

# Newsletter

 town of  
**PICTOU**  
*Birthplace of New Scotland*

Keeping Our Community Connected

**FALL 2024**



**Issue: 28**

**A History Shared. A Future Together.**

**[www.townofpictou.ca](http://www.townofpictou.ca)**



Greetings!

It's hard to believe summer 2024 has come and gone and we are already looking forward to the exciting opportunities Fall will bring.

The Town, in partnership with the deCoste Centre, was pleased to, once again, offer a wide variety of free first-class entertainment to residents and visitors on our beautiful waterfront. It is exciting to see people enjoying our community and all we have to offer.

The big story this fall is the opening of the new Cultural Hub consisting of the deCoste Performing Arts Centre and the Murray Family Public Library which will serve to inspire and entertain us for many years to come. This modern, energy efficient gathering space with its advanced technology, expanded capacity and unique public art will certainly serve as the centerpiece of our downtown. Congratulations to the deCoste Performing Arts Centre and Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library boards on this wonderful accomplishment and thanks to the many public and private funding partners.

With the completion of some major projects, new ones are beginning. You won't have to look far to see the new projects that will both strengthen important infrastructure and move our community forward. The most obvious will be the construction of the new Market Wharf and breakwater and the re-engineering of Caladh Avenue. These projects are consistent with our Waterfront Plan and will meet climate change mitigation recommendations.

By all accounts, summer recreation programming for those of all ages has been a success. Thanks to the many volunteer organizations working to keep our residents active.

As autumn quickly comes into focus, and we re-establish the associated routines, I encourage everyone to take advantage of the many opportunities for exercise and enjoyment outlined in the following pages.

Wishing you a safe and relaxing fall season!

Sincerely,

**Mayor Jim Ryan**

## Your Town Council

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## Meetings

**Committee of Council Meetings**

Meets on the first Monday of each month except on holidays.

**Regular Town Council Meetings**

Meets on the third Monday of each month except on holidays.

**Pictou Recreation and Parks Committee**

Meets on the last Wednesday of each month.

All meetings take place in Council Chambers at 71 Front Street, former CN Train Station. All meetings are open to the public. Minutes of meetings are posted on the Town website.

**NOTE:** Meeting dates may change. Please check website for changes 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 the Town of Pictou at 902-485-4372.

**Tax Billing:** Billed twice a year (tax year is April 1-March 31).

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

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

**Administration Office,  
Town Hall**

Hours Open  
8:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Closed Stat/Civic  
Holidays

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## ELECTIONS – VOTER INFORMATION

Municipal Elections in Nova Scotia will be held on October 19, 2024. Returning Officer Josephine MacDonald is managing the election for the six municipalities in Pictou County. Josephine MacDonald can be reached by calling (902)485-2253 or by emailing [returningofficer@munpict.ca](mailto:returningofficer@munpict.ca).

## HOW TO VOTE

All voting in the upcoming municipal election will be electronic. Voters will have the option to vote online or by phone. Voter cards and more information on how to vote will be announced in future correspondence.

There will be two advance voting days on October 12, 2024, from 12pm to 8pm and October 15, 2024, from 12pm to 8pm. For advance voting days there will be kiosks set up in each municipality where voters can have assistance with electronic voting.

Residents will be able to cast their ballots starting at 12pm on October 6, 2024, through 7pm on October 19, 2024. This can be done with any **electronic device, phone or at a kiosk** between the hours of 8am and 7pm on October 19, 2024.

If you are unsure if you're registered to vote or have contact information updates, call the Returning Office at (902)485-2253. Any revisions should be received by October 7, 2024.

For more information visit:

[www.electionspictoucounty.ca](http://www.electionspictoucounty.ca)



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## Call for Citizens Applications

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

### **TOWN OF PICTOU PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE**

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

### **TOWN OF PICTOU CLIMATE CHANGE/SUSTAINABILITY 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.

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A Vision Becomes a Reality  
*Congratulations*

to the deCoste Performing Arts Centre and the Pictou Antigonish  
Regional Library Project Team and Boards



## **Town of Pictou Receives Funding for Coastal Protection and Infrastructure Upgrades**

The Town of Pictou is receiving significant provincial investments aimed at enhancing coastal protection, upgrading stormwater management, and improving key municipal infrastructure.

Caladh Avenue and the surrounding area will undergo extensive reconstruction to elevate the road network and strengthen coastal defenses. This work covers a stretch of the waterfront from behind the former Consulate Inn on the Jitney Trail to Coleraine Street. Key upgrades include raising the street level by two feet between Commercial Street and Market Street, installing new sidewalks, asphalt resurfacing, and adding a multi-use pathway that includes a bike lane on the south side of the street. Once complete, the updated roadway will connect seamlessly to existing roads and trails.

These improvements are critical for safeguarding both private and public properties along a vulnerable waterfront floodplain, especially as the region faces increasingly severe weather events that threaten infrastructure and strain water management systems.

