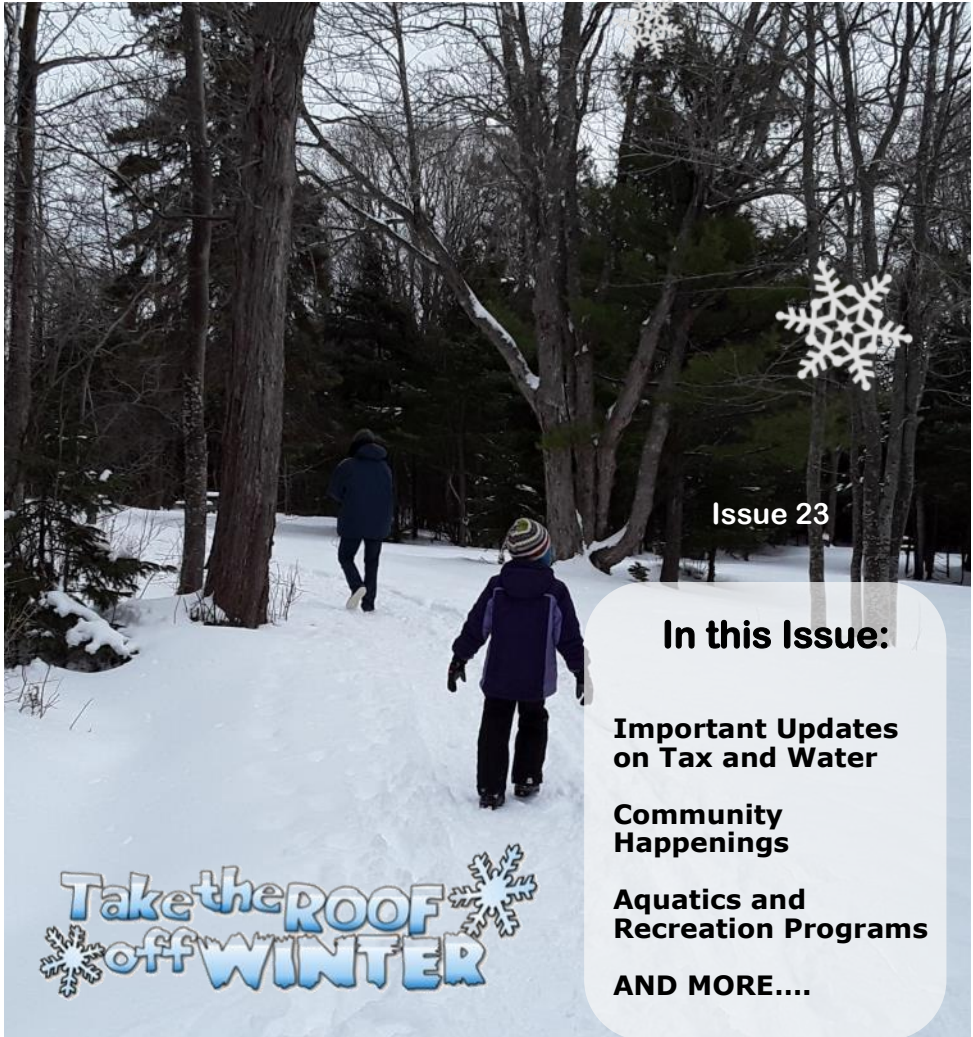




Newsletter

Keeping Our Community Connected

WINTER 2021



Issue 23

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off WINTER**

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Greetings!

Despite the challenges we are facing in this COVID-19 world, we must acknowledge how fortunate we are to live in a community where residents have been both willing and able to support one another with consideration and kindness. As we enter 2021, I feel hopeful that we will soon be on our way toward a return to normal routines and activities.

With this in mind, I am requesting that, as a community, we take advantage of two important opportunities to support the health of our neighbours, our friends, the local business community and ourselves over the winter months, and beyond:

Staying Active: Taking care of our mental and physical health is of particular importance when social gatherings are limited and many of our usual activities have been restricted. I encourage those who can to get outdoors whenever possible to enjoy some of the many 'COVID safe' activities available through our Parks and Recreation Department and many of our dedicated local volunteer organizations. Please continue to check in on your neighbours and friends who may be confined to their homes.

