

Newsletter

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Birthplace of New Scotland

Keeping Our Community Connected

FALL 2025



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Greetings!

It has been another busy summer in the Town of Pictou with lots of activity to keep us busy. I would like to begin by thanking those organizations and individual volunteers who work year-round to ensure that the summer celebrations are filled with quality entertainment and activities for residents and visitors of all ages.

Congratulations to the Ship Hector Society on the successful relaunch and opening of the refreshed Interpretive Centre. The launch event certainly provided the expected 'Big Splash' by bringing thousands of visitors to our waterfront. Thank you for your ongoing efforts in enhancing this iconic cultural attraction.

Thanks to our Parks and Recreation volunteers and summer staff for providing the extensive summer programming enjoyed by many children from the Pictou West area. We look forward to next year when the new community building and splash pad will be ready to support and enhance the summer activities.

Construction will continue along Caladh Avenue and at Market Wharf throughout the fall as we continue to upgrade important infrastructure. Although sometimes causing disruption, it is interesting to watch the progress on this important project aimed at protecting our shoreline while promoting Pictou as a wonderful place to live and a preferred tourist destination by land or water. As we move into the fall season and normal routines are adjusted, be sure to take advantage of the fall events and the many opportunities for exercise and enjoyment outlined in this newsletter.

All the best for a wonderful autumn!

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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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Closed Stat/Civic
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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 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.

Victory Heights Project

Victory Heights Park Project Brings History and Beauty to the Community

The Town of Pictou is excited to announce a new park project for Victory Heights, located across from East End Grocery. This focused beautification initiative will create a welcoming, formalized entry to the neighbourhood while offering a small but vibrant park space for residents and visitors.

Work has begun this September and is expected to be completed this fall. The park will feature pathways, a seating area and gardens, providing a peaceful spot to relax and enjoy the surroundings. Interpretive panels will highlight the early days of life in Victory Heights and celebrate the community's historic shipbuilding industry, sharing local stories with all who visit. The panels will be displayed with decorative metal artwork which symbolize the stories of the space.

Additional signage and landscaping will enhance the space, making it a distinctive and inviting entry point to Victory Heights. This project reflects the Town's commitment to preserving history while creating welcoming public spaces for everyone to enjoy.

Caladh Avenue Construction

A Coastal Protection Project

Caladh Avenue and the surrounding area will undergo extensive reconstruction this fall 2025 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 meters above sea level 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.

The street will then become one way, west bound, creating a downtown loop. 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.

CALADH AVENUE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT Q & A's

Q: When will construction begin?

A: Work will begin after Labour Day, starting with underground work.

Q: Which area will be affected by the construction?

A: The work will take place on Caladh Avenue between Market Street and Coleraine Street.

Q: What will the construction include?

A: Key upgrades include raising the street by two meters between Coleraine and Market Streets, replacing underground services, adding new sidewalks, lighting, a boardwalk, resurfaced asphalt, and a multi-use path with a bike lane. When complete, this section will shift to one-way traffic.

Q: How will the construction progress?

October: Work will begin on the north side of the street, followed by the south side.
November/December: Paving is scheduled to begin in late November and continue into early December.

Q: Will Caladh Avenue remain open to traffic?

A: Partially, Caladh Avenue will be closed from South Market Street to Commercial Street beginning the first week of September until late September. From late September into the fall Caladh Avenue will be closed from Commercial Street to Coleraine Street.

Q: Will businesses remain accessible?

A: Yes. All businesses can be accessed by foot traffic during the project.

Q: Will there be water outages?

A: Yes. Planned water outages will occur during main connection periods, with public notice provided in advance. However, due to the age of the system, unforeseen outages may also occur.

Q: What happens to on-street parking during construction?

A: There will be no on-street parking on Caladh Avenue. Alternate parking is available at: Public parking lots (access from Water Street only), New Horizons (after events), deCoste Centre (east & west sides), Justice Complex (after daytime hours), Vendor Village (27 Creighton St.), and CN Station.

Q: Who do I contact if I have a question?

A: Contact the Town of Pictou Administration Office at 902-485-4372. For more details visit the Town website at <https://www.townofpictou.ca/current-projects>

Coastal Adaptation Project – Jitney Trail

The Town of Pictou has engaged **CBCL Limited** to assess the risks and options for coastal protection measures for the Jitney Trail in response to the growing impacts of severe weather events and sea level rise. The study began with a shoreline assessment, which identified varying levels of risk along different sections of the trail. One section was flagged as highly vulnerable to erosion and recommended as the focus for a pilot study. Several potential solutions were proposed to address erosion and habitat disruption, emphasizing the importance of stakeholder input and the development of an invasive species management plan.

A public engagement session was held on September 3, facilitated by the Clean Foundation and CBCL. Participants raised important concerns, including project timelines, funding availability, and the reliability of climate projections. The discussion also highlighted the importance of ongoing maintenance for coastal protection infrastructure and the urgent need to secure funding to move the project forward.

