

The MOPC Spotlight

E-newsletter



January 2025



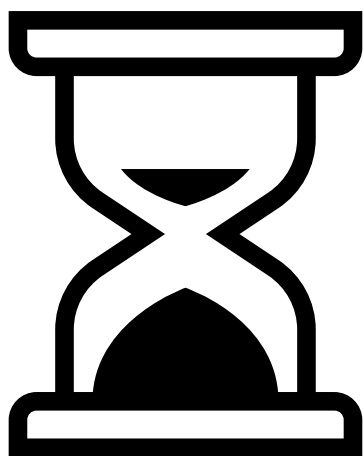
Active Pictou County hosted a hike on Fitzpatrick Mountain on December 1. For a list of upcoming hikes in January, see page 7.

Reporting Deadline for 2024 Grants

If you received a grant from the Municipality of Pictou County valued at \$1,000 or more you must return a reporting form and corresponding information by Jan. 31, 2025. This includes both Municipal Council Grants and Municipal Service Grants.

The form is available on our website at: www.munpict.ca./council/grants-and-funding-sources.

If a reporting form is not returned by this date, it could jeopardize your chance of being considered for future grants from the municipality



MOPC Municipal Grant Applications now available

An icon showing a checklist with four items, each with a checkbox. A magnifying glass is positioned over the second item, which has a checkmark inside its box, indicating a completed or verified item.

Municipal Grant applications are now available. Municipal Grants are intended for non-profit sector and charitable organizations that provide community-based programs and services that replace, supplement, or complement our municipal mandate and benefit one or more council districts or the entire municipality.

Organizations looking for support from the Municipality of Pictou County in the form of a Municipal Grant have until Feb. 28th, 2025 to submit a grant application. Forms are available at www.munpict.ca./council/grants-and-funding-sources.



The Municipality of Pictou County's Low Income Tax Exemption Application for 2025 is now available online at: www.munpict.ca./council/grants-and-funding-sources.

NOTE: The deadline to apply is March 31, 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
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Call Us

902-485-4311
902-752-1530



2025 property assessments are now online!

Assessors are available if you have questions.
1-800-380-7775 | inquiry@pvsc.ca

Property assessments mailed

Property owners in Pictou County can expect their 2025 Property Assessment Notices to arrive in the mail soon if they haven't received it already.

Assessments reflect a market value as of January 1, 2024, based on market sales and financial data, and the physical state of the property as of December 1, 2024, including renovations and demolitions.

Assessments are determined by Property Valuation Services Corporation (PVSC), the independent, municipally funded, not-for-profit assessment authority for Nova Scotia.

PVSC determines market value using mass appraisal, the process of valuing a group of properties on a given date using common data, standardized methods, and statistical testing.

The total value of the 2025 Assessment Roll is \$190.6 billion. This year's rate for the provincial government's Capped Assessment Program (CAP) is 1.5 per cent.

The CAP limits the annual increase in taxable assessment for eligible residential properties to no more than the CPI rate for the year.

About 67 per cent of residential assessments, 415,306 property accounts, qualify for the CAP for 2025.

PVSC operates in accordance with the Nova Scotia Assessment Act and the Property Valuation Services Corporation Act and follows internationally accepted standards for mass appraisal.

PVSC representatives are available to discuss assessments and answer questions by phone (1-800-380-7775) or email (inquiry@pvsc.ca). For more information, visit pvsc.ca.

IMPORTANT

Assessment appeals must be received by midnight on February 13, 2025. Signed appeal forms can be submitted by email, mail, or fax.

HAVE YOUR VOICE HEARD ON CLIMATE ACTION IN PICTOU COUNTY!

Did you know that Pictou County is expected to be one of the most vulnerable Nova Scotia counties to coastal and river flooding in the 2030s?

Did you know that Pictou County is highly vulnerable to wildfires since the damage from Hurricane Fiona has made this risk even greater?

Did you know that sea levels in our area are predicted to rise by over 30 inches higher than now by 2100?

To learn more about climate impacts and the action plans that are being developed by the MOPC, and to have your input, participate in one of the following remaining townhall meetings:

- 7 p.m. Jan. 16, 2025 - Eureka Fire Hall, 5222 Stellarton Trafalgar Rd., Eureka
- 7 p.m. Jan. 21, 2025 - Durham Community Centre, 1679 Greenhill Rd., Durham
- 7 p.m. Jan. 23, 2025 - Hillside Community Hall, 27 Chance Harbour Road, Hillside
- 7 p.m. Jan. 28, 2025 - Little Harbour Community Centre, 4892, Little Harbour Rd.
- 7 p.m. Jan. 30, 2025 - Abercrombie Fire Hall, 2030 Granton Abercrombie Rd.

In addition to contributing to the Climate Action Plan, you will enjoy light refreshments and be eligible to win several door prizes, including priority access to free maple and oak seedlings MOPC distributes to homeowners each fall, tee shirts, and keychain flashlights.



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 for to inform Municipal water customers when there are boil water advisories, or other water-related issues that may be relevant.

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.



REGISTRATION

FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 1&2

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26TH, 3PM

TRENTON RINK ANNEX

75 PARK ROAD, TRENTON

Cost: \$100

Cash or Cheque Only

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE THROUGH JUMPSTART, KIDSPORT
& THE GO PLAY FUND



QUESTIONS? EMAIL: CLARE.STEELE@MUNPICT.CA


SPACE IS LIMITED. WE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTING REGISTRATION PRIOR TO JANUARY 26TH.

Winter Guided Walks & Hikes in Pictou County


JANUARY


Active Pictou County | Jitney Trail Night Walk

 Jan 15 |  6:00 PM



 Easy | 5 km


Free | Walk-only event

 Meet at Pictou Jitney Trailhead by the DeCoste Culture Hub, 99 Water St.


 Register: leighton.hayden@townofpictou.ca


Make Your Move New Glasgow | Samson Trail Night Walk

 Jan 29 |  6:00 PM



 Easy | 4.3 km


Free | Walk-only event

 Meet at the Kinsmen Lookoff at the corner of Terrace Street and Churchill Drive.

 Register: veronica.deno@newglasgow.ca

Y on the Move Hikes | Roy Island Loop Hike



 Jan 17 |  10:00 AM


 Easy | 5 km

Free | Walk-only event

 Register: www.pcyymca.ca/community-initiatives/

Y on the Move Hikes | Fitzpatrick Mountain Hike



 Jan 31 |  10:00 AM


 Moderate | 5-7 km

Free | Walk-only event


 Register: www.pcyymca.ca/community-initiatives/


Cape to Cape | Pictou Fitness Trail Hike

 Jan 25 |  10:30 AM

 Easy | 2.5 km

Free | Snowshoes required

 Meet at McCulloch Educational School, Wellington St, Pictou.

 Register: Not required



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Contact us at info@mopcnetwork.ca or
by phoning toll-free 1-833-727-2256.