In addition to road and coastal upgrades, the Town will install approximately 250 metres of new stormwater piping around Coleraine Street to better manage stormwater collection and mitigate the risk of flooding. The Province and the Town of Pictou are each investing nearly \$4 million into these essential projects. The initiatives are part of the Municipal Capital Growth Program, a historic \$102-million provincial investment dedicated to municipal infrastructure improvements across Nova Scotia.

### **Market Wharf and Breakwater Construction Project**

The Town of Pictou is embarking on an exciting redevelopment project this fall with the construction of a new breakwater and a complete rebuild of Market Wharf. With a total investment of \$12.5 million from various sources including the Town of Pictou, this ambitious project aims to transform the marina into a first-class facility. The redevelopment is expected to take 18 to 24 months, with projected completion slated for 2026.

The project focuses on enhancing the marina's capacity and services, making it a top destination for boaters in the region. The Hector Quay Visitors Marina will reopen with expanded berths and state-of-the-art amenities, including fueling stations, water and electrical upgrades, and sewage disposal services. No other public marina

between Sydney and Charlottetown will offer this level of service, positioning Pictou as a premier maritime hub.

In addition to improved boater services, the redevelopment will create a vibrant public space at the marina, further integrating it into the community and drawing both locals and visitors to the Town.

During construction, visiting boaters can still access Pictou Harbour. Labeled moorings in front of Market Wharf and off 27 Creighton Street will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. The harbour also provides several safe anchorages, with tenders able to dock at the beach beside Market Wharf or at the small wharf near the Caladh Marquee.

The redevelopment of Market Wharf and the Hector Quay Visitors Marina will enhance Pictou's position as a key destination for maritime enthusiasts, with services unmatched anywhere in the region. As the project progresses, the Town looks forward to welcoming visitors to this revitalized coastal gem.

## **Closure of St. Andrews Street Entrance from Coleraine Street**

The Town is adding a small section of sidewalk and curbing at the end of St. Andrews Street as part of the already approved capital work scheduled for Coleraine Street this year. The estimated additional cost to the Town is less than \$1,000. Following community feedback, particularly from residents and regular users of St. Andrews Street regarding the potential closure of this entrance, the Town will commence the work this fall. The closure aims to reduce and improve traffic flow and safety in an area where directional signs, such as "Do Not Enter" and "No Left Turn," are often overlooked or misunderstood. The primary goal is to enhance safety at the three-way intersection and reduce traffic on St. Andrews Street for residents. When implemented, the entire length of St. Andrews Street will become two-way, and all current Town services, including snow removal, will continue as usual.

## **Jitney Trail Bridge Re-opens**

The Town of Pictou is thrilled to announce the grand reopening of the rebuilt Jitney Trail Bridge, a vital link on the 3.8 km scenic trail. Known for its stunning harbour views and rich history as a former railway route, the Jitney Trail has been a community cornerstone since 1997. After a fire destroyed the wooden bridge in July 2022, the new 130-foot, free-span metal bridge was completed and reopened on August 9, 2024, thanks to funding from the Province of Nova Scotia, ACOA, the

Municipality of Pictou County, and the Town of Pictou. Built by Partners Construction, the bridge features a durable metal structure and enhanced shoreline protection, ensuring resilience against future damage. This reopening not only restores a crucial connection but also revitalizes the community's connection to the Jitney Trail.

### **Ricky Sutherland Memorial Ballfield Moving to New Location**

The Ricky Sutherland Memorial Ballfield, also known as the CN Ballfield, is relocating to a site next to the recreational spaces at McCulloch Education Centre. This move enables the development of a modern, upgraded sports field with improved features for play. Groundwork has already begun, with updates on timing to come in the following months. This enhanced field will provide greater access for youth and players of all ages to engage in baseball and other forms of play.

### **New Accessibility Resource Webpage**

The Town of Pictou has a new page on the Town website that details information for persons with disabilities, families and caregivers. Our municipality is dedicated to ensuring that all residents and visitors, regardless of abilities, can access and enjoy our community's services, facilities and programs. Here, you'll find information on accessible public spaces, support services, and initiatives designed to create an inclusive environment for everyone. Explore our resources and discover how we are working to make our community accessible to all. Please visit: <https://www.townofpictou.ca/access-for-all-resources-and-supports>.



### **Website Accessibility**

The Town of Pictou website has a tool 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, highlight headings; there's a screen reader and a read mode. There are also options for font scaling, height and spacing.

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## **Fall Leaf Collection Program 2024**

Pictou County Solid Waste will be collecting leaves during the regular garbage collection day on **November 13** in Pictou. All residents are encouraged to ensure that your leaves are in clear or orange bags; there is **no limit to the number of bags**.

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

To begin you must have a separate payee for 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

**Property Tax & Water Billing  
Updates**



For updated water rates please visit our website at [www.townofpictou.ca](http://www.townofpictou.ca) / on the website go to **TOWN HALL**, then double click **WATER UTILITY**.

To be added to the Town's email notification list for water interruptions, etc. please contact: [info@townofpictou.ca](mailto:info@townofpictou.ca)

**SUBSCRIBE TO ALERTS**

To be notified on street closures, water alerts, recreation programs or to receive a copy of the Town Newsletter please go to the Town website and sign up.

