-Acadian and boreal forests, sourced from seeds in Atlantic Canada.

Mayor Jim Ryan looks forward to the completion of the project: "The Town is grateful for the support of the Clean Foundation and Thriving Forests. Trees planted now will protect the integrity of our green spaces and support biodiversity for generations to come."

Over September workers will be in the area of the Fitness Trails and Glen Road East in planting the seedlings. The Fitness Trails area remain open to public use as the project requires minimal equipment.

For additional information about this initiative, please contact the Town Administration Office at (902) 485-4372. For more information on the Thriving Forests Program visit:

www.cleanfoundation.ca/thriving-forests



Call for Citizens Applications

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The Town of Pictou is inviting citizens to apply to serve on the following committees:

Business Advisory Committee

The Pictou Business Advisory Committee is a standing advisory committee to Council. The Committee shall advise Council on the development and management of an implementation strategy for Pictou's waterfront/downtown, rotary/highway district and other business initiatives. The committee will provide advice and guidance on business matters.

Parks and Recreation Committee

The committee operates pursuant to the Pictou Recreation and Parks Committee Policy. The major focus areas include planning and organizing special community events and serving as an advisory group to Council on recreation service delivery.

Planning Committee

The Planning Advisory Committee helps guide how Pictou grows and develops. Members review certain development proposals, consider changes to planning rules, and provide advice to Council on land use decisions that affect the community. Committee members bring forward community perspectives, ask questions, and help ensure new development fits with the Town's plans and priorities. It's an opportunity to be involved in shaping the future of Pictou in a practical, hands-on way.

Nicole MacDonald

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Don't Forget Your Dog Tag

Did you know that all dogs in the Town of Pictou are required to be registered and wear a dog tag? Dog tags can help identify and reunite lost pets with their owners. Stop by the Town Office to register your dog and pick up a tag. A small registration fee applies.



This summer, Wednesday evenings in downtown Pictou have had a new rhythm. The Pictou Farmers' Market has brought local food, music, conversation, and community together at the Market Square Gazebo. What started as a small initiative to bring fresh, locally produced food into the heart of town has continued to grow, and this year the market has more than doubled in size. We've welcomed new and returning farmers, bakers, makers, youth entrepreneurs, musicians, volunteers, and customers throughout the season.

There have been lots of exciting developments along the way. The market became a member of the Nova Scotia Farmers' Markets Co-operative, allowing us to participate in the provincial Farmers' Market Dollars program. We added more special events, welcomed greater youth involvement, enjoyed regular live music, and organized a school snack drive that resulted in donations to local schools. These initiatives have helped the market become more than a place to shop, it has become a place to connect, support local producers, and take part in the community.

We'll wrap up the season with our final market on Wednesday, September 23rd, from 4–7 PM at Market Square, with plans for a shared community meal to celebrate the season and everyone who helped make it possible. We are incredibly grateful to our vendors, volunteers, musicians, youth, and the community for showing up week after week. The growth of the market this year is a reflection of the people of Pictou who have embraced it, and we're excited to see what the future holds.



HOW TO SET UP ONLINE BANKING TO PAY TAXES AND WATER BILLS

To begin you must have a separate payee for taxes and water.

FOR TAXES

1. Search Pictou
2. Select "Pictou (Town of)
3. Taxes" Enter account number - must be 8 digits; if not add 00s in front of the account number.

For example

Account Number: 102436; enter as 00102436

FOR WATER

1. Search Pictou
2. Select "Pictou (Town of) Water"
3. Enter account number - must be 6 digits; do not include the .00 in the account number. If you need more digits add 00s in front of your account number.

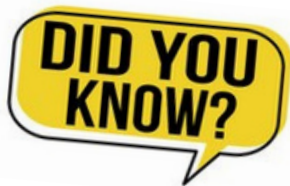
For example:

Account Number: 17042.00; enter as 017042

Property Tax & Water Billing Updates

For updated water rates please visit our website at www.townofpictou.ca / then double click WATER UTILITY, or visit the Town Hall.

