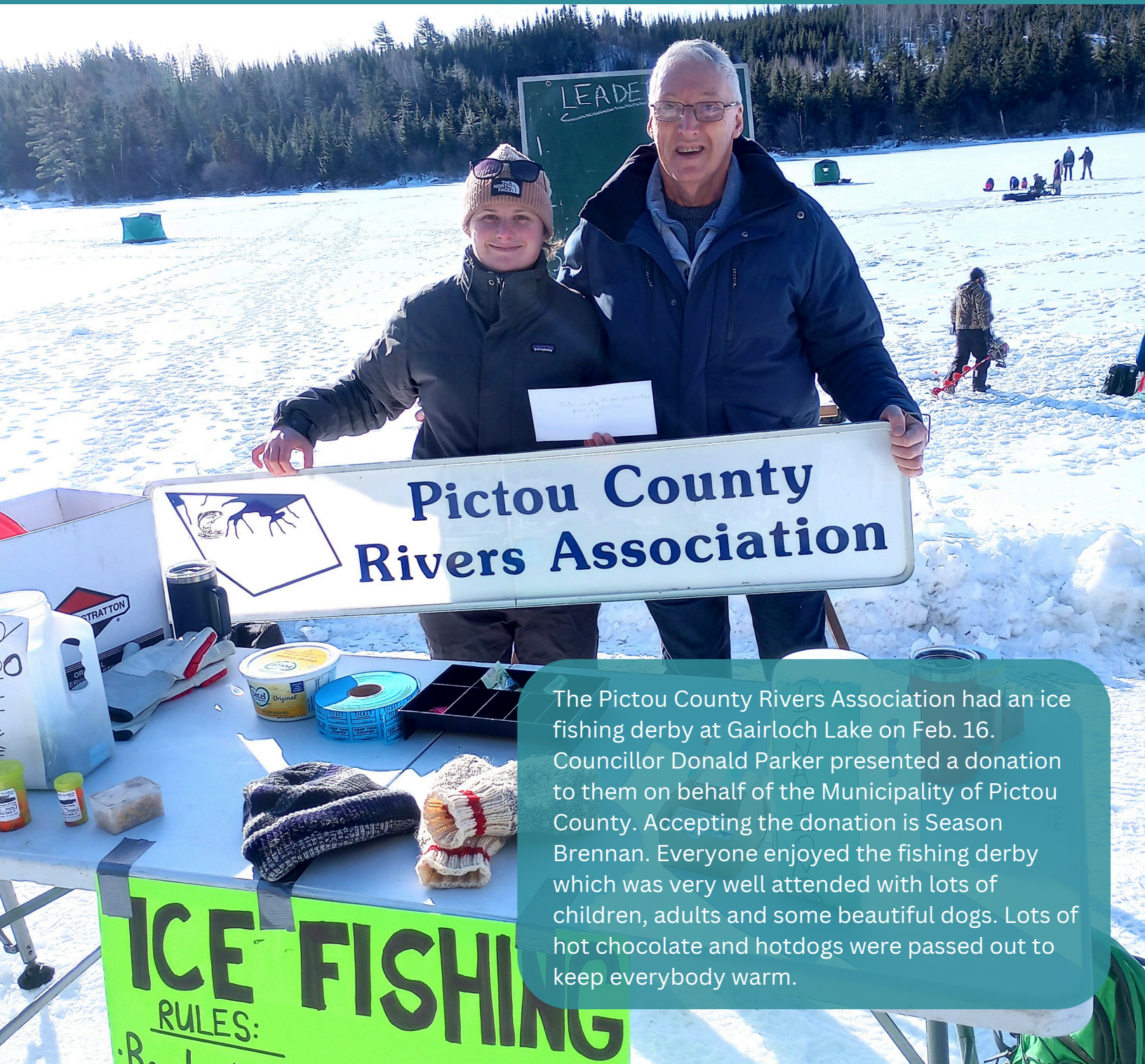


# The MOPC Spotlight

E-newsletter



March 2025



The Pictou County Rivers Association had an ice fishing derby at Gairloch Lake on Feb. 16. Councillor Donald Parker presented a donation to them on behalf of the Municipality of Pictou County. Accepting the donation is Season Brennan. Everyone enjoyed the fishing derby which was very well attended with lots of children, adults and some beautiful dogs. Lots of hot chocolate and hotdogs were passed out to keep everybody warm.

