

Rural News and Views

Newsletter



Summer 2026



The MOPC's summer students are gearing up for a summer of fun. Pictured from left are Namara Clarke, Kara Taylor, Hannah Cameron, Robert Hollis and Janda Murrell. To learn more about the great programming happening this summer visit playfinder.ca, email recreation@munpict.ca or phone 902-485-2244.

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Warden's summer message

Summer in Pictou County is on the way, along with nature's free, beautiful colours. I just picked a bouquet of purple lilacs, and the lily of the valley are just about ready.



Nature gives us so much for nothing. We need to take care not to bite the hand that feeds us, be it food or beauty.

Our Climate Change Advisory Committee, made up of excellent community volunteers, councillors and municipal staff, is hard at work trying to ensure that the County's policies and actions are moving in the right direction to do more good than harm to the earth that sustains us.

The committee is taking a hard look at how we heat our County building. Right now, it is not only very expensive to heat with oil, but it also emits a lot of carbon into our atmosphere. Various options are being studied, including air-to-water heat pumps and possibly solar. Lighting is currently being completely changed over to the more efficient LED lights. If we can save taxpayer dollars and be more climate-friendly, it is a no-brainer.

Our high-speed internet project is in its final construction stages. The big area left to do is in the Merigomish and surrounding communities. There have been challenges with the highway overpass in Sutherland's River and some railroad crossings. With improved co-operation from Nova Scotia Power, we hope to have all the permits needed to finish the job by June. The whole project will be completed by the end of 2026.

Congrats to the MOPC Network team for reaching the 2,000 customer milestone. It's been a long haul (10 years), but it has been worth it, with many rural Pictou County residents having excellent internet service both by fibre and wireless that we never would have dreamed possible 10 years ago. Good service and saving money - another no-brainer.

A hot item in two areas of our rural Municipality since October 2025 has been the proposed peaker plants in Salt Springs and Marshdale. These plants will burn natural gas or diesel oil to produce quick power when there is a need and then stand down. The two local areas have fought hard not to have these industrial sites in their communities. Our Municipality supported these areas with a resolution asking our Provincial Government and the proponent to take a hard look at other ways to achieve the ultimate goal of having more power when we need it and faster. We expect a meeting in the near future to discuss those options. If you, as an individual, would like to help these communities protect their future, please reach out online at www.leappictou.org.

On behalf of my fellow Councillors and our County staff, I wish all our residents an enjoyable and safe summer. Please be extra careful with fires and on our busy highways, and as much as possible, buy local.

Warden Robert Parker

PLAY FINDER PICTOU COUNTY

FIND YOUR WAY TO PLAY AT 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!



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46 Municipal Drive
Pictou, N.S.
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Monday - Friday
8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

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Call Us

902-485-4311
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Did you know that the Municipality of Pictou County has a list of local producers?

**You can find it online at:
<https://pictou-county-farms-pictoucounty.hub.arcgis.com>**

If you're a Pictou County farm producer and would like to be included on this list, please email adam.macinnis@munpict.ca.

How can we help?

To report a problem with a streetlight, please call 902-485-1201 or email outages@munpict.ca

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

The MOPC's GeoHub is a great way for residents to find out about our services, such as building permits or to submit a bylaw complaint. Check it out at <https://mopc-pictoucounty.hub.arcgis.com>

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Ruth Thompson is MOPC Volunteer of the Year

After decades of service to her community, Ruth Thompson has been named the Municipality of Pictou County's Volunteer of the Year for 2026.

Warden Robert Parker presented Ruth the award during the annual Volunteer Celebration on April 21 at the Pictou County Wellness Centre.

Ruth may have spent most of her life in Plymouth, but during her acceptance speech, she acknowledged she's a "come-from-away." She moved to Plymouth from Edmonton, Alberta, in the late 60s. Almost immediately, she began helping in the community.

"Volunteering gave me an outlet to meet people, to form lifelong friendships, and it gave me a satisfying sense of accomplishment," she said. "It grounded me in my community."

