

# Newsletter

Keeping Our Community Connected

WINTER 2020

Issue 23



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## *Greetings!*

The past year has produced many positive changes for the Town of Pictou and we look forward with great anticipation toward 2020. Besides moving forward with significant upgrades to our necessary infrastructure, we are seeing new growth in both our residential and commercial sectors.

In 2019, we were pleased to see Vernon D'eon's Fishing Supplies open a beautiful new building near the roundabout, and, with the ongoing construction of the new McDonalds/Ultramar complex by Somerled Properties, we can certainly expect things to get even busier near the entrance to Town. These, and ongoing development opportunities, along with the implementation of the first phase of our gateway and wayfinding signage plan will serve to draw even more people to our downtown and beautiful waterfront attractions.

Without a doubt, the best thing about our Town is its' friendly and welcoming people who support our community and the surrounding area through their kindness and volunteerism. As we take advantage of the many opportunities for winter activity outlined in this Newsletter, we must remember to thank the many individuals and organizations who make them possible. Thank you to all residents and business operators for the pride you take and commitment you make to our Town.

Wishing everyone a healthy and prosperous 2020!

Jim Ryan  
Mayor

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## Meetings

**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.

**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  
Holidays

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## **Paving, Waterline and Sidewalk Work**

The Town of Pictou has completed all paving, waterline and sidewalk work for 2019. The Town would like to thank all residents and businesses for their patience and S.W. Weeks for their hard work. Budgeting has begun for capital work for 2020 and the Town looks forward to more infrastructure improvements!

## **CN Station**

The Town of Pictou has initiated repairs on the CN Station roof. Public Works will be replacing rotten boards, fascia and soffit and McCarthy's Roofing will be stripping and re-shingling in the new year.

## **Snow Removal**

The Town of Pictou would like to remind all residents that during snowstorms, Public Works crews will be out to keep the streets and sidewalks clear. We want to remind everyone that a winter parking ban is in place during these storms so Public Works can safely and quickly clear the streets. The Town of Pictou would like to thank everyone for their cooperation in this matter.

## **Market Wharf**

Market Wharf has sustained damage from Hurricane Dorian. The Town has barricades set up to prevent public access to this area. We are asking that everyone please stay away for their own safety until the issues can be addressed.

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

## Tax Sale Proceedings

### What is a Tax Sale?

Municipalities and Towns throughout Nova Scotia collect taxes to pay for services provided to citizens such as roads, snow removal and recreation. When homeowners or businesses do not pay these taxes, the Town works with the owner to make payment arrangements. If that process fails, the last recourse for the Town is a Tax Sale whereby the property is sold to recover the taxes.

With the upcoming Sale by Auction, also known as a Tax Sale, taking place on January 22, 2020, we would like to give some insight regarding the tax sale process. What follows below is the auction procedure once a property has been entered into the tax sale proceedings after full notice has been given to the property owners, and any other parties with an interest in the property such as judgment creditors.

- The property for sale will be advertised in the newspaper two (2) times; once at least 30 days prior and a second within 30 days of the Tax Sale date;
- Current property owners have up to the day before (January 21, 2020) to come in and pay the outstanding taxes and expenses on the property to remove it from the tax sale;
- In order to participate in the tax sale, interested parties must preregister at the Town Office;
- On the day of the auction, registered individuals will have the opportunity to bid on properties that still have a balance outstanding against them;
- The minimum bid will be set at the property taxes outstanding, plus interest and expenses of conducting the Tax Sale;
- Cash, debit or certified cheque in the amount of the minimum bid is required to be paid by the successful bidder at the time of the auction;
- The difference between the amount of the successful bid and the minimum bid (if any) is due to the Town within three (3) business days of the auction;
- If the additional amount is not received within three (3) business days, the expenses of the resale shall be deducted from the

deposit and the balance, if any, shall be refunded after the resale is held;

- Any property eligible for redemption by the original property owner, must be redeemed within six months of the date of sale for the auction price plus interest and expenses, all of which are set out in section 152 of the Municipal Government Act (MGA);
- No right of redemption exists for properties for which, at the time of sale, taxes on the land are in arrears for more than six years;
- If redeemed, the purchaser is refunded the total sum they paid plus interest accumulated at the rate of 10% from the date of sale to the date of redemption;
- All properties that are sold at tax sale are “as is, where is” and there are no representations or warranties of any kind made to by Town to any purchaser respecting lands and premises offered for sale, including marketability of title, and geophysical or environmental suitability of the lands and premises; Any questions or additional information required, feel free to reach out to the Town Office either in person or by phone (902)-485-4372.

