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Keeping Our Community Connected

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LIVELY CULTURE. VIBRANT TOWN. FRIENDLY PEOPLE. LIVING HISTORY.



Greetings!

The Town has been busy this summer with the gradual relaxing of restrictions surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic. Great local entertainment and new food offerings brought the waterfront to life while the Parks and Recreation Department, and our many volunteer organizations, continued to provide plenty of activities to keep us occupied.

I would like to express a special 'thank you' to members of the Lobster Carnival Committee joined with the deCoste Centre in celebrating another successful fishing season. 'Rock the deCoste' was a great success as an alternate

Carnival plan, providing first class entertainment in both live and virtual formats.

The planning for Waterfront improvements is well underway with public consultations taking in an effort to determine what our community hopes to see in its future. If you haven't already shared your thoughts, continue to monitor the Town Facebook Page for additional opportunities to do so. We are hoping to see progress on the Library/deCoste project, new breakwater and Hector Quay projects soon.

Work on Water Street is proceeding as planned. The extensive, and necessary, improvements will provide increased confidence in both the Town's water and wastewater treatment systems. The separation of storm water from the sanitary sewer will provide environmentally friendly efficiencies and create long term savings. I want to express appreciation to the businesses on Water Street for their understanding during the numerous, and often lengthy, disruptions.

2023 will be a big year in Pictou. Plans for marking the 150th anniversary of the Town's incorporation and the 250th anniversary of the arrival of Ship Hector arrival are underway. We met with numerous organizations to discuss potential participation in this year-long celebration.

As we re-establish our fall routines, be sure to take advantage of the many opportunities for exercise and enjoyment outlined in this newsletter. All the best for a wonderful autumn!

Yours truly,

Mayor Jim Ryan

Your Town Council

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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 Thursday of each month.

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

Unightly 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 (tax year is April 1-March 31).

Water Billing: Billed four times a year - February, May, September and November (subject to change).

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

**Administration Office,
Town Hall**

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8:30 am-4:30 pm
Closed Stat/Civic
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Birthplace of New Scotland



Heritage Advisory Committee Seeks to Preserve and Celebrate Pictou's History

The Heritage Advisory Committee was established by St. Clair Prest many years ago, as he sought to preserve the town's heritage whilst living in one of our historical homes. After the demolition of Norway House (former IOOF Home), the group became more formalized and set in motion a by-law and checklist to protect heritage properties in our community from unnecessary demolition.

The Heritage Advisory Committee (HAC) has been meeting more actively - every month or two months and is determined to not only protect, but promote the seaside heritage of the Town of Pictou. Plans are currently underway to hang banners and plaques to recognize the heritage along Front Street in our downtown; keep your eyes peeled and stay tuned for more heritage designations to come!

Want to know more about your property's history? Make sure to visit the McCulloch House Museum & Genealogy Centre in person or online to learn more about your home. You can also get in touch with the Pictou Historical Photograph Society on Facebook to inquire about early photos of your property in Pictou. How lucky are we to have these two historical ambassadors for our town's history!

If you would like more information about the group, please reach out to one of our members:

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A little Pictou history:

The name "La riviere de Pictou" was given to this harbour by Nicolas Denys, who explored it in the 1660s. In 1770, the McNutt Grant or Irish Grant, which mainly encompassed the area known as Pictou Township, including the Town of Pictou, Trenton, New Glasgow and Stellarton, was eschewed in this year. At this time, there were 120 people living in Pictou Township.

Call for Citizens Applications

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

TOWN OF PICTOU HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The committee operates pursuant to the Heritage Property By-Law that was recently updated to complement the provincial Heritage Property Act. The purpose is to provide advice to Council on the identification, designation, preservation, conservation, protection and rehabilitation of local buildings, public-building interiors, streetscapes, cultural landscapes, areas and districts of historic, architectural or cultural value and to encourage their continued use.

TOWN OF PICTOU PARKS & 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.

TOWN OF PICTOU PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The committee operates pursuant to Part VIII of the Municipal Government Act. Its purpose is to advise respecting the preparation or amendment of planning documents and planning matters generally.

TOWN OF PICTOU POLICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The committee operates pursuant to provisions of the Nova Scotia Police Act. Its function is to provide advice to Council in relation to the enforcement of law, the maintenance of law and order, and the prevention of crime within the Town of Pictou by ensuring community needs and values are reflected in priorities. Members must pass the appropriate RCMP criminal check and be willing to take training provided by the Nova Scotia Department of Justice.

If you are interested in volunteering for one of the committee positions, please forward a brief biography outlining related experience to the undersigned on or before **November 1, 2021**.

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Waterfront Development Master Plan Update

The Town of Pictou and Develop NS, along with consultants UPLAND Planning +Design have launched an exciting project to create a master plan for the Pictou Waterfront. The waterfront is a huge asset to the community and provides a space for residents and visitors to experience firsthand why Nova Scotia is considered “Canada’s Ocean Playground”.

Over the last few years, air and water quality have improved greatly in the area and the potential for the waterfront has never been greater. The Town is also investing in the waterfront with the expansion of the deCoste Performing Arts Centre and the new library addition, creating a cultural hub that will draw people from across the region and beyond. The Pictou Waterfront Master Plan will leverage the exciting work already taking place in the area to create a cohesive vision for the future of this incredible community asset.

What is a Waterfront Master Plan?

A Waterfront Master Plan is a document that lays out the vision for the future of the waterfront, including its physical design and the ways people can experience it. It sets out guiding principles that help to make thoughtful decisions about the development of the waterfront over the long term.

