

# Newsletter

Keeping Our Community Connected

Summer 2024

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## Greetings!

Welcome to summer in Pictou!

Following the overwhelming success of the Caladh Marquee and Vendor Village in 2023, we're thrilled to announce another spectacular lineup of events for 2024. The Town of Pictou, in collaboration with the deCoste Centre for Arts and Culture, is proud to present the 2024 Summer Music Series alongside numerous other exciting happenings. We invite residents and guests to join us on our beautiful waterfront to

celebrate our past, present and future by enjoying the daily entertainment and activities. The long list of amazing local artists and crafters will be sure to provide hours of enjoyment for those of all ages.

Along with numerous overdue residential paving projects, a number of large infrastructure investments will also be made by the town this summer. With the imminent reinstatement of the bridge on the Jitney Trail and the completion of the new Culture Hub, we will begin work on the replacement of Market Wharf and the installation of a new permanent breakwater and Marina. The Town will also continue to create efficiencies and achieve long-term savings by replacing ageing infrastructure and diverting stormwater from our wastewater system prior to treatment.

Thanks to the many committed volunteers and staff for your efforts in making Pictou a special place to live and visit! It's looking like another busy summer. Enjoy!

Jim Ryan, Mayor  
Town of Pictou



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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 or Tuesday)

### **Regular Town Council Meetings**

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

### **Pictou Recreation and Parks Committee**

Meets on the last Thursday 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.

## **Rebuilding Market Wharf: A New Era for Pictou's Marina**

This summer, the Town of Pictou is set to embark on a transformative project: the rebuilding of Market Wharf, which includes the installation of a new breakwater. This significant capital investment, valued in the multimillions, marks a pivotal moment in the town's history.

The rebuilt marina will boast enhanced capacity for both visiting and seasonal boaters, addressing the growing demand for marina services in the region and within the Northumberland Strait. The upgrades will expand capacity from 44 berths to 54. In addition to increased berthing space, the upgraded facilities will offer new amenities such as fueling stations and sewage disposal services. These improvements are designed to provide a comprehensive and convenient experience for boaters, further establishing Pictou as a prime maritime destination.

Importantly, this project aligns with and advances the priorities identified in the town's waterfront development plan. By enhancing marina capacity and services, the project supports the broader vision of revitalizing Pictou's waterfront, making it a vibrant hub for recreation and tourism.

The construction work is projected to take approximately 18 months, with the marina expected to reopen for the 2025 boating season. This timeline allows for careful and meticulous development, ensuring that the new infrastructure meets the highest standards of safety and functionality.

The realization of this ambitious project has been made possible through the collaborative efforts and generous support of all levels of government. The Town of Pictou, the Province of Nova Scotia, and the Government of Canada have all contributed to bringing this vision to life.

## **St. Andrews Street Closure for Enhanced Safety**

The Town of Pictou will be closing the end of St. Andrews Street where it joins Coleraine Street by installing a new cul-de-sac. This decision follows consultations with community members and safety officials. The closure aims to improve public safety for both pedestrians and vehicles in the area. The project is scheduled to take place over the next six months, ensuring a safer and more efficient traffic flow for the town.

## Transformative Capital Projects Ahead for Pictou

The Town of Pictou is set to receive significant financial support from the Province of Nova Scotia for a series of ambitious capital projects slated for the next two years. This exciting funding announcement heralds a period of substantial infrastructure improvements that will enhance the town's resilience and attractiveness.

One of the major projects will focus on Caladh Avenue, where comprehensive upgrades are planned. Coastal protection measures will be implemented, including the construction of a new boardwalk. The entire stretch of Caladh Avenue, from Creighton Street to the deCoste parking lot, will undergo a complete overhaul. This includes raising the street level by two feet, repaving, and installing new sidewalks and the much-anticipated boardwalk. The project will also extend through the Jitney Trail to the first gate on the trail, offering a scenic and protective upgrade to the popular pathway. These enhancements are to provide crucial protection to properties along Caladh Avenue. This section of Pictou has historically faced challenges from weather and storm surges, and the new infrastructure will help mitigate these impacts, ensuring greater safety and durability for the waterfront properties.