# Happy Retirement!



March 12 was Building Inspector Mike McKenzie's last day at the Municipality of Pictou County. Mike has been a dedicated employee of the MOPC for 34 years!

# COMING SOON

Landfill Vouchers from the MOPC are available from May 1st to Nov. 30.

## 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

# Kicking off



After School Program Coordinators Maddie and Thomas took kick sleds to McCulloch Education Centre's Take it Outside Day.

# 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.



# The MOPCs

## MOPC Alert



MOPC Alert was created as a tool for the Municipality to connect with residents to send important information prior to, during and after adverse weather events, or other EMO related information.

MOPC Alert is used to send our residents alerts about upcoming severe weather, comfort center locations and operating times, as well as any other information residents should be aware of such as public hearings or public engagement sessions.

Visit [www.munpict.ca](http://www.munpict.ca) to sign up.

MOPC Network is a community-driven internet service provider the Municipality of Pictou County created to bring high-speed connectivity to Rural Pictou County.

MOPC Network was built with a focus on delivering reliable, accessible, and affordable internet options to local residents and businesses. Learn more at [www.mopcnetwork.ca](http://www.mopcnetwork.ca)



**IMAGINE  
MOPC**

Imagine MOPC is a project to develop a Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) and Land Use Bylaw (LUB) for the Municipality of Pictou County.

Currently, there is no land use planning in MOPC with the exception of the Wind Energy Bylaw and the Subdivision Bylaw. In 2018, the Provincial Government passed new legislation that requires every municipality to adopt land use rules that meet newly established minimum planning standards. The Imagine MOPC project will bring the municipality into compliance with this provincial mandate. To learn more visit

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

The goal of the Switch MOPC Program is to make home energy upgrades simple and financially accessible.

Participants receive support from a personal Energy Concierge, who guides them through every step—helping with contractor selection, project planning, and navigating the financing process to ensure a smooth experience. The program offers financing to remove the barrier of upfront costs. The program pays contractors directly, allowing homeowners to repay through small monthly payments over 10-15 years. To learn more visit


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





# BurnSafe 101

The BurnSafe map is your guide to when it's safe to burn in Nova Scotia during wildfire season, March 15 to October 15.



 **GREEN** = burning is allowed after 2 pm.

 **YELLOW** = burning is allowed after 7 pm.

 **RED** = no burning is allowed.

Burning is never allowed from 8 am to 2 pm during wildfire season because that is often when the risk of wildfires is greatest. The map is **RED** during those hours. After 2 pm, check for an update.

Burn restrictions are updated daily at 2 pm based on weather data.



Check online at [NovaScotia.ca/BurnSafe](https://NovaScotia.ca/BurnSafe) or call 1-855-564-2876 to see if burning is allowed.

You could be fined **\$25,000** if you do not follow Provincial restrictions





PICTOU COUNTY EQUIPMENT LOAN PROGRAM

# Equipping you for fun

Scan the QR code to access a list of recreational equipment you can borrow for free in Pictou County!



# Special recognition

We are excited to share the news that two MOPC employees have been named King Charles III Coronation Medal recipients.

Jennifer Boyce (Accounting/Payroll Clerk) is receiving the medal in recognition of her contributions as a volunteer with Girl Guides of Canada, NS Council.

Evan Hale (Director of Emergency Services) has also been named as a recipient. In addition to his work with the MOPC, Evan is a volunteer with the Alma Fire Department.

The medal is presented to people who have made a significant contribution to Canada or to a particular province, territory, region or community of Canada or have made an outstanding achievement abroad that brings credit to Canada.