As a 30-year-old mother of four, she became a trustee of Plymouth School. When the school became surplus following the opening of Dr. W.A. MacLeod Elementary in 1974, she saw opportunity instead of decline. So she organized a meeting to form a community non-profit to own and operate the former school. For \$1,500, it was theirs.

She served on the board extensively from 1977 through the mid-1980s, and again from 2009 until January 2026 during a period of rebuilding and growth.

During much of that time, she served as Secretary-Treasurer, managing bookkeeping, correspondence, scheduling and facility operations. Her strong organizational skills and steady leadership helped ensure the Community Centre remained open and active through many years of change.

Community members credit Ruth's commitment with keeping the Centre open and thriving through decades of change. Even into her 80s, she remained actively involved, demonstrating remarkable dedication and reliability.

Today, the Plymouth Community Centre is a fully accessible, net-zero community building. Her legacy continues as the Centre undergoes renovations to become a daycare facility opening in 2026, reflecting the lasting impact of her work.

Ruth thanked the other volunteers who helped make the Plymouth Community Centre what it is today, and the newly elected board, who will continue the work she started.

She closed with a message for younger generations: "Get off social media. Get off your phone and get involved. You can make a difference!"



Warden Robert Parker with MOPC volunteer of the year Ruth Thompson.

2026 Volunteer of the Year Nominees

- Evan Baillie of Scotsburn
- Linda Baird of Greenhill
- Carol-Anne (Annie) Ferguson of Scotsburn
- Ann Foote of Merigomish
- Gord Galvin of Scotsburn
- Gerard Halfyard of Pictou County
- Alena Martin of Millsville
- John "Johnny" Robinson of Hardwood Hill
- Len Thomas of Lyon's Brook
- Ruth Thompson of Plymouth
- Wayne and Amanda Van Veen of Churchville
- Colene Williams of Barney's River Youth Volunteers Recognized
- Alexis Buchanan of Pictou County
- Karma Closet Crew from Northumberland Regional High School

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 at <https://arcg.is/19Wu082>.

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



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.**



Members of the Pictou Community New Horizons 50+ Club follow a chair exercise video led by Sharon Lynch. The exercises allow people to stay fit whether in a group or at home.

New chair exercise video released

Sharon Lynch had no thoughts of going viral when she created her first chair fitness video for seniors. She was simply trying to offer a way for those who had been attending her fitness classes to stay active during the pandemic.

Any expectations she had were far surpassed. A video filmed by Steve Currie was posted in April 2020 and now has more than 4.4 million views.

"It just blew us away," says Lynch, a Pictou County resident.

The video has been watched by people from countries all over the world and used in group classes for seniors in Pictou County and beyond. The exercises are simple and can be adapted to whatever level of fitness or ability people find themselves.

Last year, Lynch was encouraged to create an updated version of the video, adding a couple of new exercises and removing a couple. That video is now available on YouTube by searching: Seniors Chair Exercise with Sharon - Version 2. Lynch explained that the first video included a lot of description about how to perform the exercises, so it could be used by people who were new to it.

But for those who have been doing the exercises for years, that was no longer necessary. The new video follows a similar format to what participants of her in-person classes would do.

"This is exactly the same as if you were in her class," said Mary MacLellan with Pictou County Senior's Outreach.

Already, the new video has been well received, with more than 130,000 views in the first few months online.

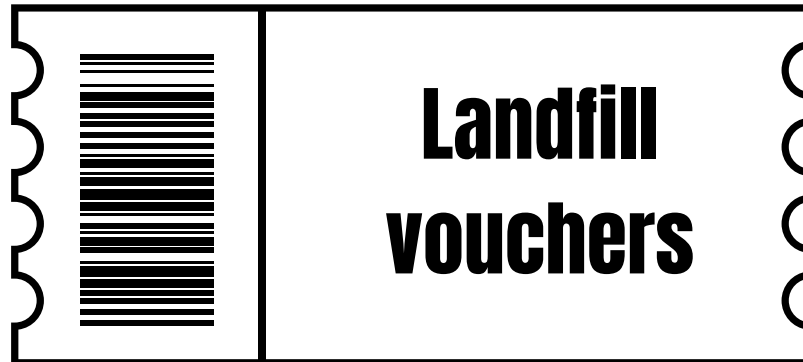
Funding to make the latest video was provided by the New Horizons Club and the Westville Heritage Club.