To be added to the Town's email notification list for water interruptions, etc., contact info@townofpictou.ca



Subscribe to Alerts

To be notified of street closures, water alerts, recreation programs or to receive a copy of the Town Newsletter, go to the Town website and sign up.

Low Income Tax Exemption

Application forms are now available for the 2026-2027 Low Income Tax Exemption. Forms can be picked up at the Town Hall at 40 Water Street. Income threshold is \$30,960; maximum exemption of \$495.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

October TBA
November 9
December 15 - April 15

Hydrant flushing; expect low pressure
Leaf Pick Up - Pictou County Solid Waste
Winter Parking Ban will be enforced

Pictou County Solid Waste will be collecting leaves during the regular garbage collection day in November in Pictou. All residents are encouraged to ensure that leaves are in clear or orange bags; there is **no limit to the number of bags**.

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IGNITING Women
in Business



Women Empowering
Women in Business

Monthly Business Meet-Up



First Wednesday of Every Month

SEPT 2 | 4-6 PM | IGNITE Northern

345 Temperance St. New Glasgow, NS

Save the Date!

The Pictou County Chamber of Commerce **Business Achievement Awards** will take place on November 5, 2026, at the deCoste Performing Arts Centre. Celebrate outstanding businesses, entrepreneurs, and community leaders who help Pictou County thrive.



Pre-registration and payment for all programs is required. Youth, adults and seniors are welcome to all classes unless an age group is specified. Call for details at 902-485-4372.

Yoga by Rachael MacLean

Improve flexibility and strength in this serene weekly yoga practice.
When: Tuesdays 10:00-11:00 am beginning September 8, ongoing.
Location: Pictou United Church, 47 James Street
Fee:\$52.50 for 6 weeks

Chair Yoga by Rachael MacLean

Chair Yoga is a wonderful and uplifting program for all ages and abilities.
When: Fridays 11:00-11:45 am beginning September 11, ongoing
Location: Pictou United Church, 47 James Street
Fee:\$52.50 for 6 weeks

Handmade Hangout

Partnership with the Murray Family Library.
Got a project you're working on? Bring it to the library and work alongside other crafty friends, share tips, tea, and a lot of all things handmade.
When: Meets every third Thursday of the month
Location: Pictou Library Branch, 99 Water Street
Free

Adult Badminton Club

Date: Tuesdays 6:30-8:30 pm.
Location: McCulloch Education Centre, 350 Wellington St,
Start date and fees TBA. Bring your own racket. **DROP IN**

Pickleball

Date: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, 6:00- 8:00 pm. **DROP IN**
Location: Pictou Tennis Courts, 158 Louise St (Broidy Park)/McCulloch Education Centre, 350 Wellington St, mid-fall. \$3. Bring your own racket.



FIND YOUR WAY TO PLAY AT [PLAYFINDER.CA](https://playfinder.ca)!

Access to information, opportunities, and tools that help organizations thrive and make participation easier for everyone.



Questions or Ideas? Contact Support@PlayFinder.ca

Walk N Roll Indoor Walking Group - Free

Tuesdays at 1:00 pm, Pictou Legion, 130 Veterans Drive, Pictou
Starting September 15, the Nova Scotia Health Authority and Pictou Recreation and Parks will be offering the Walk N Roll Program designed for those with mobility challenges. We welcome people of all mobility levels - bring any walking aid that you have. Rollator style walkers are available onsite. Our goals are to increase your walking endurance, heart health and independence. Enjoy companionship and great music while improving your fitness level. Meets every Tuesday and it's free! For more information call 902-485-4372.

Seeking Program/Workshop Instructors

Do you have a program or skill you'd love to teach? Pictou Recreation and Parks wants to meet you! We strive to provide a variety of interesting, active and engaging programs for people of all ages and abilities. Contact sally.oneill@townofpictou.ca to discuss.



Fall Guided Hikes

PC Hiker Challenge Badge

October 7, 2026 6 P.M. Trenton Park 5km	October 21, 2026 6 P.M. Green Hill 4.2km	October 28, 2026 6 P.M. Acadia Park 2.5km
Nov 4, 2026 6 P.M. Kutawtimnu Trail 2.2km	Nov 14, 2026 6 P.M. Jitney Trail 5km	
Nov 18, 2026 6 P.M. Old Foster Trail 3.6km	Dec 2, 2026 6 P.M. Samson Trail 4km	



Discover trails in each community in Pictou County to earn the NEW Pictou County Hiker Badge!