**Low Income Tax Exemption**

Application forms are now available for the 2024-25 Low Income Tax Exemption. Forms can be picked up at the Town Hall at 40 Water Street. Income threshold for 2023 is \$29,150; maximum exemption of \$465.

**Upcoming Dates to Remember**

- |                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| October TBA            | Hydrant flushing; expect low pressure    |
| November 13, 2024      | Leaf Pick Up - Pictou County Solid Waste |
| December 15 - April 15 | Winter Parking ban will be enforced      |

## NEW BUSINESS OPENINGS



### **The Foot Remedy**

40 Water Street  
902-616-1778

Mobile Footcare Nurse for Advanced and Diabetic Footcare needs. Serving Pictou area, Nova Scotia. Services include: regular foot care with in home appointments, foot health assessments and much more.

### **Love Local Vendor Village**

27 Creighton Street

Vendor's Village by the beautiful Pictou waterfront! Shop, frolic, play, relax, and support local!

- Canada Renewed
- The Enchanted Sisters
- Mama Red's Canteen
- Maritime Swag
- Prairie Jan's Creative
- The River Gallery
- La Marie



### **Apollo Originals**

21 George Street  
780-884-1121  
[www.apollooriginals.com](http://www.apollooriginals.com)

A Canadian Urban StreetWear company that is creating a culture, collaborating with amazing local artists; bringing you custom & original clothing.



### Allison Gaudett Interiors

30 Water Street  
902-759-8347  
Allisongaudettinteriors.com

A Design Consultation Studio bringing beautiful, functional, livable spaces to homes throughout Nova Scotia. Whether you are designing an existing space or planning a home renovation or construction.

### Hilly Island Design

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Custom print and design services, check out the shop and follow their Facebook page for more on products.



### Lens Flare Photography

16 Church Street  
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www.lensflarephotography.ca

Photos, videos, editing, graphic design, film making and website building. With over 15 years of experience in the photography industry, a diverse background that spans from the traditional art of film development to the cutting-edge world of digital photography.



Did You Know.....you can follow the “Pictou Fisheries Pool” and “Pictou Recreation and Parks” on Facebook



Pre-registration and payment for all programs is required. Youth, adults and seniors are welcome to all classes unless an age group is specified. Call for details at 902-485-4372.

### **Yoga—by Rachael MacLean**

Improve flexibility and strength in this serene weekly yoga practice.

When: Tuesdays 10:00-11:00 am beginning September 17 and/or

Wednesdays 2:00-3:00 pm beginning September 18

Location: Pictou United Church, 47 James St

Fee: \$70 for 8 weeks (one time a week) or \$130 (2 times a week)

### **Chair Yoga—by Rachael MacLean**

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.

When: Fridays 11:00-11:45 am beginning September 20

Location: Pictou United Church, 47 James St

Fee: \$70 for 8 weeks

### **Photography Class**

Improve your photographic experience! This course is for anyone wanting to have a better understanding of the basics of photography.

When: Tuesdays 7:00-9:00 pm beginning October 1

Location: CN Station, 71 Front St

Fee: \$85

### **Tai Chi Class**

Yang style Tai Chi for people of all ages who seek to improve their personal well-being, flexibility, core strength and balance.

When: Mondays 10:00 am-11:00 am beginning September 9

Location: Pictou United Church, 47 James St

Fee: \$70 for 8 weeks

**Youth Skate Boarding School**—For all ages. For details message [ashleyscottgeorge@gmail.com](mailto:ashleyscottgeorge@gmail.com) or [sally.oneill@townofpictou.ca](mailto:sally.oneill@townofpictou.ca)

## **Drop In Programs**

**Adult Badminton Club** Tuesdays 6:30-8:30 pm. Location: McCulloch Education Centre, 350 Wellington St, **Start date and fees TBA**. Bring your own racket.

**Pickleball** Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays, 6:00 pm, Saturdays 9:00 am  
Location: Pictou Tennis Courts, 158 Louise St (Broidy Park)/McCulloch Education Centre, 350 Wellington St, mid fall. \$3. Bring your own racket.

**NS Walks**

NS Walks is a coordinated network of trained walk leaders offering regular guided walks all over Pictou County and Nova Scotia. To find out about walks near you, or to become a walk leader yourself, check [hikenovascotia.ca/ns-walks](http://hikenovascotia.ca/ns-walks) or follow NS Walks' social media accounts.

**Walk N Roll Indoor Walking Group—FREE**

The Nova Scotia Health Authority and Pictou Recreation and Parks will be offering a Walk N Roll Program again this fall. It is designed for those with mobility challenges. We welcome people of all mobility levels - bring any walking aid that you have. Walkers available as well. Our goals are to increase your walking endurance, heart health and independence. Enjoy companionship and music while improving your fitness level. It will take place once a week in Pictou and it's FREE! For more information call 902-485-4372.