Over the past several months, UPLAND Planning +Design has conducted community consultations through small group resident discussions, in-person waterfront engagements, an interactive online mapping activity and discussions with local businesses and organizations. All of the feedback received from this initial engagement will inform the development of the Draft Plan. Once the Draft Plan is complete, the Town will go back to the community for comments before finalizing the Waterfront Master Plan.

Website Re-design

The Town of Pictou has secured the design services of AMANS through the Municipal Website Venture Program to create a new design for the Town of Pictou website. The focus of the re-design work is improving navigation, updating content, adding new features and interactive tools to create a more user friendly experience. The new website is expected to launch early 2022.

Access for All - Working Together

In 2018, the province released the Government of Nova Scotia Accessibility Plan following the passing of the Accessibility Act the prior year. The Act recognizes accessibility as a human right and sets a goal of an accessible Nova Scotia by 2030. In Nova Scotia, 1 in 5 people over the age of 15 identify as having a disability. The provincial Accessibility Plan provides a framework in removing barriers in the built environment, education, employment, transportation, information and communication, and the provision of goods and services.

It is now up to municipalities across the province to work together with government, businesses, non-profit, education, health, and individuals with disabilities and their caregivers towards an inclusive and equitable community. In early 2020, the Town of Pictou formed an Accessibility Advisory Committee consisting of community members, staff and Council representatives. The Accessibility Advisory Committee provides advice to Council on identifying, preventing and eliminating barriers to people with disabilities in municipal programs, services, initiatives and facilities.

One of the first priorities of the Committee is to develop a Municipal Accessibility Plan. This plan will be developed in consultation with people with disabilities and their families, organizations representing people with disabilities and community members. The plan will also outline the following:

- achievements to date in identifying, removing, and preventing barriers in policies, programs, practices, and services
- how to identify, remove, and prevent barriers in policies, programs, practices, and services processes in place
- to assess the effect of policies, programs, practices, and services on accessibility.

Community members are encouraged to contact the Town office and speak with staff or Council members on any ideas, resources or other contributions that would be of assistance in drafting the Town of Pictou's Municipal Accessibility Plan.

For more information on the Accessibility Act and advancing disability issues within government visit the Accessibility Directorate webpage <https://novascotia.ca/accessibility/> .



Welcome to Iain MacIsaac

Pictou Town Council and staff are pleased to announce that Iain MacIsaac has joined the Town Public Works Department in the position of Superintendent for the Town of Pictou. He will oversee the staffing, planning, budgeting, maintenance and construction of capital projects related to improvements to streets, sidewalks, town owned buildings, sewer and the water distribution system.

Iain is from Giants Lake in Guysborough County, Nova Scotia. He graduated from Dalhousie University in 2011 with a B.Sc in Civil Engineering. Iain is raising his family here in Pictou County, married to Shannon MacIsaac with their three children (Kira 8, Natalie 6 and Donovan 3). Iain previously worked for Tetra Tech, a geotechnical engineering consulting firm in Edmonton, Alberta. Following his time there he moved back to Nova Scotia and worked for the Town of Trenton as Town Engineer for a period of time before joining the Pictou Public Works Department in May 2021. The Town looks forward to working with the new Superintendent of Public Works on projects important to our residents and business owners.

TOWN CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

Paving, Sidewalk, Waterline and Sewer line Work

Water Street: This project consists of renewal of the waterline and sanitary sewer, and adding a separated storm sewer line. The asphalt will be resurfaced and the sidewalk will be renewed and upgraded to meet accessibility standards. The project area is located on Water Street between Coleraine and Market Street and the storm sewer will extend Market Street between Water Street and Pictou Harbour. The project is expected to be completed by late October 2021.

Photo (left): new sidewalk on Water Street with tactile plates (also known as Detectable Warning Plates) are a system of textured ground surface indicators found on sidewalks, stairs, and platforms to assist people who are visually impaired effectively navigate the surrounding environment.



The addition of the separated storm sewer will help reduce the volume of storm water treated at the wastewater treatment plant and reduce the number of overflow events during high flow events (rain and snow melt).

Sewer Transmission and Waste Water Treatment

Upgrades to the Sinclair Street lift station includes: replacing pumps, replacing overflow pipe and sealing the lift station from sea water infiltration.

An aeration chamber will be replaced in Fall 2021 at the Waste Water Treatment Facility.

Water Source Updates

The Town is continuing to look for sustainable and more efficient water sources. A new well has been drilled and is in the process of being reviewed by Nova Scotia Environment to be approved for use.

CN Station

The Town is continuing to revitalize the CN Station over the past several years. This year the following building features will be replaced: first story windows, the front double door with an accessible door and the exterior flashing and soffits.

Ditching and Culvert Program

The ditching program for 2021 will commence in the fall of 2021. Town owned culverts will still be replaced if they are in poor condition or if they pose a danger to people or property.

The Town of Pictou Sewer By-Law ditches and culvert section was updated as of June 2021. In Part IV section 18 of the by-law, *the resident is responsible to maintain, repair and replace the culvert as per the Nova Scotia Ditches and Water Courses Act.*

Upcoming Dates to Remember

TBA	Hydrant flushing; expect low pressure
November 17	Leaf Pick Up - Pictou County Solid Waste
December 15 - April 15	Parking ban will be enforced

Want to have a bonfire in your yard? Things to consider....