In addition to the Caladh Avenue project, Coleraine Street will also see significant improvements. The planned work includes the separation of stormwater systems, which will enhance the town's overall water management capabilities. These upgrades will improve the layout and safety of Coleraine Street, addressing long-standing infrastructure needs. As Pictou moves forward with these exciting capital projects, the community can look forward to a revitalized and more resilient town.

## Pictou Municipal Elections Scheduled for October 2024

Municipal elections across the Province of Nova Scotia will take place on October 19, 2024. The Town of Pictou Council consists of a mayor and four councilors. For detailed information on running for Council, candidate listings, election timelines, and voting procedures, please visit the Town of Pictou website over the next couple of months. Stay informed and participate in shaping the future of our community.

The Returning Office which will manage the elections for the 6 municipalities in Pictou County is now open, but regular office hours have not started yet. If you are interested in running please contact Returning Officer Josephine MacDonald by email at [returningofficer@municipict.ca](mailto:returningofficer@municipict.ca) or by phone at (902) 759-1652. All voting for the election will be electronic, with voters having the choice to vote by phone or online. For more details visit: <https://electionpictoucounty.ca>

## Pictou County Transit – New Service for Town of Pictou

Pictou County Transit began servicing the Town of Pictou on June 17th. There are three designated bus stops within the Town of Pictou at the following locations:

1. Veterans Drive, beside Dollarama
2. Corner of Market Street and Water Street
3. Corner of Union and Denoon Street

Service runs 7:00am - 6:00pm, 4 trips per day. The cost is \$5 for the day. Children under 5 ride FREE. For the full schedule visit :

<https://pctransit.ca/route/>

For more details on Pictou County Transit visit their website at

<https://pctransit.ca/>

**This run is considered a feeder loop that connects to the existing routes running in the Town of New Glasgow and Stellarton.**



### 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 Post Office Box Number to deter delayed payments and notices. Postal box numbers are **required** at the Post Office.

## Paymentus

The Town of Pictou is now accepting water and property tax payments by credit cards online. A 2.5% convenience fee will apply. To get started visit [Paymentus](#) or call 1-833-277-8701. We accept Visa, Mastercard, and Amex. Please allow at least four business days for processing.

### Online Bill Payment Through Your Bank

You can pay your property tax or water bills online through your online banking. You must set up a separate payee for taxes and water.



## **deCoste Centre and Pictou Library Construction Update Building a Hub for Pictou West in the Heart of Downtown Pictou**

This monumental project creates a blended facility where two organizations will deliver their core services, while collaborating each and every day to provide new and expanded services and experiences. This will be the first facility in Nova Scotia to merge a library and performing arts centre in this fashion. After 30 months and an exciting \$15M expansion, the decoste is reopening this September. They are planning an exciting, star-studded fall/winter season featuring:

**Jim Cuddy**—September 17 & 18

**Symphony NS with Dave Gunning & JP Cormier**—September 21

**Early Morning Rain The Legend of Gordon Lightfoot**—October 9

**Yesterday Once More**—October 15

**Lunch at Allen's**—October 25

**Christmas in Cape Breton**—December 3 & 4

**The Barra MacNeils**—December 23

For tickets and information visit [www.decostecentre.ca](http://www.decostecentre.ca)

Or call 902-485-8848

## Land Use Planning Documents Review

The Councils of Pictou (town), Stellarton, and Trenton have begun the process of reviewing their Planning Documents, specifically the existing Inter-Municipal Planning Strategy, Secondary Planning Strategies, and Common Land Use By-law. The three towns have decided to maintain a “sub-regional” land use and development plan to guide future growth in these three municipal units in Pictou County. The towns have agreed to undertake a review of their “Inter-municipal Planning Strategy” (IMPS) to continue to bring a cohesive and a “sub-regional” vision to the area’s planning process.