**Seeking Program/Workshop Instructors**

Do you have a program or skill you'd love to teach? Pictou Recreation and Parks wants to meet you! We strive to provide a variety of interesting, active and engaging programs for people of all ages and abilities. Contact [sally.oneill@townofpictou.ca](mailto:sally.oneill@townofpictou.ca) to discuss.

Need a certification or training? The **Gary Boone Leadership Development Fund** provides financial assistance to non-profit community groups and organizations for leadership training and development. For details contact Pictou Recreation and Parks at 902-485-4372.



**AS A NEW SCHOOL BEGINS  
WE ARE PLANNING TO RESTART OUR**

**PUC 'GRAB AND GO'  
LUNCH & PANTRY OUTREACH PROGRAM  
AT PICTOU ACADEMY.**

*Hunger, food insecurity, increasing food costs are a reality  
for too many PA students and their families-  
and so we seek to offer our care and support.*

**IF YOU HAVE BEEN PART OR ARE INTERESTED IN BEING PART  
OF OUR 'GRAB & GO' OUTREACH MINISTRY,  
PLEASE BE IN CONTACT WITH**

**MARY MACCALLUM - OUR G&G COORDINATOR  
902 396-6294      [mlynnmacc@gmail.com](mailto:mlynnmacc@gmail.com)**

A colorful advertisement for a pool party. The background is light blue with a wavy pattern. It features illustrations of a watermelon slice, a pink donut with sprinkles, a pink flamingo, and a beach ball. Text is centered on the page.

**PICTOU FISHERIES POOL**  
73 HARBOUR DRIVE  
902-485-5301

**BOOK YOUR**  
**POOL PARTY**

**RESERVING FALL 2024 DATES!**

**STANDARD PARTY RENTAL:**  
1 HOUR SWIM  
+30 MINUTES ON DECK  
FROM \$200

**CALL US FOR MORE OPTIONS**

**STORAGE LOCKERS FOR CANOES, KAYAKS & PADDLE BOARDS**

On the Pictou Waterfront at the Marina  
If you are looking for convenient storage for your small recreational water craft near a launch ramp please call Pictou Recreation and Parks at 902-485-4372  
Individual units available, monthly or annual fee.



**DID YOU KNOW** that many of the municipal recreation departments in Pictou County have equipment available for free to loan? These municipalities have joined together to create a website that you can visit to check out what equipment is available. The loan program also has adaptive equipment including a hippocampe, hiking aids, sport and winter equipment. Visit the GO PLAY Pictou County Equipment Loan Program website here:

<https://recreation-pictoucounty.hub.arcgis.com>

## EVERYONE GETS TO PLAY

Below are highlights of funding programs available for youth to participate in recreation, sport and entrepreneurship.

**JumpStart**—Canadian Tire Foundation for Families has created a community based charitable program to get children active called “Canadian Tire JumpStart”. This program delivers assistance to financially disadvantaged children so they have the opportunity to participate in recreational activities and organized sport.

**KidSport** (offered through Sport Nova Scotia)—Assists children by overcoming financial barriers which prevent or limit their participation in organized sport.  
[www.sportnovascotia.ca/kidsport](http://www.sportnovascotia.ca/kidsport)

**Go Play Fund**—The Pictou Go Play Fund is designed to support people of all ages to participate in recreation opportunities that do not qualify for other funding programs. Contact [sally.oneill@townofpictou.ca](mailto:sally.oneill@townofpictou.ca) to find out more.

**Jax Mac Foundation**—Was created to carry on the legacy of Jaxon MacDonald by providing youth exposure to opportunities to learn more about themselves and expand their horizon. Grants are available to Canadian youth ages 10 to 18, in the areas of sport, entrepreneurship and travel. All financial backgrounds considered. Apply online at [www.jaxmacfoundation.com](http://www.jaxmacfoundation.com).

# PICTOU FISHERIES TRAINING POOL

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

Now that summer has come to and end, it's time to get back into all things aquatic. Either to get involved in swimming lessons or a fitness plan, maybe try one of our many Aqua Fitness Classes.

Registration is open for our fall swimming lessons. Choose Wednesday night from 5:30pm-7:30pm, Thursday night from 5:30pm-7:30pm or Saturday mornings from 9:30am-12noon. Want to know more about lifeguarding and instructing? The Fisheries Training Pool is the place to go for all of your aquatic needs. To find out more about our new programs drop by the pool or call 902-485-5301.

## **SWIM FOR LIFE SWIMMING LESSONS**

**Registration** began on August 27, 2024 for the Fall session of swim lessons. There will be a Fall Mini Session of swim lessons following in October.

