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Keeping Our Community Connected

SUMMER 2020

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Greetings!

As we continue to navigate our way through the COVID-19 pandemic, the important business of building our wonderful community continues. Town staff has been busy finding ways to maintain important municipal services while considering the safety of both themselves and others. Thanks to residents for your cooperation as necessary adjustments to processes and procedures were implemented.

The absence of our annual community celebrations and concerts in 2020 will certainly leave a void in our summer schedule while creating challenges for our small, but mighty, business community. With the recent relaxing of regulations on 'gathering sizes' and the implementation of the 'Atlantic bubble', I encourage everyone to get out and enjoy the many available outdoor activities while supporting our local business owners. I am sure the Lobster Carnival will be back bigger and better in 2021!

Watching the Ship Hector being lifted onto the Quay in June signaled the start of the much needed repairs to the vessel and an extensive re-vitalization of the Interpretive Centre. Best wishes to the Ship Hector Society with plans to restore this cultural icon in preparation for the 2023 celebration of 250 years since the Hector's arrival on our shores. Please support fundraising efforts when possible! The Hector Project is a key component of our waterfront plan that also includes the new Cultural Hub and extensive improvements to the Market Wharf and marina facility.

In closing, I wish to express a sincere 'Thank-You', on behalf of Pictou Town Council, to all essential workers who haven't skipped a beat in making sure we have the services and products we require in our everyday lives. We appreciate you, along with the many individuals who have volunteered their services to support their neighbours, friends and, in many cases, complete strangers during these interesting times.

Enjoy your summer!
Stay Safe!

Jim Ryan
Mayor

Your Town Council

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Meetings Virtual Meetings during Pandemic

Committee of Council Meetings

Meets on the first Monday of each month except on holidays (rescheduled to the following Monday)

Regular Town Council Meetings

Meets on the third Monday of each month, except on holidays (rescheduled to the following Monday).

Pictou Recreation and Parks Committee

Meets on the last Thursday of each month except on holidays.

All meetings take place at the Town Hall, 40 Water Street; virtual meetings during pandemic; please check Town website for details.

NOTE: Meeting dates may change. Please check website for details or call the Town Hall at 902-485-4372.

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Dog Control: Contact the Town Office at 902-485-4372. For emergencies contact the RCMP at 911.

Unsightly Property/Miscellaneous Complaints: Contact the Town Office at 902-485-4372.

Street Light Outages: Contact Town of Pictou at 902-485-4372.

Tax Billing: Billed twice a year (tax year is April 1-March 31) - May and September, subject to change.

Water Billing: Billed four times a year - January, April, July and October (subject to change).

Bill Payment Options: Cash, debit, cheque, online and telephone banking; payments made at Town Administration Office at 40 Water St.

**Administration Office,
Town Hall**

Hours Open
8:30 am-4:30 pm
Closed Stat/Civic
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Birthplace of New Scotland



Did You Know.....
*In 2023 the Town will be celebrating 150
Years of Incorporation and the Ship Hector
250th Anniversary !*

Town Capital Work and Projects Update

Paving, Sidewalk, Waterline and Sewer line Work

Summer 2020 capital work includes:

- Wellington Street work: new waterline on from Oak Street to Division Road, a new sewer from the McCulloch Education Centre to Division Road, new sidewalk from Louise to Oak Street, repaving from Oak Street to Division Road.
- Gill Court: repaving from Elliot Street to the turn in the road
- West River Road: repaving the outbound lane between Rustic Anchor and Lionstone Inn.

Please be patient during constructions. Everyone's safety is our top priority when completing work on the roadway! The contractor will contact residents closer to construction dates to notify when water disruptions will occur. For those residents interested in connecting to the new sanitary sewer, this will be a pressure sewer system and independent pumping systems will be required, similar to those in the County. Please contact the Town Office for more information.

Water Updates

It has been one year since the pressure zone and water treatment plant have come online. The treatment plant continues to remove all iron and manganese from the water entering the distribution system. The Town will continue to flush hydrants to help remove any iron and manganese that is still clinging to pipe walls.

