

The MOPC Spotlight

E-newsletter



April 2026



These calves have been enjoying the warmer and sunnier weather in Pictou County this month.

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Welcome to the MOPC team

Please join us in welcoming Jon DeCoste to the MOPC as the Assistant Director of Emergency Management and Public Safety.

This role will help create safer and more resilient communities by bringing municipal and provincial resources together to plan and exercise responses and aligns with the enhanced emergency management standards across the province.

As the Assistant Director, Jon will act as the primary contact point for the Pictou County Regional Emergency Management Organization (REMO) and work with all six municipal units to continue growing and improving emergency preparedness and management throughout the region.

Jon has spent the last six years working as an Emergency Preparedness Consultant with Nova Scotia Health and was the Alternate Coordinator with PC REMO until 2022. Jon has served as the Alternate Coordinator at Pictou County REMO. He has an Advanced Diploma in Emergency Management from NSCC, a Bachelor of Education from Acadia University in Wolfville, and a Bachelor of Art in Political Science and History from St. Thomas University in Fredericton, NB.

He grew up in Merigomish and is excited to be back in Pictou County making a difference!

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Community encouraged to take part in Pictou County Climate Summit

Building on the success of the inaugural event hosted in 2023, the Pictou County Climate Summit is returning to the Pictou County Wellness Centre on May 29 & 30, 2026.

This year's event will bring the community together to connect, share insights, and collaborate on climate action and community sustainability across Pictou County.

"This is a family-friendly event for anyone who lives, works, or cares about Pictou County. So that could be residents, local organizations, businesses, community leaders—anyone, really," said Emily Hodgson, Environmental Specialist with the MOPC and Town of Pictou. "We're hoping to bring together a diverse group of people, so it reflects the whole community."

The Pictou County Partnership is hosting the event in collaboration with the Municipality of Pictou County, Pictou Landing First Nation, Town of New Glasgow, Town of Pictou, Town of Stellarton, Town of Trenton, and the Town of Westville, reflecting a collective commitment to community-driven climate action in our region.

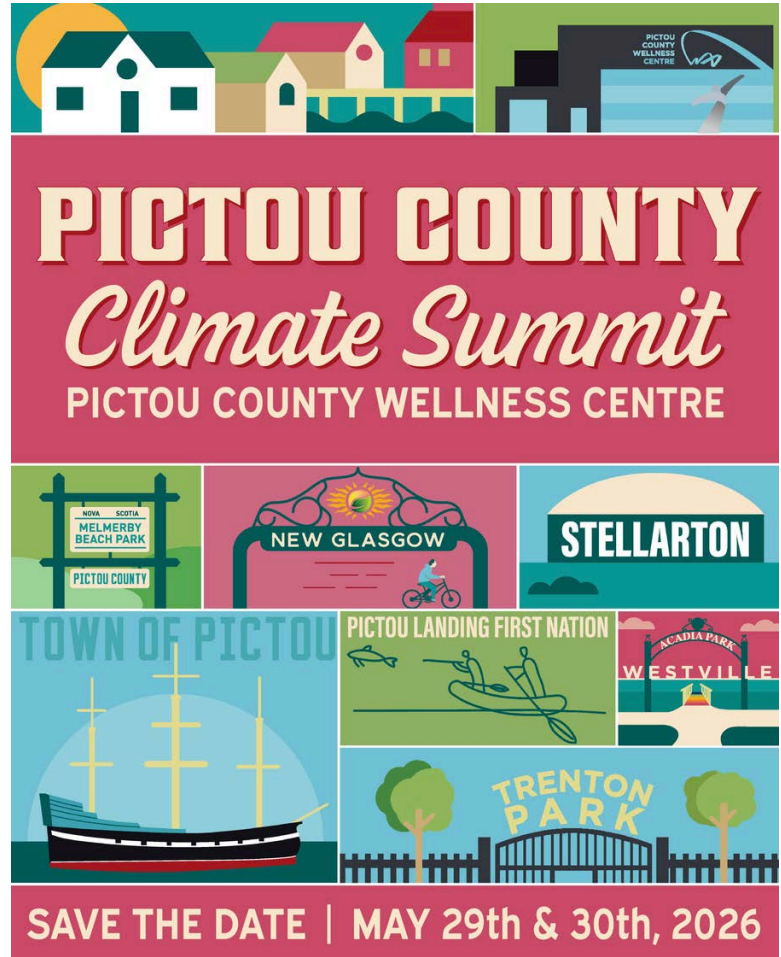
New to this year's event is a 10 Rooms Dialogue — a one-day, hands-on working session designed to turn ideas into action. This approach is inspired by a global model called 17 Rooms, but is adapted for a Pictou County context.