Priscilla Sharkey is a member of the Pictou Community New Horizons 50+ Club that follows the video for exercise three times a week. She said people really seem to be enjoying the new video and appreciate how it just goes right into the exercises with less explanation.

"These are the exercises that you can do to keep yourself mobile," Sharkey said. "And it exercises your whole body."

50+ Club President Ann Young said around 20 people come to the exercises and that it's a great opportunity for people not only to exercise but also to socialize.

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.

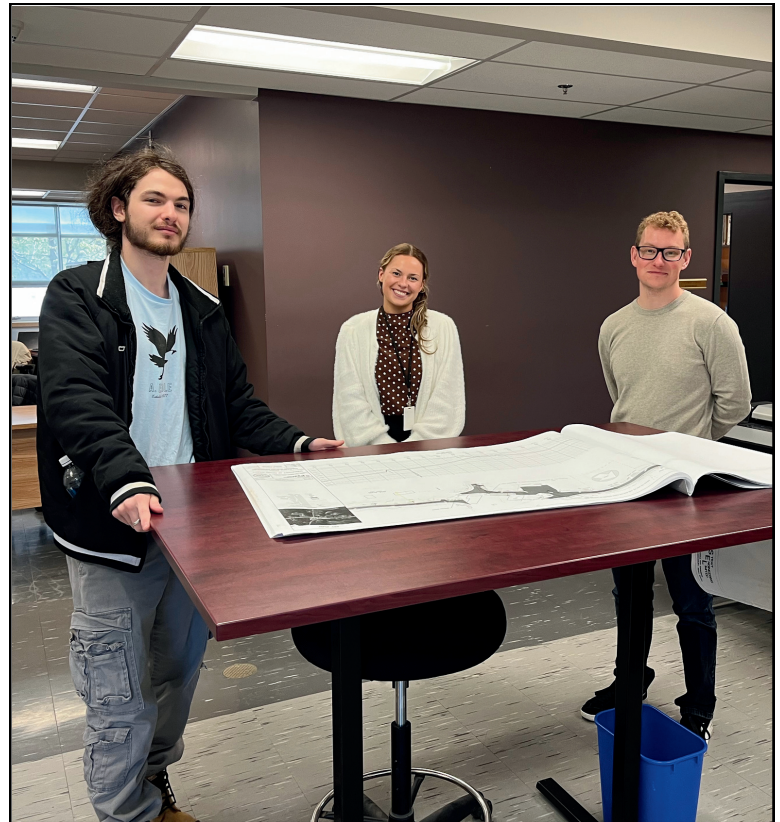
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Auto Trim & Sign	669 Pine Tree Road, Thorburn, NS	Pictou County	902-922-2915	design@atdnortheast.ca
Barney's River Fire	13317 Highway 104, Pictou County	Pictou County	902-754-8422	barneysriverfire@gmail.com
Advocate Sign Group	125 North Foord Street, 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

New addition Summer support



Please join us in welcoming Jon DeCoste to the MOPC as the Assistant Director of Emergency Management and Public Safety. This role will help create safer and more resilient communities by bringing municipal and provincial resources together to plan and exercise responses and aligns with the enhanced emergency management standards across the province. As the Assistant Director, Jon will act as the primary contact point for the Pictou County Regional Emergency Management Organization (REMO) and work with all six municipal units to continue growing and improving emergency preparedness and management throughout the region.



These summer students will be assisting in the MOPC Department of Public Works and Engineering this summer. From left are Hunter Grant, Josie Conrad and Joe Green.



KidSport Nova Scotia provides grants to kids from families facing financial barriers to help cover the costs of sport registration and equipment fees so that all kids in Nova Scotia can experience the benefits of sport.

They provide grants up to \$500 per year for eligible families so ALL Kids Can Play!

To apply for a KidSport grant or learn more about the program contact Cindy Fraser at cindy.fraser@munpict.ca or phone 902-485-8528.

MOPC ALERT



Scan the QR Code to sign up for alerts from the MOPC that matter to you!