Since the pressure zones have come online, the number of water breaks have dropped substantially. In winter 2019, the Town had approximately 30 water breaks. This past winter (2020) there was only 1. Breaks can occur from several factors in the winter but controlling the pressure within the pipes plays a large factor.

The Town is continuing to look for sustainable and more efficient water sources. A new test site will be prepared this year and those on nearby residential wells will be notified.

CN Station

The Town is continuing to revitalize the CN Station. A new roof was put on the building this past winter and interior improvements are also underway. This historic site will continue to receive focus in the coming months.

Pictou Marina

Hurricane Dorian and a harsh winter has caused some damage to Pictou's marina. Town staff and Jamie Davidson are working together to reopen the structure as quickly as possible. The Town has also engaged

an engineering firm to look at long term viability options for enhancing the waterfront, marina and breakwater structures.

Ditching Program

The ditching program for 2020 has been postponed due to financial constraints as a result of COVID-19. Culverts will still be replaced if they are collapsed or if they pose a danger to people or property.

Mark the Date Saturday October 17th, 2020 Municipal Election Town of Pictou Mayor and Council All voting will be done electronically or by telephone

Electors:

- . must be 18 years of age
 - . must be Canadian citizen
 - . ordinarily resident in province for 6 months on or before election day
 - . ordinarily resident in the municipality on or before election day
- Any time after August 1st, an elector may call the returning office to see if their name is on the voters list and if they do not appear to be they can be added at that time.
- Anyone who has moved, changed or has turned 18 should contact the returning office.

Candidates:

- . nomination papers can be picked up at the returning office (location: Municipality of Pictou County Administration Building, Municipal Drive) or they can be downloaded from the Town website
- . nominations may be filed by APPOINTMENT ONLY beginning Thursday August 27th thru to Friday September 4th
- . nomination day is Tuesday September 8th

To vote electronically or by telephone:

- . a letter will be mailed by the middle of September to those electors who are registered on the voters list
- . there you will find your pin # along with instructions on how to complete the process
- . a help desk will be set up in the returning office to assist with any question an elector might have concerning the process
- . telephone numbers will be available at a later date on the Town website

Josephine MacDonald
Returning Officer
902-485-2248

COVID-19 Property Tax Financing Program

The Town of Pictou recognizes that many citizens and businesses have been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The municipality is, therefore, offering a one-time property tax financing program for owners of residential and commercial properties negatively affected by the COVID-19 global pandemic.

You qualify if you are the owner of:

- a residential property that is your primary residence and you have experienced a significant reduction in income due to the State of Emergency;
- taxable commercial properties (shopping, office, industrial, farm) who have experienced financial hardship through loss of revenue related to the State of Emergency;
- a property that is used for tourist accommodations (e.g., hotels, motels, bed and breakfasts) and you are tourism operator registered under the Tourist Accommodations Registration Act.

How does the program work?

If your application is approved, your property tax payments will be spread out over 30 months. Your first six (6) payments will be \$25 per month. The remainder of your tax bill will be divided by 24 to get the monthly amount you will be expected to pay. A small amount of interest (1.35%) will be applied to your monthly payments.

Example: Mary owns her own home, but lost her job due to COVID-19. She applies for the Municipal Property Tax Financing Program and her application is approved. Mary's tax bill is \$2,000. She pays \$25 for the first six months. After six months her balance of 2,000 - \$150=\$1,850 is divided into 24 equal payments of \$78.73 plus interest. Mary must pay this amount every month for 24 months. At the end of the program Mary has only had to pay \$39.43 in interest.

Note: If you default in any of your monthly payments you will be taken out of the program and will be required to pay the full amount owing. Interest rates will increase to 18% if you default on your monthly payments.

How do I apply?