Shop Local: The last eight months have been particularly challenging for members of our business community. Many have adapted to a 'new normal' in providing the same great services to our residents. I encourage everyone to support our local businesses by taking advantage of the quality offerings they continue to provide. Shopping local when possible will help to ensure the survival of those important entities that help to define us as a welcoming community.

I am sure we are all ready to welcome the New Year with a renewed sense of hope for the future! Our new Council is looking forward to planning and moving forward on initiatives designed to improve the lives of our citizens.

Wishing everyone a healthy, safe and prosperous 2021!

Jim Ryan
Mayor

Your Town Council

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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 Tuesday of each month except on holidays.

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.

Unightly 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) - April and August, 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

40 Water Street
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Emergency 911
Fire Hall (902) 485-4136

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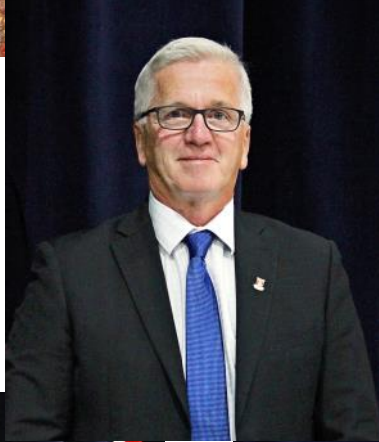
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NADINE LEBLANC**



**Councillor
DAN CURRIE**



**Mayor
JIM RYAN**



**Councillor
MELINDA MACKENZIE**



**Councillor
SHAWN MCNAMARA**





Former CN Station, Front Street
Work continues on the first floor with a focus this year on heating, electrical windows and readying space for use.

New sidewalk snow plow
Public Works Department



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. For more information on the Snow Plowing and Ice Control Policy visit the Town website.

2020-21 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, 2020 to April 1, 2021.

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.

Tax Sale Proceedings

With the upcoming Sale by Auction, also known as a Tax Sale, taking place on January 12, 2021 we would like to give some insight as to what the tax sale proceedings are. Outlined is the process of the auction once a property has been entered into the tax sale proceedings after full notice has been given to the property owners.

- The property for sale will be advertised in the newspaper twice within a 30 day period leading up to the tax sale
- Current property owners have up to the day before (January 11, 2021) 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 by contacting 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 at the time of the auction if an individual is the successful bidder
- The difference in 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 minimum bid received is forfeited
- Any property with a 6-month deed is redeemable by the original property owner for the auction price plus interest and approved expenses
- If redeemed the purchaser is refunded the amount in which they paid plus interest that has accumulated at 10%
- All properties that are sold at tax sale are "as is, where is" and there are no guarantees made by the Town.

Any questions or additional information required, feel free to reach out to the Town Office either in person or by phone (902)-485-4372.

Town Grant Program

Organizations requesting financial assistance through the Municipal Grants to Organizations Program for **fiscal year 2021-22** must forward their application to the Manager of Recreation Services no later than **May 5, 2021**. 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.

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 Manager of Recreation Services at 485-4372 x. 255 or email michelle.young@townofpictou.ca to discuss their proposal and receive assistance in completing the application form.

Tax and Water Billing

Tax bills are mailed out April (due in June) and August (due in October).

Water bills are invoiced quarterly in January, April, July and October.

Please ensure that you have supplied the Town with your correct mailing address including your P.O. Box # to deter delayed payments and notices.

Postal box numbers are required at the Post Office.

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

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. More details on page 20.

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, 2021**.

Michelle Young
Manager of Recreation Services, Town of Pictou
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**Canada Nova Scotia
Targeted Housing Benefit**



Are you a low-income homeowner? Do you spend more than 50 percent of your income to run your home? Direct support is available for eligible homeowners through the Canada-Nova Scotia Targeted Housing Benefit.

Working together, we are making housing more affordable for vulnerable people.

For more information visit: www.housingsns.ca

Email: housingsupplements@novascotia.ca

Or call: (902) 943-0835

Following are the Winter Programs offered by Pictou Recreation and Parks. Pre-registration and payment for all programs are required. Public health measures are followed and there is limited spaces in each session. Discounts are available for signing up for multiple exercise classes. 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 4th** at the Pictou Legion.

