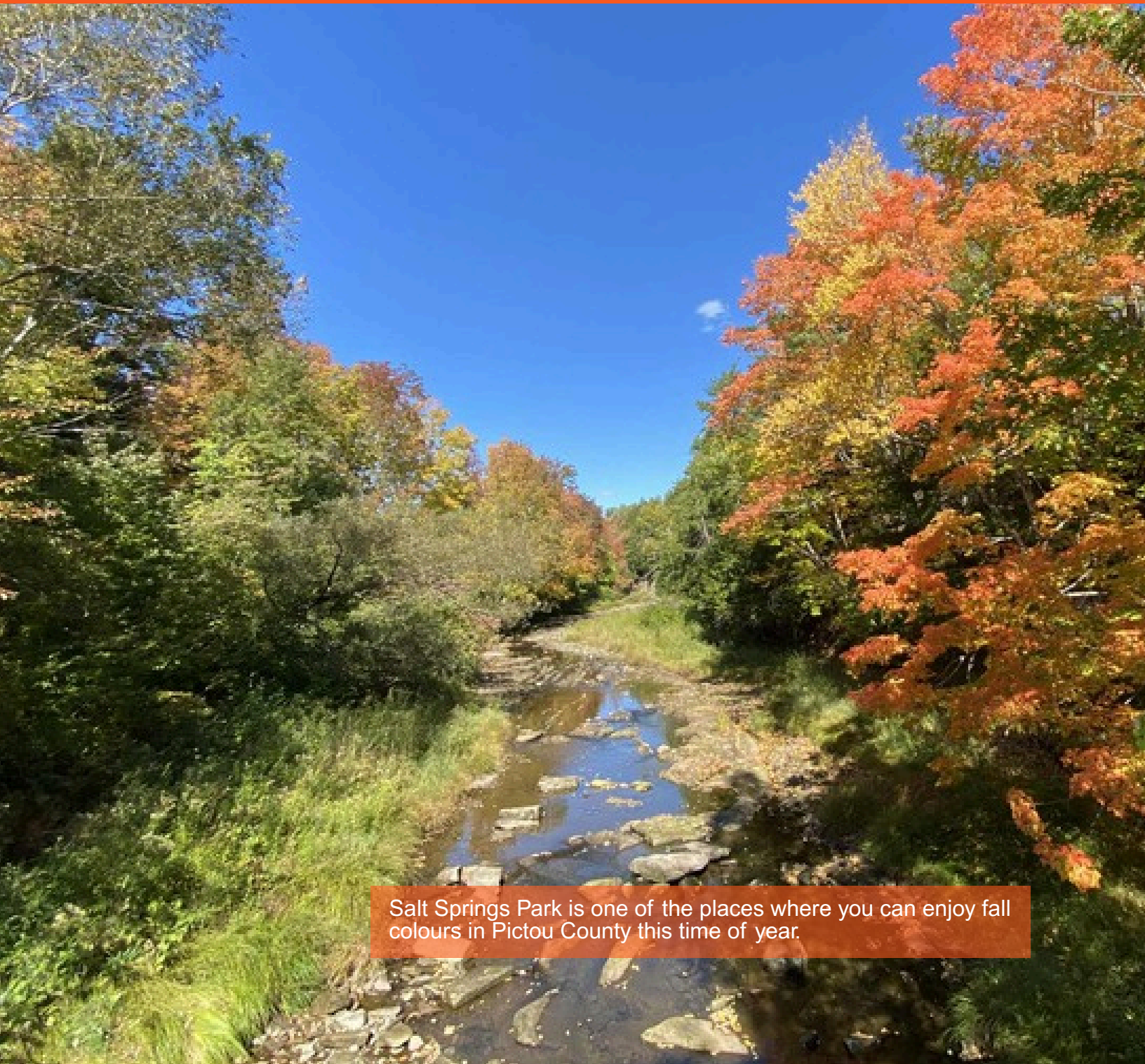


The MOPC Spotlight

E-newsletter



October 2025



Salt Springs Park is one of the places where you can enjoy fall colours in Pictou County this time of year.

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Environmental specialist hired

The Municipality of Pictou is pleased to welcome Emily Hodgson as the new Environmental Specialist for the MOPC and the Town of Pictou.

She'll be helping our communities assess climate risks, develop adaptation strategies, and support projects that strengthen local resilience to climate change.

Emily holds a Master's degree in Environmental Science and has spent the past three years working with coastal ecosystems, salt marshes, and climate change resilience. Originally from Northern Ontario, she's excited to call Pictou County home.



Councillor Joe MacDonald recently presented a 90th Birthday certificate to Sheldon Stright. The MOPC gives certificates for milestone birthdays at 80, 90, 100 and 100 plus.

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

The MOPC's GeoHub provides information such as building permits, or allows you to submit a bylaw complaint. Check it out at <https://mopc-pictoucounty.hub.arcgis.com>

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

Development Officer hired

The Municipality of Pictou County is happy to introduce John Baanbil, who recently joined our Department of Public Works and Development as Development Officer.

John recently completed a Master's degree in City Planning at the University of Manitoba, during which time he also completed a co-op placement with Urban Systems Ltd. in Manitoba.

Please join us in welcoming him to this community.



Building inspector reaches Level 2

Three years ago, Cody Avery joined our team as a Building Intern, hired to facilitate the need for a third body in our Building Inspection Department. Since the Municipality of Pictou County has been seeing record high permitting numbers, the need to further Cody's education and qualification was

As a Level 2 Building Official with the Nova Scotia Building Officials Association (NSBOA), Cody has developed a strong foundation of technical expertise, regulatory knowledge, and professional experience within the field of building inspection and code enforcement.

