

The MOPC Spotlight

E-newsletter



February 2025



Alex Kampa-Plouffe, left, and Rhiannon McNair, right, with some help from Rhiannon's daughter Charlotte passed out hot chocolate at the Scotsburn Winter Carnival on Feb. 9, 2025.

Nomination period now open

The Municipality of Pictou County is now accepting nominations for its volunteer of the year.

National Volunteer Week is April 27th to May 3rd. The Municipality of Pictou County takes this time to recognize the outstanding contribution volunteers make to the vibrancy and growth of our communities and rural lifestyle.

If you know an outstanding volunteer in your community who has contributed significantly to the residents of the Municipality of Pictou County, you can submit a nomination form detailing their efforts.

The Municipality will select one nominee for official recognition, as well as a Youth Volunteer of the Year. These volunteers will be honoured at our annual Volunteer Awards Celebration on April 29 at 6:30 p.m. at the Pictou County Wellness Centre.

To RSVP for the event, email cindy.fraser@munpict.ca.



Nominate a volunteer!



Nomination forms can be downloaded or filled out online at <https://munpict.ca/council/grants-and-funding-sources> and emailed to cindy.fraser@munpict.ca. If sending in the forms by mail you can send it to:
Cindy Fraser, Recreation Coordinator
Municipality of the County of Pictou
PO Box 910 (46 Municipal Drive)
Pictou, NS, B0K 1H0
The deadline for nominations is 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 28, 2025.

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



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

TAKE NOTICE that on Monday, March 3, 2025 at **6:00 pm** 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 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. Presenters will be given **5 minutes** to address their concerns about the MPS and LUB 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 February 24, 2025 at 4:00pm.**

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

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 effective February 12th, 2025, and will remain posted until after the public hearing.

Smart Technology for Independent Living – Free Webinar!

Staying safe, independent, and comfortable at home doesn't have to mean sacrificing privacy. Join MOPC Network and MindfulTech Institute for an insightful webinar with Dr. Bruce Wallace (drbrucewallace.ca), a leading expert in aging and technology, as we explore practical, non-invasive smart home solutions that support aging in place.

MOPC Network is building more than just internet infrastructure—it's laying the foundation for connected communities, smarter living, and greater independence. From home automation to adaptive technology, learn how today's innovations can enhance safety, mobility, and quality of life without being intrusive. Whether for yourself or a loved one, this session will show you how technology can help age with confidence.



ENABLING AGING IN PLACE AND INDEPENDENCE – THE SUPPORTIVE SMART HOME



Moderator

**Steve Johnston, CEO
MindfulTech Institute**



Speaker

**Dr. Bruce Wallace, Executive Director
AGEWELL SAM3 National Innovation Hub**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2025 | 1:00 PM ATLANTIC | ONLINE MEETING