Under Part VIII of the *Municipal Government Act of Nova Scotia*, the towns intend on drafting and eventually adopting one revised planning policy document (IMPS) that would outline common developmental policies in all three towns. Each town would also update and adopt a “Secondary Planning Strategy” (SPS) that would reflect the policies unique to each municipal unit. The administrative mechanism for these two sets of policy documents would be outlined in a revised uniform Common Land Use By-law, to be administered for all three towns. This review process is an amendment to the existing document, which will only include these three towns, and not all five towns of Pictou County, as is currently the case.

Some of the changes or updates being proposed include:

- The introduction of tiny homes
- Streamlining residential permits
- Commercial Development and rezoning review
- Coastal protection measures

More details can be found at:

<https://www.townofpictou.ca/municipal-planning-strategy-by-law-review-public-open-house>

To provide feedback or to ask questions, contact:

Roland Burek, MCIP, LPP

Acting Planner/Development Officer

(Towns of Stellarton, Trenton and Pictou)

902-752-4476

## Call for Citizens Applications

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

### Recreation and Parks 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.

### Sustainability Advisory and Climate Change Committee

The new Sustainability Advisory and Climate Change Committee was established to dedicate resources to making a difference in the Town's commitment to climate change. Some areas of focus will include providing advice on implementation of the Pictou Stormwater Management Plan, the Pictou Waterfront Master Plan as it relates to the risk assessment, identifying possible projects to reduce the Town's carbon footprint, where the Town can most effectively concentrate resources to help with climate change and assisting with public education related to mitigation and adaptation.

If you are interested in volunteering for one of the committee positions, please forward a brief biography outlining related experience to the undersigned.

Nicole MacDonald, Deputy Clerk  
nicole.macdonald@townofpictou.ca

## Construction Begins on Jitney Trail Bridge

Exciting news: work has begun on the Jitney Trail Bridge construction. Initial stages involve pile installation, which will occur into early July and may create daytime noise. This necessary preparatory work is crucial for the project. A new metal bridge structure is being built off-site and is expected to be placed towards the end of July. This project has been made possible through the support of all levels of government, including the Town and County, the Province of Nova Scotia, and the Government of Canada.

## Town of Pictou Launches Accessibility Resources Online Page

The Town of Pictou is committed to ensuring that all residents and visitors, regardless of abilities, can access and enjoy our community's services, facilities, and programs. Our new Accessibility Resources online page offers comprehensive information to help you navigate accessible public spaces, support services, and initiatives designed to foster an inclusive environment for everyone. Explore our resources to see how we are working to make our community accessible to all. Visit the Town of Pictou's website to learn more and take advantage of these valuable resources. <https://www.townofpictou.ca/access-for-all-resources-and-supports>

### Did You Know?

#### Town Website Accessibility Tool



The Town of Pictou has a tool on the website to assist with digital accessibility. To access this tool, it is located on the bottom left side of the screen on the device you are using. It is a blue circle with a person in the centre of it. Click on the circle and it will bring you to a menu panel. You can change colour, contrast, saturation, highlight links, and highlight headings, there's a screen reader and a read mode. There are also options for font scaling, height, and spacing. Go online and test it out!

### We Value Your Feedback

Do you have a question or concern regarding accessibility in the Town of Pictou? Let us know how we can improve by emailing [info@townofpictou.ca](mailto:info@townofpictou.ca). Your feedback is important and will be forwarded to the Pictou Accessibility Committee.

Explore beaches and trails this summer, borrow a hippocampe from the Town's Recreation Department. Call 902-485-4372.



## New to Pictou?

Drop by the Pictou Town Hall at 40 Water Street and pick up your newcomer package. There are many resources to help you navigate and settle into your new home. We are happy to answer any questions you may have, staff at the Town Hall are just a phone call away at 902-485-4372.

