

Rural News and Views

Newsletter



Winter 2025

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Warden's Winter Message

Here we are at the quarter mark of the 21st Century! It doesn't seem long ago that we were all upset about the uncertainty surrounding Y2K. Well we survived that one and quite a few since, including COVID, Fiona and last year's giant snowstorm in February.



We must always be prepared for whatever the next unknown might be, weather-related or otherwise.

One of the major challenges for our municipality is to get the word out to all of you, our residents, of upcoming storms, events or meetings. We held a series of public meetings in November and December (not a great month for meetings) at various community halls, with some good and some not so good turnouts.

Over and over we heard that people didn't know about the meetings or just heard last minute from a friend. Those meetings were to get feedback on our new planning strategies and bylaws. Nobody likes to be told what they can or cannot do on their own property, but we have been told by the Provincial government that all municipalities must have these plans by March 31. These plans are only for "going forward."

These meetings were promoted on the County website and social media as well as on radio stations.

This past month we held another series of public meetings to ask questions and get opinions on climate change and its impacts, especially in recent storms. Again, we heard from many folks that they hadn't heard anything about these meetings. We must try to do better at informing people.

This "Rural News and Views" is a great avenue to inform all of you. But often, we cannot wait for the next edition. We are trying to work with new technology by adding a monthly e-newsletter and also with something called MOPC Alert to get the word out quickly in priority situations.

This MOPC Alert will enable our Municipality to get out information to everyone, or just in certain areas of our rural municipality if it only impacts a particular area. The trick is you must contact our office and subscribe, so we can have your contact information. There is no charge to subscribe. You can also do it online at <https://tinyurl.com/mr3vx8dt>.

This is not the same as the Provincial alert system we all get on our phones, radio, TV, etc. where there is a true emergency.

We must, and we will, do better at getting information out regarding what your council is doing to try to make life better and safer for all. As we make our way through another winter, please stay safe on our winter roads and in your homes as we all try to stay comfortable. Better days are right around the corner. We can make every day better if we reach out to each other with a helping hand and a smile.

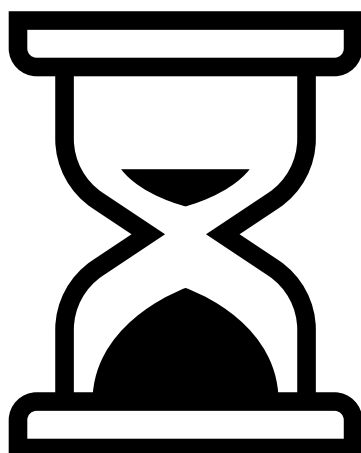
Warden Robert Parker, Councillor for District 6

Reporting Deadline for 2024 Grants

If you received a grant from the Municipality of Pictou County valued at \$1,000 or more you must return a reporting form and corresponding information by Jan. 31, 2025. This includes both Municipal Council Grants and Municipal Service Grants.

The form is available on our website at: www.munpict.ca./council/grants-and-funding-sources.

If a reporting form is not returned by this date, it could jeopardize your chance of being considered for future grants from the municipality



The Municipality of Pictou County's Low Income Tax Exemption Application for 2025 is now available online at: www.munpict.ca./council/grants-and-funding-sources.

NOTE: The deadline to apply is March 31, 2025.

MOPC Municipal Grant Applications now available



Municipal Grant applications are now available. Municipal Grants are intended for non-profit sector and charitable organizations that provide community-based programs and services that replace, supplement or complement our municipal mandate and benefit one or more council districts or the entire municipality.

Organizations looking for support from the Municipality of Pictou County in the form of a Municipal Grant have until Feb. 28th, 2025 to submit a grant application. Forms are available at www.munpict.ca./council/grants-and-funding-sources.

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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Ed Kennedy speaks to an audience at the Eureka Fire Hall.

Climate Change Conversations

Residents of Pictou County have shown they care about Climate Change.

During the month of January, the Municipality of Pictou County's Climate Change Advisory Committee hosted a series of meetings discussing how Climate Change has impacted Pictou County and is expected to in the future. There was a good turnout at each of the meetings held to date.

Some of the topics discussed included wind storms like Fiona, coastal erosion and forest fires.