Residents who believe they are eligible can apply through an on-line form at <https://nspropertytaxprogram.ca/>. The information is being collected by the Association of Municipal Administrators of Nova Scotia (AMANS) and the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM) on behalf of the municipality. This information will be sent to the municipal office for review and approval. Please note:

- The form must be fully completed for your application to be considered
- The deadline to submit your application is July 15, 2020
- The application must be completed by the owner(s) of the property
- You will be asked for your Property Assessment Number which is on your Property Assessment Notice from Property Valuation Services Corporation (PVSC). If you do not have access to your Assessment Notice, there is a link on the form which will take you to the PVSC website where you can obtain that information.

A confirmation that your application has been received will be sent by e-mail. Your municipality will notify you if you have been approved.

CHECK BEFORE YOU BURN

With the warm temperatures and summer time activities, campfires are a favorite way to spend time together. Remember to check what is permitted before you burn. First check the provincial website at www.novascotia.ca/burnsafe. Burn restrictions are updated daily at 2:00pm. Also check the Town of Pictou's Municipal By-Law on Burning found on the Town website at www.townofpictou.ca. Burning restrictions are also available by toll free phone line, recorded message updated daily: [1-855-564-2876\(BURN\)](tel:1-855-564-2876)

FIREWORKS - The Town of Pictou requires a permit for fireworks to be set off within Town boundaries. Please contact the Town Hall if you are planning to do so. For more information please review the Firearms and Pyrotechnic By-Law on the Town website at www.townofpictou.ca. Fireworks are not allowed if there is a provincial Fire Ban.

Call for Citizens Application

The Town of Pictou is inviting citizens to apply to serve on the following committees:

TOWN OF PICTOU PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

The committee operates pursuant to the Pictou Recreation and Parks Committee Policy. The major focus areas include planning and organizing special community events and serving as an advisory group to Council on recreation service delivery.

TOWN OF PICTOU VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS SOCIETY

As a registered CRA charitable society, the main purpose of this group is to facilitate fund raising efforts for the replacement of heavy equipment for the fire department.

TOWN OF PICTOU POLICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The committee operates pursuant to provisions of the Nova Scotia Police Act. Its function is to provide advice to Council in relation to the enforcement of law, the maintenance of law and order, and the prevention of crime within the Town of Pictou by ensuring community needs and values are reflected in priorities. Members must pass the appropriate RCMP criminal check and be willing to take training provided by the Nova Scotia Department of Justice.

Further information on the committees can be found on the Town website. If you are interested in volunteering for one of the committee positions, please forward a brief biography outlining related experience to:

Nicole Battist

Deputy Clerk, Town of Pictou

PO Box 640, 40 Water Street, Pictou, NS B0K 1H0

902-485-4372 X. 254

nicole.battist@townofpictou.ca





DID YOU KNOW you can borrow the following equipment for **FREE** ?

For details call Pictou Recreation and Parks at **902-485-4372**

Bikes - including helmets; adult and youth sizes

Canoe & Paddleboards - plus safety equipment for each

Nordic Walking Poles - great for walking year around

Adventure Day Packs - backpack full of outdoor exploring equipment

Kit Bag - tug a war rope, soccer ball, skipping ropes, badminton, volley ball, games, and more.

2 Sport Wheel Chairs, also roller blades, road hockey equipment, baseball bag, washer toss, tennis rackets, flag football kit bag and more; full list on Town website.

PLUS the Pictou Library has **PLAY PACKS**, bike locks, Nordic Poles, sensory and autism kits.



The purpose of this cooperative partnership amongst **five municipalities in Pictou County** is to educate and motivate all citizens to increase their daily physical activity in an effort to create a happier, healthier and active community.

The brand Active Pictou County was created as the driving force for this purpose. Looking to get more active or incorporate physical activity into your daily routine, visit the Active Pictou County Facebook page for more information. Accessible equipment available for lend: hippocampe (an all terrain wheelchair) and a hand cycle - contact the office to sign out at 902-485-4372



Sally O'Neill, Coordinator

Town of Pictou
Community Survey
Returning to Recreation and Leisure Activities
What Is Important to You

The Town of Pictou is conducting this survey to get a better understanding of community needs in respect to recreation and leisure activities including events during this time. The information gathered will help us develop plans to support socializing at events, recreation and leisure opportunities going forward. Leisure activities, public facilities, attending social events, parks and green spaces are all essential to our quality of life and our economic sustainability.