Time: 9:00-10:00 am

Cost: \$57.50 for a 10 session punch card

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 8th** at the Pictou Legion at 11:00am. Cost: \$50.

Yoga with Rachael MacLean (6 weeks)

Learn the fundamentals of yoga building strength, improve balance, increase flexibility, reduce stress and tension while building overall health. The sessions lead you through breathing practices, movement and mediation to integrate body, mind and spirit. Every Wednesday beginning **January 6th** at 2:00pm at the Pictou Legion. Cost: \$50.

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: Winter session dates TBA

Adult Floor Hockey (Drop-in)

Tuesdays 7-9pm beginning January 12th at the Pictou Academy Gym

7:00-9:00 pm Cost: \$2.00

Did You Know

In 2023 the Town will be celebrating 150 Years of Incorporation and the Ship Hector 250th Anniversary !

UPCOMING WINTER RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Guided Snowshoe Hikes

Hosted by the Recreation Departments of Pictou County and the Town of Pictou, Active Pictou County and Hike Nova Scotia. Registration required, please call 902-485-2247. Snowshoes available. Guided hike will still take place if there is no snow.

Jan. 23 at 10am – Caribou/Munroes Island Provincial Park

Feb. 15 at 10am – Salt Springs Provincial Park

March 19 at 10am—Fitzpatrick Mountain

Snowboard Riglet Program Try It Session -Feb. 13 at 11am-2pm

Nova Scotia Snowboard has partnered with Pictou Recreation and Parks to offer a Riglet Program. Learn the basics to get you started. Call Pictou Recreation and Parks to register at 902-485-4372; for youth ages 5-12 years. Location: Market Square, Pictou.

Paddleboard Try It Sessions - March 18 beginning at 1:30pm

Pictou Pool; 20 minute sessions; call to register at 902-485-4372; hosted by the Recreation Departments of the County of Pictou and Town of Pictou. Limited spots available.

Winter Try It Sessions

Hosted by the Recreation Departments of Pictou County and the Town of Pictou. Recreation staff will be onsite with outdoor winter equipment such as cross country skis, snowshoes, adaptable snow sled equipment for youth with disabilities. Enjoy the trails at your own leisure for the afternoon.

Dates:

February 26th at 1-3:00 pm. Location: Jitney Trail at deCoste Parking Lot.

March 12th at 1-3:00 pm. Location: Fitness Trail behind McCulloch Education Centre, access off Wellington Street, Pictou.

Sledge Skates - February 12th at 2:45pm

Sledges will be available at the Hector Arena in Pictou to try out. Join recreation staff who will show you how to use sledges during the regular skate time. Free skate sponsored by Town of Pictou. Additional dates to be announced.





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.

Water Equipment - inflatable paddleboards, kayaks and a canoe

2 Sport Wheel Chairs, also roller blades, road hockey equipment, bikes & helmets, 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.



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

Highland
Connect.ca

Search - Find - Play

If you are interested in browsing community recreation opportunities on your own, such as local trails, community programs for sport, arts and culture visit

www.highlandconnect.ca.

PICTOU FISHERIES TRAINING POOL

73 Harbour Drive 485-5301 aquatics@townofpictou.ca

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

We are very fortunate to be able to safely open our Pictou Pool in this time of COVID 19. We thought it would be good to share with you how we work every day to ensure your safety.

- Each day before opening, our Custodian does a complete cleaning and sanitizing of each of the changing rooms, lobby, offices and public spaces.
- Staff temperatures are taken at the beginning of each shift.
- Cleaning and sanitizing is done after each activity and all the equipment used for each activity is sanitized.
- What do we ask of you? Wear a mask, please stay home if you are feeling ill.
- On your first visit, we ask you to sign a 'waiver' which is kept on file.
- Sign in on the COVID Tracking/Screen sheet on each visit to our facility.
- We ask that you bag your outside footwear in the lobby and take it with you.

Parents must sign in for all children/youth under the age of 16 years

RED CROSS SWIM LESSONS

Now accepting registration for the Winter 2021 Session of swim lessons. Please note that this session will be an 8-week session. Spaces are limited, register early.

Wednesdays	Jan 13 - March 3
Thursdays	Jan 14 - March 4
Fridays	Jan 15 - March 5
Saturdays	Jan 16 – March 6

Spring Session of Swim Lessons begins in March.