### **Lessons will be held on:**

Wednesday Evenings 5:30pm-7:30pm

Thursday Evenings 5:30pm-7:30pm

Saturday Mornings 9:30am-12noon



**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. Contact the pool for details or to register.

**Private Adult Lessons** during the day: call for details at 902-485-5301.

<b><u>Membership Type</u></b>	<b><u>Monthly</u></b>	<b><u>3 Month</u></b>	<b><u>Yearly</u></b>
<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

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
Open for Rental 11:30am-1:30pm	Aquafit 9:30am-10:30am	Aquafit 9:30am-10:30am	Aquafit 9:30am-10:30am	Aquafit 9:30am-10:30am	Aquafit 9:30am-10:30am	Swim Lessons 9:30am-12pm
Family Swim 1pm-2:30pm	Adult Lane 12pm-1pm	Adult Lane 12 pm-1pm	Adult Lane 12pm-1pm	Adult Lane 12pm-1pm	Adult Lane 12pm-1pm	Open for Rental 12pm-1:30pm
Open for Rental 2:30pm-4pm	CLOSED	Adult Lane 2pm-3pm	CLOSED	Adult Lane 2pm-3pm	CLOSED	Open for Rental 1:30pm-3pm
Family Swim 4pm-5pm	Swim Team 4pm-6:30pm	Swim Team 4pm-6:30pm	Swim Team 4pm-5:30pm	Swim Team 4pm-5:30pm	Swim Team 4pm-6pm	Open for Rental 3pm-4:30pm
		Family Swim 6:30pm-7:30pm	Swim Lessons 5:30pm-7:30pm	Swim Lessons 5:30pm-7:30pm Masters 6:30pm-7:30pm	Open for Rental 6pm-7:30 pm	Open for Rental 4:30pm-6pm & 6pm-7:30 pm
	Masters 6:30pm-7:30pm Aqua Turbo 7:30pm-8:30pm	Adult Lane & Swim Lessons 7:30pm-8:30pm		Aqua Turbo/ Adult Lane 7:30pm-8:30pm	Open Swim 7:30pm-9pm	Open Swim 7:30pm-9 pm

**DROP IN FEES**

Student/Senior	\$7.00
Adult Swim	\$9.00
Family Swim	\$20.00
Aquafit	\$10.00
Sr. Aquafit	\$8.50



**POOL RENTALS**

We are open for rentals. Want to book a birthday party or group event? Give us a call for details at 902-485-5301.

## Pictou Fisheries Pool Activities

**First Aid Courses** Do you or your business need a First Aid Course? We can come to you or you can come to us. We offer Basic Work Place First Aid (Formerly Emergency First Aid) and Intermediate Workplace First Aid (formerly Standard First Aid), all levels of CPR and AED training.  
Course Date: **TBD**

**Red Cross Babysitters Course** offers basic first aid and care giving skills for youth 11–15 years old. Pre-registration is required.  
Course fee \$55. Course date: **TDB**

**Aqua Fitness Classes** providing a balanced approach to train and target cardiopulmonary benefits, functional fitness, muscular endurance and strength, balance, posture and flexibility. Monday-Friday. 9:30 am-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. Mondays 7:30pm-8:30pm and Thursdays 7:30pm-8:30pm.

**Job Opportunity** Are you 15 or 16 years old and looking for a part-time job? Do you love the water and are interested in becoming a swim instructor and/or lifeguard or both?? We are looking for you!  
Call us at 485-5301 for more information.

### SPECIAL ACTIVITY NATIONAL LIFEGUARD COURSE



Join us on Facebook @ Pictou Fisheries Pool



### Pictou County Mariners Swim Club

Part of our community for over 40 years.  
For youth ages 7 years and up.  
For inquiries please contact  
pcm-president@outlook.com

### DID YOU KNOW ?

The pool has an accessible universal state of the art 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.

## Active Steps Active Transportation Plan

### Get Ready for Round Two!

Our Active Steps Active Transportation Plan is moving forward, and we're gearing up for the second round of community engagement this September and October! Your feedback is crucial in shaping the future of active transportation in the Municipality of Pictou County and the Town of Pictou. Stay informed and get involved by visiting us on Facebook at [Active Pictou County](#) or check out our website at [www.activestepspectoucounty.ca](http://www.activestepspectoucounty.ca).

Your voice matters – let's take the next steps together!

## Pictou County Active After-School Program

The Pictou County Active After School Program returns for the 2024-2025 school year! Get ready for afternoons filled with fun, games, and friends. Stay tuned for registration details – you won't want to miss out! Contact Leighton Hayden at Pictou Town Hall for details at 902-485-4372.

## Active Skates Pictou County

Get ready to hit the ice with our brand-new Active Skate Equipment Loan Program, launching at the beginning of November! Whether you're a beginner or new to skating, we've got you covered with a wide range of skates and helmets available for both youth and adults.

### How It Works:

**Borrow Equipment:** Skates and helmets can be borrowed individually or by community groups, schools, classrooms, or other organizations. Perfect for those who want to join in on the local free skates but don't have the gear!

**Flexible Borrowing:** Need skates for a special event or just for a few days? Have family or friends visiting for a short period of time? We've got you covered. Simply reach out to us at [leighton.hayden@townofpictou.ca](mailto:leighton.hayden@townofpictou.ca) to inquire about borrowing equipment.

Additionally, stay tuned for the upcoming **Master Free Skate Schedule**, featuring all the rinks in Pictou County and their free skate offerings for the season. This list will be posted on Facebook at Active Pictou County. Don't miss out—lace up and get ready to glide!



