

# *The MOPC Spotlight*

**E-newsletter**



**April 2025**



A newborn calf lays in the hay at a farm in Meiklefield, Pictou County. Many farmers in the area are welcoming new additions this time of year.

**WWW.MUNPICT.CA**



# Tourism Marketing Bylaw Information

April 23, 2025  
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

46 Municipal Drive, Pictou  
(Second Floor)

If you operate a short-term rental property within the Municipality of Pictou County and want to learn more about the new Tourism Marketing Bylaw you can drop-in and ask your questions to tourism and municipal staff at this session.



## Did you know?

Most roads in rural Pictou County are owned and maintained by the Province of Nova Scotia. If you have a road maintenance concern, you can contact the Department of Transportation toll-free at 1-844-696-7737.

## GeoHub

The MOPC's GeoHub is a great way for residents to find out more about services such as building permits or to submit a bylaw complaint. Check it out at <https://mopc-pictoucounty.hub.arcgis.com>

### Contact the Municipality of Pictou County

#### Physical Address

46 Municipal Drive  
Pictou, N.S.  
B0K 1H0

#### Office Hours

Monday - Friday  
8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

#### Mailing Address

P.O. Box 910  
Pictou, N.S.  
B0K 1H0

#### Call Us

902-485-4311  
902-752-1530



There's so much happening at MOPC Network this spring – and we're excited to share it all with you!

## **Pictou County Home Show - What a Weekend!**

We had a blast at the Pictou County Home Show connecting with so many of you! It was a fantastic opportunity to chat face-to-face, answer your questions, and showcase the power of local internet. Thanks to everyone who stopped by – we loved seeing familiar faces and meeting new ones!



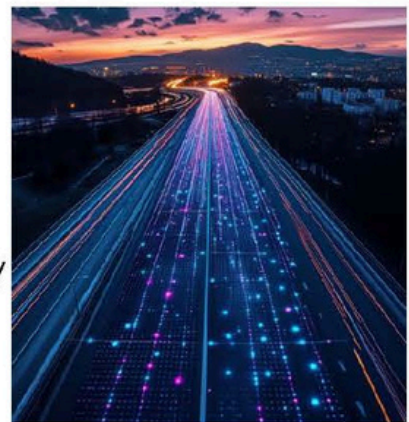
## **Referral Program - Share the Love, Earn Rewards!**



When you refer a friend to MOPC Network, you both win (no matter who your service provider is)! Your friend gets reliable internet from any of our local providers, and you both get an account credit. It's our way of saying thanks.

## **Network Upgrades Coming Soon**

Big things are happening! We're rolling out upgrades to both our fibre and wireless networks to bring you even faster, more reliable service. Whether you're already part of our FibreFirst or FirstHome Wireless family – or thinking about joining – stay tuned for updates as we bring next-level connectivity to more homes in Pictou County.



**Thanks for being part of the MOPC Network community!**

**For more information, go to [www.MOPCNetwork.ca](http://www.MOPCNetwork.ca)**





## MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF PICTOU MUNICIPAL PLANNING STRATEGY AND LAND USE BYLAW PUBLIC HEARING

TAKE NOTICE that on **Monday, May 5 at 6 p.m.** the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou will hold a Public Hearing on its Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) and Land Use Bylaw (LUB) for the entirety of the Municipality. The hearing will take place in Council Chambers at 46 Municipal Drive, Pictou.

The Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) is the primary planning document for the Municipality which establishes the vision, goals and policies for growth and development. It is the roadmap that helps to guide decision making relating to what we build, where, and at what intensity. An MPS looks at many different aspects of life in the community including (but not limited to) housing, economic development, agriculture, drinking water, and infrastructure.

The Land Use Bylaw (LUB) is the companion document to the MPS, and puts the vision, goals, and policies into action through specific regulations that have to do with development activities. The LUB sets out things like the land-use zones, permitted uses for these zones, standards for development, performance standards, developments to be considered by development agreement, developments to be considered by site plan approval process, among other things.

Anyone wishing to speak at the Public Hearing should register by contacting **sueann.musick@munpict.ca** or by **phoning 902-485-2238**. Presenters will be given 5 minutes to address their concerns to the Council.