The MOPC is considering ways that they can help address these issues and at the meetings asked residents to provide their feedback on a number of proposed actions.

The feedback has been recorded and will be taken into consideration as the municipality develops a Climate Action Plan.

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>



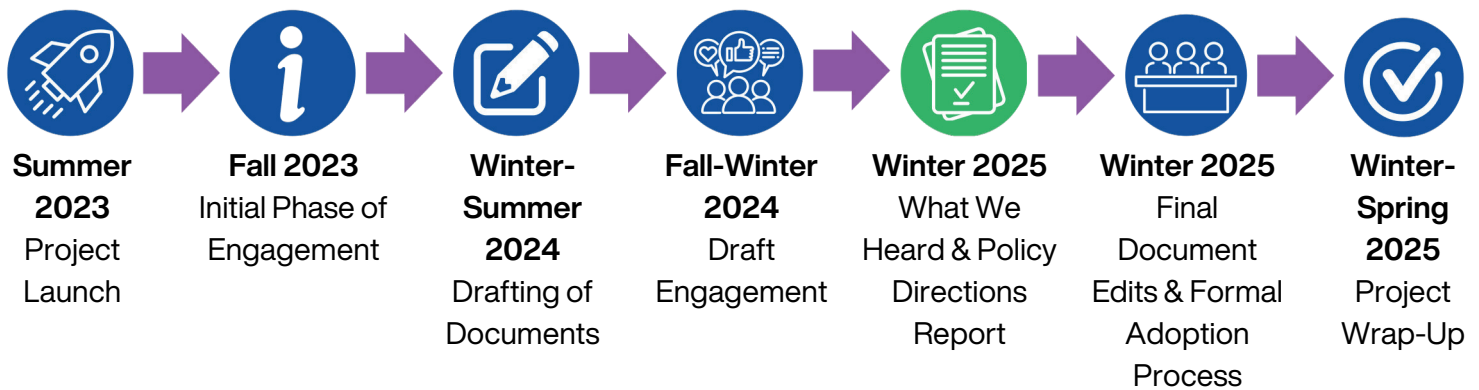
IMAGINE MOPC

About the Project

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 except for 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.

Expected Project Timeline

We Are Here



What We Heard & Policy Direction Report



This Report is now on the project website.

The **What We Heard & Policy Direction Report** summarizes “What We Heard” from the public during the Draft Plan phase of engagement. The feedback is grouped into themes relating to comments, concerns, and questions posed to the project team. The public input highlights potential policy directions for the Council to consider when deciding on final edits to the MPS and LUB documents. The report is now available on the project website.

Next Steps - Public Hearing



The Public Hearing will be held this Winter - Date/Time TBD. Watch online for updates.

The next step in this process is a **Public Hearing**. The final draft documents will be released in the weeks leading up to the hearing. This is an opportunity for residents to express their opinions and provide feedback on the draft Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use Bylaw. During the hearing, members of the community can voice their thoughts, concerns, and suggestions directly to the Council about the document. The input from the public will help inform the Council's final decision before the plans are officially adopted.



For more information or to sign up for project news please visit www.imaginemopc.ca or email the project team at hello@imaginemopc.ca



Make The Switch With Switch MOPC

What is Switch MOPC?

The Switch Municipality of Pictou County program offers financing and Energy Concierge support for homeowners looking to upgrade their home's energy efficiency. If you are considering completing an upgrade such as a heat pump, solar panels, insulation or others, give us a call at (902) 334-4227 to see how we can help!

Key Program Features

Energy Concierge: Program participants will have access to an Energy Concierge (Zoë). Zoë will guide you every step of the way through your energy retrofit, answering any questions, and ensuring the work is completed to your satisfaction. The job of an Energy Concierge is to make the complicated energy retrofit process easy.

Financing: The Switch MOPC Program will pay your contractor upfront for your energy retrofit, with participants paying back the program with small monthly payments over 10 years. Program financing was designed with the goal of having your energy savings exceed your monthly loan payments, saving you money until your project is paid off. To ensure optimal energy and financial savings, Zoë will help you understand your Home Energy Assessment, allowing you to receive maximum savings on any budget. (for more details on financing options please contact the program)

Rebate Assistance: Zoë will ensure that you receive all available rebates and incentives for your project.