Active Pictou County is a collaborative partnership between the Town of Pictou and the Municipality of Pictou County dedicated to promoting and encouraging physical activity opportunities and incentives throughout all of Pictou County. With the mission of fostering a healthier and more active community, Active Pictou County strives to connect individuals, organizations, and businesses passionate about physical activity. Follow or like the Active Pictou County Facebook page and discover the endless opportunities and incentives Pictou County has to offer!

**Leighton Hayden**, Coordinator

### **Hector Arena Opening Mid-October**

For further information on skating/rentals/parties call the Hector Arena at 902-485-5122 or email [hectorenanager@gmail.com](mailto:hectorenanager@gmail.com)

A full schedule of skate times for the season will soon be posted on the Town website at [www.townofpictou.ca](http://www.townofpictou.ca).

### **New Caledonian Curling Club**

The club will be starting in November 2024, with a full range of activities to suit all ages: junior, mixed adult and industrial league. There are also fun spiels throughout the season. Qualified instructors are on hand to give assistance. Watch for opening week and beginners instruction nights. The club room and ice surface are also available for rental. For details or further information call Alta at 902-396-7392.

### **Kids Sewing Base**

Sewing classes for kids ages 6 & up. 1 hour per week is \$15.00. For more information: find KSB on Facebook or call 902-485-1646.

### **Modern Line Dancing**

Variety of music: Latin, Pop, Country, Classic  
 Classes will begin on Wednesday, September 11  
 at Stella Maris Church Hall  
 A FREE CLASS for beginners who have never danced  
 to go over Basic Line Dance Steps will be held  
 on Monday, September 9 at 9:30 am  
 Instructor: Jill MacDonald  
 If you will be attending the FREE class, want more information or  
 would like to register email Jill at [bjmacd123@gmail.com](mailto:bjmacd123@gmail.com)

Sparks Age 5-6

Brownies Age 7-8

Guides Age 9-11

Pathfinders Age 12-14

Rangers Age 15-17

## Pictou Girl Guides

There is still time to register for Guiding! Sparks/Embers (Ages 5 to 8) and Guides/Pathfinders/Rangers (Ages 9 to 17)

For more information and to register, visit [girlguides.ca](http://girlguides.ca)

Adult volunteer opportunities are available!

## Art Classes with Carolyn Vienneau

Art Classes in oil or acrylic with Carolyn Vienneau at Strokes of Colour Art Studio, 8 Irving Street. Beginner Watercolour classes for ages 16 & up

For more info: [carolynvienneau.com](http://carolynvienneau.com) or call 902-485-5005/902-759-3771.

**FALL GUIDED HIKES**—Pictou County's MPALs are teaming up with [Hike Nova Scotia](http://HikeNovaScotia) to bring you 6 exciting Guided Hikes from September 18 to December 4! These hikes will take you through the beautiful landscapes of Rural Pictou County, the Towns of Pictou, New Glasgow, Trenton, and Westville. Complete all 6 hikes, and you'll earn the Original Hike Nova Scotia Pictou County Hiker Challenge Badge. Come join us on this adventure—let's earn that badge together! For information on other guided hike taking place in our region visit:

<https://hikenovascotia.ca/programs-guided-walks/>

ALL HIKES WILL HAPPEN ON WEDNESDAYS AT 6:00 PM

September 18: Caribou/Munroes Island Provincial Park - Braeshore

October 2: Airport Route/Smelt Brook Trail - Trenton

October 23: Acadia Park - Westville

November 6: Jitney Trail - Pictou

November 20: Samson Trail - New Glasgow

December 4: Fitzpatrick Mountain Trail - Scotsburn

December 11: Hikers Choice (for those who may still need additional kilometres to achieve the badge)



## After School Celtic Crew Pictou Celtic Arts Society

Fáilte to a new after school adventure in the Town of Pictou! Opening in September, your children can learn about Celtic history, folklore, traditions, music and dance, all while having fun in a safe, reliable space right in town! Visit [celticcrew.ca](http://celticcrew.ca) for more information!

# PICTOU LIBRARY

SEPTEMBER 2024

## SPECIAL PROGRAMS

**Opening Week** - September 23rd- 28th  
Stay tuned for more information about programs and activities!

**Culture Days Art Exhibition** - September 16th - October 6th. Drop-in to see watercolour paintings by Kristin Bjornerud in our new gallery space. For more information visit Creative Pictou County's website ([creativepictoucounty.com/culture-days-exhibitions-2024](http://creativepictoucounty.com/culture-days-exhibitions-2024))

On September 28 from 1-4pm, join us for an art crawl and visit all sites where artists will be in attendance!