- ⇒ Must use an acceptable Fire Pit (usually a CSA approved appliance, that needs to have a spark arrestor or metal mesh screen)
- ⇒ Only burn seasoned wood or charcoal in the appliance
- ⇒ Appliance must be a minimum of 25ft from any other flammable structure, combustible material or property line
- ⇒ The fire shall not create a nuisance (only use seasoned wood)

Check before you burn at <https://novascotia.ca/burnsafe/>

Have more questions? Read the official Town Outdoor Fire By-law here:

<https://www.townofpictou.ca/.../Outdoor-Fire-By-law...>

If you have a dog, did you know that:

- ⇒ they need to be registered with the Town Office;
- ⇒ they need to be kept on a harness or leash while off the owner's premises;
- ⇒ they cannot persistently disturb the quiet of the neighbourhood by barking or howling;
- ⇒ as the owner, you must remove the feces of a dog

Calling all horse owners!!

As a courtesy to walkers, bikers and homeowners, we're asking all horse owners to please pick up after your animals droppings on the streets.

Fall Leaf Collection Program 2021

Pictou County Solid Waste will be collecting leaves during the regular garbage collection day on **November 17th** in Pictou. All residents are encouraged to ensure that your leaves are in clear or orange bags; there is no limit to the number of bags.

NOTICE: Brush and Leaf Disposal

The Town is reminding Pictou residents that brush and leaves (**ONLY**) disposal is available behind the Public Works Garage.

Only open Monday - Friday, 7:30am-1:30pm

The Town is asking residents to refrain from dumping any other items including lumber and C&D material. These materials pose risks to the environment and incur high removal costs.

These items can be brought to Pictou County Solid Waste for a fee.

**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) Taxes"
3. 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

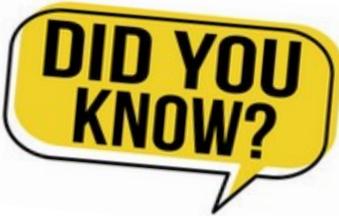
FOR WATER

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 Schedule



Tax bills are issued twice a year. The Interim levy is issued in April, due in June. This levy is your current assessment with the previous year's rates, multiplied by 50%, as Council has not yet set the current rates. The Final levy is issued in August, due October. This levy is for the entire year,

less the Interim levy and reflects any changes Council may have made to the rates. Our property taxation year is April 1–March 31.

Water is billed quarterly as follows: Jan–Mar levy issued in April, due in May; April–June levy issued in July, due in August; July–Sept levy issued in October, due in November; and Oct–Dec levy issued in January, due in February.

For updated water rates please visit our website at www.townofpictou.ca / on the website go to TOWN HALL, then double click WATER UTILITY

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

Low Income Tax Exemption

Application forms are now available for the 2021-22 Low Income Tax Exemption. Forms can be picked up at the Town Hall at 40 Water Street. Income threshold for 2020 is \$25,100; maximum exemption of \$400.

NEW BUSINESS OPENINGS



Crepe Expectations, Crepes & CoatTails

Waterfront Kiosk, Caladh Avenue

A touch of class on a paper plate. Savoury, sweet & simple crepes made to go, on the Pictou waterfront. Take a seat and enjoy the view, or take out to savour at home.

Alladin Syrian Canadian Restaurant - New Location

Waterfront Kiosk, Caladh Avenue

A small take out that is proud to offer the highest quality Syrian halal food. From our family to yours, we put lots of love and careful attention in each item. When you stop by this place you will feel the warmth and hospitality of being at home.



A1 Pizza, Pub & Grill

91 Water Street

Your destination for fresh pizza. Open till Midnight Monday - Saturday; 4-10 pm Sunday. Serving Old Fashioned Family Recipes for the past 30 Years!



CME, Canadian Maritime Engineering, Pictou Shipyard

1 Battery Street

CME is a multi-faceted organization that services all marine and industrial companies including machining, mechanical, welding, fabrication and specialty coatings. From humble beginnings in the marine repair business, to now providing national manufacturing and repair services to industries such as Oil and Gas, Mining, Power Generation, Manufacturing and National Defense, our regional custom manufacturing/repair facilities can easily facilitate our customers and industries needs.

Wired Village Games

Water Street

Shop for the newest video games, action figures, board games, toys, DVD, and trading cards; online. Find Wired Village Games on Facebook or visit: www.wiredvillagegames.com.



Congrats to

Heritage Quay Bed & Breakfast new owners, Barry & Prity Driedger

Acropole Pizza on your expansion !

The Mom Market on creating new opportunities for local crafters & artisans.

Nova Scotia Family Fun Boat Tours on a successful first season in Pictou.

Pictou Tavern under new management.

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

SPECIAL NOTICE: As of October 4th, participation in recreation programs and visiting the Pictou Fisheries Training Pool will require proof of vaccination as per directive of the Government of Nova Scotia.

Chair Yoga by Rachael MacLean (6 weeks)

Chair Yoga is a wonderful and uplifting program for all ages and abilities. This class will invite you to connect with breath and movement to improve your range of motion, flexibility and strength. Join us for this opportunity to feel better in this customized session to meet YOUR needs. Enjoy the benefits of Yoga, feeling rejuvenated, relaxed and well. **When:** Fridays; another session will follow. **Location:** CN Station **Time:** 11:00 am **Cost:** \$50

Photography Class

Improve your photographic experience! This course is for anyone wanting to have a better understanding of the basics of photography. Classes are held on Tuesdays beginning January 2022 from 7:00-9:00 pm at the CN Station. Fee is \$80 (8 weeks) and pre-registration is required. Details to follow.

Drop In Programs

Adult Badminton Club Every Tuesday Location: McCulloch Education Centre, 7:00 - 9:00 pm **Cost:** \$2/night. Bring your own racket.

