

The MOPC Spotlight

E-newsletter



August 2026

Read by the Sea a success



Read by the Sea was well attended this summer with around 175 people taking part in the events. The authors were all from the North Shore: Jennifer Hatt, Harry Thurston, Dian Day, and Camilla Thompson. The festival was dedicated to Beulah Wright recently deceased, and a book mark was created in her honour.

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MOPC Property of the Month winner chosen



Please join us in congratulating our July Property of the Month Winner, Agnes Murray! Agnes has a beautifully maintained property in Bigney. The goal of the Property of the Month contest is to celebrate the people in our community who put in the extra effort to make their properties look tidy and beautiful. If you'd like to nominate a property for the month of September, you can do so online at: <https://arcg.is/19Wu082>

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.

Contact the Municipality of Pictou County

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Pictou County Athlete will compete in South Africa

Pictou County's own Sam Reid is headed to South Africa this September after being selected to compete for Team Canada at the 2026 FISU World Championship Rugby Sevens.

The tournament, being held in Stellenbosch, South Africa, will feature some of the world's best university rugby players.

Sam, who grew up in the River John area, said she is grateful for the opportunity.

"It's a way I can travel the world but also play a game that I really enjoy and love," she said.

The team will leave for South Africa on Aug. 27, with games running from Sept. 4 to Sept. 6.

Sam said she enjoys competing as part of a national team, which gives her the opportunity to meet new people, experience different styles of rugby and grow her confidence.

She credits her experiences growing up in Pictou County with helping her reach this stage. Sam played for Northumberland Regional High School in Grades 10 and 11 before joining North Nova Education Centre in Grade 12. She said the strong competition at the high school level in Pictou County helped prepare her for university-level competition. She currently plays rugby for Acadia University.

For young athletes in Pictou County, Sam has a simple message: think big, regardless of where you come from.

"Even though you're from a small town in Pictou County, it doesn't mean you can't make a national team and travel across the world to play the game that you love," she said. "Just stick with your routine and stuff, and keep developing your skills."



Sam Reid, who grew up playing rugby in Pictou County and now plays for Acadia University will be representing Canada at a tournament in South Africa in September.

MOPC ALERT Scan the QR Code to sign up
for alerts from the MOPC
that matter to you!



ALL ARE WELCOME TO

Fun Day

at the

Kenzieville Community Centre

Sat., August 22, 2026

11am- 2pm



6 km Road Race
10AM start

Participants pre-resister
from 9 - 9:45 AM
at the Kenzieville C.C.
*Race fee is by donation
(suggested \$10, cash)*

Face Painting



Local Musical
Entertainment



BBQ
&
Refreshments
For sale
(cash only)

Children's
Activities
Including the Fish Pond
And more!

Rubber Ducky Race

Starts at 1pm

Advanced sale Tickets only
\$10 each

Available at the L.B.R.,
And through Committee Members

1st
Prize
\$250

2nd Prize
\$150

3rd Prize
\$100

Farmer's
Carry
Competition

New This Year!

Foam Machine
&
Bouncy Castle

Activities
For the
Whole Family

Tug of War
Competition



Visit with our
Fire Dept.
Members

Kid's Fish Pond

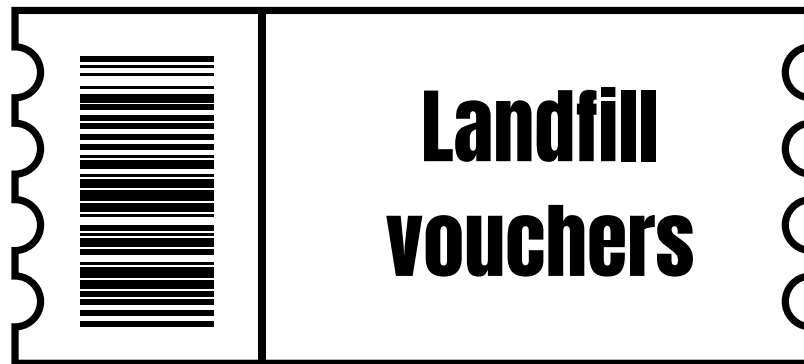
Limited seating available. Bring your own chair.



Birthday milestone

There was a great turnout for the River John Festival Days Warden's Tea, which included a birthday celebration for Mabel Zinck who turned 105! Councillor Ron Baillie (left) and Warden Robert Parker (right) presented Mabel with a certificate from the MOPC in recognition of this milestone.