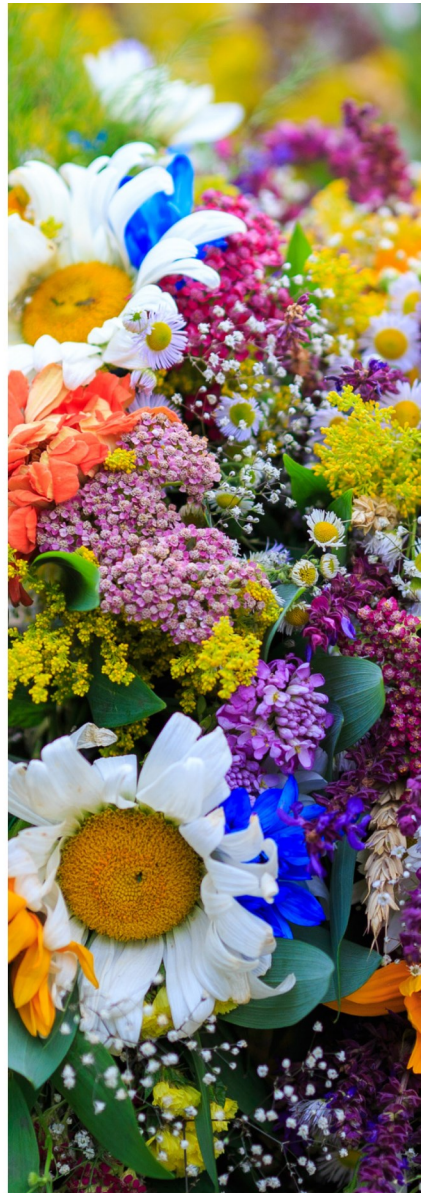
**Public Health Family Clinic** - Wednesday September 25th 9:30 am to noon. Routine childhood Immunization for 5 & under. Must pre-register with Public Health (902) 752-5151

**Technology Help** - Need some help with anything Technology related? Jennifer is available to do one on one training. Call the library to make an appointment.

All library programs are free, and many require registration due to limited seating or materials. For more information, please call or visit your local library.

## Open Hours

<b>Monday</b>	<b>10-5</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10-8</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10 - 8</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>10-5</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10 - 8</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10-5</b>



# NEW LOCATION IN SEPTEMBER

## PICTOU COUNTY TRANSIT

Pictou County Transit began servicing the Town of Pictou on June 17. 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 Street and Denoon Street

Service runs 7:00am - 6:00pm, 4 trips per day throughout Pictou County. The cost is \$5 for a full day pass. Children under 5 ride FREE.

For more details on Pictou County Transit visit their website at

<https://pctransit.ca/>

### 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: 16 Twinning St., 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**



### Royal Canadian Legion 902-485-5790

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

**Did you know.....**every Thursday the First Presbyterian Church in Pictou serves lunch beginning at 11:30pm. All welcome. Thank you to the group of volunteers who gather weekly to provide this opportunity to our community. Keep watch this fall for start up date.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 4-8 Pictou North Colchester Exhibition
- September 6 United Way Harbour Swim
- September 7 Fred Fox Visit—CN Station
- September 15 Family Fun Day, Broidy Park, Splash Pad Society
- September 15 Terry Fox Run, Jitney Trail
- September 30 National Truth and Reconciliation Event
- October 11, 31 Cruise Ship Visits

For details on more events please visit: [www.discoverpictou.com](http://www.discoverpictou.com)

# MI'KMAW

WIKEWIKU'S HISTORY MONTH OCTOBER  
OCTOBER 2024

For more information visit <https://mikmaqhistorymonth.ca/>

## FALL GUIDED HIKES

### Pictou County Hiker Badge Challenge



Complete all 6 hikes, and you will earn the Pictou County Hiker Badge!

In Partnership with 



September 18, 2024  
6:00pm @ Caribou Provincial Park

October 2, 2024  
6:00pm @ Trenton Park

October 23, 2024  
6:00pm @ Acadia Park (Westville)

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6:00pm @ Fitzpatrick Mountain Trail (Scotsburn)

December 18, 2024  
6:00pm @ Hikers Choice (TBD)

For additional details and registration instructions, please visit [www.hikenovascotia.ca/programs-guided-walks/](http://www.hikenovascotia.ca/programs-guided-walks/)



## Hector Heritage Quay

902-485-4371

Open 10am to 4pm Tuesday to Sunday

September 1 to 30, 2024

shiphectortoursandevents@gmail.com

www.shiphector.ca

Visit their Facebook page on details for September activities.

Many of you have been watching the YouTube series Rebuilding the Hector, but did you know it is shot and produced by Pictonian Danny Harvie? Danny is an amazingly talented resident who has produced 7 episodes so far, aimed at raising awareness and funds to help us realize our vision of Rebuilding the Hector into a fully operational, touring vessel.

To watch please visit (and subscribe to) our channel <https://www.youtube.com/@shiphector9201>. You can also help us reach our goal by making a donation though our website [www.shiphector.ca](http://www.shiphector.ca).



## McCulloch House

MUSEUM & GENEALOGY CENTRE

902-485-4563

Fall Open Hours starting September 1

McCulloch House Museum Hours:

Tuesday to Friday 10 am to 3 pm

McCulloch Genealogy Centre Hours:

Monday to Friday 10 am to 4 pm

Closed September 2, Labour Day

Closed October 14, Thanksgiving

The McCulloch Genealogy Centre is open year round. The Centre hosts exhibits on local history and culture and houses an archival facility and research center. With increasing interest in Pictou County's heritage, it offers a wealth of archival material, including personal and corporate documents, family histories, microfilm newspapers, and vital statistics.