Achieving this designation represents several years of dedication to both formal education and hands-on municipal experience. The process includes the successful completion of extensive coursework in areas such as the National Building Code of Canada, plumbing and mechanical systems, building construction and materials, fire and life safety, and legal responsibilities related to code administration. Each course builds upon the next,



requiring a deep understanding of structural design, building science, and public safety principles.

Beyond the classroom, the Level 2 certification requires a minimum of two years of practical experience under the supervision of a qualified building official, ensuring that candidates gain real-world skills in plan review,

permitting, inspection, and compliance enforcement.

Cody's achievement of the Level 2 designation reflects not only advanced technical proficiency but also a commitment to upholding the highest standards of professionalism, integrity, and public safety within Nova Scotia's building sector.

Community Open House

Proposed fast acting natural gas power generation

IESO Nova Scotia invites you to attend an Open House to learn more about proposed fast acting natural gas power generation being considered for the communities of **Salt Springs** and/or **Marshdale**, Pictou County.

This is an opportunity to meet with project representatives, ask questions, and share your feedback. All are welcome, and light refreshments will be provided. Information will be available on:

- The role fast acting generation will play to support reliable electricity as part of the province's Clean Power Plan to end coal and increase renewables
- Ongoing facility planning for site development
- Potential community benefits, such as jobs, training, and economic spinoffs

Open House Details:

Proposed Salt Springs Facility

Nov 12, 4-8 pm • West River Fire Hall, 19 Gates Rd, Salt Springs

Proposed Marshdale Facility

Nov 13, 4-8 pm • Eureka Fire Hall, 5222 Stellarton Trafalgar Road, Eureka



Tree giveaway

Members of the MOPC's Tree Planting Subcommittee, along with some volunteers, had a great time passing out trees at the Pictou County Wellness Centre on Saturday, Oct. 11.

In total, 500 maple and oak seedlings, along with tree shelters, were given to residents. Thanks to everyone who took a tree to help capture carbon and beautify our county!



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.**

Looking for a landfill voucher?

Landfill vouchers are available from May 1st to Nov. 30. Get yours at the MOPC office or by mail. Call 902 485-4311 for more information.



Attention Grade 5 Teachers!

THE GREAT PICKER UPPER CONTEST!

Sponsored by the Municipality of Pictou County's Litter Awareness Committee, Pictou County Solid Waste and PITA PIT for Grade 5 and Grade 5 split classes.

CONTEST DETAILS

The class that fills the most garbage bags with litter will be the winner of a class PITA PIT PARTY, which includes PITA PIT sandwiches, juice boxes and cookies.

To be part of the contest, Grade 5 (or Grade 5 split) teachers from schools located in the Municipality of Pictou County or schools with students from the MOPC should email adam.macinnis@munpict.ca by Oct. 17, 2025, to register with the following information:

- The name of the school
- The teacher in the Grade 5 Class
- The number of students in the class

Bags and gloves will be supplied to the school by Pictou County Solid Waste. All bags must be collected by Oct. 31, 2025 and the number of bags collected, as well as photos showing what was collected, should be sent to adam.macinnis@munpict.ca.

The winning class will be announced Nov. 7, 2025.



WITCHES ON THE WATER



UPDATE



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25TH : 1PM

**LOCATION: VENDOR VILLAGE, PICTOU WATERFRONT
43 DEPOT STREET**

**IT'S TIME TO DRESS UP AND GET ON THE WATER AGAIN WITH
YOUR FAVORITE GHOSTS AND GOBLINS!**

**BYOB (BRING YOUR OWN BOAT) -BOARD, CANOE, KAYAK (OR BROOM)
OR BORROW ONE BY CONTACTING CLARE.STEELE@MUNPICT.CA**

PFDS ARE REQUIRED FOR THIS EVENT!

**DON'T WANT TO PADDLE? JOIN OUR HAUNTED WALK ON THE WATERFRONT
WITCHES WALK: 2PM**



**Pay what you can! All proceeds for this event will go
to the Go Play Fund**



Caribou-Munroe's Island

Fall Guided Hike

Wednesday, October 29, 2025

6:00 P.M.

Caribou-Munroe's Island Provincial Park

Meet in parking lot (2119 Three Brooks Road, Caribou)

The group will hike 3km on a mixture of gravel path, sandy beach and grassy field with minimal obstacles, stairs that can be avoided and minimal change in elevation. The hike will take approximately 45 mins to complete.



Hike 30km along trails and old rails in Pictou County to earn this Hike Nova Scotia Hiker Challenge Badge!

For additional details and registration instructions, please visit www.hikenovascotia.ca/programs-guided-walks/



A group of approximately 15 hikers, including men, women, and a small dog, are posed for a photo on a dirt trail in a wooded area. They are wearing various hiking gear like jackets, hats, and backpacks. The background shows tall trees and a clear sky.

Fitzpatrick Mountain Fall Guided Hike

Sunday, November 16, 2025

10:00 A.M.

Fitzpatrick Mountain Trail, Scotsburn

Meet in parking lot (4112-4120 Scotsburn Rd.)

The group will hike 8km on a wooded footpath with occasional obstacles, no stairs and moderate change in elevation. The hike will take approximately 120 mins to complete.



Hike 30km along trails and old rails in Pictou County to earn this Hike Nova Scotia Hiker Challenge Badge!

For additional details and registration instructions, please visit www.hikenovascotia.ca/programs-guided-walks/



Fall Colours Map

Send us your fall photos and we will add them to our map showing the beautiful colours in Pictou County this fall.

Residents can submit photos online at: <https://arcg.is/1vzPnb>

Those who submit a photo will be entered for the chance to win an MOPC mug and tote bag.