Residents can also submit written comments for Council's consideration. Comments may be submitted in writing to the Municipality at PO Box 910, Pictou, Nova Scotia, or by email to **sueann.musick@munpict.ca**. **The deadline to receive written submissions is Monday, April 28, 2025, at 4 p.m.**

Residents of the Municipality wishing to view the MPS and LUB in its entirety can do so at the Municipal Administration Building, 46 Municipal Drive, Pictou, N. S. during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.) or on our website at [www.munpict.ca](http://www.munpict.ca)

Brian Cullen  
Chief Administrative Officer

In accordance with Section 206 (1)(b) of the Municipal Government Act, notice of the public hearing has been posted on the Municipality's website [www.munpict.ca](http://www.munpict.ca) effective April 14, 2025, and will remain posted until after the public hearing.



# VOLUNTEER RECEPTION

THE MUNICIPALITY OF PICTOU COUNTY INVITES YOU TO  
A CELEBRATION OF OUR VOLUNTEERS

TUESDAY, APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup> 2025

PICTOU COUNTY WELLNESS CENTRE

DOORS OPEN & MUSIC - 6:30 | RECEPTION - 7PM

MUSIC BY AMELIA PARKER

Please RSVP to: [recreation@munpict.ca](mailto:recreation@munpict.ca) by April 24th



# Do you have questions about upgrading your homes energy efficiency?

## FAQ



SWITCH MOPC  
PROGRAM



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Can The Program Help me with Navigating Energy Efficiency Rebates?

A

Yes, the Switch MOPC program can help you navigate Nova Scotia's rebate environment. Our Energy Concierge are knowledgeable in all available rebates for each type of efficiency upgrade.



You can contact your Energy  
Concierge at:

(902) 334-4227



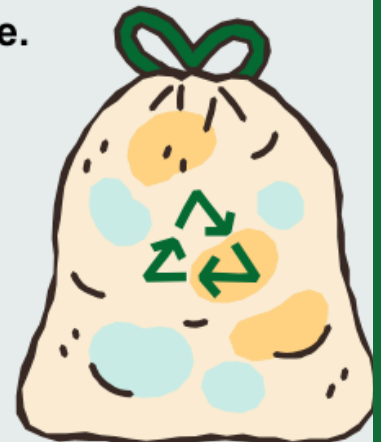
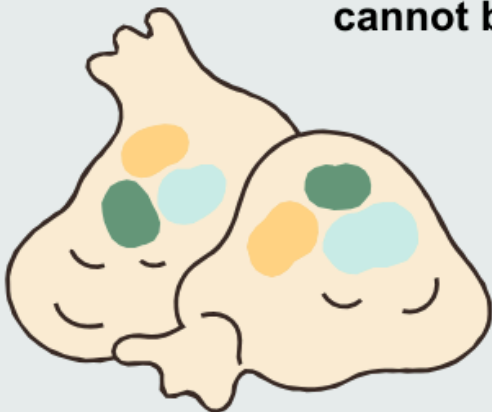
# GO CLEAN GET GREEN

**APRIL 21-26 2025**

## Landfill vouchers available May 1

Landfill Vouchers from the MOPC are available from May 1st until the end of November. Vouchers are given free of charge to people who own homes or cottages in rural Pictou County. Vacant landowners, wood lot owners, etc, do not qualify for such vouchers. Eligible residents can get up to four vouchers which each cover the tipping fee for up to 250 kg of garbage at the Mount William Transfer Station.

