

# The MOPC Spotlight

E-newsletter



September 2025

## Anti-litter campaign launches



The Litter Awareness Committee led an initiative to create signs featuring wildlife photos. Pictured are the committee members with the signs. See more about this project inside.





You may have noticed the MOPC sign is lit in blue this month. September is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month and landmarks across the country are being lit in blue to raise awareness of those impacted by prostate cancer. Prostate Cancer is one of the most commonly diagnosed cancers among Canadian men, with 1 in 8 men diagnosed in their lifetime. To learn more visit [www.prostatecanada.ca](http://www.prostatecanada.ca)

# 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 a MOPC public works emergency after hours, call 902-301-1825

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

# Payment options

Property tax payments for the Municipality of Pictou County are due on Oct. 15, 2025. 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

You can also pay your property tax bills by dropping a cheque into the mail. The address is:  
The Municipality of Pictou County  
P.O. Box 910, Pictou  
Nova Scotia, B0K 1H0

Visit our administration building Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to pay your bill in person.



## Contact the Municipality of Pictou County

Physical Address	Office Hours	Mailing Address	Call Us
46 Municipal Drive Pictou, N.S. B0K 1H0	Monday - Friday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM	P.O. Box 910 Pictou, N.S B0K 1H0	902-485-4311 902-752-1530

# Anti-litter signage unveiled

An anti-litter campaign will be rolled out in Pictou County this month thanks to some help from Pictou County photographers and local wildlife.

On Sept. 11, the MOPC Litter Awareness Committee unveiled signs created using photos from a photo contest the committee had organized.

The newly established committee is tasked with helping raise awareness to reduce littering in Pictou County.

After looking at what had been done in other areas, the committee decided to try creating signs featuring wildlife.

Residents were encouraged to submit photos of wildlife they had captured locally, that could be used in anti-litter signs.

Close to 150 photos were submitted for the contest from throughout Pictou County.

The winning photos were taken by:

- Linda Windsor
- Nick Snell
- Wendy Doggett

Twenty-four signs were made at Auto Trim and Sign, a Pictou County business.

Each sign features one of the winning images and a message encouraging people not to litter.

The MOPC thanks everyone who participated in the contest and Divert Nova Scotia, which provided funding to help cover the cost of the signs.

Residents can expect to see the signs placed in the coming weeks.



Linda Windsor, left, was one of the contest winners. She is pictured with Pictou County Solid Waste Waste Reduction and Safety Coordinator Deborah Searle and Litter Awareness Committee Chair Darla MacKeil.



Nick Snell's photo of a goose was selected as a winner. He is pictured with Deborah Searle and Litter Awareness Committee Chair Darla MacKeil.



# WITCHES ON THE WATER



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18TH : 2PM**

**LOCATION:** SEA STAIRS, JITNEY TRAIL, PICTOU  
(BESIDE THE DECOSTE CENTRE PARKING LOT)

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](mailto:CLARE.STEELE@MUNPICT.CA)

**PFDS ARE REQUIRED FOR THIS EVENT!**

DON'T WANT TO PADDLE? JOIN OUR HAUNTED WALK ON THE WATERFRONT  
**WITCHES WALK: 3PM**



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



# Marriage milestone



On Saturday, August 23, William and Betty Lou Scott celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary at St. Luke's United Church Hall in Salt Springs. Councillor Donnie Parker presented a Certificate of Congratulations to the special couple. A large crowd of family and friends celebrated their anniversary with them.

# Terry Fox Run a success



Warden Robert Parker is pictured with family at this year's Terry Fox Run in Pictou. The fundraiser was held on Sept. 14. Thanks to the support of family, friends and residents, Warden Parker was able to raise \$5,335 for the event this year. More than 20,000 was raised at the Pictou event in total. That money will be used to fund cancer research and continue Terry Fox's mission of fighting cancer.

## 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.

# HARDWOOD SEEDLINGS GIVEAWAY

The MOPC's Tree Planting Committee will be distributing hardwood seedlings this fall at the Pictou County Wellness Centre, Mt. William

**Saturday, Oct 11th, 2025**  
**from 9 a.m. until noon.**

There will not be a registration this year. Instead, trees will be given out on a first-come, first-served basis to residents of the Municipality of Pictou County only.





# PUBLIC NOTICE

## PROPOSED MOPC TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY 30-METER TALL TOWER STRUCTURE

**PROPOSED STRUCTURE:** As part of the public consultation process required by Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED), MOPC is inviting the public to comment on a proposed telecommunications facility consisting of a 30-meter-tall tower and ancillary radio equipment situated at 3259 Shore Road, Lower Barney's River, NS.

### COORDINATES:

Latitude: 45°40'8.14"N Longitude: 62°20'12.01"W

ANY PERSON may comment by the close of business day on October 10<sup>th</sup> 2025 with respect to this matter.

**MOPC CONTACT:** Further information can be obtained by contacting:

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**COORDINATES:**

Latitude: 45°37'31.87"N Longitude: 62°33'34.86"W

ANY PERSON may comment by the close of business day on October 10<sup>th</sup> 2025 with respect to this matter.

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

TAKE NOTICE that on Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025, the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Pictou adopted a Municipal Planning Strategy and Land-use Bylaw.

The Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) is the primary planning document for the Municipality which establishes the vision, goals and policies for growth and development. It is the roadmap that helps to guide decision making relating to what we build, where, and at what intensity.

An MPS looks at many different aspects of life in the community including (but not limited to) housing, economic development, agriculture, drinking water, and infrastructure.

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 LUB sets out things like the land-use zones, permitted uses for these zones, standards for development, performance standards, developments to be considered by development agreement, developments to be considered by site plan approval process, among other things.

On August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025, the Honourable John A. Lohr, Minister of Municipal Affairs approved the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land-Use Bylaw with Ministerial Amendments in accordance with Section 208(6) of the Municipal Government Act.

Residents of the Municipality wishing to view the by-law in its entirety including the Ministerial Amendments 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).

In accordance with Section 208(8) of the Municipal Government Act, the Municipality hereby gives notice that the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land-Use Bylaw adopted by the Municipal Council on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025, now have force of law and are in effect as of August 28, 2025, this being the date of publication.

Brian Cullen  
Chief Administrative Officer  
Municipal Clerk



# Safety Tips

## Preparing an Emergency Kit



When there's an emergency like a bad winter storm, a hurricane, or a fire it's important to be prepared. You need to be able to look after yourself and your family for the first 72 hours. Having an emergency kit prepared will help get you through the situation.

### Things to remember when preparing an emergency kit:

- the kit should be easy to carry
- everyone in the household should know where it is
- check your kit twice a year and replace anything that is out of date
- replace the food and water once a year

### Things to include:

- your emergency plan
- at least 6 litres of water per person (2 litres per day)
- food that won't spoil and that you can eat without cooking, like canned and dry foods
- manual can opener
- first-aid supplies
- at least a 3-day supply of your prescription medicines
- wind-up or battery-powered flashlight
- wind-up or battery-powered radio
- batteries for your flashlight and radio
- money in small bills
- copies of important papers like your driver's license, birth certificate, and insurance papers

It is also important to always keep your car's gas tank as full as possible and your cell phone fully charged.