To register, contact Melanie at
melanie.dash@westville.ca or 902-396-1059

Pictou County Active After-School Program – 2026

The Active After-School Program is back for the 2026 school year! Students can look forward to afternoons filled with active play, games, and friendship in a safe and welcoming environment.

Program Highlights:

Fun, active sessions designed to keep kids moving

Opportunities to learn new skills and try different activities

A great way to connect with friends after the school day

Registration forms will be available at schools this fall; be sure to grab yours early, as spots are limited and fill fast!

We're also looking for enthusiastic and responsible individuals to join our team as Program Supervisors/After-School Leaders at Active Pictou County. If you're interested in applying, please send your resume, cover letter, and references to Leighton Hayden at Active Pictou County (leighton.hayden@townofpictou.ca).

Active Skates Pictou County – 2026 Season

Get ready to lace up and enjoy the ice! The Active Skate Equipment Loan Program is back again this season, running from November through March. Whether you're brand new to skating or just need gear for a short time, we've got you covered with skates and helmets available for youth and adults.

How it Works:

- **Borrow Equipment:** Skates and helmets can be borrowed by individuals, families, schools, classrooms, community groups, and organizations. Perfect for enjoying free community skates or introducing someone new to the ice!
- **Flexible Borrowing:** Need equipment for a weekend, special event, or while friends and family are visiting? No problem. Just contact Leighton Hayden at Active Pictou County (leighton.hayden@townofpictou.ca) to check availability and arrange a pickup.

We'll also be sharing the 2026 Master Free Skate Schedule, which highlights all public/free skate times across rinks in Pictou County. Watch for updates on Active Pictou County's Facebook page. Don't miss your chance to get active this winter, borrow some gear, hit the ice, and enjoy the season!



Active Pictou County is a collaborative partnership between the Town of Pictou and the Municipality of Pictou County dedicated to promoting and encouraging physical activity opportunities and initiatives throughout all of Pictou County, with the mission of fostering a healthier and more active community,

Active Pictou County strives to connect individuals, organizations, and businesses passionate about physical activity. Follow or like the Active Pictou County Facebook page and discover the endless opportunities and incentives Pictou County has to offer! **Leighton Hayden**, Coordinator

Hector Arena Opening Mid-October

For further information on skating/rentals/parties call the Hector Arena at 902-485-5122 or email hectorarenamanager@gmail.com

A full schedule of skate times for the season will soon be posted on the Town website at www.townofpictou.ca.

New Caledonian Curling Club

The club will be starting in November 2026, with a full range of activities to suit all ages: junior, mixed adult and industrial league. There are also fun spiels throughout the season. Qualified instructors are on hand to give assistance. Watch for opening week and beginners instruction nights. The club room and ice surface are also available for rental.

For further information call Alta at 902-396-7392 or email curlpictou@gmail.com

Kids Sewing Base

Sewing classes for kids ages 6 & up. 1 hour per week is \$15.00. For more information: find KSB on Facebook or call 902-485-1646.

Modern Line Dancing

Variety of Genre: Latin, Classic, Country, Modern

Like to Dance?

Great Exercises for brain and body

No stressing, just fun and laughs, and meeting others

Classes: Beginner—Wednesday-Friday 10:15-11:15 am

Improver—Monday-Wednesday-Friday 9:00-10:00 am

Starting Wednesday, September 18 \$2/class

Where: Stella Maris Church Hall, Denoon St Pictou

Instructor: Jill MacDonald

If you are new to Pictou or to line dancing, get further information by emailing Jill MacDonald at bjmacd123@gmail.com.



DID YOU KNOW that many of the municipal recreation departments in Pictou County have equipment available for free to loan? These municipalities have joined together to create a website that you can visit to check out what equipment is available. The loan program also has adaptive equipment including a hippocampe, hiking aids, sport and winter equipment. Visit the GO PLAY Pictou County Equipment Loan Program website here: <https://recreation-pictoucounty.hub.arcgis.com>

Everyone Gets to Play

Below are highlights of funding programs available for youth to participate in recreation, sport and entrepreneurship.