## Tax Billing

The Interim bill will be issued no later than May 15, due June 15 and the final bill will be issued by Sept 15, due Oct 15. Please ensure that you have supplied the Town with your correct mailing address to deter delayed payments and notices.

### 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

## Town Grant Program

Organizations requesting financial assistance through the Municipal Grants to Organizations Program for fiscal year 2020-21 must forward their application to the Recreation Coordinator no later than **May 6, 2020**. The application forms are available from the Town Hall at 40 Water Street or you may download the forms from the Town website at [www.townofpictou.ca](http://www.townofpictou.ca).

Applications will be considered in accordance with the Grant Program Policy for the Town of Pictou. Grant categories include:

- Youth Travel
- Community Programming
- National /Provincial/or Local Event
- Community Economic Development Initiative

**Only grant requests completed on application forms will be considered.** All first-time applicants are encouraged to contact the Recreation Coordinator at 485-4372 x. 255 or email [michelle.young@townofpictou.ca](mailto:michelle.young@townofpictou.ca) to discuss their proposal and receive assistance in completing the application form. Guidance will also be provided in identifying ineligible projects/expenses or referral to other grant programs. Organizations and individuals who have previously received funding from the Town of Pictou will also be required to fill out an application form to be considered for financial assistance.

## 2019-20 WINTER PARKING REGULATIONS

The Winter Parking Ban is now in effect in the Town of Pictou. Here's what you need to know.

**When:** December 15, 2019 to April 1, 2020.

**What:** No cars can be parked on the streets, sidewalks or shoulders of the streets in the Town of Pictou from 1:00 am to 7:00 am & during daytime hours, when snow plows are trying to plow the streets.

**Exemptions:** Physicians, police & fire officials while carrying out their official duties and operators of commercial vehicles while loading & unloading.

**Violations:** All vehicles will be ticketed and towed at owner's expense. This applies whether there is snow or not. Additional penalties provided by Section 292 of the Motor Vehicle Act.

## Call for Citizens Application

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

### **TOWN OF PICTOU ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

See Page 23 for more information.

### **TOWN OF PICTOU HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The committee operates pursuant to the Heritage Property By-Law that was recently updated to complement the provincial Heritage Property Act. The purpose is to provide advice to Council on the identification, designation, preservation, conservation, protection and rehabilitation of local buildings, public-building interiors, streetscapes, cultural landscapes, areas and districts of historic, architectural or cultural value and to encourage their continued use.

### **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 the undersigned on or before **February 28, 2020**.

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Following are the Winter Programs offered by Pictou Recreation and Parks. Pre-registration and payment for all programs are required. Adults, youth and seniors are welcome to all classes unless an age group is specified. Discounts are available for signing up for multiple exercise classes. Drop-in rates are also offered. Call for details at 485-4372.

### **Tai Chi with Bob Bennett (ongoing)**

Gentle flowing movements that reduce the stress of today's busy lifestyles and improve health. It is a non competitive, self-paced system of gentle physical exercise and stretching. Anyone regardless of age or physical ability can practice Tai Chi. Every Monday beginning **January 6th** at the Odd Fellows Activity Room. Join in anytime.

Time: 9:00-10:00 am

Cost: \$5.75 per class

### **Photography Class with Len Cheverie (8 weeks)**

Improve your photographic experience! This course is for anyone wanting to have a better understanding of the basics of photography. Classes are held on Tuesdays beginning **January 14th** from 7:00-9:00 pm. Fee is \$75 and pre-registration is required. For further info or to register contact the PRP Office at 485-4372.