Community update from District 9

Hi, I hope everyone is enjoying spring. Time is flying by, and before you know it, summer will be here. As the days continue to get longer and the weather warmer, I hope you can take some time to relax with family and friends and explore our beautiful parks and trails.

Keep in mind that with warmer weather, ticks are becoming increasingly active and more abundant than ever. Tick-borne diseases can have serious, debilitating, and life-changing effects on both people and pets. The number of ticks in our area continues to rise, and they can be found anywhere there are trees, tall grass, brush, or other vegetation. That's why it is essential to perform a thorough tick check every time you come indoors after spending time outside. Don't forget to check your pets as well, as they can easily bring ticks into your home.

Education and awareness are key to reducing the risk of tick-borne illnesses. For more information, including how to safely remove and dispose of ticks, visit the Nova Scotia Tick Safety website:
<http://www.novascotia.ca/ticksafety>.

Residents have continued to share their concerns and frustrations with me regarding the condition of many roads throughout District 9. I share these concerns and understand the frustration they cause. I remain committed to advocating for road repairs and safety improvements and regularly raise these issues with the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal and our MLA Tim Houston's office. Your concerns are important, and I will continue to press for action on your behalf.

Nova Scotia is considering the construction of two natural gas power plants in Pictou County as the province moves away from coal-fired electricity generation. These facilities, often referred to as "peaker plants," are designed to operate during periods of high electricity demand or when renewable energy sources are unable to meet demand. The proposed gas plants have sparked much public debate.

I encourage all residents to become informed and engaged in this proposal. Please take the time to learn about both the potential benefits and drawbacks by attending public meetings, asking questions, and reviewing all available information. Public input is always important and needs to play a vital role in this decision-making process.

I have heard from many District 9 residents who are concerned about the impact of Nova Scotia's long-term care workers' strike on residents, families, and caregivers. While essential service agreements ensure that critical care continues, important programs such as recreation and volunteer services are not covered.

Family members say staffing shortages are taking a toll on their loved ones. Although essential workers remain dedicated to providing quality care, many report feeling stretched thin as they work to meet residents' needs with limited support. Families say reduced staffing levels are negatively affecting both the quality of care and residents' overall well-being.

Here in District 9, we are fortunate to have many dedicated volunteers who generously give their time and energy to make our community a better place. The Linacy Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary continues to make a meaningful impact in our community. One of their recent successes was the Annual Ham and Salad Dinners. The Linacy Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary also supported the Go Green, Get Clean project by providing free garbage bags and gloves to residents. In addition, they hosted an Open Mic/Pub Day and the MFFA Annual Dart Shoot, bringing residents together for enjoyable and engaging community events. For Linacy Hall Bookings contact: Erin Pettipas phone: 902-921-3863

Pictou County recently experienced one of the most significant fires in recent memory. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to all the firefighters and first responders who answered the call and worked tirelessly to protect our communities during this challenging time.

I would also like to recognize the Linacy Fire Department for organizing the Burn Camp Parade and Bike Ride, which will take place later this summer. This important event raises awareness and support for children and families affected by burn injuries while bringing our community together in support of a meaningful cause.

Another special thank you to the volunteers at Hillside Hall and our talented Friday night musicians. Your dedication and hard work bring enjoyment, laughter, and a strong sense of community to so many people each week. We truly appreciate all that you do.

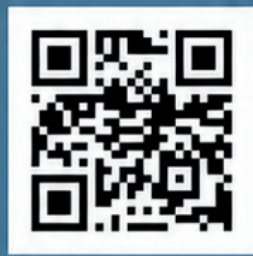
A big congratulations to all students, teachers, and school staff on completing another successful school year! Enjoy a well-deserved summer break. Congratulations as well to all Grade 12, college, and university graduates on reaching this important milestone. Wishing you all the best in your future endeavours. Have a fun, safe, and enjoyable summer!