Women on Wheels (weekly)

Are you interested in starting to ride again or looking for championship for biking. Join in a bike ride every Wednesday at 1 pm. Meet up location: deCoste Parking Lot. No bike? No problem. Bikes available through Pictou Recreation and Parks, call 902-485-4372

Youth Programs

Art Sessions with Chronically Creative

Come Paint a step by step painting with Elisa Rutledge from Chronically Creative from start to finish. Elisa will guide you through an acrylic painting and have lots of fun while doing it!

October 5, Oct 20, November 24, and December 15 from 4:30-6pm.
Cost per class is \$10.

Stenciling Workshops with Wanda Gray

Join in on one of our stenciling workshops and learn techniques and styles creating themed wood signs. Stenciling is easy as it is fun and inspires a feeling of creative satisfaction. All materials supplied and you will take your

art piece home with you. Dates: October 14 and November 18, 6-8pm
Cost: \$40 per class.

Basketball Clinics with Craig Sutherland

Join Craig Sutherland, CKS Skills Development for 2 sessions of basketball skills development. Sessions will be split into two, 10 person groups for ages **12 years and up**. **Location:** Pictou Academy Gym.
Dates: TBD Must pre-register at 902-485-4372.

Walking Programs

Nordic Walking Group (weekly)

Interested in learning to Nordic Walk and join a weekly walking group? This is for you. The group meets every Tuesday at 6:30 pm. **Location:** deCoste Parking lot, walking the Jitney Trail and looping through Town. Join recreation staff; open to all ages, poles available.

Walking Buddy Program

New to the area or want to begin a new walking routine? Maybe you're a senior who doesn't feel comfortable walking alone due to mobility issues or you're just someone who wants a companion to walk with. We will connect you to a trained walking buddy for companionship, motivation and provide the best routes to explore. To get started call Michelle at 902-485-6057.

Walk N Roll Indoor Walking Group

The Nova Scotia Health Authority and Pictou Recreation and Parks will be offering a Walk N Roll Program this fall. It is designed for those with mobility challenges. We welcome people of all mobility levels - bring any walking aid that you have, such as canes or walkers. If you have a 4 wheeled walker bring it with you. If you don't have one, there are 4 wheeled walkers available on site for you to try. Our goals are to increase your walking endurance, heart health and independence. Your goal is to enjoy the companionship and music while improving your fitness level. Originally developed by Wendy-Lee Hamilton, Seniors LINCS Physiotherapist. It will take place once a week in Pictou and it's FREE ! For more information call 902-485-4372 for start dates.

Find out more about Walk N Roll at www.walk-n-roll.ca.



Did You Know.....you can follow Pictou on Facebook

www.townofpictou.ca

GO ▶ PLAY

PICTOU COUNTY EQUIPMENT LOAN PROGRAM

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.

The website was developed by the Municipality of Pictou County with funding support from Nova Scotia's Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage as well as local community health boards.

Visit the GO PLAY Pictou County Equipment Loan Program website here:
<https://recreation-pictoucounty.hub.arcgis.com>

The following equipment is available through Pictou Recreation and Parks:

Canoe, kayaks, paddleboards - Including paddles, PFDs, safety kit

Bikes - including helmets, safety kit

Kit Bag - tug of war rope, soccer ball, skipping ropes, badminton, volley ball, games, and more

Baseball Bag - bats, gloves, balls, catchers gear, helmet

Washer Toss - 2 game kits

Adventure Day Packs - backpack full of outdoor activities to explore nature
2 Sport Wheel Chairs and adaptive life vests.

Also snow shoes, Nordic walking poles, roller blades, tennis rackets, flag football kit bag, road hockey equipment and more; full list on Town website.

PLUS the Pictou Library has **PLAY PACKS**, bike locks, sensory equipment and Nordix poles.



Trans Canada Trail
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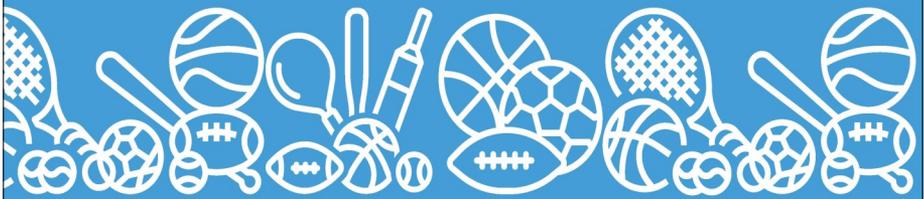
DID YOU KNOW: The Jitney Trail in Pictou is part of the Trans Canada Trail, which is a leg of a 24,000 kilometer trail system spanning Canada coast to coast?

STORAGE LOCKERS FOR CANOES, KAYAKS & PADDLE BOARDS

On the Pictou Waterfront at the Marina

If you are looking for convenient storage for your small recreational water craft near a launch ramp please call Pictou Recreation and Parks at 902-485-4372

Individual units available, monthly or annual fee.



Sport & Recreation

GEAR SWAP

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

CN STATION, PICTOU

9:00 AM-11:00 AM - GEAR SWAP

11:00 AM-12:00 PM - GEAR GIVEAWAY

EARLY DROP OFF - OCT. 19, 9AM-12PM & OCT. 20, 1PM-4PM



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PICTOU FISHERIES TRAINING POOL

Offering Red Cross Swim Lessons for over 50 years in our community!
73 Harbour Drive 902-485-5301 aquatics@townofpictou.ca



Now accepting registration for the Fall Session of swim lessons. Please note that this session will be an 8-week session. Spaces are limited, register early.