### **Chair Yoga with Rachael MacLean (6 weeks)**

Chair Yoga is a wonderful and uplifting program for all ages and abilities. This class will invite you to connect with breath and movement to improve your range of motion, flexibility and strength. Join us for this opportunity to feel better in this customized session to meet YOUR needs. Enjoy the benefits of Yoga, feeling rejuvenated, relaxed and well. Every Friday beginning **January 10th** at the Pictou New Horizons Club from 11:00am. Cost: \$45 / \$35 Club members. **This program was made possible in partnership with Pictou New Horizons Club.**

### **Walk N Roll Indoor Walking Group**

The Nova Scotia Health Authority and Pictou Recreation and Parks are excited to continue the Walk N Roll Program this winter. It is designed for those with mobility challenges. We welcome people of all mobility levels - bring any walking aid that you have, such as canes or walkers. If you have a 4 wheeled walker bring it with you. If you don't have one, there are 4 wheeled walkers available on site for you to try. Our goals are to increase your walking endurance, heart health and independence. Your goal is to enjoy the companionship and music while improving your fitness level. Originally developed by Wendy-Lee Hamilton, Seniors LINC'S Physiotherapist. It will take place every Tuesday, 1:00pm at the Pictou Legion beginning on **January 7th** and it's FREE (drop in program). Find out more about Walk N Roll at [www.walk-n-roll.ca](http://www.walk-n-roll.ca). For more information call 902-485-4372.

## YOUTH PROGRAMS

### Youth Floor Hockey (ongoing until May)

A drop in and play opportunity for youth to enjoy playing floor hockey in a safe environment. Bring your own stick and protective equipment, nets provided. Ages 10-14 yrs. Every Saturday, beginning February 1st, 1-3pm  
Location: PA Gym Cost: \$2.00 drop in

### Womens Self Defense Class

This program, designed by Chris Cruikshank, a fifth-degree black belt, is intended to educate, promote awareness, and build self-esteem. Designed to give women the physical and mental tools they need to detect, avoid and escape potentially violent situations. Learn simple, effective physical self-defense techniques, explore verbal self-defense - reasoning, confronting, using surprise, and more. Women of all abilities welcome. Minimum age 12 years. Call for details and to register.

When: February TBD Location: PA Gym. Call for details at 902-485-4372

### CKS Skills Development - Basketball Clinic and Sessions

Facilitated by Craig Sutherland, a focused skill development program in which concepts will be taught through a combination of gym and classroom sessions covering: ball handling, shooting, dribbling and finishing moves, and reading game specific situations. Pre-registration required, call 902-485-4372. Open to athletes ages 12 years and up.

#### **Dates:**

February 22, 2020 - Clinic (2 hour session)

May 4, 2020 - 8 Week Program (twice a week)

Location: Pictou Gym (TBD)



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

For details call Pictou Recreation and Parks at 485-4372

**Snow Shoes** - adult and youth

**Nordic Walking Poles** - great for winter walking

**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, bikes & helmets, canoe, 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.

## A TOONIE OF FUN Drop In Programs

### Pictou Badminton Club (Drop-in)

Tuesdays beginning January 7th at the Pictou Elementary Gym . 7:00-9:00 pm

Cost: \$2.00 Bring your own racket.



### Adult Floor Hockey (Drop-in)

Sundays 2-4pm and Tuesdays 8-10pm beginning January 7th at the Pictou Academy Gym

2:00-4:00 pm Cost: \$2.00

## Chair Exercise Program With Sharon Lynch

Gentle exercise, great for seniors, everyone welcome !

Drop in and it's free..... Every Friday beginning January 17th; 1:00-2:00pm at the Pictou Legion. For more information call Seniors Outreach at 902-752-8400.

Brought to you by: Seniors Outreach, Pictou County Seniors Council with funding support through Pictou West Community Health Board and Aberdeen Health Foundation.

## Modern Line Dance Classes

Variety of music: Latin, Classic, Country, Pop  
Great exercise for body and brain; no registration necessary.