The McCulloch House Escape Room is open year round by appointment and weather permitting. Try our Escape Room, "Whispers from the Past". Visit [www.mccullochcentre.ca](http://www.mccullochcentre.ca) for more information and to book a time slot.

## Pictou Community New Horizons 50 Plus Club Join the Fun!

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 renters.

The Club serves as a *comfort* or *warming* center when circumstances demand support. The Club's activities can be followed on its private 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.





The Northumberland Fisheries Museum concluded its summer exhibition season on August 18. As a volunteer organization with no full time staff, the museum depends on summer student employment programs to open during the summer months. We have had some of Pictou County's best and brightest young people working for us but, unfortunately, when they return to their studies it means the museum is open by appointment only. The museum's community room (with a full kitchen) remains available to rent and the museum will continue to sponsor events when the opportunity arises.

Over the course of this year's twelve week season the museum welcomed over 5000 visitors, both local, from across North America and some from as far away as Tokyo, Japan. The museum had an excellent summer staff this season comprised of Abi Coleman, Assistant Manager and Interpreters Bailey Chase and Zach McInnes. The Board of the Northumberland Fisheries Museum would like to acknowledge and thank this great team for their work on behalf of the organization.

In September, the museum will complete a Strategic Initiative funded by the Nova Scotia Department of Heritage and Culture. This will look at the current status of the museum's program and operations and its future potential. It was just over a decade ago that the past Board undertook an ambitious capital project that saw the construction of a state of the art pier, a lobster hatchery, the lighthouse and the main exhibition hall, all of which are now a familiar landmark on the Pictou Waterfront. As the Town's ambitious plan to revitalize the waterfront is taking shape with the opening of the new Cultural Hub comprised of the DeCoste Centre and the new library, the Northumberland Fisheries Museum is mounting a campaign with the goal of expanding its funding and hiring full-time staff so that it can



expand its role as a major cultural attraction in Pictou County.

The museum celebrates the rich history of the fisheries on the Northumberland Shore and the families that helped build this industry. The museum also has the mandate to interpret the present day fishery with a focus on the lobster industry, currently the largest export product of Nova Scotia. With its unique collection and its location in the heart of the Northumberland fishery, the museum is brimming with programming ideas that can engage and inform the public about this

important economic sector. Of course, the museum will maintain one of its most popular features, the live lobster tank. It's a big hit with both kids and adults and it provides a great opportunity to learn more about this fascinating creature. The museum will be preparing for next year with the help of the Town of Pictou, which will be providing financial support to improve lighting and signage as well as much needed new paint on the lighthouse.

The Northumberland Fisheries Museum has evolved enormously from its founding fifty years ago. What was once just an idea is now a multi-million dollar cultural facility prominently situated on the Pictou Waterfront. Yet, the museum is just beginning to realize its potential. There is work to be done to ensure that the museum can operate to the benefit of the community year round. We know that the audience is there: visitors, kids and families connecting with their fishing heritage. Now we need the resources for the talent needed to create exhibitions, interpret the collection, do publicity and keep the doors open. We welcome those who may be interested in becoming involved as volunteers and as Board members. Drop a line to [info@northumberlandfisheriesmuseum.ca](mailto:info@northumberlandfisheriesmuseum.ca) or leave a message at 902 485-8925.

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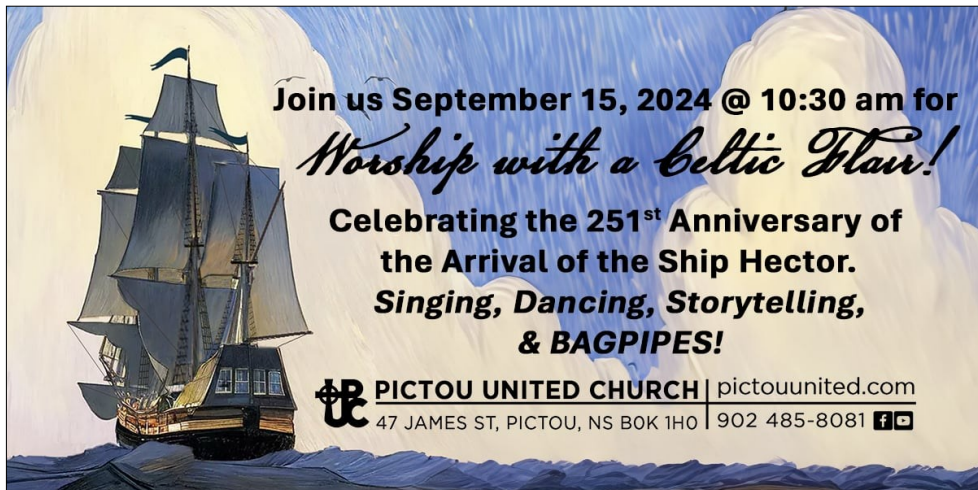
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