Youth Winter Lessons

Beginning Wed, January 12, 2022. Lessons are held on Wed, Thurs, Fri nights and Sat. mornings. Registration for the Winter Session will OPEN in November.

Wednesday, January 12 – March 2

Thursday, January 13 – March 3

Friday, January 14 – March 5

Saturday, January 15 – March 5

Adult Swim Lessons Whether you are scared stiff or wish to improve your strokes, this swim instruction session is designed to meet the individual needs of each participant. Tuesdays beginning September 14 from 7-8 pm. Fee is \$75 for 8 weeks or \$10 Pay as you Go.

Aqua Turbo A high intensity class! It focuses on building cardiovascular strength and endurance through challenging routines of intervals and higher intensity options. Provides a definite challenge for veterans and avid participants. Every Sunday 6:30-7:30pm.

Aquafit and Arthritis Fitness Classes Fun, Fitness and Friendship. Come and join us in the water. Work at your own pace. Structured to fit your fitness needs. Bring a friend, or come and meet a new one. Have fun and get fit. Check our pool schedule. We'd love to see you.

Fit 4 Two—Parent & Tot

A fun time for Moms, Dads and Caregivers.

Tuesdays & Thursday 11:00-11:45 am.

Cost: drop in \$6.25 or \$50/8-week

Red Cross Babysitters Course Offers basic first aid and care giving skills for youth 11–15 years old. Participants learn how to provide care to younger children in a variety of age groups, and how to prevent and respond to emergencies. Pre-registration is required. Course fee \$55.
Course date: October 22.

First Aid Courses Does your business need a First Aid Course? We can come to you or you can come to us. Emergency or Standard First Aid, all levels of CPR and AED training. For further info call the pool.

Bronze Star September 24, Oct 2 & 3 Participants must be at least 11 years and swim to a SK9 level. Pre-registration is required.

Bronze Medallion Course Oct 16, 17, 23 & 24 Participants must be at least 13 years of age or hold a Bronze Star. Pre-registration is required.

Bronze Cross Course November 6, 7, 11, 13 & 14 Participants must be at least 14 and hold a Bronze Medallion. Pre-registration is required.

NLS Course (National Lifeguard) November 26, 27, 28, Dec. 4, 5, 11 & 12. Participants must be at least 16 by the end of the course and hold a Bronze Cross. Pre-registration is required.

Water Safety Instructor (WSI) Dec. 17, 18, 19, 20, 29 & Jan 4. Participants must be at least 15 & hold a Bronze Cross. Pre-registration is required.

WANT TO TRY SOMETHING NEW?

RED CROSS SPORT A program featuring modules that offer lots of ways to have fun, stay fit, and be active in the water. This 4-week program introduces a variety of aquatic recreation sports in a fun-filled, non-competitive environment. Example: Water Polo, boogie boarding, underwater hockey. This fun activity is being held on Thursday nights Nov. 18, 25 & Dec. 2 & 9 from 6-7:30 Fee is \$50 per person

TRY IT STAND UP PADDLE BOARDING In partnership with Pictou County Recreation. Want to try 'boarding'. Sessions on November 20 & 27 from 10am -12pm. No Fee Registration required..

SNORKLING 101 Getting ready for a 'hot' vacation?! Snorkeling can be a very rewarding activity. It benefits from its simplicity, where you can simply grab a mask and some fins, rather than hauling a bag full of heavy scuba gear. This also allows for more flexibility, allowing you to bring your gear on trips where bringing tons of scuba gear isn't a possibility. And the lack of bubbles means you can often get closer to marine wildlife than with scuba gear on. Saturday December 4 & 11 from 10-12. Fee \$30



Drop In Fees

Fit 4 Two	\$6.25
Student/Senior	\$4.25
Adult Swim	\$7.00
Family Swim	\$15.50
Aquafit	\$7.75
Sr. Aquafit	\$6.75

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	Aquafit 9:30-10:30	Aquafit 9:30-10:30	Aquafit 9:30-10:30	Aquafit 9:30-10:30	Aquafit 9:30-10:30	
		Fit 4 Two 11-11:45		Fit 4 Two 11-11:45		Swim Lessons 9:30-12
Open for Rental 11-12:30	Adult Lane 12-1	Lanes Only 12:15-1:15	Adult Lane 12-1	Lanes Only 12:15-1:15	Adult Lane 12-1	
Family Swim 1-2:30		Adult Lane 2-3:00		Adult Lane 2-3:00		Open for Rental 1-2:30
Open for Rental 3-4:00	Swim Team 4-6:30	Swim Team 4-6:00	Swim Team 4-5:30	Swim Team 4-5:30		Open for Rental 3-4:30
Family Swim 4:30-5:30		Family Swim 6-7:00	Swim Lessons 6-7:30	Swim Lessons 6-7:30	Swim Lessons 5:30-7:30	Open for Rental 5-6:30
Aqua Turbo 6:30-7:30		Adult Swim & Lessons 7-8:00		Lane Swim Aquafit 7:30-8:30	Open Swim 7:30-9	Open Swim 7:30-9

POOL FEATURES INCLUDE:

- 1 & 3 meter diving boards
- Tarzan rope & large water toys
- Shallow water slides
- Water Basketball Nets
- Red Cross National Lifeguards
- Fully accessible universal change room
- Accessible Chair Lift & Aqua Wheelchair available
- Adaptive Life Vests

Advantages of Membership

Includes all public swims (family & open) and lane swims.
 10% discount on Pro Shop merchandise, 25% discount on Instructional Programs. **Bundle it and SAVE.....15% discount if you purchase both an aquafit and swim membership.**

<u>Membership Type</u>	<u>3 Month</u>	<u>Yearly</u>
Student/Senior	\$78.00	\$245.00
Adult	\$155.00	\$500.00
Family	\$230.00	\$740.00
Aquafit	\$220.00	\$700.00
Sr. Aquafit/Arthritis	\$150.00	\$475.00

**Looking for goggles & caps
 Visit the Pro Shop**



WASN'T THAT A PARTY ?!