Where: Stella Maris Hall, Pictou

When: Mon. 11:00am - 12 noon & Wed. 9:30-10:30am

Classes begin: Monday, January 6th; \$1.00 per class

Who: beginners to improvers; all levels welcome

Instructor: Jill MacDonald, 902-485-1817



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. **New 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**

## PICTOU FISHERIES TRAINING POOL

73 Harbour Drive 485-5301 [aquatics@townofpictou.ca](mailto:aquatics@townofpictou.ca)

Pictou Recreation Aquatics has been offering Red Cross Swim Lessons for over 50 years in our community!

### **RED CROSS SWIM LESSONS**

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

Wednesdays, January 15 to March 4

Thursdays, January 16 to March 5

Friday, January 17 to March 6

Saturdays, January 18 to March 7

Spring Session of Swim Lessons begins on April 1

**Adult Swim Lessons** Whether you are scared stiff or wish to improve your strokes, this swim instruction session is designed to meet the individual needs of each participant. Tuesdays from 7:00-8:00 pm, January 14 - March 3; the fee is \$75 for 8 weeks or \$10 Pay as you Go.

**First Aid Courses** Does your business need a First Aid Course? We can come to you or you can come to us. Emergency or Standard First Aid, all levels of CPR and AED training.

**Bronze Medallion, Bronze Cross Course** - Date to be Announced

Participants must be at least 13 years of age for the Medallion and hold a Bronze Medallion Award for the Bronze Cross.

**National Lifeguard Course** Date to be Announced. Participants must be 16 years old by the end of the course and hold a Bronze Cross. This is an intense course and requires 100% commitment.

**Red Cross Babysitters Course:** offers basic first aid and care giving skills for youth 11–15 years old. Participants learn how to provide care to younger children in a variety of age groups, and how to prevent and respond to emergencies. Pre-registration is required.

Course fee \$40. Course date: Wednesday, March 18 Register early to avoid disappointment

### ***Sit Less Move More.....Daily Movement Score C***

52% of adult ages 18-79 years living in Canada take at least 7,500 steps per day which falls within the "physically active lifestyle" category.

- 2019 ParticipACTION Better with Age Report Card



**Drop In Fees**

Parent & Tot	\$4.25
Student/Senior	\$3.75
Adult Swim	\$6.50
Family Swim	\$13.50
AquaFit	\$7.25
Sr. AquaFit	\$6.25

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		AquaFit 9:30-10:30		AquaFit 9:30-10:30	Aqua/ Arthritis 9:30-10:30	
	Arthritis 11-12:00	Splash N Play 10:30-11	Arthritis 11-12:00			Swim Lessons 9:30-12
<b>Open for Rental</b>	Adult Lane 12-1		Adult Lane 12-1		Adult Lane 12-1	Open Swim 12-1
Family Swim 2-3:30 <b>FREE</b>		Adult Lane 2:30-3:30		Adult Lane 2:30-3:30		<b>Open for Rental</b>
<b>Open for Rental</b>	Swim Team 4-6:30	Swim Team 4-6:00	Swim Team 4-5:30	Swim Team 4-5:30		<b>Open for Rental</b>
Family Swim 6-7		Family Swim 6-7	Swim Lessons 5:30-7	Swim Lessons 5:30-7	Swim Lessons 5:30-7	<b>Open for Rental</b>
	Aqua Turbo 7-8	Adult Swim & Lessons 7-8	AquaFit 7:15-8:15		Open Swim 7:30-9	Open Swim 7:30-9

**DID YOU KNOW ?**

The pool is excited to announce that there will be a new accessible, universal changerroom available in the New Year. Also the Pictou Pool has a hydraulic lift and aqua wheel chair; both provide access to the water for swimmers that may require extra support getting into the water. Onsite there are adaptive life vests that provide extra support to youth that need mobility assistance.

**Looking for goggles & caps  
Visit the  
Pro Shop**



**WASN'T THAT A PARTY ?!**

That's what people will be saying if you let us be a part of your **birthday or get-together!** Give us a call for rentals...we set up and clean up! For more details call 485-5301

**GET ACTIVE GRADE 5**

Calling all Grade 5 students attending McCulloch Education Centre

FREE admission to the pool every Saturday Open Swim 7:30-9:00 pm

**STAY ACTIVE GRADE 6**

Swim Free 3rd Saturday of the month Open Swim 7:30-9:00 pm

**Advantages of Membership**

Includes all public swims (family & open) and lane swims.