## Newcomers Welcome by the Sea Party

August 3 beginning at 6:30pm | Caladh Marquee, 37 Creighton Street  
Meet your neighbours and discover what Pictou has to offer. Explore information tables showcasing various community services, organizations, and resources, while indulging in delightful local foods. Don't miss out on this chance to celebrate your new beginnings in our beautiful coastal community. Musical performance by Out on the Weekend, beginning at 7:30 PM - Marquee Mainstage

## SUBSCRIBE

### Newsletter, Water Alerts, Street Closures, Events

It's easy to keep up to date on Town happenings, subscribe and have alerts come right to your email. Visit the Town website at [www.townofpictou.ca](http://www.townofpictou.ca), at the top of the main page there is a SUBSCRIBE button, click and follow the instructions.

## Festivals, Events, Activities and more

There are several ways to find out what's happening in your community or Pictou County, here are a few suggestions:

- Event calendar on Town website at <https://bit.ly/3TnH8xq>
- Like Town of Pictou on Facebook
- Visit event calendar on Coastal Nova Scotia website at: <https://www.coastalnovascotia.ca/calendar/>
- Follow on Facebook: Things to Do in Pictou County and/or Events Pictou County

**For a list of festival and events happening in Pictou scan this QR Code that will take you directly to a calendar. Use the camera on your phone.**



**SCAN ME**

## Wild Fire Prevention

Nova Scotia is in the heart of wildfire season. Weather is getting warmer and dryer, putting us at greater risk this time of year.

In Nova Scotia, almost all wildfires are caused by people, so prevention is our first line of defence. Wildfire prevention is everyone's responsibility. Let's not have another season like last year's.

Learn about preventing wildfire at: <https://novascotia.ca/burnsafe/>

### BurnSafe Map

Burn restrictions are in place during wildfire season to help protect you and your community. Here's what you need to know and do:

There is **no open fire burning allowed** between 8 am and 2 pm because that's often when the risk of wildfires is greatest. That's why the BurnSafe map is red during those hours.

Check the [map](#) at 2 p.m. daily to see if burning is allowed in your county:

Red – no burning

Yellow – you can burn after 7 p.m.

Green – you can burn after 2 p.m.

Fires must be out by 8 am the following day

You also need to check municipal bylaws – if they are stricter, they take precedence over provincial burn restrictions.

Effective May 16, 2024, the fine for violating the daily burn restrictions is \$25,000.

### Where burn restrictions apply

During wildfire season, burn restrictions apply to domestic open fire burning. This includes: campfires, burn pits, brush burning, backyard fires and bonfires, backyard chiminea and similar appliances.

Effective May 16, 2024, burn restrictions also apply in provincial, municipal or privately-operated campgrounds. National parks are under the jurisdiction of Parks Canada.



## *Shop Savour Explore Unwind*

### Love Local Vendor Village

A lively waterfront space offering a collection of artisan and producer businesses that are based out of colourful kiosks. Located at the Caladh Marquee, the Love Local Vendor Village is part of a unique area on the Pictou Waterfront that beckons both locals and visitors to enjoy musical performances, special events, markets, and more.

This multifaceted area of the waterfront also provides amenities such as play areas, water access, recreational equipment rentals, and a variety of seating options along

the water's edge. Make time to unwind and laze in a hammock by the water. With a visit to the Love Local Vendor Village, you will be sure to walk away with a truly authentic Pictou experience and memory.



### Fireworks

Did you know you need permission to set off fireworks within Town limits? For details, please call 902-485-4372 or email [info@townofpictou.ca](mailto:info@townofpictou.ca). When using fireworks, consider the community impact. Fireworks, as beautiful as they are, have an impact on our neighbors, environment and animals.

- **Mental Health** — Noise from fireworks can have a long lasting negative impact on people who suffer from mental health disorders, such as but not limited to Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and Misophonia
- **Pets** — Fireworks can be beautiful to us but are terrifying to them! Whenever possible notify your neighbours when you plan to use consumer fireworks; Keep pets inside and comforted; If outside, have your pets securely on lead/leash.