*By completing this survey, you will be entered into a draw to win a prize, a local gift card valued at \$100. Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey, your feedback is important to us.

Q1. What best describes you and your home/family structure?

- Parent/Guardian with school age children at home - currently not working
- Parent/Guardian with school age children at home - currently working from home.
- Parent/Guardian with school age children working outside of home.
- Parent/Guardian with babies/toddlers younger than 5 years.
- Adult with no children
- Adult with no children at home - working outside
- Youth
- Senior

Q2. Please select the top three priorities you have at this time of physical distancing.

- Stress management
- Quality family time
- Managing family needs
- Keeping kids entertained
- Limiting screen time
- Continue to provide basic needs, paying bills, food, shelter
- Maintaining social connections
- Keeping my family safe as I work outside of my home
- Manage mental health
- Maintain/improve eating habits
- Maintain/improve exercise
- Spending more time outdoors
- Working efficiently from home

Q3. What can the Pictou Parks and Recreation Department do to help you with the above priorities?

- Share online resources to crafts, games, activities
- Create exercise/physical activity/active living opportunities
- Offer free/low cost online programming for children/youth
- Offer free/low cost virtual online programming for adults and seniors
- Foster skill development confidence and my ability to find meaningful recreation in my neighborhood

- Share resources on how to manage mental health/stress management
- Create initiatives to bring our community together while we are separated (community pride displays, videos, etc.)
- No need to create/share anything. There are already lots of resources available
- Other _____

Q4. As the Province lifts restrictions on in-person recreation programming, when will you feel comfortable participating yourself, or sending your children again?

- Right away if certain measures are in place
- Even if programs begin to open this summer, I'll wait to the fall
- I'll be very hesitant and will wait to next year
- Too soon to answer, it depends upon the situation at the time

Q5. Do you have friends or family who do not have internet access? In your opinion, what recreation and leisure support might they need? How might we reach them?

Q6. Do you have friends and family who do not participate in recreation and leisure opportunities normally? In your opinion, why (cost, transportation, inaccessibility), and what would they need to become more engaged?

Q7. Before the pandemic did you use the Pictou Pool for any type of programming? (swims, fitness, courses, events)

- YES
- NO

Q8. If you answered YES to the above question related to the Pictou Pool, how can we assist in your comfort level in returning to using the pool again (aside from standard public health safety measures that will be in place).

Q9. During the pandemic when people were advised to stay home, did you discover a new interest or activity that you would like to continue which Pictou Recreation and Parks could assist with?

Q10. Is there anything else you'd like us to know about your recreation experiences during this time with restrictions related to COVID19 or what we should be thinking about as we emerge from the restrictions and begin to offer more direct services again?

Culture, Art and Events Questions

Q11. What is your age group? _____

Q12. When did you last attend a performing arts presentation/event? (e.g. music, theatre, dance, etc.)? (Less than 6 months, 6-12 months, over a year)

Q13. Since physical distancing rules have come into effect, have you taken the opportunity to view online shows (e.g. concerts, play readings, dance presentations)?

Q14. Would you be willing to pay a modest fee for exclusive access to online arts presentation events?

- YES NO

If so, what seems appropriate?

- Less than \$10 \$10-15 \$15-20 \$20+

Q15. Based on what you know now, how likely would you attend a live event during the following scenarios? (1-Very Unlikely, 5- Very Likely)?

- Only if it were in a small venue Only if it were in a large venue
 Only if it were outside Only when there is a vaccine

Q16. As restrictions loosen, when will you go to a public gathering space (e.g. festival, restaurant, movie theatre, mall)?

- Right away
 In 1 months time
 In 3 months time
 Once I know if there will be a second wave of COVID-19
 When there is a vaccine

Q17. If you would like to be entered into the prize draw, please provide your name and telephone number. This information will not be shared.