<u>Membership Type</u>	<u>3 Month</u>	<u>Yearly</u>
Student/Senior	\$78.00	\$245.00
Adult	\$155.00	\$500.00
Family	\$230.00	\$740.00
Aquafit	\$220.00	\$700.00
Sr. Aquafit/Arthritis	\$150.00	\$475.00

**Pictou County Mariners Swim Club**

For youth ages 7 years and up

Come in and see what were all about!

~New members are always welcome~

Any further questions?? Email: [pcm-president@outlook.com](mailto:pcm-president@outlook.com)



Join us for a  
**FREE Leap Year Day Swim**  
Saturday Night February 29,  
7:30-9:00 pm

## Check out the Pictou Fisheries Pool This Winter!!

**Arthritis Fitness Classes** providing a balanced approach to train and target cardiopulmonary benefits, functional fitness, muscular endurance and strength, balance, posture and flexibility. Join us Mondays and Wednesdays 11:00-12:00 pm

**Aqua Turbo with Darlene** A high intensity class! It focuses on building cardiovascular strength and endurance through challenging routines of intervals and higher intensity options. You will keep your heart rate and pace up throughout the class and learn to train in both aerobic and anaerobic zones. Provides a definite challenge for veterans and avid participants. Every Monday, 7:00-8:00 pm and Wednesday 7:15-8:15 pm

**Splash N' Play Swim** (Parent and Tot) A fun time for Moms, Dads and Caregivers. Tuesday from 10:30-11:00 am.

**Aquafit and Arthritis Fitness Classes** Fun, Fitness and Friendship. Come and join us in the water. Work at your own pace. Structured to fit your fitness needs. Bring a friend, or come and meet a new one. Have fun and get fit. Check our pool schedule. We'd love to see you.

**Job Opportunity** Are you 15 or 16 years old and looking for a part-time job? Love the water and would like to be a swim instructor and/or lifeguard?? Call us at 485-5301 for more information.

### **MARCH BREAK**

**March 16-20**

**Toonie Swims**

**Monday through Friday from 1:00-3:00 pm**

**Adult Lane Swims 12:00-1:00 pm**

**Babysitters Course, March 18**

**Watch for Surprises during the week**

### **OTHER EVENTS TO WATCH FOR AT THE POOL**

**Pictou Winter Carnival** February 7-9, themed swims

**Heritage Day February 17.** Join us for a Toonie Swim in the afternoon from 1:00-3:00 pm. Serving up hotdogs after the swim.



## Winter Carnival

February 7-9, 2020

*Sleigh rides, skating, guided moonlight hike with marshmallow roast, team events, outdoor activities for all*

ages, Valentine Chocoholic at the Pictou United Church, pancake breakfast and more. Fun for the whole family!

Watch town website for more details at [www.townofpictou.ca](http://www.townofpictou.ca)



## MARCH BREAK FUN at the POOL

March 16-20, 2020

### Pictou Fisheries Pool

Want to have a fun, exciting and an unforgettable

MARCH BREAK? Spend it with us. Pictou

Recreation Aquatics will once again have March

Break swims. **FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY.** Check the website for details in March.

## Tartan Day

**What is Tartan Day?** Tartan Day in Canada has become an annual event. The concept of "Tartan Day" began at a meeting of the Federation of Scottish Clans in Nova Scotia on March 9, 1986. **Tartan Day** is a celebration of Scottish heritage and the Declaration of Arbroath signed April 6, 1320. In Canada, on Tartan Day, Canadians are encouraged to wear tartan in commemoration of the contributions of Scots and their descendants to the fabric of our society. **Keep watch on the town website for event details at McCulloch House Museum and Genealogy Centre on April 5, 2020.**

## CHASE THE ACE

### PICTOU LEGION

BEGINNING JANUARY 10, 2020

JACKPOT STARTING AT \$10,000

Sponsored by Pictou Legion, Pictou Lobster Carnival & Pictou and Area Lions Club. Tickets will be available for purchase throughout the week at various locations.

