

# The MOPC Spotlight

E-newsletter



June 2026



Warden Robert Parker laid a wreath on behalf of the Municipality of Pictou County at the William Davis Miners' Memorial Day service hosted by the Town of Stellarton. Davis Day is an annual day of remembrance observed on June 11 in Nova Scotia coal mining communities, where citizens recognize all miners who were killed while working in coal mines.

# Pride Flag Raising



The Pictou County Pride flag raising took place this morning at the MOPC Admin Building in recognition of June as Pride Month. Warden Robert Parker and Pictou County Pride Chair Carissa Ainslie spoke about the importance of the event and making our community safe and welcoming for all.

## 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  
Pictou, N.S.  
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#### Call Us

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# Read by the Sea

28th Annual

## LITERARY FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2026

RIVER JOHN, NS

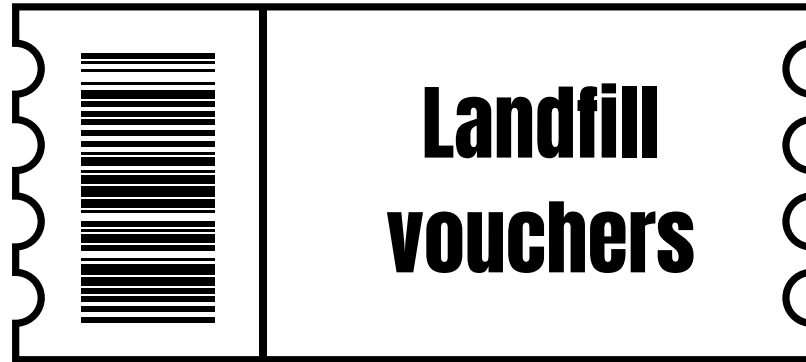
Featuring readings by North Shore Authors.  
The festival includes an Open Mic,  
an Introduction to Editing,  
a Children's Event and a Book Fair.

**RAIN OR SHINE - FREE ADMISSION!**

[www.ReadByTheSea.ca](http://www.ReadByTheSea.ca)

Find us on Facebook & Instagram!  

# 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.

## Pictou County civic sign suppliers

Supplier	Civic Address	Area Served	Phone	Email
Alma Fire	80 Alma Loop, Alma	Alma Area	902-759-4479	nedrawilson@eastlink.ca
Auto Trim & Sign	669 Pine Tree Road, Thorburn, NS	Pictou County	902-922-2915	design@atdnortheast.ca
Barney's River Fire	13317 Highway 104, Pictou County	Pictou County	902-754-8422	barneysriverfire@gmail.com
Advocate Sign Group	125 North Foord Street, Stellarton	Pictou County	902-752-2722	info@advocateprinting.com
Eureka Fire	5222 Stellarton Trafalgar Road, Eureka	Pictou County	902-921-0884	cliffjardine@hotmail.com
Little Harbour Fire	8328 Pictou Landing Road, Little Harbour	Little Harbour Area		firechief@lhfd.ca
Plymouth Fire	4667 E River East Side Road, Plymouth	Plymouth Area	902-755-5441	livingstonerod6@gmail.com
Sketch-It Design	268 Munroe Avenue Ext. New Glasgow	Pictou County	902-752-7446	sketchitsd@outlook.com
Thorburn Fire	738 Marsh Road, Thorburn	Pictou County		thorburnfiredept@gmail.com

# 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"

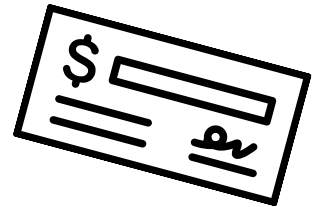
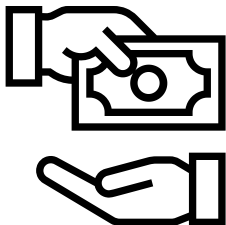
Add all 8 digits of your Municipal Account number

## 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](mailto:outages@munpict.ca)

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

# BIKES FOR Kids

Now  
Accepting  
Applications!

Application Deadline:  
August 3, 2026



**To apply you can:  
Scan the QR Code OR  
Follow the link posted on  
our Facebook page**



For more information, please contact:  
E: [bikesforkids@munpict.ca](mailto:bikesforkids@munpict.ca)  
T: 902-759-5897

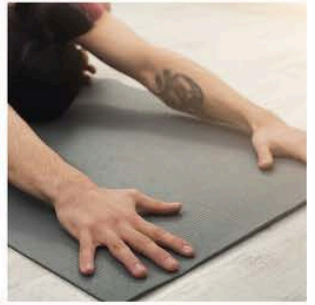
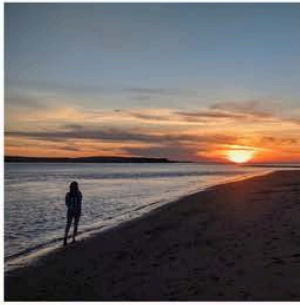
**Bikes for Kids**

# PLAY FINDER

## PICTOU COUNTY

**FIND YOUR WAY TO PLAY AT [PLAYFINDER.CA](http://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](mailto: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!**



PICTOU COUNTY RECREATION

# SWIMMING Lessons

Caribou Beach: July 13-24

Lismore Beach: July 27-August 7

MacDonald's Cove: August 10-21

\$15/CHILD

REGISTER TODAY!

SCAN QR CODE OR VISIT  
PLAYFINDER.CA



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT  
SWIMMING@MUNPICT.CA

# 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.





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

**TAKE NOTICE** that on Monday, July 6, 2026, at **6:30 pm** the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou will hold a Public Hearing on amendments to its Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) and Land Use Bylaw (LUB) for the entirety of the Municipality relating to Agricultural Lands. The Hearing will be in Council Chambers at 46 Municipal Drive in Pictou.

The Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) is the primary planning document for the Municipality which establishes the vision, goals and policies for growth and development. 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 amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law ensure that the documents are reasonably consistent with the Statement of Provincial Interest Regarding Agricultural Land. This includes explicitly identifying agricultural lands within the planning area and addressing the protection of agricultural land.

Anyone wishing to speak at the Public Hearing should register by contacting **[sueann.musick@munpict.ca](mailto: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](mailto:sueann.musick@munpict.ca)**. **The deadline to receive written submissions is Monday June 29, 2026, 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](http://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](http://www.munpict.ca)** effective June 8, 2026, and will remain posted until after the public hearing.



# Fitzpatrick Mountain Summer Guided Hike

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

6:00 P.M.

Fitzpatrick Mountain, Scotsburn

Meet at the Scotsburn Recreation Club Parking Lot  
(4114 Scotsburn Rd)

Difficulty: Difficult | Distance: 7.6 km  
Terrain: Wooded trail | Time: 120 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](mailto:melanie.dash@westville.ca) or 902-396-1059



# Playbox in your Community



## DID YOU KNOW?



01.

Playboxes in Scotsburn, River John, Little Harbour, Merigomish, Salem and Springville have just been filled for the year

02.

We take donations! If you have any gently used toys you don't use, feel free to drop them into your community's playbox

03.

Is there a toy in the box you would like to take home and play with? You absolutely can! Just make sure you return it for others to use when you're done

04.

If you notice any issues with a playbox in your community, reach out to [clare.steele@munpict.ca](mailto:clare.steele@munpict.ca)