Quote Review: Zoë will flag any contractor quotes that seem abnormally high to ensure homeowners get a fair price.

Arranging Home Energy Assessments: Zoë will book your pre and post Home Energy Assessments. Home Energy Assessments are required to receive certain federal and provincial rebates.

Our Goal

The goal of Switch MOPC is to remove the barriers to upgrading your home's energy efficiency. We understand the process can be complicated, which is why we are here to help every step of the way. If you are interested in learning more or have any questions about how to get started, you can contact the program at (902) 334-4227 or info@switchmopc.ca.



www.switchmopc.ca



(902) 334-4227



info@switchmopc.ca



Reflecting on 2024: A Year of Connection and Community with MOPC Network

As we look back on 2024, our greatest sense of pride comes from serving you, our customers. This past year, we focused on strengthening our services, expanding our reach, and ensuring that every step we take is a step toward improving your experience. With your support and trust, we're ready to make 2025 an even better year for you and your community.

2024 Highlights

This year, we achieved incredible milestones designed to enhance your everyday connectivity. From upgrading infrastructure to delivering faster and more reliable internet, every initiative was aimed at providing you with the best possible service. Your feedback and loyalty have been the driving forces behind our progress, and we're excited to keep building on this momentum.

What's Ahead in 2025

We're thrilled to bring you new services and innovations that will make your life easier, including:

- **FibreFirst:** Experience blazing-fast gigabit internet speeds. With FibreFirst you will be able to stream movies in seconds, run multiple video calls without freezing.
- **FibreMAX:** The future of connectivity with 5-gig speeds and next-generation Nokia's WiFi 7 technology, ensuring your home is ready for anything. With FibreMax you will be able to simultaneously stream 4K content, game online, and download large files without any slowdown.
- **FibreFirst Business:** Custom-tailored solutions to support local businesses and empower your community.
- **Construction Expansion:** Expanding our network faster than ever before to bring our services to more homes and businesses in your area.
- **24/7 Customer Support:** We've introduced around-the-clock customer service, ensuring that help is always just a call or click away whenever you need it.

Such a huge difference in quality of my internet service since acquiring it from MOPC. I am absolutely satisfied and would recommend it to anyone. Not only faster but almost half the monthly cost of my previous provider.

- M Daley

And there's even more on the horizon. We can't wait to share the next wave of innovations that will continue to enhance your connectivity and bring our community closer together.

As we step into the new year, we're more excited than ever to serve you. Thank you for being part of our journey and for inspiring us to deliver the best. Together, let's make 2025 a year of connection, growth, and shared success!



Experience Internet Without Limits

Welcome to **FibreFirst** – MOPC Network’s very own fibre-optic internet service, designed to transform the way you connect. Built by our local team for our community, **FibreFirst** is more than just an internet provider; it’s a promise to deliver unmatched performance and reliability to every household.



Why Choose FibreFirst?

- **Never buffer again - even with the whole family online:** Experience blazing speeds up to 1 Gigabit, perfect for streaming, gaming, video conferencing, and downloading large files without delay.
- **Unlimited Data:** Say goodbye to data caps and throttling. With **FibreFirst**, you get truly unlimited internet to keep your entire household connected.
- **Reliability:** Depend on a network that works when you need it most, with industry-leading uptime you can trust.
- **Locally Built and Maintained:** As your neighbors, we built this network for you. Our local team ensures every aspect of **FibreFirst** is tailored to the needs of our community.
- **Dedicated Local Support:** Enjoy personalized support from a team that knows your area and is committed to delivering exceptional service.



Introducing FibreMAX: The Future of the Internet is Here

Experience tomorrow's internet today with MOPC **FibreMax**. Powered by next-generation Nokia’s WiFi 7 technology and delivering 5 gig speeds, **FibreMax** isn't just fast - it's a quantum leap forward in home connectivity. Whether you're gaming, streaming, or running a smart home, **FibreMax** keeps you ahead of the curve!

We believe in empowering our neighbors with connectivity that doesn’t just meet expectations but exceeds them. FibreFirst and FibreMax combine cutting-edge technology with local expertise to bring you a network that’s as reliable as it is fast. This is internet done right.