**WATCH FOR UPDATES!!!**



## Hector Arena 2020 Skating Schedule

Adult & Tot	Monday & Wednesday	10:00-11:30 am	donation
Adult Skate	Tuesday & Thursday	1:30-2:30 pm	donation
Adult & Tot	Friday	11:30-1:00 pm	donation
Public Skating	Fridays	3:00-5:00 pm	FREE
Family Skate	Sundays	9:15-10:30 am	FREE

**Free skates are sponsored by community partners.**

### Indoor Walking at the Rink

The cooler weather is upon us, continue your walking routine at the Hector Arena inside Monday to Friday, 8:30-11:30 am & 1:00-4:00 pm. Why not drop by with a friend? Donations accepted.

**Birthdays Parties** welcomed at Friday Skating. Reservations a must. Skate sharpening available. For info call the Hector Arena at 485-5122.

**Helmets are now mandatory for children 18 years and under.**

**Note:** Skating schedules are subject to change without notice due to special events or tournaments. Please call ahead to confirm or check out their facebook page.

## New Caledonian Curling Club Many New Faces!

We have over 20 new adult members this year and are still welcoming more. The increase in membership has allowed us to offer many more curling options. We now have adult curling Monday-Friday evenings and Sunday afternoons. We also have fun spiels throughout the season. Our junior program is on Tuesday afternoons with qualified instructors on hand to give assistance. Our Club House is available for rentals and birthday parties. For further information call Alta Munroe at 485-4913 or Vicki Campbell at 485-4702.

### Upcoming Events at the Club:

**Ship Hector Bonspiel** - Feb. 7-9, 2020

Contact Scott Maston for further information:  
scottmaston8736@gmail.com

**Provincial Wheel Chair Championship** - Feb. 13-16, 2020  
Come watch some great curling!

**Curl for Cancer** - Feb. 28, 2020



## Looking to Make a Difference in Your Community? Join the Pictou Recreation and Parks Committee

If you are looking for something new to get involved with to make a difference in your community, the Town of Pictou is looking for interested youth and adults to serve on its Recreation and Parks Committee (PRP). The Pictou Recreation and Parks Committee, composed of community members and Council representatives, is the group designated by Town Council to provide input on the activities of the Pictou Recreation and Parks Department (PRP). The committee defines results areas for the department in accordance with the Town of Pictou vision and makes recommendations to Council on matters concerning recreation and leisure services, parks, trails and green spaces and facilities. Other activities of the Committee include assisting in organizing community events, such as Winter Carnival, Christmas Light-Up, annual Volunteer Award Reception, Go Clean Get Clean Litter Pick Up and special projects.

Committee Meetings are generally held the last Thursday of each month in the Town Hall at 7:00pm and are open to the public. We encourage you to find out more information by visiting our Town website or by contacting 902-485-4372.



## VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR



Now is your chance to recognize an outstanding volunteer in our community. Nominations for **Volunteer Week 2020**, April 19-25, are now being accepted. Application forms are available at the Pictou Recreation & Parks office or can be downloaded from the Town website. **Pictou Volunteer of the Year Nominee** must be a resident of the Town of Pictou. Deadline for nominations: Monday, February 10, 2020. Information on Pictou's Volunteer Reception

will be sent to community groups at a later date. Other provincial awards include the Volunteer Family Award and Volunteer Youth Award. For more information visit:

<http://novascotia.ca/NonProfitSector/celebrating-volunteers.asp>

### ***DID YOU KNOW.....***

More than 410,000 Nova Scotians volunteer, contributing an average of 192 hours per year. That's almost 79 million hours of volunteering!

## Pictou Public Library & Innovation Centre

[www.parl.ns.ca](http://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

**ALL PROGRAMS IN THE PICTOU LIBRARY ARE FREE!**

**ABC's for Babies** – Thursdays, 10:30 am. This program is for infants up to 18 months old and their parents; beginning January 9th

**Preschool Storytime** – Wednesdays 10:30 am. Starting January 8<sup>th</sup>. Child must be 3 by Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Toddle Time** – Tuesdays, 10:30 am. Starting January 7th. Child should be 18 – 36 months old.