"Each table will explore what's already working, where we need to go next, and identify at least one idea that requires collaboration across tables," said Climate Summit organizer Monica Rivers. "These are meant to be initiatives that can be implemented in the community over the next two years."

The 10 Rooms Dialogue session will go from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on May 29. Lunch is included. Registration is now open at: <https://forms.office.com/r/niVbj60pU4>.

Hodgson encourages residents to take part in this and the other Climate Summit events.

"Climate change is already showing up in real ways in our communities, and local knowledge is a huge part of responding to it," she said.



"When residents are involved, the solutions we come up with tend to be more practical and grounded in what people are experiencing day-to-day."

Rivers said she hopes that participants will leave the summit feeling informed, inspired and connected to others in the climate and sustainable development ecosystem in Pictou County and across the province.

"Beyond learning from speakers and discussions, the goal is for participants to walk away with new relationships and a stronger sense of how they can contribute, whether through their work, community initiatives, or personal actions," she said. "It's also a chance to learn about local successes in our community and meet exhibitors showcasing programs, products, services, and projects that are advancing climate action across the province."

"More than anything, it's a space to share ideas about what solutions could work here and to build connections with others who care deeply about the future of our region."

DRAFT ENGAGEMENT - WE WANT YOUR INPUT!

PICTOU COUNTY AGRICULTURE POLICY



The proposed approach to agricultural land protection for Pictou County will be available for public review starting on Friday, April 17th. Visit the project website or join us in-person to learn more and share your feedback.

UPCOMING SESSIONS:

- **Monday, April 27th, River John Legion**
6:30-8 PM, 2506 River John Station Road
- **Tuesday, April 28th, Merigomish Community Centre**
6:30-8 PM, 1682 Shore Road
- **Wednesday, April 29th, Scotsburn Fire Hall**
6:30-8 PM, 4179 Scotsburn Road
- **Thursday, April 30th, Eureka Fire Hall**
6:30-8 PM, 5222 Stellarton Trafalgar Road
- **Wednesday, May 6th - Online Session!**
Zoom - Register on the project website

For more information, visit: speakupland.ca/pictou-county-agriculture

How can we help?

To report a problem with a streetlight, please call 902-485-1201 or email outages@munpict.ca

If you have an MOPC public works emergency after hours, call 902-301-1825

Seniors' Wellness Program

HEALTHY EATING FOR ONE OR TWO PEOPLE

Date: May 20th, 2026

Time: 11:00AM - 1:00PM

Location: Lyons Brook Hall
2399 NS-376, Lyons Brook

Light lunch will be provided.