Visit www.MOPCNetwork.ca or call our dedicated team 1-833-727-2256 to learn more and sign up.

The Way the Internet Should Be!





The newly elected Council for the Municipality of Pictou County was sworn in on Nov. 6, 2024. From left in back row are: Ronald Baillie, Joe MacDonald, Chester Dewar, Donald Parker, Peter Boyles and Andy Thompson. In front are: Larry Turner, Deborah Wadden, Robert Parker (Warden), Brian Cullen (CAO), Wayne Murray (Deputy Warden), Darla MacKeil and Randy Palmer. *Photo by Johanna Matthews*

Stay in the know with MOPC Alert

In 2024 The Municipality of Pictou County added a new tool to communicate with residents, MOPC Alert.

MOPC Alert will be used to send our residents alerts about upcoming severe weather, comfort center locations and operating times. MOPC Alert will also be used for to inform Municipal water customers when there are boil water advisories, or other water-related issues that may be relevant.

MOPC Alert will only be used to provide precautionary information. It will NOT be used to convey information that would otherwise be sent through the Nova Scotia Public Alerting System (Alert Ready).

Residents can choose what they want to be notified about and how they would like to be notified. Notifications can be sent by email, text message and/or by phone call.

Only those who sign up will receive notifications. To sign up visit www.tinyurl.com/mr3vx8dt or scan the QR code in the image to the right.

MOPC ALERT

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



Active Pictou County hosted a Winter Night Walk on the Jitney Trail on Jan. 15.

Fresh Mandate for District 8

First, I would like to thank all citizens of the County of Pictou for participating in the Municipal Election held in October.

Specifically, I would like to thank the citizens of District 8 for allowing me to represent them at the Council table. With a fresh mandate the Council has a lot of work to do over the next four years.

We have some new faces on council, who I am sure, will contribute greatly to moving the County forward.

Council will continue working on providing programs and services that contribute to making the County a great place to live and play.

If any residents would like to discuss any ideas that they feel are important, please contact me.

Larry Turner
Councillor for
District 8



Thank You to District 9 Residents

First, I would like to thank everyone who voted for me in the Municipal Election. I look forward to working with you over the next four years.

There is a lot going on in council right now. I am working hard to make sure that District 9 is not over looked. On the campaign trail the biggest problem I heard about was our roads. I talked to our MLA, Tim Houston, about the problems, as roads are a Provincial matter. I will keep after MLA Houston to get things done in a timely matter.

Our residents should not have to wait days to get plowed out or for salt or sand to be put on their roads.

I would like to give a big shout out to Chief Bruce Young and the Linacy Firefighters and ladies auxiliary on being the best. I hope 2025 is our year. If I can be of assistance to you, just call me 902-759-7976. Stay safe.

Peter Boyles
Councillor for
District 9





MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF PICTOU
CITIZEN APPOINTMENTS

The Municipality of the County of Pictou currently has vacancies for the following volunteer positions:

Municipal Audit Committee (1 position)

Two-Year Term, April 1, 2025 - March 31, 2027

The Committee is responsible to review the qualifications, independence, quality of service and performance of External Auditors, and to recommend to Council the appointment or discharge of External Auditors. The Committee is also responsible for reviewing the financial statements of the Municipality, evaluating internal control systems and management letters and carrying out all responsibilities as outline in Section 44(2) of the Municipal Government Act. **Applicants must demonstrate a strong financial background and knowledge of accounting practices and audit routine.** The Committee will meet 4 times annually.

Climate Change Advisory Committee (4 positions)

Two Year term, April 1st, 2025 -March 31, 2027

The Committee is responsible to advise Municipal Council, Administration & Consultant/Project Management Team on specific matters as they pertain to the Municipality's Climate Change Adaptation Plan by fostering and promoting environmental and climate change awareness, partnerships within the community, and community engagement.

Planning Advisory Committee (1 positions)

Two Year term, April 1st, 2025 - March 31, 2027

The Committee is responsible to advise Municipal Council respecting the preparation or amendment of planning documents and planning matters generally.

