

The MOPC Spotlight

E-newsletter



August 2025



Councillors from the Municipality of Pictou County took a tour of A Walk Through Time Museum on Aug. 7. The Museum includes thousands of exhibits which tell a story about day-to-day work and life in rural Pictou County over time. See more inside.

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The West River Fire Department and Johns' Country Canteen co-sponsored a Community Appreciation Day in Central West River at Johns' Country Canteen on July 12. Councillor Donnie Parker presented a donation on behalf of The Municipality of Pictou County at the event to the West River Fire Department Chief D.J. Worth.

How can we help?

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

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

The MOPC's GeoHub provides
information 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	Office Hours	Mailing Address	Call Us
46 Municipal Drive Pictou, N.S. B0K 1H0	Monday - Friday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM	P.O. Box 910 Pictou, N.S B0K 1H0	902-485-4311 902-752-1530

Payment options

You can pay your property tax or water bills online through your bank by following these instructions:

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

Property Taxes

Go to "Add Payee"

Search "Pictou"

Select "Pictou County Taxes"

Add all 8 digits of your Municipal Account number

Water Utility

Go to "Add Payee"

Search "Pictou"

Select "Pictou County Water"

Add all 8 digits of your Municipal Account number

You can also pay your property tax bills by dropping a cheque into the mail. The address is:

The Municipality of Pictou County
P.O. Box 910, Pictou
Nova Scotia, B0K 1H0

Visit our administration building Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to pay your bill in person.



Time travel

Mary and Allan Fraser gave a tour of A Walk Through Time Museum on Aug. 7 to councillors from the Municipality of Pictou County and their spouses.

The 10,000-square-foot museum showcases more than 7,000 artifacts from rural Pictou County and beyond. Together, they tell the story of work and life in Pictou County dating back decades.

The museum is located at 4119 Scotsburn Road, Hwy 256 Scotsburn, the former site of the Scotsburn Dairy, and is open to visitors from June through September.

The Museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. with the exception of holidays. Admission is \$10/person or 25/family.



PROVINCEWIDE Burn Ban in Effect

Because of hot, dry conditions, there is a ban on open fires effective immediately across the entire province.

The ban was put in place July 30, and will remain in place until October 15 – the end of wildfire season – or until conditions improve.

The fine for violating the ban is \$25,000.

“We’ve had a lot of hot, dry weather, very little rain and there’s no significant rain in the forecast in the near future,” said Tory Rushton, Minister of Natural Resources.

“We’ve had a lot of small, manageable fires this month and conditions are now ripe for any small fire to grow larger. Nobody wants a repeat of the devastation we experienced in 2023. I ask all Nova Scotians to co-operate, respect the burn ban and save their campfires and other open fires for a safer time.”

The ban applies to open fires such as campfires, bonfires, brush fires, fires in chimeneas and any other fire that is not enclosed and uses wood as the fuel.

Unlike gas or charcoal fires, sparks could escape from an open wood fire and cause a wildfire.

Non-woodburning devices like charcoal and gas barbeques and gas stoves are allowed to be used, following manufacturer’s instructions.



Questions?

Contact your local
Department of
Natural Resources office.



**In Pictou County
Call 902-922-4020**

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.**

Looking for a landfill voucher?

Landfill vouchers are available from May 1st to Nov. 30. Get yours at the MOPC office or by mail. Call 902 485-4311 for more information.

Not allowed vs. allowed



Not Allowed
During Burn Ban



Any open outdoor fires
including campfires and
fireworks



Allowed During
Burn Ban



Non-woodburning devices
such as lanterns and gas or
charcoal barbecues, following
manufacturers instructions



Not allowed
(Wooded areas/ trail systems)



OHV (Off Highway
Vehicles) travel



Fishing



Hiking



Camping



Allowed
(Non-wooded areas)



Camping in
campgrounds



Visiting open spaces
like beaches, sports
fields, non-wooded
areas of parks, and
non-wooded trails

Family Fun Day!

There was a great turnout for the second annual MOPC Family Fun Day hosted at the MOPC Administration Building on Aug. 13. Children had the chance to play games, jump on bouncy castles and enjoy some snow cones and cotton candy as well as hotdogs fresh off the barbecue.



River John celebrates milestones

A special celebration was held for Mabel Zinck at the River John Fire Hall for her 104th Birthday on July 24. The Warden's Tea was also a time to celebrate the 240th anniversary of the community of River John. Councillor Ronald Baillie and Warden Robert Parker presented certificates to Mabel, as well as to John and Florence Craib, who are celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary this summer.



Y on the Move joined Pictou County Recreation at Melmerby Beach on July 25. Children enjoyed playing games and cooled off with some freezies.

Water Testing

The MOPC Public Works department is looking for residents within our water-serviced areas who are willing to have MOPC's water tested at their property for copper and lead.

Testing will be taking place in August.

Applicable communities include:

Riverton

Hillside

Greenhill

Alma

Westville Road

Plymouth

Priestville

Linacy

To volunteer to have your water tested call
902-485-1201 or email **GIS@munpict.ca**.

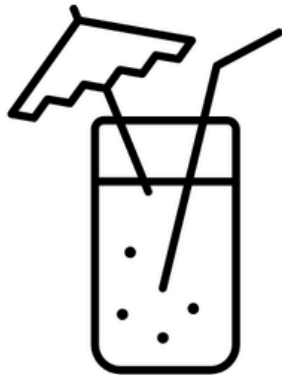


Stay vigilant!

Here are some tips to keep in mind as you enjoy festivals and events this summer.



**Always keep
your drink
with you.**



**Don't accept
drinks from
strangers.**



**Go out with
people you
trust.**



A message from the Municipality of Pictou County

HARDWOOD SEEDLINGS GIVEAWAY

The MOPC's Tree Planting Committee will be distributing hardwood seedlings this fall at the Pictou County Wellness Centre, Mt. William

Saturday, Oct 11th, 2025
from 9 a.m. until noon.

There will not be a registration this year. Instead, trees will be given out on a first-come, first-served basis to residents of the Municipality of Pictou County only.