Please drop off your completed survey by August 14th to the Pictou Town Hall between the hours of 10am-3pm, Monday - Friday, 40 Water Street.

Pictou Public Library & Innovation Centre

www.parl.ns.ca / 902-485-5021

Hours of Operation

Tuesdays & Thursday 10:00 am-9:00 pm
 Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 10:00 am-5:00 pm

We're so happy to welcome you back to our Library branches! In order to provide the best service and safest environment for both our patrons and our staff, we've had to make some changes to our Library locations and procedures. Each of our branches is different, but we all have new procedures in place to keep us and our patrons safe.

- When you arrive at our branch locations, please wait outside. Maintain proper social distancing at all times.
- A staff member will be stationed at our main entrances and will direct you. Hand sanitizer will be available, and we ask all patrons to sanitize their hands before entering and exiting our branches.
- All library locations are limiting the number of patrons permitted inside. When browsing materials & using our services, please be considerate of other patrons waiting to enter.
- Please be aware: seating within branches has been greatly reduced, and is available only for those patrons who require a short rest while browsing.

If you have any questions or require assistance, just ask!

Remember our staff are here to help.

Keep up to date on Library information at www.parl.ns.ca

HOW TO SET UP ONLINE BANKING TO PAY TAXES AND WATER BILLS

To begin you must have a separate payee for each; taxes and water.

FOR TAXES

1. Search Pictou
2. Select "Pictou (Town of) Taxes"
3. Enter account number - must be 8 digits; if not add 00s in front of the account number.

For example:

Account Number: 102436; enter as 00102436

FOR WATER

1. Search Pictou
2. Select "Pictou (Town of) Water"
3. Enter account number - must be 6 digits; do not include the .00 in the account number. If you need more digits add 00s in front of your account number

For example:

Account Number: 17042.00; enter as 017042

PICTOU FISHERIES TRAINING POOL Celebrates 40 Years

In 1978, the then Minister of Fisheries, Dr. Dan Reid offered the Town of Pictou the opportunity to contribute funding towards a Department of Fisheries project, the building an indoor training facility. This would enable the Town to add features to the building for public change facilities, diving boards, platforms, and office and training spaces and appropriate filtration systems to meet public health standards. This opportunity came with a price tag of \$180,000 in addition to the \$650,000 for the base building.

As we know, the Town accepted the challenge and a fundraising committee was struck. During the first meeting, Mr. Murray MacPherson of the newly formed Sutherland Harris Foundation, committed the full amount of \$180,000. Thus ended the shortest fundraising effort!

It became apparent during the early stages of planning that the Fisheries Training facility would certainly be a unique combination of an institutional and public recreational facility.

It was extremely forward thinking of all parties involved to conceive the idea of collaboration for the benefit of the fisheries and offshore industry as well as the public of the Pictou County and surrounding areas. There was also an operational agreement established between the Town of Pictou and the School of Fisheries.

In May of 1980, an Opening Ceremony was held to open the doors to the Pictou Fisheries Training Pool. The then Town Mayor, Ernest Jordan cut the ribbon which began 40 years, so far, of fun, fitness and training.

The Pictou Fisheries Training Pool has been at the fore front of 'leadership training' for approximately 2000 individuals through our affiliation with the Canadian Red Cross and Nova Scotia Lifesaving Society. These individuals have gone on to be outstanding citizens in their respectful fields; lawyers, nurses, teachers, paramedics, entrepreneurs and world travellers. They always remember their beginnings and return often for a visit. This number does not even come near to the many, many children who have passed through our doors for swim lessons.

The Canadian Red Cross has been helping with the training of swim instructors for 65 years. The "Pool" continues to provide a fun place to be, for the young and young at heart. It provides the opportunity to form lasting friendships amongst staff and patrons.

WELL DONE AND HERE'S TO 40 MORE!!!!