Police Advisory Board (2 positions)

Two Year Term, April 1st, 2025 - March 31, 2027

The Board is responsible for providing advice to Municipal Council in relation to the enforcement of law, the maintenance of law and order and the prevention of crime in the Municipality. The Board does not have jurisdiction relating to complaints, discipline, personnel conduct or the internal management of the RCMP. Successful applicants will be required to undergo appropriate security clearances.

Riverton Guest Home Corporation Board of Directors (1 position)

Two Year term, April 1st, 2025 - March 31, 2027

The Board is responsible for the management and operation of Valley View Villa.

Adhoc Anti-Litter Awareness Committee (1 position)

This Committee is responsible for developing ways to decrease littering in the Municipality. This could be done through marketing, hosting events or working collaboratively with other organizations to develop an effective anti-littering plan for the Municipality. This committee will develop plans and strategies on how to decrease litter in the County. It will not involve the physical work of cleaning up litter or illegal dump sites. Evening meetings may be necessary. The committee will be disbanded once it has reached its goals.

Residents of the Municipality interested in these positions should submit a letter of application electronically to sueann.musick@munpict.ca no later than 12:00 Noon on February 14th, 2025. To be considered eligible for consideration, applicants must be a resident of the Municipality and must have lived in the Municipality for a minimum of six (6) months. Applications should include a brief biography which details any previous or related experience and skills that would be an asset to these positions and must supply three professional and/or volunteer-related references. These positions require a flexible work schedule to accommodate daytime and/or evening meetings.

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	joemacd@eastlink.ca
Eastern Sign	125 North Foord Street, Stellarton	Pictou County	902-752-2722	info@easternsign.ca
Eureka Fire	5222 Stellarton Trafalgar Road, Eureka	Pictou County	902-923-2394	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	902-755-3229	mikemconway@eastlink.ca
Sketch-It Design	268 Munroe Avenue Ext. New Glasgow	Pictou County	902-754-7446	sketchitsd@outlook.com
Thorburn Fire	738 Marsh Road, Thorburn	Pictou County	902-922-3419	thorburnfiredept@gmail.com

Winter Guided Walks & Hikes in Pictou County


FEBRUARY


Pictou County Trails Association | Smelt Brook Trail/Airport Route Snowshoeing

 Feb 1 |  10:00 AM

 Moderate | 8 km (Early turn around options are possible to shorten the distance.)


Free | Snowshoes required

 Meet at the parking lot beside Tim Horton's, Main St. Trenton


 Register: jdvance49@gmail.com


Cape to Cape | Millsville Road Snowshoeing

 Feb 8 |  10:00 AM

 Easy | 4 km


Free | Snowshoes required (crampons if no snow)

 Meet at the intersection of New Rd. & Millsville Rd.


 Register: nannie.coddiwompler@gmail.com


Active Pictou County | Trenton Park Night Walk

 Feb 12 |  6:00 PM



 Moderate | 5 km


Free | Walk-only event

 Meet at the gazebo in Trenton Park.

 Register: leighton.hayden@townofpictou.ca

Y on the Move Hikes | Abercrombie Golf Course Full Moon Walk

 Feb 12 |  7:00 PM


 Easy

Free | Walk-only event

 Register: www.pcympca.ca/community-initiatives/

Y on the Move Hikes | Pictou Fitness Trails

 Jan 21 |  10:00 AM


 Easy | 6 km

Free | Walk-only event


 Register: www.pcympca.ca/community-initiatives/


Westville Recreation | Acadia Park Westville Night Walk

 Feb 26 |  6:00 PM

 Easy | 2.5 km

Free | Walk-only event

 Meet at Drummond Rd. parking lot.

 Register: Not required

How to pay your taxes



You can pay your property tax or water bills online through your bank by following these instructions:

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 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.

Thank You for the Support District 12

I would like to wish everyone a healthy and prosperous 2025 and thank them for all their support over the years.

Special thanks to the voters in District 12 who put their trust in me for four more years.

District 12 will continue to thrive as it has been. We have some great organizations like the Hopewell Recreation Association and the local fire department that have been doing wonderful things in our community. The committee for Iona Park has also done a great job of keeping the park up to the high standard it is at today.