That's what people will be saying if you let us be a part of your **birthday or get-together!** Give us a call for rentals...we set up and clean up! For more details call 485-5301

Pictou County Mariners Swim Club

40 years in Pictou County



pictou county mariners

We have a number of new and exciting things happening this year!

Swimming is a unique sport in that it encompasses an activity that is both an essential life skill as well as being fun and competitive. In regard to the latter, it is important to emphasize that our program focuses on each swimmer striving to improve and doing "their personal best".

For youth ages 7 years and up, come in and see what we're all about! New members are always welcome. **Contact Janice Currie at 485-1983 for club details.**



The purpose of this cooperative partnership amongst **five municipalities in Pictou County** is to educate and motivate all citizens to increase their daily physical activity in an effort to create a happier, healthier and active community. The brand Active Pictou County was created as the driving force for this purpose. Looking to get more active or incorporate physical activity into your daily routine, follow Active Pictou County on Facebook.

Sally O'Neill, Coordinator

Hector Arena Opening Mid-October

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

A full schedule of skate times for the season can be found on the Town website at www.townofpictou.ca.

New Caledonian Curling Club

The club will be starting in November 2021, 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, there will be beginners instruction nights for only \$25 and if you join, that will be deducted from the dues.

The club room and ice surface are also available for rental.

For details or further information call Alta at 485-4913.

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 902-485-1676.

Modern Line Dancing

Variety of music: Latin, Modern, Country, Classic

Like to dance? Great exercise for body and brain

Classes: Absolute Beginner/Beginner - Mon. - Wed. 10:15-11:15am

High Beginner/Improver - Mon. - Wed. 9:00-10:00am

\$2.00 a class

Where: Stella Maris Hall, Denoon Street **Instructor:** Jill MacDonald

For information and to register

call 902-485-1817 or email bjmacd@ns.sympatico.ca

Sparks Age 5-6

Brownies Age 7-8

Guides Age 9-11

Pathfinders Age 12-14

Rangers Age 15-17

Pictou Girl Guides Register at girlguides.ca

Starting September 26th
5:30-6:30

First Presbyterian Church Hall

**We have opportunities for adult
volunteers as well.**

Art Classes with Carolyn Vienneau

Art Classes in oil or acrylic with Carolyn Vienneau at Strokes of Colour Art Studio, 8 Irving Street. For more info: carolynvienneau.com
or call 902-485-5005.

EVERYONE GETS TO PLAY

Below are highlights of funding programs available for youth to participate in recreation, sport and entrepreneurship. A full list of more funding sources is found at www.townofpictou.ca/funding

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.

KidSport (offered through Sport Nova Scotia) - Assists children by overcoming financial barriers which prevent or limit their participation in organized sport. www.sportnovascotia.ca/kidsport

Jax Mac Foundation - The Jax Mac Foundation was created to carry on the legacy of Jaxon MacDonald by providing youth the exposure to experiences and opportunities that provide them ways to learn about themselves and expand their horizon. The grants have been created to further Jaxon's legacy by helping young ambitious individuals gain valuable experience and opportunities through their passion in sports, entrepreneurship and travel. Apply online at www.jaxmacfoundation.com.

Pictou Library & Innovation Centre**Fall Program Schedule, All Library Programs are FREE**

Call to register, space is Limited. 902-485-5021

Toddle Time on Zoom- for children ages 18 months to 3 year olds every Weds. morning at 10 a.m.. Rhymes, fingerplays, songs, and stories to help children and their parents/caregivers interact to make learning fun. Please call 902 485-5021 or drop in to register

ABC's for Babies on Zoom - every Friday morning at 10 am
This program is an excellent opportunity for moms/dads/ caregivers and newborns up to 18 months to get together to share and interact with nursery rhymes, songs and fingerplays. Please call 902 485-5021 or drop in.

Thursday Book Club on Zoom– On the second Thursday of each Month. New members welcome. Call the library 902 485-5021 or drop in to register.

Young Readers Club on Zoom - Meet the third Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. Grade 4-6 students welcome. Great book discussion & crafting ideas.

Introducing “**Indestructibles for Babies**” - A revolutionary new baby book invented by a mother of triplets who wanted to share books with her babies, hassle-free. Water-proof, tear-resistant & baby-durable.

“**Take & Makes**” for adults & children are always available. Drop in & pick up some fun activities that you can do at home. All supplies are provided in the kits except for glue, crayons & scissors.

Scavenger Hunts – Drop in anytime & explore the Library for theme-based objects. After you have found them all, pick up a “free book” from the Adopt- a Library Literacy program.

Other collections & services available at your library:

Genealogy Assistance & Ancestry.ca (in library); Scanning; Photocopying & Printing; Wireless Printing; Tumblebooks



Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library

Continued:

(Online); Radon Detectors/iPads(for use in Library); eBooks; Audiobooks; Digital Magazines & Newspapers; Rocket Languages (online only); LinkedIn Learning (Online); WiFi; Desktop computers; Chilton Auto Repair (Online); Snowshoes; Newspapers.