POOL OPENING UPDATE

The Pictou Fisheries Training Pool is scheduled to re-open on **September 1, 2020** depending upon the Province of Nova Scotia's directive on public health measures at that time. The pool will have a phased opening, meaning that not all regular pool programming and activities will begin on this date. Please visit the Town website regularly to see updates on schedules and bookings. Over the past couple of months staff have been working on a business continuity and reopening plan. The safety of our visitors and staff are our priority. We encourage you to complete the survey in this newsletter to assist us in our planning process.

NEW ACCESSIBLE UNIVERSAL CHANGE ROOM

The Pictou Fisheries Training Pool now has a fully accessible change room. A **universal change room** is an accessible space for everyone. The space is accessible to people with reduced mobility and allows people of all gender identities, parents and caregivers to be together in the same space. Pool users will feel more comfortable in this new private space which includes a larger shower with bench, change table (maximum weight 250lbs), wheelchair accessible toilet, accessible sink, grab rails and privacy screens. Please allow extra time in case the room is in use.

RED CROSS SWIM LESSONS

Now accepting registration for the Fall 2020 Session of swim lessons. Please note that this session will be an 8-week session. Spaces are limited, register early. Please call 902-485-5301.



RECREATION PROGRAMS AND ACTIVE LIVING

Pictou Recreation and Parks will have a phased offering of programs this summer based on public health measures as restrictions lift. Here are a couple of opportunities to keep active this summer:

Mindful Yoga on the Waterfront - Wednesdays at 9am beginning July 22
Women on Wheels - biking program; Mondays at 10am beginning July 20
Multi-Skill Development Program for Youth - 6 week program beginning July 22; 9-11years.

This list will be updated regularly; please check the Town website on the Recreation page for details or call 902-485-4372 to register. Some programs have fees.



LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES in PICTOU?

Would you like to make a difference in your community? There are a variety of volunteer opportunities in the Town of Pictou to fit your interests, skills and schedule. Find out more on how to become involved by visiting: <https://www.townofpictou.ca/community-guide/volunteering/>



Volunteer NS is a province-wide service that connects people looking for the right volunteer opportunity to non-profit organizations looking for skilled volunteers. !

www.volunteersns.ca

Volunteer NS has opportunities for you to volunteer in your community!

Do you have a mental health or addiction concern?

NSHA's Mental Health and Addictions Program is here to help.

Did you know you can self-refer to our Community Mental Health and Addictions clinics, Withdrawal Management Services, or Opioid Replacement and Treatment Program, by calling

1-855-922-1122, weekdays 8:30 a.m. -4:30 a.m. *

Also, you can call the Provincial Mental Health Crisis Line 24/7 if you are experiencing a mental health crisis or are concerned about someone else. The number is **1-888-429-8167**.

**This line has voicemail only on evenings, weekends, and holidays.*



Pictou West Food Bank

The Pictou West Food Bank provides food assistance for families and individuals covering Pictou West including the Town of Pictou, out towards Saltsprings and River John. Supplies and donations are always welcomed; drop off at: 40 Water Street, Pictou

Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 1:00 pm-3:00 pm

Feed Nova Scotia COVID-19 Food Box Program

On May 25, Feed Nova Scotia launched a short-term initiative that provides home delivery of food to Nova Scotians who need food support and can't get to a food bank or other food support programs. It's called Feed Nova Scotia's COVID-19 Food Box Program. Our priority now is to make sure everyone who could benefit from the program knows about it.

They are busy packing food boxes, and want to get them to you.

If this sounds like your situation, please call 211 on weekdays between 8am and 8pm and they'll help determine if this program is a good fit.

Canadian Red Cross Society

Located at 40 Water Street Tel: 485-1789

Need assistance or interested in volunteering.....please call.

DID YOU KNOW: there is a KINDNESS METER located outside of the Pictou Post Office, all donations go to the Pictou West Food Bank, a project of Pictou Rotary Club

40th Annual TERRY FOX VIRTUAL RUN

September 20, 2020

Inspired by a dream, grounded in tradition, volunteer driven.