Now available



Landfill Vouchers from the MOPC are available until Nov. 30, 2026.

Vouchers are given free of charge to people who own homes or cottages in rural Pictou County. Vacant landowners, woodlot 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. from May 1 to Nov. 30.

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

How to pay your taxes

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.

Each individual account number must be entered when making a payment.



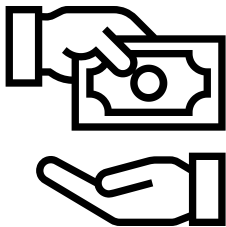
Property Taxes

Go to "Add Payee"

Search "Pictou"

Select "Pictou County Taxes"

Add all 8 digits of your Municipal Account number



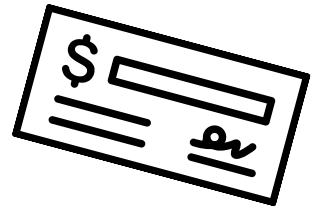
Water Utility

Go to "Add Payee"

Search "Pictou"

Select "Pictou County Water"

Add all 8 digits of your Municipal Account number



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

How can we help?

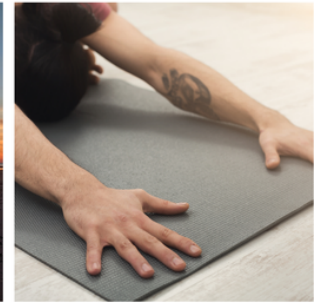
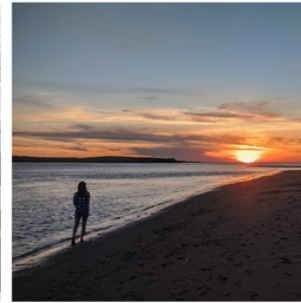
To **report** a problem with a streetlight, please
call 902-485-1201 or email
outages@munpict.ca

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

PLAY FINDER PICTOU COUNTY

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

This collaborative initiative means all non-profit recreation / sport organizations and facilities across the County can use the platform for program registration, facility scheduling, communications, and more. As more organizations come on board, you'll start to see even more programs, facilities, and opportunities available. Please reach out to us if you're involved with an interested non-profit.

Create your free account today!



Thank you to the Pictou County Partnership for supporting this community access initiative!

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. These must be MOPC water customers.

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**.



Salem & Area Recreation Antique Car Show



Proudly presented by:

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109 Salem Loop, Greenhill (former Salem Ball Field)

Admission:

Adults - \$5

Children under 12 - free

All proceeds to the Salem
Park revitalization project



August 22, 2026

10am - 3pm (Rain Date August 29th)

**Onsite Food Vendor
&
50/50 Draw**

Awards

Title Sponsor's Choice
President's Choice

People's Choice
Participant's Choice

With additional prizes throughout the day

UPDATES FROM IESO NOVA SCOTIA

Contributed by IESO

IESO Nova Scotia is the province's new independent, not-for-profit energy system operator, established by provincial law to oversee long-term electricity planning, new resource procurement, and grid operations on behalf of Nova Scotians. Our mandate is to deliver a secure supply of electricity for Nova Scotians at the best possible cost.

1. Opportunities for Local Businesses

IESO Nova Scotia is compiling a local business directory to share with the successful proponent that will design, build, own, and operate the proposed facilities. The directory is intended to help familiarize the proponent with the wide range of local businesses, services, suppliers, and expertise available in the area, and to help promote local economic participation wherever possible.

Businesses of all types and sizes are encouraged to register, including contractors, trades, accommodations, food services, transportation providers, retailers, professional services, suppliers, and other local businesses.

Take one minute to register your company on our directory online at ieso-ns.ca/businessregistration

2. Ongoing Assessments

Please be aware that over the coming weeks, project personnel may be present at the Salt Springs and Marshdale sites to conduct ongoing assessments and evaluate site feasibility.

IESO Nova Scotia will continue to provide updates whenever new information is available as project development progresses.

3. FAQs

Q: Why place the Facilities in the proposed sites of Marshdale and Salt Springs?

A: Site selection involved a multi-year assessment focused on balancing electricity reliability, environmental protection, community impact, and long-term cost to Nova Scotians. Because these facilities require access to both high-voltage transmission infrastructure and high-capacity natural gas pipelines, there are very few viable locations in the province. Potential sites were then further screened to avoid or minimize environmental, cultural, archaeological, and residential impacts, including prioritizing locations with greater distance from nearby homes wherever possible.