**We ask that residents please be patient as vouchers cannot be printed prior to the May 1<sup>st</sup> date.**



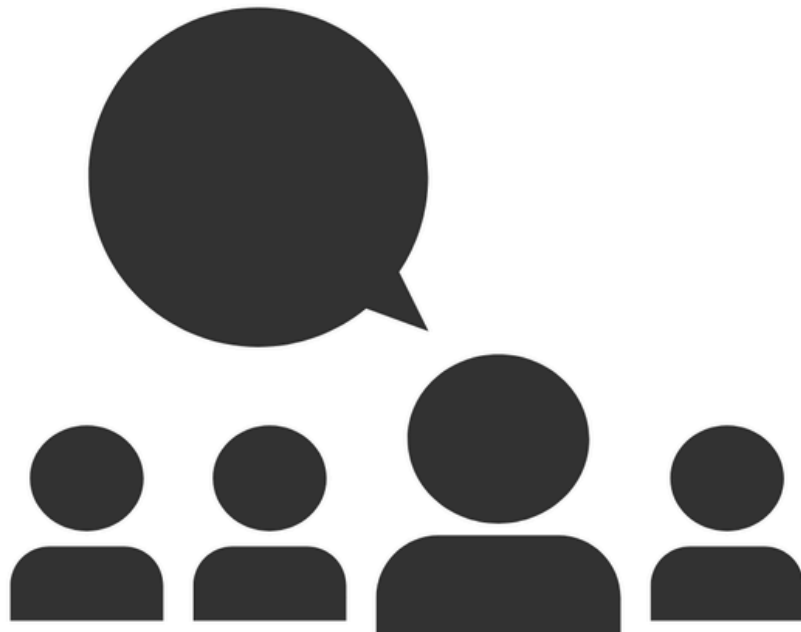
District 6

# RATEPAYERS MEETING

**7 P.M. MAY 7, 2025**

**SALEM CHURCH HALL**

**For more information or to apply  
for a Municipal Service Grant call  
Warden Robert Parker at (902) 925-2240.**





# **District 1 RATEPAYERS MEETING**

**7 P.M. APRIL 17, 2025**

**KENZIEVILLE  
COMMUNITY CENTRE**

## **Meeting will include updates on:**

- Things going on in MOPC
- The MOPC internet project
- Municipal Services Grants (please check the MOPC website [www.munpict.ca](http://www.munpict.ca) for application and information about this)

For more information email District 1 Councillor Joe MacDonald at [joe.macdonald@munpict.ca](mailto:joe.macdonald@munpict.ca)

**District 7**

# **RATEPAYERS MEETING**

**7 P.M. APRIL 15, 2025**

**UNION CENTRE  
COMMUNITY HALL**

**Community groups applying for funding  
should bring their financial information with  
them to the meeting.**

**For more information  
call Donald Parker at (902) 485-4724**



**District 3**

# **RATEPAYERS MEETING**

**7 P.M. APRIL 24, 2025**

**CARIBOU FIRE HALL**

**Any group or organization wanting to apply for a municipal service grant should have their completed application form, a copy of their recent financial statement and a quote for the project.**



# The MOPCs

## MOPC Alert



MOPC Alert was created as a tool for the Municipality to connect with residents to send important information prior to, during and after adverse weather events, or other EMO related information.

MOPC Alert is used to send our residents alerts about upcoming severe weather, comfort center locations and operating times, as well as any other information residents should be aware of such as public hearings or public engagement sessions.

Visit [www.munpict.ca](http://www.munpict.ca) to sign up.

MOPC Network is a community-driven internet service provider the Municipality of Pictou County created to bring high-speed connectivity to Rural Pictou County.

MOPC Network was built with a focus on delivering reliable, accessible, and affordable internet options to local residents and businesses. Learn more at [www.mopcnetwork.ca](http://www.mopcnetwork.ca)



**IMAGINE  
MOPC**

Imagine MOPC is a project to develop a Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) and Land Use Bylaw (LUB) for the Municipality of Pictou County.

Currently, there is no land use planning in MOPC with the exception of the Wind Energy Bylaw and the Subdivision Bylaw. In 2018, the Provincial Government passed new legislation that requires every municipality to adopt land use rules that meet newly established minimum planning standards. The Imagine MOPC project will bring the municipality into compliance with this provincial mandate. To learn more visit

[www.imagemopc.ca](http://www.imagemopc.ca)

The goal of the Switch MOPC Program is to make home energy upgrades simple and financially accessible.

Participants receive support from a personal Energy Concierge, who guides them through every step—helping with contractor selection, project planning, and navigating the financing process to ensure a smooth experience. The program offers financing to remove the barrier of upfront costs. The program pays contractors directly, allowing homeowners to repay through small monthly payments over 10-15 years. To learn more visit

[www.switchmopc.ca](http://www.switchmopc.ca).





# BurnSafe 101

The BurnSafe map is your guide to when it's safe to burn in Nova Scotia during wildfire season, **March 15 to October 15.**



**GREEN** = burning is allowed after 2 pm.



**YELLOW** = burning is allowed after 7 pm.



**RED** = no burning is allowed.

**Burning is never allowed from 8 am to 2 pm** during wildfire season because that is often when the risk of wildfires is greatest. **The map is RED during those hours.** After 2 pm, **check for an update.**

Burn restrictions are  
**updated daily at 2 pm**  
based on weather data.



Check online at  
**NovaScotia.ca/BurnSafe**  
or call **1-855-564-2876**  
to see if burning is  
allowed.

**You could be fined \$25,000**  
**if you do not follow**  
**Provincial restrictions**