- **JumpStart**—Canadian Tire Foundation for Families has created a community based charitable program to get children active called “Canadian Tire JumpStart”. This program delivers assistance to financially disadvantaged children so they have the opportunity to participate in recreational activities and organized sport.
- **KidsSport**—(offered through Sport Nova Scotia) Assists children by overcoming financial barriers which prevent or limit their participation in organized sport. www.sportnovascotia.ca/kidsport
- **Go Play Fund**—The Pictou Go Play Fund is designed to support people of all ages to participate in recreation opportunities that do not qualify for other funding programs. Contact sally.oneill@townofpictou.ca to find out more.
- **JaxMac Foundation**—Was created to carry on the legacy of Jaxon MacDonald by providing youth exposure to opportunities to learn more about themselves and expand their horizon. Grants are available to Canadian youth ages 10 to 18, in the areas of sport, entrepreneurship and travel. Scholarships are also available. All financial backgrounds considered. Apply online at www.jaxmacfoundation.com.



YMCA of Pictou County now offers two locations for fun and physical activity in Pictou:

Pictou Fitness/Childcare Location—Located at 50 Water Street. For information on both the Fitness Centre and Childcare visit:

<https://pcymca.ca/schedules/>

Pictou Fisheries Pool Location—located at 53 Harbour Drive. Program guides for the YMCA of Pictou County are released seasonally. In the program guide, you can find activity information, schedules, course and program dates, calendars for holidays and more.

Check out the seasonal program guide here: <https://pcymca.ca/schedules/>

YMCA memberships include access to the Pictou Pool and Fitness Facility, but also to the YMCA Pool, Fitness Centre, and amenities at the Pictou County Wellness Centre.



Pictou County Mariners Swim Club

Part of our community for over 40 years.

For youth ages 7 years and up

For inquiries please contact

Email: pcm-president@outlook.com

Interested in competitive swimming? The Pictou Fisheries Pool is the proud home of the Pictou County Mariners Swim Team!

Feel Good Benefits of Swimming.....

Swimming works your whole body while giving your joints a break, making it one of the best ways to stay active and have fun!

Just 30 minutes of swimming can help improve heart health, build strength, and reduce stress.



Pictou County
**Community
Health Centre**

Community Health Worker Supports

Appointments Available

PCCHC's Community Health Worker, Pam Hillier, is available to meet with you at the CHC or by phone and can help you with:

- navigating health & social services in Pictou County
- completing the Canadian Dental Care Program applications & renewals
- applying for Pharmacare
- applying for and renewing your NS Health Card
- and more!

Contact us by phone or through our website to book an appointment!



**25B Front Street
Pictou, NS**

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pictoucountychc.ca

Taking care of your health doesn't
have to feel **overwhelming.**

**Pictou Harbour AA Group
21 Atlantic Avenue**

Meetings are every Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday at 8pm. Anyone wishing to learn more about the Alcoholics Anonymous program are welcome to attend. We ask that our statement of anonymity please be adhered to: Who you see here, what you hear here, please let it stay here.



In-Home Visitation Program

The Pictou County Palliative Care Society offers warm, non medical support for people living with a life-limiting illness. Trained volunteers will visit in the home to provide companionship, and emotional comfort alongside existing health-care services. Volunteers are not able to perform tasks related to personal or medical care. If you, or someone you know, is living with a life-limiting illness and would like a friendly visitor.....