Once permission is granted, residents are encouraged to inform neighbours in advance of their use.

## **Accessible features for Veterans Drive Playground**

Some awesome new play structures have been installed in Veterans Drive Park, including accessible and intergenerational swings, birds nest swing, and accessible pathways to connect everyone to these fun play areas!



## **Ricky Sutherland Memorial Ballfield**

Pictou Recreation Committee is seeking community input on the plans to relocate the Ricky Sutherland Ballfield to Town owned land adjacent to McCulloch Education Centre at 390 Wellington Street. The site was chosen in communication with the Sutherland family and will offer many advantages including ample space to construct a regulation size facility.

## **Trails and Biodiversity Project**

Introducing Akshay Adhana, Trails and Biodiversity Intern in partnership with the Clean Foundation. This summer Akshay will be working with Recreation and Parks to assess and improve the Town’s trails, collect data on the Town’s trees, and host an exciting citizen science event called a Bio Blitz. Akshay is an Environmental Technology student at Cape Breton University. Say “hi” if you see him measuring a tree on your street!

## **Bio Blitz Event—July 13th**

Using the iNaturalist app, residents and visitors to Pictou are invited to snap pictures of as many living organisms as possible in a citizen science data collection event. Meeting at McCulloch Education centre from 9am – 12pm and 1pm—4pm. To register contact [sally.oneill@townofpictou.ca](mailto:sally.oneill@townofpictou.ca) or call the office at 902-485-4372

## **Go Play Fund—Fundraiser**

The Go Play Fund was created to make recreation financially accessible to people of all ages. This fiscal year, Pictou Council will match donations up to \$2000 total. If a resident doesn’t qualify for other financial assistance programs, the Go Play Fund can help. Unlike other programs that are exclusively targeted at youth, this program is open to people of all ages. Individuals are eligible for up to \$200 per year.



Pictou Recreation and Parks is offering day camps for children throughout July and August. Camps are open to children ages 5 to 11 years old. Campers must bring their own lunch, snacks, water and sun protection, including a hat and sunscreen. Comfortable

walking shoes or sneakers are necessary. The day camps will be held at Broidy Park Monday through Friday. Drop off will be at Broidy Park at 9:00 am and pick-up will be at the Broidy Park at 4:00 pm, except for trip days when locations and times vary according to the individual trip. Registration fee includes day trip expenses. Please note that all camp programs are **nut free**. Call 485-4372 for more details.

## SEVEN WEEKS TO CHOOSE FROM!

### CIRCUS

July 2-5

\$85

This week to start the summer off we will be playing lots of games and making crafts about the circus. Everyone will get to practice their circus acts, then we will go to the Pictou Lobster Carnival



### PIRATE'S LIFE

July 8-12

\$100

Be prepared for lots of water games and fun to be had. Lots of pirate themed games and more, with a trip to the Hector Heritage Quay!



### UNDER THE SEA

July 15-19

\$85

This is an exciting week to learn about all the creatures in the ocean! Then go explore some of Nova Scotia's water at Caribou Beach Provincial Park.



### MAD SCIENCE

July 22 - 26

\$100

Let your creativity loose with a week full of experiments and an exciting trip to the Discovery Centre!



### WACKY WILDERNESS

July 29 - August 2

\$100

A fun filled week learning about animals and the outdoors! Then let loose and see the animals all on their own at Shubenacadie Wildlife Park!



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### SPORTS

August 5-9

\$100

Get ready for a fun time as we spend the week playing different sports. This week we will go to Trenton Park to play on the splash pad and park!



### SUPERHERO

August 12-16

\$100

A super week to wrap up the summer with lots of activities and a fun end of summer celebration!



Each camper will receive a "trip shirt" that will help us all stay together when walking and traveling together. This fee has been added to the registration cost!