**Imagination Saturdays** - Drop by the library all day (10:30 am-4:30 pm) and see what fun stuff we have planned! Every Saturday will be different. Games, puzzles, LEGO, crafts, puppets, how about being a “tinker” and seeing what you can make from our Tinker Trays, Scavenger Hunts and more..... hands-on fun for families to share together!

**Knifty Knitters** - Thursday afternoons 3-4:30 pm starting Jan. 9th. Drop in to knit or crochet with others. If you don't know how, this is a great opportunity to learn. Bring your own needles and/or crochet hook or they can be provided. We have oodles of yarn for you to use. Patterns & written instructions will be available. Also, there will be books available for the novice as well as the more advanced. Tea, coffee & snack.

**Young Readers Club** - 3rd Tuesday every month, 4-5pm, begins Jan. 21

**Thursday Book Club** - 2nd Thursday every month, 7:00 pm.

**Tuesday Book Club** - 3rd Tuesday of every month, 7:00 pm

**Community Quilters** - 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month 2:30-4:00 pm. An excellent opportunity to learn how to quilt & do small quilted projects.

**Introduction to Yoga** - 4 weeks beginning Jan 10th, Friday mornings at 10:30am.

**Paint with Sharon** - Last Saturday of every month, begins Jan 25, 1:30pm.

To find out more, please visit the Library or go to our events page at

**[www.parl.ns.ca](http://www.parl.ns.ca)**

**CELEBRATE FAMILY LITERACY WEEK JAN. 28-FEB. 2**





## Royal Canadian Legion 902-485-5790

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 16 in Pictou is located on Veterans Drive across from the Sobeys Plaza. Activities at the Legion include darts, pool, line dancing, snowball draw, chase the ace and bingo. Besides offering support and social activities for Veterans of the Armed Forces the Legion supports the local cadets, the food bank, 4H, the local Fire Department, and bursaries for students.

We are always looking for new members and encourage you to visit and see what we have to offer. Many activities are open to the public such as Monday Night Bingo, Meat Darts on Saturday and Sunday Meat Roll; a few activities are member benefits.

### Open Hours:

Monday, Tuesday and Saturday 10:00 am - 7:00 pm  
 Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 10:00 am - 12:00 am  
 Sunday 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm

## Canadian Red Cross Society

Located at 40 Water Street Tel: 485-1789  
 Hours: Mon., Wed., Thurs. - 1:30 pm-3:00 pm  
 Interested in volunteering.....please call. Always looking for volunteers.

## Opportunity Shop

The Pictou Opportunity Shop provides assistance for housewares and clothing to individuals and families in the Pictou Area. Donations accepted.

Located at 40 Water Street

Hours: Tuesdays 10:00-12:00 pm & 1:00-3:00 pm

## 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**

**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**

## **ACCESS FOR ALL - WORKING TOGETHER in the Town of Pictou**

In 2018 the province released the Government of Nova Scotia Accessibility Plan following the passing of the Accessibility Act the prior year. The Act recognizes accessibility as a human right and sets a goal of an accessible Nova Scotia by 2030. In Nova Scotia 1 in 5 over the age of 15 identify as having a disability. The provincial Accessibility Plan provides a framework in removing barriers in the built environment, education, employment, transportation, information and communication, and the provision of goods and services.

It is now up to municipalities across the province to work together with government, businesses, non-profit, education, health, and individuals with disabilities and their caregivers towards an inclusive and equitable community. In early 2020, the Town of Pictou will be striking an Accessibility Advisory Committee. The Town is looking for volunteers to serve on this committee to make a difference in our community. The Accessibility Advisory Committee will provide advice to Council on identifying, preventing and eliminating barriers to people with disabilities in municipal programs, services, initiatives and facilities. The Committee plays a pivotal role in helping the Town of Pictou become an accessible community that complies with Nova Scotia's Accessibility Act (2017). At least one half of the members of the committee must have a disability or represents an organization that is a service provider. Interested volunteers may contact Dan Troke, CAO, at 902-485-4372 for more information.