Also available to borrow with your library card:

Play Packs - Play Packs are kits with books & play equipment (skipping ropes, balls, scarves, a rubber chicken & more!)

Nordixx Walking Poles - Walking poles that improve cardio respiratory function; low impact activity and great way to improve overall fitness.

Celestron Firstscope Telescope – a great opportunity for families to check out the night sky.

The ***Just Ask*** Initiative

You may receive one FREE feminine hygiene product. All you have to do is ***Just Ask*** one of the staff at Pictou Pharmasave.

The ***Pictou Pharmasave***, along with some passionate members of the community, are looking to improve the access here. Women of all ages can visit the store and ***Just Ask*** to receive their free feminine hygiene product. The owner, Glen Hicks, and staff look forward to offering this initiative to the community.

Support from community groups, organizations, individuals and other local businesses is welcome in the form of monetary donations or product donations. Pictou Pharmasave will match any product donations purchased in store.



Come Together!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- OCT 14 Rum Ragged
- OCT 15 Lunch at Allen's
- OCT 16 Outlaw Country - Johnny Cash & Waylon Jennings Tribute
- OCT 21 String Kings ~ featuring JP Cormier & Roland Grant
- OCT 22 Halifax Comedy Fest presents *BEST of the FEST*
- OCT 23* St. Andrews Society Centennial Celebration
- OCT 24 3 Pianos-6 Hands-No Plans
featuring Kim Dunn, Doris Mason & Owen O'Sound Lee
- NOV 2 Menopause the Musical
- NOV 5 Ron James ~ *Back Where I Belong*
- NOV 7* Ships of 1801 ~ Keppoch Election
- NOV 13 & 14* Christmas at the deCoste Craft Fair
- NOV 18 Hologram Concert~ Elvis Tribute "*Aloha from Hawaii*"
- NOV 19 Hologram Concert ~ Led Zeppelin Tribute with ZED
- NOV 20 Hologram Concert ~ Pink Floyd Tribute with Holo Floyd
- NOV 26 John Denver Tribute '*Rocky Mountain High Experience*'
- DEC 08 |09 Tis the Season with Bette MacDonald & Maynard Morrison
- DEC 11 PC Pop Christmas
- DEC 14 Lennie Gallant ~ *The Innkeepers Christmas*
- DEC 17 Barra MacNeil's Christmas
- DEC 19 A Sanctified Brothers Christmas
- DEC 22 Dave & JP Christmas

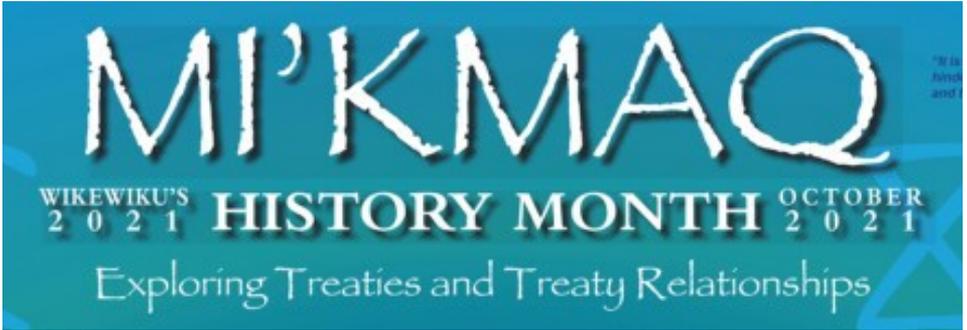
* All events begin at 7:30pm except those with an asterix (*). Visit website for details



Tickets & Info: www.decostecentre.ca
(902)485-8848 | 1-800-353-5338

99 Water Street, Pictou, NS B0K 1H0

Box Office Hours: Tuesday to Thursday 11:30 am to 5:00 pm



**Ekina'masimkl Ankukamkewe'l aqq Tela'matultimk Wejiaq
Exploring Treaties and Treaty Relationships
OCTOBER 2021**

For more information visit <https://mikmaqhistorymonth.ca/>

Upcoming Events (details on Town website)

- Oct. 16 Trick & Local Treats Vendor Market - CN Station
- Oct. 16 HarvFEST on the Harbour - waterfront
- Oct. (future) Witches Den - a favorite event but this year the witches will take another rest & will return again
- Oct. 23 Sport and Rec Gear Swap - CN Station
- Nov. 13 Railroad to Christmas Market - CN Station
- Nov. 13-14 Christmas at the deCoste
- Dec. 3 Christmas Light Up - Downtown Pictou



Annual Art Show and Sale

September 30– November 30, 2021

The **Pictou County Artists Association** is hosting their 31th annual Art Show and Sale at the deCoste Centre. 20% of all sales will be donated to the Arts are for Everyone Program at the deCoste. During open hours; everyone welcome

Help Build the Pictou YOU Want to See

Councillor Melinda MacKenzie

melinda.mackenzie@townofpictou.ca 902-921-3137

Since being elected to Town Council last Autumn, I have been dedicated to building on our community spirit - through activities, giveaways, engagement posts and publicity for our local businesses, organizations and volunteer groups. While I have many more ideas and ambitions to boost our community's vibes, Helen Keller said it well - "Alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much."

Volunteering is at the core of any community and a community is only going to be as strong as its volunteers! Yes, we employ Town Office Staff and yes, they do provide instrumental community-building services, but at the end of the day, our community needs YOU to volunteer!

We have many awesome volunteers in our community already - and some great volunteer-based groups that really help make Pictou - "Pictou"...but these groups are always looking for new members, fresh ideas and diverse perspectives! You should also know that volunteering doesn't have to be a big time commitment - but having your say and having you involved in what's happening in our town, is what's most important!