There are a couple of infrastructure projects on the horizon for the community. Hopefully sometime within the next year we will see some water in Riverton and the plan is for a sidewalk from the post office to the seniors complex to be completed in 2025.

We have had some important meetings going on about climate change impacts and a proposed land use bylaw. I encourage residents to attend the upcoming public hearing about the proposed land use bylaw.

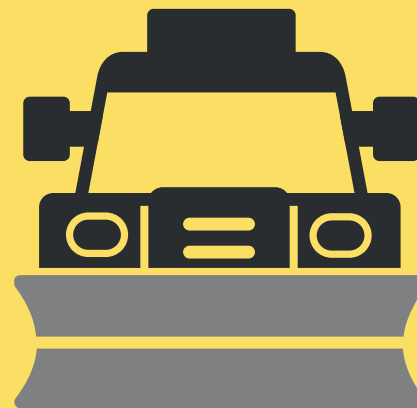
If you have any concerns, do not hesitate to call me at 902-923-2931 and I'll get back to you as soon as I can.

Thank you for your continued support.

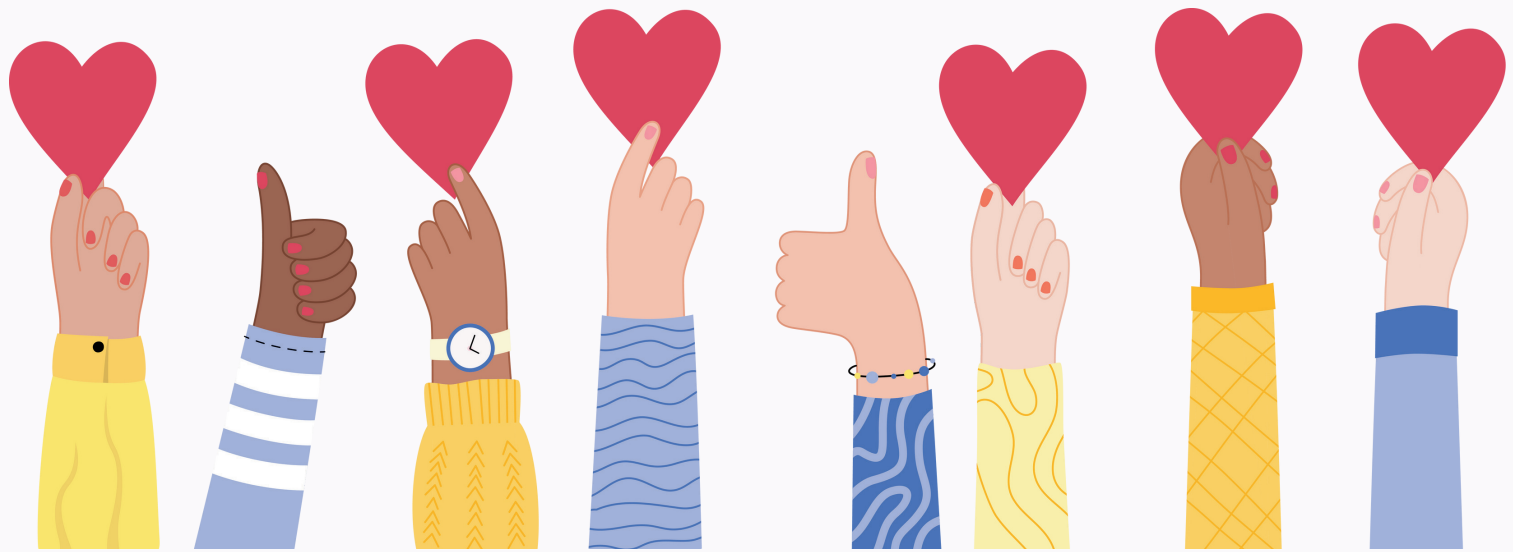
Chester Dewar
Councillor for
District 12



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.**



National Volunteer Week 2025

April 27 to May 3

April 27th to May 3rd is National Volunteer Week. The Municipality of Pictou County takes this time to recognize the outstanding contribution of volunteers make to the vibrancy and growth of our communities and rural lifestyle.

Volunteers are special individuals who give freely of their time, talents and enthusiasm for the benefit of others. Their efforts help to support many initiatives, services, events and programs and sustain us during times of crisis.