The Annual run in Canada is usually hosted on the second Sunday after Labour Day, the month chosen by Terry to reflect when he had to stop running and when Canadians had to start.

How does the Virtual Run Work:

Wherever you are! Around your neighbourhood, backyard, down the street or around the block. Walk, Ride, Run!

To sign up, go online at www.terryfox.org
Register as an individual, family or a virtual team
to start your fundraising effort!

The GREAT BIG LIFT Update on the Ship Hector Project

The past few weeks have brought about a lot of emotions here at the Quay; excitement, worry, joy, you name it. The month started out with some final preparations for the Great Big Lift. Divers came to help fix the straps to the boat, and some final adjustments were made to level the yard for the big day. Then on June 5th at seven in the morning, people began to gather to watch as the site came alive and the lift got underway. As the morning progressed, things went along like clockwork, with the ship coming out of the water shortly after 11am. Relief and excitement for the journey ahead. Over the next week, cleanup was completed with the equipment moving off the site and the ship being pressure washed. It is so exciting to witness and imagine how far the Hector is going to come as we work on the next stages of restoration.

We are excited to announce that we now have a 'Go Fund Me' page for those who would like to support the Ship Hector restoration project. There has been a lot of interest in the fundraiser from people who are living outside the province and from other places around the world who are unable to purchase tickets for the 50/50, this fundraiser offers an alternative. This will be ongoing so feel free to share it with anyone you know who may be interested! You can find this page on our social media pages or go directly to the link below. <https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/ship-hector-restoration>

We will still be needing volunteers around the site this season for a variety of duties, anyone wanting to get involved should call us at the Quay (902-485-4371). For those of you already planning to volunteer, why not bring a friend so we can grow our Ship Hector family? We are looking forward to meeting all the new and returning volunteers in the weeks ahead.



Pictou Town Council and our community would like to welcome several new businesses to the Town of Pictou. We are honored that you have chosen our community as a location to start your new venture. We hope you enjoy Pictou and we are excited you are a part of the fabric of our business community.

TABITHA + CO

Owner: Tabitha Coleman

Location: 13 Water Street

TABITHA + CO™ offers a unique handcrafted multi-functional and timeless leather collection, that is ‘Mindfully Made™’ with passion & complements everyday real-world needs.

McDonald’s Restaurant

Location: 14 Sunset Drive

McDonald’s offers a wide selection of meals, snacks, drinks, and more. Drive through available.

Needs & Sobeys Fast Gas Fuel

Location: 14 Sunset Drive

Saving money on groceries is as easy as 1,2,3! For every litre of gas you purchase at any Fast Fuel location in Atlantic Canada, you’ll earn 3.5 cents off on groceries at any Sobeys, Foodland or Participating Co-op Locations.

Collaborative Health Centre

Location: Pine Tree Road

Multiple healthcare services collectively within one centre.

Canadian Federation of Independent Business

The Nova Scotia Municipal Spending Report

1st Edition: 8 Year Trends in Municipal Operating Spending

Excerpt from the Report:

The Municipality of Lunenburg and the Town of Pictou were ranked highest for fiscal sustainability based on 2010-2017 real operating spending per capita.

How about visiting your local museum this summer.....there are so many places to explore in your own backyard.



McCulloch House Museum and Genealogy Centre

Haliburton Road

<http://www.mccullochcentre.ca/>

Opening July 15th, please refer to the website on hours and public safety measures at this time.



Northumberland Fisheries Museum

Caladh Avenue, Pictou Waterfront

www.northumberlandfisheriesmuseum.com

Tentative opening mid-July, please refer to the website on hours.



Hector Heritage Quay

Caladh Avenue, Pictou Waterfront

www.shiphector.ca

Now open Monday-Saturday

10am-4pm, Sunday closed. Please

visit the website for information on the Ship Hector Restoration Project.

Don't Miss Another Great Summer at the **Hector Quay Visitors Marina** serving local and visiting boaters for over 25 years

Sail and stay at the marina on the Pictou waterfront.

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