Wednesdays	March 24 – May 12
Thursdays	March 25 – May 13
Fridays	March 26 – May 14
Saturdays	March 27 – May 15



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, beginning January 12th; the fee is \$75 for 8 weeks or \$10 Pay as you Go.

Drop In Fees

**CELEBRATING
40 YEARS**

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
Open for Rental 11-12:30pm	Arthritis 9:30-10:30	AquaFit 9:30-10:30	Arthritis 9:30-10:30	AquaFit 9:30-10:30	Aqua/ Arthritis 9:30-10:30	Swim Lessons 9:30-12
Family Swim 1-2:30pm	Adult Lane 12-1	Fit 4 Two 11:30-12:15	Adult Lane 12-1	Fit 4 Two 11:30-12:15	Adult Lane 12-1	Open for Rental 1-2:30
Open for Rental 3-4pm		Adult Lane 2-3		Adult Lane 2-3		Open for Rental 3-4:30
Family Swim 4:30-5:30	Swim Team 4-6:30	Swim Team 4-6:00	Swim Team 4-5:30	Swim Team 4-5:30	Swim Lessons 5:30-7:30	Open for Rental 5-6:30
Aqua Turbo 7-8		Adult Swim & Lessons 7-8	Swim Lessons 6-7	Swim Lessons 6-7:30	Open Swim 7:30-9	Open Swim 7:30-9
				Lane Swim 7:30-8:30		

DID YOU KNOW ?

The pool is excited to announce there is a new accessible universal changeroom available. As well, 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**



POOL RENTALS

We are open for rentals with a few changes in place to keep everyone safe. Give us a call for details at 485-5301. **LIMITED NUMBERS**

Advantages of Membership

Includes all public swims (family & open) and lane swims.
10% discount on Pro Shop merchandise, 25% discount on Instructional Programs

<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

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

**FREE FAMILY DAY SWIM
February 15 1:00-3:00pm**

Honoring Edward Francis Arab celebrating our diversity

**MARCH BREAK SWIMS
March 15-19**

Toonie Swims

Mon. Tues. Wed. & Fri. 1:00-3:00 pm & Thurs. 3-4:30pm

Adult Lane Swims 12:00-1:00 pm

Check out the Pictou Fisheries Pool This Winter!!

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.

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 17** Register early to avoid disappointment

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, Wednesdays and Fridays 9:30-10:30 am

Aqua Turbo 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 Sunday, 7:00-8:00 pm

Fit 4 Two (Parent and Tot) A fun time for Moms, Dads and Caregivers. Tuesday and Thursdays from 11:30am-12:15pm.

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.



Pictou County Mariners Swim Club

Part of our community for 40 years.

For youth ages 7 years and up

For inquiries please contact

Email: pcm-president@outlook.com

Hector Arena 2021 Skating Schedule

Adult Skate	Mon. Tues., Wed. & Thurs.	1:30-2:30 pm	donation
Adult & Tot	Tues. & Thurs	10:00-11:30 am	donation
Public Skating	Fridays	2:45-4:45 pm	FREE
Family Skate	Sundays	9:30-10:40 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.

Covid 19 restrictions..... masks are mandatory, you'll be asked to add your name, date and time to sign-in sheet, everyone will walk in one direction.

Skate sharpening available. For info call the Hector Arena at 485-5122.
Helmets are now mandatory for children 18 years and under.

Please 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

Interested in curling this winter? Drop by and find out how to get started or join the club. There is adult curling throughout the week and a very active junior program with qualified instructors on hand to give assistance. Support the Club through the Curling Nova Scotia 50/50 Draw. The Club House is available for rentals.



For further information call Alta Munroe at 485-4913 or Vicki Campbell at 485-4702. The Club follows the COVID "Return to Play Program".

REDUCING BARRIERS

The Town of Pictou has a new Accessibility Advisory Committee. The 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 have a disability or represents an organization that is a service provider.

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. If you may have suggestions and ideas please contact the Town Office at 902-485-4372.

Where can you find out more information?