Contact Us

Phone: 902-616-7988

Email: coordinator@pcpcares.org

This program is supported by



Pictou County
Palliative
Care Society

Aberdeen
Health Foundation



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Murray Family Public Library

PICTOU-ANTIGONISH REGIONAL LIBRARY

[Pictou Library Website](#) (linked)

Library Hours

Monday, Friday and Saturday: 10:00 am–5:00 pm

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday: 10:00 am–8:00 pm

Closed: September 30

- **Adult Programs**

- Beginner French and Les Amis du Français
- Knifty Knitters
- Conversational Spanish Club
- CBC Ideas (currently full)

- **Children & Youth**

- Jitney Jamboree: Thursdays at 10:00 am for babies and toddlers
- No School Movie Matinee: Wonka (2023), September 25 at 10:00 am

- **Book Clubs & Writing Groups**

- Maren's Book Club – Third Tuesday of each month
- Janet's Chapter 1 Club – Second Tuesday of each month
- Open Pages Writing Group – Wednesdays
- Storytellers Guild – Thursdays

- **Creative Technology**

- Make It Monday: Mondays, 2:00–4:00 pm. Learn about the library's 3D printer, heat press and Siser equipment.

- **Featured Events**

- 6-Week Beginner Spanish: September 25–October 30, Fridays at 10:00 am (registration required).
- Music and Memory Café: September 26, 1:30–4:00 pm. An afternoon social for families and caregivers featuring music, refreshments and activities.

Registration is required for select programs and events.

Pictou County Transit

Pictou County Transit services the Town of Pictou with connections to other key locations throughout the County. There are three designated bus stops within the Town of Pictou at the following locations:

1. Veterans Drive, beside Dollarama
2. Corner of Market Street and Water Street
3. Corner of Union Street and Denoon Street

Service runs 7:00am - 8:30pm. Cost: \$7.50 for a full day pass. Children under 5 ride **free**. For more details on Pictou County Transit and routing visit their website at www.pctransit.ca.



The Pictou West Food Bank provides support, food and assistance when you need it the most. For families and individuals living in Pictou County West, including Pictou County West, including the Town of Pictou, Caribou, Tony River, Lyons Brook, Scotsburn and River John. Cash donations online.

16 Twinning St. | Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 1:00-3:00 pm
email: pictoufoodbank@gmail.com Phone: 902-382-2099



902-485-5790

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 16 in Pictou is located on Veterans Drive across from the Sobeys Plaza. Besides offering support and social activities for Veterans of the Armed Forces the Legion supports the local cadets, the food bank, 4H, the local Fire Department, and bursaries for students. We are always looking for new members and encourage you to visit and see what we have to offer. First time members are free as part of the Legion's 100th Anniversary.

Did you know.....every Thursday the First Presbyterian Church in Pictou serves lunch beginning at 11:30 am. All are welcome. Thank you to the group of volunteers who gather weekly to provide this opportunity to our community. Keep watch this fall for start up date.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 18 - Oct. 4	Culture Days Pictou County - visit Facebook
September 20	Terry Fox Fun, Jitney Trail
September 23	Guided Hike, Roy Island
September 30	National Truth and Reconciliation Event
October 24	HarvFEST and Pumpkin Glow Up
October TBD	Witches on the Water
November 11	Remembrance Day Service
November 14 and 15	Christmas at the deCoste, Craft Show
November 27	Pictou Christmas Light Up

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WIKEWIKU'S HISTORY MONTH OCTOBER

OCTOBER 2026

For more information visit www.mikmaqhistorymonth.ca



The deCoste Performing Arts Centre is a 400-seat venue in Pictou County, equipped with state-of-the-art sound, video, and lighting. Its flexible seating also makes it ideal for conferences, weddings and special events. Recent upgrades focus on accessibility, including ramps, lifts, barrier-free washrooms, and an enhanced hearing assist system. Their *Arts for All* program aims to remove physical, social, and economic barriers so everyone can enjoy the arts. To learn more contact the deCoste team.

Visit www.decostecentre.ca for upcoming shows; the fall and holiday lineup is one to remember!



Pictou Girl Guides



There is still time to register for Guiding! Sparks/Embers (Ages 5 to 8). They meet on Sundays 5-6pm beginning September 20 at the First Presbyterian Church Hall in Pictou. For more information and to register, visit girlguides.ca. Adult volunteer opportunities are available!

Art Classes with Carolyn Vienneau

Art Classes in oil or acrylic with Carolyn Vienneau at Strokes of Colour Art Studio, 8 Irving Street. Water colour paint is held once a month for ages 10 and up, must be accompanied by an adult- all supplies included. For more information: carolynvienneau.com or call 902-485-5005/902-759-3771.



