

The MOPC Spotlight

E-newsletter



July 2026



Matt and Emelyne Langille and their daughters transported one of the MOPC Recreation Department's Playboxes to Pictou Island on June 29. Playboxes are filled with recreational equipment that anyone can use for free and can be found throughout Pictou County.

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New fire inspector hired



The MOPC is pleased to announce that Daton Pearl has been hired as our new Fire Inspector. Please join us in welcoming Daton to the team.

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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

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
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Council holds tax rate with budget

The Municipality of Pictou County has approved its 2026/27 operating budget, holding the residential, resource and commercial tax rates while funding core services, capital needs and community priorities.

Council for the Municipality of Pictou County voted to approve a balanced \$32,612,296 general operating budget for the April 2026 to March 2027 fiscal year. The budget maintains the tax rate at \$0.815 per \$100 of assessed value for residential and resource properties and \$1.825 per \$100 of assessed value for commercial properties.

Warden Robert Parker said he was pleased they were able to hold the tax rate, which was possible thanks to growth in the assessment roll because of new construction, increased assessments in general and removal of the cap on properties that have been sold.

"The Council continues to watch all expenses closely as we know that your taxation dollars, for many, are hard come by," Warden Parker said. "Many of our high cost items are shared with our municipal partners and are harder to control like the Wellness Centre, other rinks and pools, libraries, the landfill site and the sewage treatment plant.

Warden Parker said Council knows that significant increased costs are on the way because of changing Provincial regulations with policing, fire departments and emergency management.

"These are mandated changes by a senior level of government and, while not judging them, our Council has very little control over their costs," he said. "Overall, we continue to monitor all spending closely and, at the same time, deliver services that our taxpayers deserve in an equitable and fair manner."

Protective services remain the largest municipal operating expense, with \$10,086,410 budgeted for police protection, fire protection, by-law enforcement, emergency management and related services. The Municipality will also make a mandatory education contribution of \$7,076,132. Together, these two areas account for more than half of the general operating budget.

The budget also includes \$3,948,384 for general government services, \$3,906,031 for environmental health services and \$918,397 for recreation services. It also allocates \$1,027,400 to the General Capital Fund to support capital work.

MOPC Property of the Month winner chosen



Please join us in congratulating our June Property of the Month Winner, Dale Bigney! Dale has a beautifully maintained property on River John Road. 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 August, you can do so online at: <https://arcg.is/19Wu082>

Disability Pride Flag Raising



The Disability Pride Flag raising in recognition of Disability Pride Month was held on July 8, 2026. Disability Pride Month celebrates people who experience disability, their identities and culture, and their positive contributions to society. The event aims to change the way people think about disability. Special thanks to our MC Charles McConville and speakers Crystal MacLean, Lael Marsh and T.J. Smith.

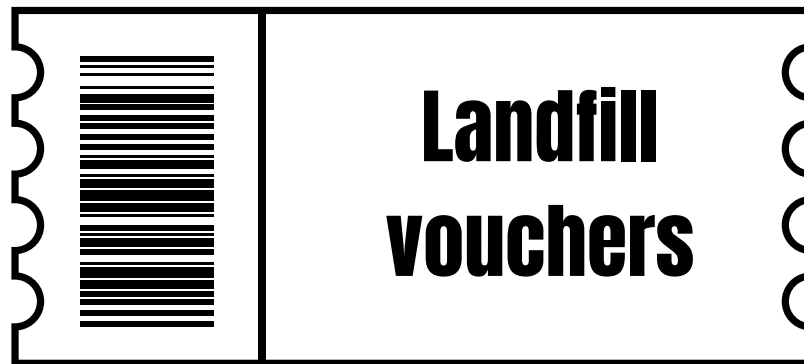
Welcome Information

Coastal Nova Scotia has a visitor information station set up in the lobby of the MOPC Admin building again this summer. Stop by if you're looking for information about upcoming events or places to visit.

The station will be staffed from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Thursday and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Fridays. Pictured is Grace Murphy who is working with Coastal Nova Scotia this summer.



Now available



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, 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.



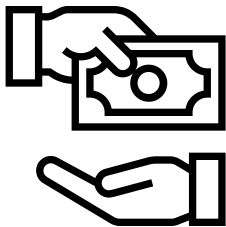
Property Taxes

Go to "Add Payee"

Search "Pictou"

Select "Pictou County Taxes"

Add all 8 digits of your Municipal Account number



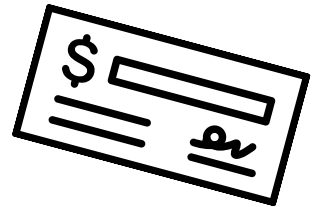
Water Utility

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

Salem & Area Recreation Association

is proud to present the fourth annual:



SUNDAY JULY 26th, 1-4pm

109 Salem Loop, Greenhill (former Salem Ball Field)

Rain location is West River Firehall

Featuring:
Gordon Tucker Band



Playing Maritime, Celtic, Folk &
Bluegrass Music



Pictou County Local Fiddlers

Katey Aucoin, & Amelia Parker

Admission:

\$10 / person

Children under 12 free

Tickets sold on site



**BBQ & refreshments
prepared by the West River
Fire Dept. proceeds to S.A.R.A**

**Silent Auction! - Bid on some
amazing items & support the park!**



**Bring your lawn chair or
blanket and enjoy an
afternoon of live music!**



Family friendly event!

Own Property in Nova Scotia?

Property Valuation Services Corporation Assessors are conducting property visits to support accurate assessments across Nova Scotia.

Why Assessors Perform Site Visits



Throughout the year, PVSC Assessors visit properties to:

- Review building permit progress
- Complete property inspections
- Collect up-to-date property data

How to Identify a PVSC Assessor



For your safety and peace of mind, Assessors have:

- PVSC-marked vehicles
- PVSC-issued identification
- High-visibility safety vests with “Assessor” on the back

Do I Need to Be Home?



No, **you don't need to be home for these visits.**

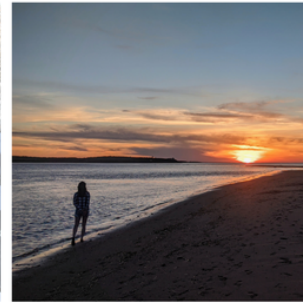
If you're not onsite, the Assessor will leave contact information and next steps if a follow-up is needed.

Property inspections are a routine part of maintaining fair and accurate property assessments. Learn more at pvsc.ca

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!

Nominate a Property of the Month

The MOPC wants to celebrate the people in our community who put in the extra effort to make their properties look tidy and beautiful.

If you know of a property in the Municipality of Pictou County that deserves to be recognized, nominate it online by scanning the QR Code below.

To nominate a property, you will be asked to include a picture of it and a way for us to contact the owners to get their permission to post the property as part of the contest.

Nominees will be shared on our Facebook page, and the property with the most likes each month will receive a \$100 gift card to The Green Thumb.



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

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





Jitney Trail

Summer Guided Hike

Wednesday, July 29, 2026

7:00 P.M.

Jitney Trail, Pictou

Meet at the DeCoste Centre Parking Lot (99 Water Street)

Difficulty: Easy | Distance: 5 km

Terrain: Gravel Trail | Time: 60 minutes



Discover trails in each community in Pictou County
to earn the NEW Pictou County Hiker Badge!

To register, contact Melanie at
melanie.dash@westville.ca or 902-396-1059



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