News Out Loud—a weekly audio recording of selected local news stories and community events as reported in the current edition of the Pictou Advocate. The News Out Loud, is brought to you by Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library through partnerships with the *Pictou Advocate*, and Sea Level Sound. Follow the link to listen to **News Out Loud** - <http://www.parl.ns.ca/services/newsoutloud.php>

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 for all abilities; visit:
<https://highlandconnect.cioc.ca/>

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

Funding sources for businesses: <https://cch.novascotia.ca/business-access-ability-grant-program>

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 Tuesday of each month 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 2021**, April 18-24, 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, 2021. 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 Library

**NEED HELP?
WE'RE HERE FOR YOU.**

40 Water Street (2nd floor)
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10am - 7pm
Wednesdays & Fridays, 10am - 5pm
Saturdays, 10am - 3pm

- Books, audiobooks, movies, magazines & newspapers
- downloadable eBooks, audiobooks, eMagazines & eNewspapers
- Online services - Ancestry.ca, RocketLanguages, Lynda.com/LinkedLearning, Chilton's AutoRepair, NovaStory, PressReader and more...
- Public Access Computers, free WiFi Internet access
- Printers, photocopiers, scanners & FAX machine
- Jigsaw puzzles, crafts
- Community programs - book clubs, to knitting circles (online & in-person)

- **Curbside pick-up** of library materials provided upon request, (902) 485-5021
- **Home-bound Seniors Delivery** (within the Town of Pictou), (902) 485-5021
- **Borrow-by-Mail** for rural library patrons (1(866)779-7761, or bbm@parl.ns.ca)

**For more information about all library services,
please drop by, call us - (902) 485-5021, or email : pictou@parl.ns.ca**



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**Provincial
Mental Health and
Addictions Crisis Line**

Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

1-888-429-8167 toll free



**Mental Health and
Addictions Intake**

Available weekdays, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m

1-855-922-1122 toll free

Community Mental Health and Addictions clinics, Withdrawal Management Services, or Opioid Replacement and Treatment Program



**MAKE THE
RIGHT CALL**

211

CONNECTS YOU TO THE
NON-EMERGENCY
COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL
SERVICES IN YOUR AREA.

911

IN CASE OF LIFE OR
PROPERTY THREATENING
EMERGENCIES

811

TO TALK TO A REGISTERED
NURSE ABOUT YOUR HEALTH



CHAD Transit is a critical part of the non-profit community in Pictou County. We help persons with disabilities, seniors, and anyone else who requires transportation assistance. We take our clients to hospital and other important

appointments, work, grocery store, or wherever else they need to go to lead a healthy and happy life.

CHAD Transit is a member of the Rural Transportation Association, a group of similar transportation organizations across the province of Nova Scotia. PHONE: 902-928-1234 Dispatch hours: Mon.-Fri. 8am-4pm



The Centre is the premier facility in North Eastern Nova Scotia to host your events. For over the past 39 years the deCoste has presented more than 3,000 performances. The highlight reel includes many international headliners, incredible artists from every corner of Canada, Atlantic Canada's finest talent and countless local and regional music, theatre and dance productions.

Pictou County is proud of the deCoste and they celebrate this by supporting the centre and attending shows. Additionally the corporate community has rallied behind the deCoste in its growth campaign and invested in new programs and series. The deCoste Performing Arts Centre is a N.S. registered not-for-profit society and federal charitable organization. Check out their website for up coming shows at: <https://decostecentre.ca>



Royal Canadian Legion 902-485-5790

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 16 in Pictou is located on Veterans Drive across from the Sobeys Plaza. 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.

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 1:30 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

NEW BUSINESS OPENINGS

The Town of Pictou would like to extend a congratulations to the following new businesses who have opened over the past several months. The addition of your business adds to the vibrancy of our community, we wish you all the best in your new endeavors.



Hector Quay Bed & Breakfast 90 Front Street

A circa 1855 boutique B&B located in historical Town of Pictou. Guests will receive an elevated east coast experience surrounded by rich history and farm-to-table locally sourced goodness. Find them on Facebook.



Pictou Laundry 2 Water Street

Open daily. Locally owned and operated. New equipment. Reasonable prices. Plenty of parking. Lots to do and see while you wait. Free WiFi, seating and TV. Drop off service. www.pictoulaundry.com



Crazy Crafters & More 49 Water Street

Specializes in providing a unique sales experience which offers many different styles of products that have been handcrafted by local artists. Find them on Facebook.