# PICTOU FISHERIES TRAINING POOL

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

The pool is closed for the summer and reopens September 3rd, offering programs and training for all ages. We provide Lifesaving Society safety, swimming, and lifeguarding certifications, as well as fitness programs, lane swimming and open swims. Visit us for family and community swims or rent the pool for your next party. Contact us for more information or to make a booking.

## FALL SWIM FOR LIFE LESSONS

Registration opens in September for fall session swim lessons.

**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 7:30-8:30 pm, beginning in September.

Private Adult Lessons available.

## 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>Monthly</u>	<u>3 Month</u>	<u>Yearly</u>
<b>Student/Senior</b>	\$60.00	\$150.00	\$500.00
<b>Adult</b>	\$70.00	\$180.00	\$600.00
<b>Family</b>	\$130.00	\$360.00	\$1100.00
<b>Aquafit</b>	\$100.00	\$260.00	\$800.00
<b>Sr. Aquafit/Arthritis</b>	\$80.00	\$220.00	\$650.00

### DID YOU KNOW ?

The pool has an accessible universal changeroom available. Also onsite is a hydraulic lift, aqua wheel chair and adaptive life vests; all provide access to the water for swimmers that may require extra support.



## Pictou County Mariners Swim Club

Part of our community for over 40 years.

For youth ages 7 years and up

For inquiries please contact

Email: [pcm-president@outlook.com](mailto:pcm-president@outlook.com)

# GO ▶ PLAY

PICTOU COUNTY  
EQUIPMENT LOAN  
PROGRAM



**DID YOU KNOW.....** You can borrow recreation equipment for FREE ? For a complete list visit:

**<https://recreation-pictoucounty.hub.arcgis.com/>** Bikes (adult & youth), kayaks, paddleboards, adaptable life vests, lawn games, roller blades, sport equipment and more, call **Pictou Recreation and Parks 902-485-4372**



### Tennis Lessons

Age 6 yrs and up beginning in July  
Week day mornings

Adult Lessons available upon request.

\$45 individual/\$60 family (includes access to the courts on your own time). Qualified instruction.

### Memberships—Tennis & Pickleball

Seasonal Memberships available.

Cost: \$45 individual/\$60 family.

### Brought to you by: Highland Tennis Association

For more information or to register contact  
Pictou Recreation and Parks at 485-4372,  
40 Water Street or visit our Town website.

FOR DETAILS VISIT

HIGHLAND TENNIS ASSOCIATION FACEBOOK PAGE

### Community Instructors Needed!

Earn extra cash and meet new people. Would you like to teach any of the following programs this summer, fall, winter or next spring, on behalf of Pictou Recreation and Parks?

- ~ Dancing
- ~ Pre-school programs
- ~ After-school programs

- ~ Specialty craft workshops
- ~ Creating homemade soaps
- ~ Embroidery/Quilting/Patchwork

New courses based on *your* ideas-call us with your suggestions! Contact Sally to discuss at 485-4372 ext.255 or e-mail. [sally.oneill@townofpictou.ca](mailto:sally.oneill@townofpictou.ca)

## Lots Happening at Pictou New Horizons 50+ Club

The Pictou Community New Horizons 50 Plus Club is located at 14 Kempt St., Pictou. It offers activities which are open to all seniors in the towns and Municipality of Pictou County. Membership is \$20 per year and new members are always welcome! In addition to its regular schedule of events (i.e. Chair Exercises, Pool, Darts, Choir, Scrabble, Euchre, Auction 45's, Cribbage, Bridge, Women's Circle, Pass the Ace and Rug Hookers). The Club hosts a variety of programs such as Lunch and Learn sessions (guest speakers on a wide range of topics of interest to seniors), Income Tax preparation, Sunday Kitchen Party Music Jams, dances, and community fund-raising events.

New activities and ideas are always encouraged.

The Club is available for rent to non-profit groups. The Northumberland Quilters Guild, Pictou Lions Club, Pictou Garden Club and Carma are regular club space users.