Can you play an instrument? Can you dance, sing or maybe even have a talent you'd like to showcase? You could help organize a 'Pictou's Got Talent' show!

Are you passionate about a sport/physical activity? Share that passion through coaching or one-on-one peer mentoring!

Are you an artist? Why not organize a Town-mural painting project/fundraiser while also showcasing local talent? Or you could host some "How to draw" sessions for youth!

Are you handy around the house? Are you easily able to troubleshoot small home and/or auto problems? Why not share that knowledge through a "Do-It-Yourself Class" in a "DIY Series" that could be offered to residents for free?

Are you great at balancing your finances? Or do you have any tips

or tricks for creating a budget? Why not have a "Genius Hour" sharing session to empower those who don't have the same skills.

The possibilities for volunteering are endless and they start with you and what your expertise(s) maybe or maybe even what you WANT to learn! If everyone shared their passions or inquired about a skill they'd like to learn, we could build even more volunteer-based programming that reaches more of our residents and helps create a more inclusive community!

So, Pictonians: what do YOU want to see? What can YOU do? And how are YOU going to volunteer your time to build up our community? Let me know - I can't wait to hear YOUR ideas and be inspired to continue to build up our Pictou Pride!

Councillor Melinda MacKenzie

VISIT A LOCAL MUSEUM



Hector Heritage Quay

902-485-4371

Open until October 12; 10am-4pm,
closed weekends

shiphectortoursandevents@gmail.com

www.shiphector.ca

New volunteers always needed,
sign up and come on board!!
Keep watch for updates on the
Ship Hector Retrofit Project.

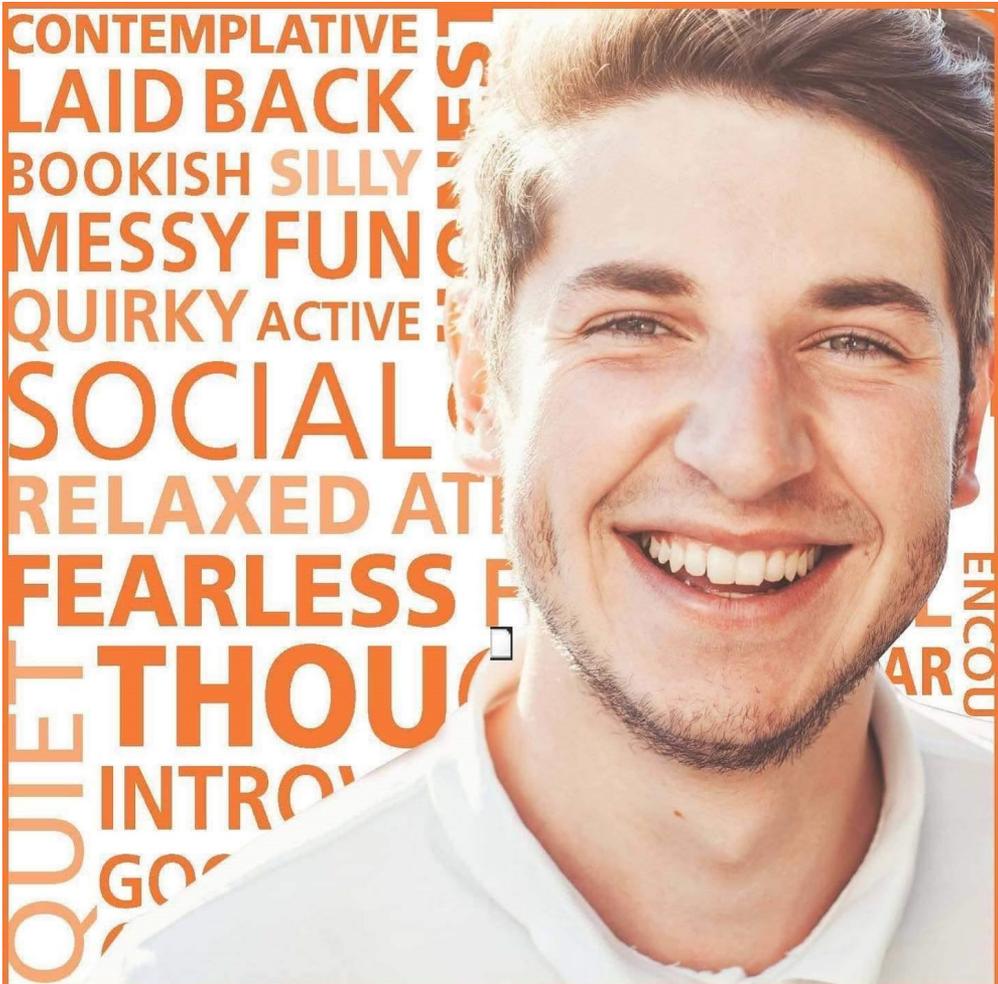


McCulloch House Museum and Genealogy Centre

902-485-4563

The McCulloch Genealogy Centre will remain open all year 10am-4 pm for the winter, Monday to Friday. The Museum will be closed for the season. McCulloch's Escape Room is open on the weekends only. \$20

per person. 1 Youth Mystery / 60 minutes (ages 6-12); 2 Escape Rooms / 90 minutes. Visit www.mccullochcentre.ca for more information and to book a time slot.



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Big Brothers Big Sisters

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF PICTOU COUNTY

902-752-6260

bigbrothers@eastlink.ca

www.bbbsofpc.ca