The Town of Pictou has identified and set accessibility as a priority in its five year Integrated Community Sustainability Plan. There has been several initiatives completed or currently being worked on that will have an impact on creating more welcoming and supportive spaces for our residents. These include enhancements to park areas such as Market Square, installation of an accessible changeroom and other improvements to the Pictou Pool, training of frontline staff, examination of Town communications, facility and sidewalk upgrades.

### **Where can you find out more information?**

Accessibility Directorate (Province of NS) website:

<https://novascotia.ca/accessibility/>

Let Abilities Work Partnership Society (social and recreational events and advocacy in Pictou County) - visit their facebook page.

Highland Connect - searchable listing of active living opportunities in Pictou County; visit: <https://highlandconnect.cioc.ca/>

Transportation - CHAD Transit - contact <http://www.chadtransit.ca/> or call 902-928-1234

Funding Sources - <https://novascotia.ca/accessibility/municipal-toolkit.asp>

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# WINTER BLAST FESTIVAL

OVER  
20  
SHOW  
DATES!

TRIBUTE  
SHOWS  
LEGENDS

**Bee Gees Gold**  
**The Ultimate Bee Gees Tribute**  
Tuesday, January 14 | 7:30 PM | \$49.50

**Bruce Guthro Songwriters Circle**  
Featuring Adam Baldwin,  
Classified and Dave Sampson  
Thursday, January 30 | 7:30 PM | \$48 | \$45 Members

**The Dreamboats**  
Monday, February 3 | 7:30 PM | \$38

**A Musical Tribute to the Highway Men**  
Saturday, February 8 | 7:30 PM | \$49.50

**Derek Seguin - LIVE AND UNCENSORED  
COMEDY TOUR**  
Friday, February 14 | 7:30 PM | \$30

**GYPSY: A Tribute to Fleetwood Mac**  
Saturday, February 15 | 7:30 PM | \$33 | \$30 Members

**Proteus Quartet**  
Thursday, February 27 | 7:30 PM | \$25 | \$22 Members  
Students FREE

**The Irish Rovers**  
Sunday, March 1 | 2:00 PM | \$55 | \$53 Members

**Matthew Good - Opening Act Villages**  
Wednesday, March 4 | 7:30 PM | \$42

**Bay City Rollers - ANNUAL GALA EVENT**  
Thursday, March 5 | Reception 6:30 PM Show 8:00 PM | \$70

**Pictou Academy Drama Club**  
**Presents Villain School**  
Wednesday, March 11 | Thursday, March 12 | 7:30 PM  
| \$16 Adults | \$14 Students/Seniors | \$10 Children under 10

**The Age of Love**  
Sunday, March 15 | 2:00 PM | \$5  
Following the viewing of the popular "The Age of Love" film promoting companionship for all ages, join us for a "Social Butterfly speedy meet & greet". A super fun social event for seniors! Dessert & beverages will be served. You're encouraged to come by yourself!

**Evans & Doherty**  
Sunday, March 15 | 7:30 PM | \$33 | \$30 Members

**The Once**  
Thursday, March 19 | 7:30 PM | \$38 | \$35 Members

**Pictou Rotary Club Annual Musical**  
**Presents The Sound of Music**  
Thursday, March 26 | Friday, March 27 | Saturday, March 28  
7:30 PM | \$35

**Michael Kaeshammer**  
Sunday, March 29 | 7:30 PM | \$38 | \$35 Members

**Island Girls**  
**A Tribute to Cape Breton Music & Comedy**  
Featuring Bette MacDonald, Lucy MacNeil,  
Heather Rankin and Jenn Sheppard  
Saturday, April 18 | 7:30 PM | \$53

**The Legendary Downchild Blues Band**  
**50th Anniversary Tour**  
Saturday, April 25 | 7:30 PM | \$43 | \$40 Members

**Lunch at Allen's**  
Sunday, April 26 | 7:30 PM | \$47.50

*See it live! See it local!*