Existing industrial and brownfield sites were also considered, but were not feasible due to infrastructure limitations that would require significant additional upgrades, costs, and environmental disturbance.

The proposed sites at Salt Springs and Marshdale were identified as the most suitable options to support Nova Scotians' need for reliable electricity while minimizing overall impacts and costs to electricity customers.

Q: If Nova Scotia is transitioning to clean energy, why is natural gas still part of the plan?

A: While Nova Scotia is transitioning to cleaner energy sources like wind and solar, the electricity system still requires reliable backup power for times when renewable generation is unavailable or unable to meet demand. Fast-acting natural gas facilities have been identified as the most cost-effective solution for customers to provide a reliable supply of electricity to power our homes, schools, hospitals, and businesses and support Nova Scotia's timely transition away from coal.

The proposed fast-acting generation facilities will enable Nova Scotia to significantly reduce its greenhouse gas emissions in two key ways:

- Natural gas-fired generation produces approximately 55% fewer emissions per unit of electricity generated than coal-fired generation.
- In addition to emitting less overall, the proposed facilities will only generate electricity precisely when they are needed, which is anticipated to be less than 25% of the time.

These types of facilities are designed to ramp up quickly when needed and power down when they are not. They will only run when renewable sources can't meet demand. This is something that the existing coal generators cannot do. Instead, coal plants must be online for several days, even if they are only needed for a few hours within that time.

By contrast, fast-acting generators can respond in minutes, reducing unnecessary emissions and allowing more renewable energy to be used whenever it's available.

Battery storage and renewable energy are both important parts of Nova Scotia's future electricity system, and IESO Nova Scotia is continuing to expand these components.

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THINGS YOUR NEIGHBOURS WANT YOU TO KNOW ABOUT SCOTSBURN

WELCOME

1

Our Trails Are Amazing!

Scotsburn is surrounded by incredible trails for walking, hiking, mountain biking, snowshoeing, and snowmobiles/ATVs.

2

Know the Essentials

Get your civic number installed through the fire department, learn your garbage and recycling collection schedule, and keep a list of important community contacts handy

3

Find Your Community

Whether you're raising young children, have teens, or are enjoying retirement, there are clubs, schools, recreation programs, volunteer opportunities, [Fire Department](#) and 55+ activities to help you get connected.

4

Be Prepared & Stay Safe

Sign up for MOPC Alert to receive emergency notifications about severe weather, road closures, etc. Take a few minutes to learn who your municipal councillor is—they're your local representative and a great resource for community questions.

5

Discover Pictou County

Living in Scotsburn means you're close to beautiful beaches, parks, golf courses and countless outdoor adventures.

6

Ask Around—Locals Know Best

Need a mechanic, hairdresser, contractor, or the best place to buy firewood? Ask a neighbour since word-of-mouth recommendations are one of the best resources in our community.

7

Stay Connected

Follow the [Scotsburn Rec Club Facebook page](#) and other local groups to keep up with events, volunteer opportunities, and community news. It's the quickest way to find out what's happening.

8

Join the Fun

Community events bring neighbours together. Join favourites like the Annual Pork Chop Barbecue, recreation events, and family activities.

9

Shop Local Products & Services

Support Scotsburn's local businesses for coffee, haircuts, vehicle repairs, and fresh local products.

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Get Involved & Say Hello

The best way to feel at home is to get involved! Around here, neighbours lend a hand, and look out for one another—don't be afraid to introduce yourself!



INFO@SCOTSBURNRCREATIONCLUB.CA

Safety Tips

Preparing an Emergency Kit



When there's an emergency like a bad winter storm, a hurricane, or a fire it's important to be prepared. You need to be able to look after yourself and your family for the first 72 hours. Having an emergency kit prepared will help get you through the situation.

Things to remember when preparing an emergency kit:

- the kit should be easy to carry
- everyone in the household should know where it is
- check your kit twice a year and replace anything that is out of
- date replace the food and water once a year

Things to include:

- your emergency plan
- at least 6 litres of water per person (2 litres per day)
- food that won't spoil and that you can eat without cooking, like canned and dry foods
- manual can opener
- first-aid supplies
- at least a 3-day supply of your prescription medicines
- wind-up or battery-powered flashlight
- wind-up or battery-powered radio
- batteries for your flashlight and radio
- money in small bills
- copies of important papers like your driver's license, birth certificate, and insurance papers

It is also important to always keep your car's gas tank as full as possible and your cell phone fully charged.