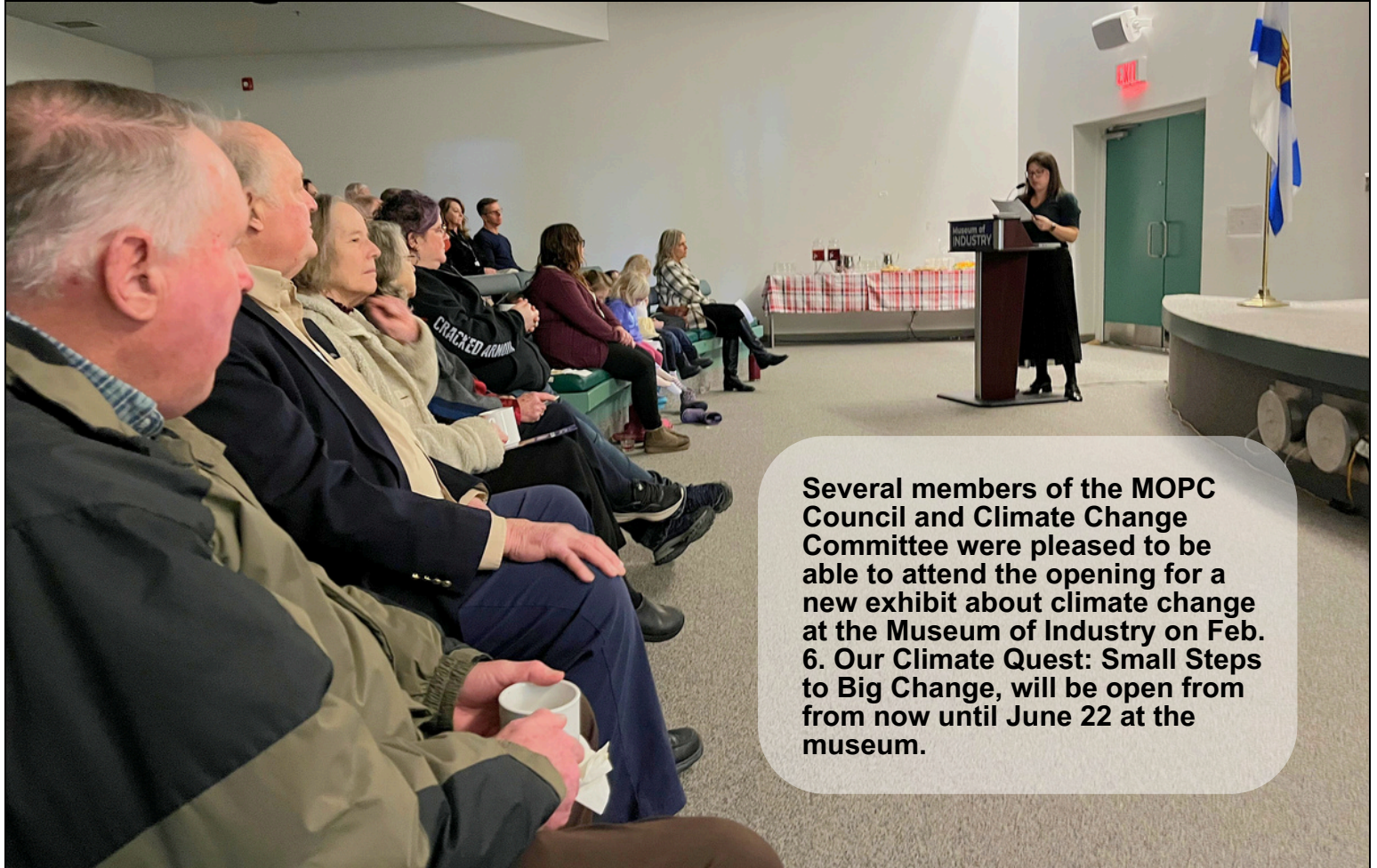


REGISTER NOW



Community happenings

Representatives of the Women's Institutes in Pictou County joined Warden Robert Parker on Feb. 3, to sign a proclamation recognizing Feb. 16 to Feb. 22, 2025 as Women's Institute Week in the Municipality of Pictou County. The first Women's Institute in Nova Scotia was formed in 1913 in Salt Springs, Pictou County. We thank them for their many contributions to this community.



Several members of the MOPC Council and Climate Change Committee were pleased to be able to attend the opening for a new exhibit about climate change at the Museum of Industry on Feb. 6. Our Climate Quest: Small Steps to Big Change, will be open from from now until June 22 at the museum.

MOPC ALERT



Stay in the know with the Municipality of Pictou County's new notification system, MOPC Alert. You chose what notifications you receive and how. Scan the QR code to sign up today.



In 2024 The Municipality of Pictou County added a new tool to communicate with residents, MOPC Alert.

MOPC Alert will be used to send our residents alerts about upcoming severe weather, comfort center locations and operating times. MOPC Alert will also be used to inform Municipal water customers when there are boil water advisories, or other water-related issues that may be relevant. Residents can also sign up to receive alerts for public engagement opportunities like public hearings or other municipally organized meetings.

MOPC Alert will only be used to provide precautionary information. It will NOT be used to convey information that would otherwise be sent through the Nova Scotia Public Alerting System (Alert Ready).

Residents can choose what they want to be notified about and how they would like to be notified. Notifications can be sent by email, text message and/or by phone call.

Only those who sign up will receive notifications.

To sign up visit www.tinyurl.com/mr3vx8dt or scan the QR code above.



Fun for the whole Family!

31ST UK 2026 GIRL GUIDES TRIP UNIT FUNDRAISER

Family Fun Day to the UK

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

11:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

MCCULLOCH EDUCATION CENTRE, 350 WELLINGTON STREET

**CHILLI TAKE OUT, SILENT AUCTION, BAKE TABLE, CAKE WALK
FACE PAINTING, CUPCAKE DECORATING, CRAFT VENDORS**

**TO BOOK A CRAFT TABLE PLEASE CONTACT
TANYA (902) 759-1551 OR RACHAEL (902) 521-4921**

You are invited!

**East River Valley Community
Development Association**

Open House & AGM

Tuesday, March 4, 2025

Riverton Hall

5678 Stellarton Trafalgar Rd. Riverton

6pm

**Join us to see the accessibility upgrades
and kitchen upgrades at the hall.**

Light refreshments will be served.



AFRICAN HERITAGE MONTH 2025



LEGACY

IN ACTION

CELEBRATING BLACK BRILLIANCE



LEGACY IN ACTION: CELEBRATING BLACK BRILLIANCE HIGHLIGHTS THE LIVING LEGACY OF BLACK NOVA SCOTIANS, HONORING THE IMPACT AND PERSEVERANCE OF THE LONG-STANDING COMMUNITY. IT HIGHLIGHTS THE GREATNESS WE HOLD, THE PATHS WE LEAD THROUGH OUR DEEP CONNECTION WITH OUR ELDERS, STORYTELLING, THE RHYTHMS OF CHANGE, AND THE ABILITY TO LOOK BACK TO MOVE FORWARD.



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African Nova Scotian Affairs Integration Office