# 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.





# GO CLEAN GET GREEN

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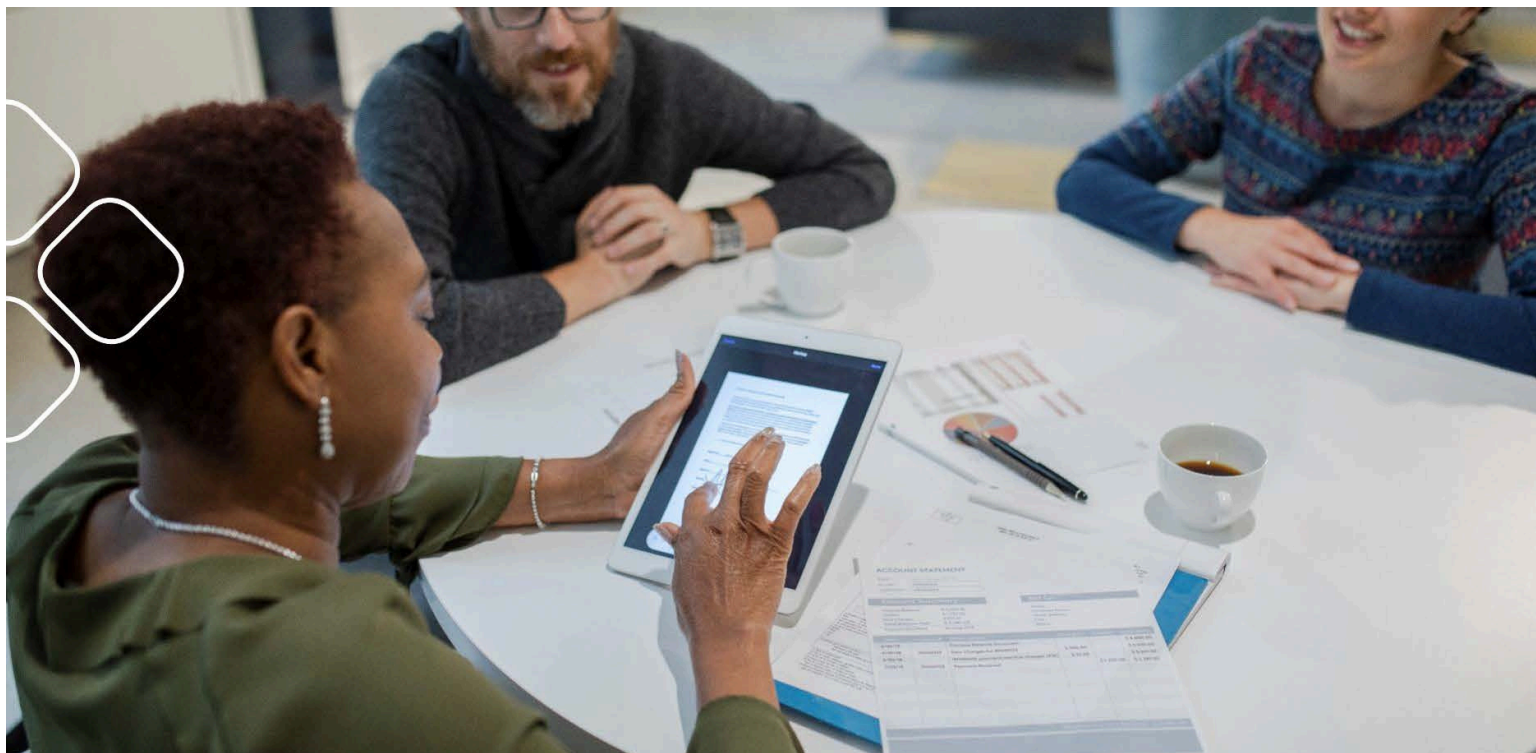
**COMMUNITY LITTER CLEAN UP**

## LITTER CLEAN UPS

Each year, thousands of volunteers help clean our roadsides, parks & shorelines of litter.

Register your clean up & receive free supplies at

**[nspickmeup.ca](https://nspickmeup.ca)**



## New Glasgow Free Tax-Help Super Clinic

Need help doing your taxes and accessing your benefits? If you have a modest income and a simple tax situation, volunteers may be able to do your taxes for free!

**Date:** Wednesday, March 19, 2025  
**Time:** 10:00 am to 2:00 pm  
**Location:** Community Room at the Pictou County Wellness Center (2-2756 Westville Rd, Westville)

The Community Volunteer Income Tax Program will be filing income tax and benefit returns for free for modest income individuals and families with a simple tax situation.

Canada Revenue Agency will be onsite with information about the benefits and credits you may receive.

Service Canada will be available to issue Social Insurance Numbers, Canada Dental Care Plan (CDCP) attestations and provide general information on Service Canada programs including Employment Insurance, Canada Pension Plan, Old Age Security, and more.

Go to [canada.ca/taxes-help](https://canada.ca/taxes-help) or call **1-866-837-1531** for more information.



PICTOU COUNTY RECREATION

WE ARE  
HIRING

SUMMER

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

- SUMMER PROGRAM COODINATOR
- LARK PROGRAM LEADER
- SWIM PROGRAM COORDINATOR

**APPLY NOW**

send email with resume and  
cover letter to:

[recreation@munpict.ca](mailto:recreation@munpict.ca)

**Application Deadline: April 4th, 2025**  
Positions start in May 2025