If you'd like to discuss a municipal program, service or concern, contact me at:
Peter Boyles
Municipal Pictou County Councillor – District 9
Phone: 902-759-7976
Email: peter.boyles@municipict.ca

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Follow the link posted on
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T: 902-759-5897

Bikes for Kids

Milestone moment



Warden Robert Parker presented Donald (Donnie) MacLean with a birthday certificate for his 80th Birthday. If you know of someone celebrating a milestone, you can contact their councillor to have a certificate presented. Certificates are presented for 80th, 90th, 100th and 100+ birthdays as well as for 50th and 60th anniversaries.

Lots happening in Linacy

Linacy Fire Dept. Auxiliary has had a busy year with Easter Scavenger hunts, Open Mic pub days and catering private events.

Our annual Ham & Salad takeouts. Keep an eye out for more events in the fall as we gear up for another kids' Halloween party, maybe another pub day and our annual grocery box tickets drawn when Santa visits in December.

As always, the Fire Dept and Auxiliary are always looking for new members, so please reach out on Facebook or stop by on Monday nights to talk to the firefighters.

There's always something that someone can do to be a part of the team.

Busy summer to come in District One

District One had a very busy Fall, Winter and Spring. Summer is looking even busier with weekly Farmer Markets on Fridays and Sundays, community events, live music events, yard sales, Fun Fest, Fun Day, Harvest Fest, dances, trivia, Music Bingo nights and much more. All of this is happening in District One this summer. Hope to see you at these events. We are very lucky to have all these great organizations in our District.

Thanks,
District One Councillor Joe MacDonald

Upcoming Events for District One 2026

- June 13 - Pub & Grub with the Ceilidhmen at the Merigomish Schoolhouse
- June 20 – Merigomish & Barney's River Fire Depts. Community Day at the Merigomish Fire Department
- June 21 – Tea & Fashion Show to celebrate National Indigenous Peoples' Day at the Merigomish Schoolhouse
- June 28 – August 26 - Barney's River Station School Museum open daily, 12-5 pm, closed on Mondays
- July 11 -District One Yard Sale, Rain or Shine
- July 26 – Christmas In July Concert, Barney's River Stn. School Museum
- August 8 – Merigomish Fun Fest. at the Merigomish Schoolhouse
- August 9 – Antique Car Show, Barney's River Stn. School Museum
- August 22 – Kenzieville Fun Day at the Kenzieville C.C.
- September 26 – Harvest Festival at the Lismore C.C.
- October 10 – Coppertop Fall Festival, beside the Merigomish Fire Dept, Lwr. Barney's River

ONGOING EVENTS

- Sundays until the end of November – Merigomish Schoolhouse Farmer's Market
- Fridays from July to September - Old School Farmer's Market at the Barney's River Stn. School Museum
- Monthly (Dates TBA)- Merigomish Schoolhouse: Music BINGO, Trivia
- Lismore Community Centre: Adult Dance

For more updates, events, and announcements, follow us at District One Development Society on Facebook. Sutherland's River & District C.C. has recently had some upgrades & renovations and are looking forward to helping their communities again. Stay tuned for upcoming events.



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- 🏆 2 Men's Junior Champions



CONTACT US:

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Armrestling Club
on Facebook

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Tax payments are due June 15!

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

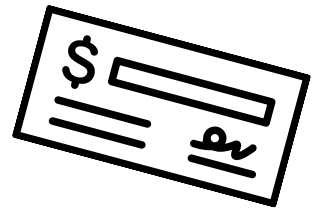
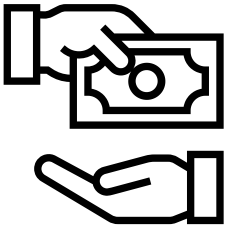
Water Utility

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.

DISTRICT 13 RECREATION & PLANNING COMMISSION THORBURN & SURROUNDING AREAS 2026 SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

NO COST FOR THE PROGRAM

The Recreation Program will begin on Monday, July 6th and continue until Friday, August 21st at Thorburn Ball Field, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The summer recreation program is for children ages 5 to 12 years old.

Parents can register (fill out all necessary forms) their children on the first day they attend the program.

Come have fun, play sports, games, and go on field trips.

If you require further information, contact Randy Palmer at 902-922-2277.

Check before you burn!

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** or call **1-855-564-2876** to see if burning is allowed.