The Club serves as a *comfort* or *warming* center when circumstances demand support. The Club's activities can be followed on its Facebook page (*Pictou 55 Plus Club*) and further information can be obtained by contacting Ann Young, President at 902-485-5741 or 902-759-2539.



**Pictou West Studio Tour 2024**

Presented by the Pictou Arts Society

Saturday July 27<sup>th</sup> and Sunday July 28<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 5 pm

The Pictou Arts Society welcomes you to visit the studios of 20 local painters, potters, fabric artists, leather workers and more! It is a great way to spotlight the amazing and varied talent we have in the town of Pictou and the surrounding Pictou West area. Pick up your tour map at local businesses or download it from the Pictou Arts Society Facebook page. For more information or to register contact Susan Muir at [susanmuirdesign@gmail.com](mailto:susanmuirdesign@gmail.com)

**Maker's Market**

Saturday August 10<sup>th</sup> 10 am to 4 pm

Presented by Art2Sea Gallery

We invite you to get ready to shop local again this year at our Maker's Market! Join us for a unique shopping experience that celebrates the creativity and talent of local artisans. A one-of-a-kind event that brings together a diverse community of makers, crafters, and artists. Meet the makers and discover the stories behind each creation. For information and vendor bookings, contact Marilyn Whalen at [pictouartsociety@gmail.com](mailto:pictouartsociety@gmail.com)

**Paint Pictou**

Presented by the Pictou Arts Society

Saturday August 24<sup>th</sup> 8 am to 4 pm  
and Sunday August 25<sup>th</sup> 9am to 4 pm

Join us for the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Paint Pictou plein-air event on the beautiful Pictou waterfront. Come to paint or to watch artists painting throughout our picturesque town! Completed paintings will be on display and for sale at the New Horizons Club building at 14 Kempt Street Pictou.

For more information and to register, contact Sheila Newell at [snewellart@gmail.com](mailto:snewellart@gmail.com)





### McCulloch McCulloch House Museum & Genealogy Centre

McCulloch House Museum is a part of the NS Museum family and tells the story of Dr. Thomas McCulloch and how his passion for liberal education launched him on a journey to public education in this Province. Explore exhibits that tell his story of education, religion and medicine in the early 1800s in his 200 year old brick home.

Visit our HAGGIS site at: [www.mccullochcentre.ca](http://www.mccullochcentre.ca) featuring our archival records now available online along with a place to create your own family tree and connect it to our community.

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(902) 485-1150 museum  
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### Northumberland Fisheries Museum & Heritage Association



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33 Caladh Avenue, PO Box 2015  
Pictou, B0K 1H0  
Ph: (902)485-4371  
[www.shiphector.com](http://www.shiphector.com)

**Visit Facebook for updates on the Hector restoration project including videos and how you can support.**



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## Celebrating 90 Years Pictou Lobster Carnival

*Congratulations to the Pictou Lobster Carnival on celebrating its remarkable 90th anniversary! For nearly a century, this beloved event has brought our community together, showcasing the best of*

*Pictou's maritime heritage, delicious seafood, and vibrant culture. Your dedication to tradition and community spirit is truly. A special thank you to the organizing committee for your tireless efforts and commitment to making each year a success. Happy 90th Anniversary!*



## Celebrating 85 Years Pictou and Area Garden Club



*Congratulations to Pictou and Area Garden Club on 85 Years!*

*Congratulations to the Pictou and Area Garden Club on celebrating your impressive 85th anniversary! For over eight decades, your club has been instrumental in beautifying the Town of Pictou with your special projects and dedication to horticulture. Your efforts in creating stunning public gardens, maintaining vibrant flower beds, and organizing community planting events have greatly enhanced the aesthetic appeal and charm of our town. Thank you for your unwavering commitment to making Pictou a more beautiful and welcoming place. Here's to many more years of growth, community spirit, and blossoming success. Happy 85th anniversary!*

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