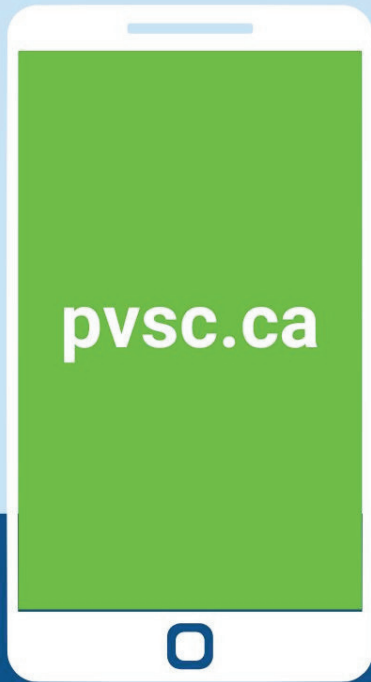
If you know an outstanding volunteer in your community who has contributed significantly to residents of the Municipality of the County of Pictou, we encourage you to submit a nomination form detailing their efforts.

The Municipality will select one nominee for official recognition, as well as a Youth Volunteer of the Year. These volunteers will be honoured at our annual Volunteer Awards Celebration on April 28 at 6:30 p.m. at the Pictou County Wellness Centre. To RSVP for the event, email cindy.fraser@munpict.ca.

Nomination forms can be downloaded on our website or filled out online at <https://munpict.ca/council/grants-and-funding-sources> and emailed to cindy.fraser@munpict.ca.

If sending in the forms by mail you can send it to:
Cindy Fraser, Recreation Coordinator
Municipality of the County of Pictou
PO Box 910 (46 Municipal Drive)
Pictou, NS, B0K 1H0

The deadline for nominations is 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 28, 2025.



2025 property assessments are now online!

Assessors are available if you have questions.
1-800-380-7775 | inquiry@pvsc.ca

Property Assessments Mailed

Property owners in Pictou County can expect their 2025 Property Assessment Notices to arrive in the mail soon if they haven't received them already.

Assessments reflect a market value as of January 1, 2024, based on market sales and financial data, and the physical state of the property as of December 1, 2024, including renovations and demolitions.

Assessments are determined by Property Valuation Services Corporation (PVSC), the independent, municipally funded, not-for-profit assessment authority for Nova Scotia.

PVSC determines market value using mass appraisal, the process of valuing a group of properties on a given date using common data, standardized methods, and statistical testing.

The total value of the 2025 Assessment Roll is \$190.6 billion. This year's rate for the provincial government's Capped Assessment Program (CAP) is 1.5 per cent.

The CAP limits the annual increase in taxable assessment for eligible residential properties to no more than the CPI rate for the year.

About 67 per cent of residential assessments, 415,306 property accounts, qualify for the CAP for 2025.

PVSC operates in accordance with the Nova Scotia Assessment Act and the Property Valuation Services Corporation Act and follows internationally accepted standards for mass appraisal.

PVSC representatives are available to discuss assessments and answer questions by phone (1-800-380-7775) or email (inquiry@pvsc.ca). For more information, visit pvsc.ca.

IMPORTANT

Assessment appeals must be received by midnight on February 13, 2025. Signed appeal forms can be submitted by email, mail, or fax.

GO ▶ PLAY

PICTOU COUNTY EQUIPMENT LOAN PROGRAM

WINTER EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE!



CROSS COUNTRY SKIS

Pictou County has numerous locations that are great for Cross Country skiing. We have a variety of sizes of skis and boots to loan.



SNOWSHOES

Snowshoeing can be a great form of exercise in the right winter conditions. Several sets are available around Pictou County for you to enjoy!



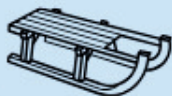
NORDIC POLES

Find balance on your winter hikes with our Nordic Poles! Available at several locations in the County.



SKATES

There are a number of free skates all winter across Pictou County. We are here to help with a variety of skate sizes and helmets to borrow at no cost.



KICKSLEDS

Kicksledding is a fun new way to be active outdoors! Move through the snow with ease, or use the seat when you need a break.

Fill out the online form here!