After School Celtic Crew Pictou Celtic Arts Society

Resuming in September for our third year, your children can learn about Celtic history, folklore and traditions, including structured music and dance lessons, all while having fun in a safe, reliable space in town! Every school day from 2 pm-5 pm! Find us on Facebook.



Hector Heritage Quay

902-485-4371

Open Daily 9:30 am to 4:30 pm

Closed: Sept. 2, 8, 13

Beginning September 20, open Tuesday-Saturday until mid October

info@shiphector.ca

www.shiphector.ca

Visit their Facebook page for updated hours of operation.

September is a special month for us at the Hector Heritage Quay. On September 15, we will commemorate 253 years since the Hector first arrived on our shores with 171 Scottish immigrants on board.

We're also excited to share that the Hector's masts, rigging and stays will be stepped up on Saturday, September 26. Meanwhile, construction on the Hector herself will continue as we work toward her transformation into a fully restored passenger sailing vessel.

If you would like to support this historic project, donations can be made online at www.shiphector.ca or mailed to: Ship Hector Society, PO Box 2015, Pictou.



McCulloch House

MUSEUM & GENEALOGY CENTRE



Phone: 902-485-4563

Fall Open Hours starting September -

McCulloch House Museum Hours:

Tuesday to Friday 10am-4 pm

McCulloch Genealogy Centre Hours:

Monday to Friday 10 am-4 pm

Closed Monday, October 12, Thanksgiving Day

McCulloch House Escape Room, The Prince of Pictou is available year-round by appointment and weather permitting. Visit www.mccullochcentre.ca or www.princeofpictou.ca for more information and to book a game.

The McCulloch site features exhibits on local history, community, and culture, and is home to an archival facility and research centre. As interest in Pictou County's heritage continues to grow, the site offers a rich collection of archival materials, including personal and corporate documents, family histories, microfilm newspapers, and vital statistics.

Pictou Community New Horizons 50 Plus Club

Join the Fun!

The Pictou Community New Horizons 50 Plus Club is located at 14 Kempt Street, Pictou. It offers activities which are open to all seniors in the towns and Municipality of Pictou County. Membership is \$20 per year and new members are always welcome! In addition to its regular schedule of events (i.e. Chair Exercises, Pool, Darts, Choir, Scrabble, Euchre, Auction 45's, Cribbage, Bridge, Women's Circle, Pass the Ace and Rug Hookers), the Club hosts a variety of programs such as Lunch and Learn sessions (guest speakers on a wide range of topics of interest to seniors), Income Tax preparation, Sunday Kitchen Party Music Jams, dances and community fund-raising events.

The Club is available for rent to non-profit groups. The Northumberland Quilters Guild and Pictou Garden Club and Carma are regular renters.

The Club serves as a comfort or warming center when circumstances demand support. The Club's activities can be followed on its private Facebook page (Pictou 55 Plus Club) and further information can be obtained by contacting Ann Young, President at 902-485-5741 or 902-759-2539.

Check out Common
Ground Creative
Facebook
page for lots of
activities for kids,
families and
adults



Crafting
Without Borders

10 WEEK KIDS PROGRAM
MONDAY EVENINGS

10 COUNTRIES.
10 CREATIVE ADVENTURES.

Each week we'll explore a new country through crafts, culture, snacks, music and fun!



Rock the Boat



Eva's Walk for Hope



Heartland Tour



Pictou Lobster Carnival





Big Brothers
Big Sisters
OF PICTOU COUNTY

MENTORING OPENS DOORS

One person
can make a
Big difference.

①

Help us recognize BBBS Month, and raise awareness of our growing wait list in Pictou County!

②

We'll deliver an "opening doors" kit to your business in late August.

③

Display the kit in a high traffic area of your business and help us open doors for local youth!

There is no cost to register, and no obligations when participating.

Our goal is to recognize BBBS month and to raise awareness of the need for mentors in Pictou County!

To Register: 902-752-6260 justine.pettipas@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca



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Monday - Friday
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM



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