A dietitian from the Mobile Health and Wellness Team will provide information on:

- Meal planning
- Shopping
- Nutrient-rich foods

Hosted by the Lyons Brook & Area Women's Institute



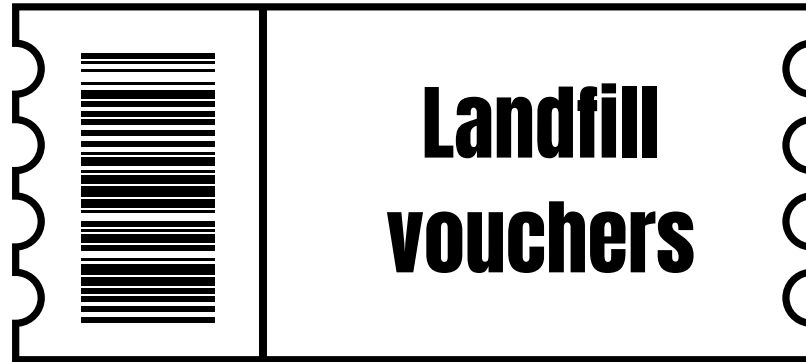
Please call 902-616-2142 to register by May 15th. If you need transportation support, please indicate when you register.



Pictou County
Community Health Centre



Coming soon!



Available May 1 to Nov. 30

Landfill Vouchers from the MOPC will be available from May 1 to Nov. 30, 2026.

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.

Vouchers can be picked up in person at the MOPC Admin Office between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. between May 1 and Nov. 30.

Staff will also mail them to those who request them during the availability period.

Pictou County civic sign suppliers




Supplier	Civic Address	Area Served	Phone	Email
Alma Fire	80 Alma Loop, Alma	Alma Area	902-759-4479	nedrawilson@eastlink.ca
Auto Trim & Sign	669 Pine Tree Road, Thorburn, NS	Pictou County	902-922-2915	design@atdnortheast.ca
Barney's River Fire	13317 Highway 104, Pictou County	Pictou County	902-754-8422	barneysriverfire@gmail.com
Advocate Sign Group	125 North Foord Street, Stellarton	Pictou County	902-752-2722	info@advocateprinting.com
Eureka Fire	5222 Stellarton Trafalgar Road, Eureka	Pictou County	902-921-0884	cliffjardine@hotmail.com
Little Harbour Fire	8328 Pictou Landing Road, Little Harbour	Little Harbour Area		firechief@lhfd.ca
Plymouth Fire	4667 E River East Side Road, Plymouth	Plymouth Area	902-755-5441	livingstonerod6@gmail.com
Sketch-It Design	268 Munroe Avenue Ext. New Glasgow	Pictou County	902-752-7446	sketchitsd@outlook.com
Thorburn Fire	738 Marsh Road, Thorburn	Pictou County		thorburnfiredept@gmail.com

Check before you burn!

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.



Municipal leaders from Pictou County's six municipalities recently took time to honour former REMO Pictou County staff John Davison and Dan MacDonald for their years of dedicated service to the region. Pictured from left are Stellarton Mayor Darren Stroud, New Glasgow Mayor Nancy Dicks, MOPC Warden Robert Parker, former REMO Coordinator John Davison, former REMO Alternate Coordinator Dan MacDonald, Westville Mayor Lennie White, Trenton Mayor Alec Dove and Pictou Mayor Jim Ryan.

Considering accessibility upgrades for your community centre?



This time of year is a great chance to talk with your councillor to see if your organization might qualify for a municipal service grant to help cover the cost of an accessibility upgrade.

Watch www.munpict.ca for Ratepayer Meeting dates.

PICTOU COUNTY GO CLEAN GET GREEN

www.gocleangetgreen.ca

SAVE THE DATES

APRIL 20-25 2026

COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP DAY APRIL 25TH



Last Year's
Success (2025)



**GOALS FOR
2026**



1,110 Participants!



1,500 Participants



15,430 pounds of
litter collected!



**Collect 20,000
pounds of litter**

VOLUNTEER RECEPTION

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



TUESDAY, APRIL 21ST

MUSIC 6:30 | RECEPTION 7 PM

MUSIC BY AMELIA PARKER

PICTOU COUNTY WELLNESS
CENTRE

RSVP TO: RECREATION@MUNPICT.CA BY
FRIDAY, APRIL 17TH