Next Steps

Continue gathering community input on options for protecting the Jitney Trail. Host another public engagement session in **winter 2026**.

- Conduct an options analysis considering cost, constructability, and environmental impacts.
- Develop conceptual design drawings for the recommended pilot study solution.
- Consider additional studies, including an invasive species management plan.



Call for Citizens Applications

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

Business Advisory Committee

The Committee advises Council on the development and management of an implementation strategy for Pictou's waterfront/downtown, rotary/highway district and other business initiatives. It also provides advice and guidance on business matters.

Parks and 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.

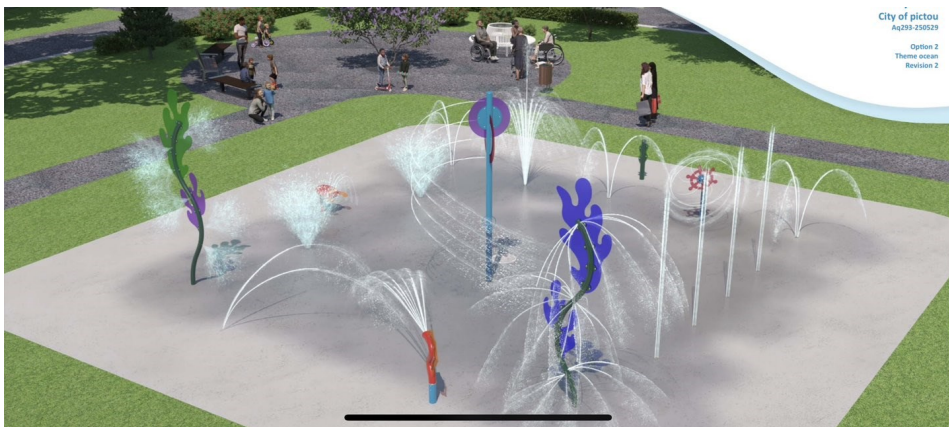
Accessibility Advisory Committee

This Committee provides advice to Council on identifying, preventing and eliminating barriers to people with disabilities in municipal programs, services, initiatives and facilities. It plays a pivotal role to help the Town of Pictou become a more accessible community that complies with Nova Scotia's Accessibility Act (2017). There is currently one vacancy that must be filled with a citizen who has a disability or represents an organization that is a service provider.

If you are interested in volunteering for one of the committee positions, please complete the "Invitation to Serve" form including a brief biography outlining related experience to the undersigned on or before **September 30, 2025**. Forms can be found online or pick up at Town Hall.

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Congratulations to the Broidy Park Splash Pad Society

Pictured: Ground breaking on
August 22, 2025.

Mayor Jim Ryan, MLA Marco
MacLeod, Jennifer Boyce, and
Megan Graham.

Missing from photo:
Roni Chaisson, Julie MacKay and
Katie MacKay-Wong

The Town of Pictou extends sincere congratulations to the Broidy Park Splash Pad Society on turning their vision into reality. With groundbreaking held on August 22, 2025, the community looks forward to the splash pad opening in Spring/Summer 2026.

This project is a true testament to the Society's dedication and the community's support through ongoing fundraising efforts. The splash pad will be an exciting new recreational asset for families and visitors, enhancing quality of life in Pictou for years to come.

Updates will be posted on the project on the Town of Pictou website as it progresses.

Pictou Fitness Trails

An trail update and a chance to get involved

We are looking forward to the provincial restrictions on woodland access being lifted in mid October. In the meantime, staff are already planning ahead for the next steps in restoring the Pictou Fitness Trails.

Once access reopens, you will notice that the area nearest the access road is quite open where the storm debris and damages trees were removed. Our focus will be on creating connections between the original trailhead near the Water Treatment Plant and the trails further back on the property, which remain in great shape.

We hope to involve the community in this project, through planning together and, when possible, lending a hand with the trail work. Your care and love for the trails and woodland mean so much, and we hope you will enjoy a hands on experience learning trail building practices and working together.

Staff are also working on an application for a replanting project to help the woodland recover, and we'll share more updates as soon as we have them.

Thank you for walking this path with us, and stay tuned for opportunities to get involved.

STORAGE LOCKERS FOR CANOES, KAYAKS & PADDLE BOARDS

On the Pictou Waterfront at the Love Local Vendor Village
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.

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 to discuss.

**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 / 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

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 2025-26 Low Income Tax Exemption. Forms can be picked up at the Town Hall at 40 Water Street. Income threshold for 2024 is \$30,000; maximum exemption of \$480.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

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

Pictou County Solid Waste will be collecting leaves during the regular garbage collection day in November 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**.



Train Station Antiques

71 Front Street

This antique shop offers a thoughtfully curated collection of timeless treasures, vintage décor, and unique collectibles. Blending local history with one-of-a-kind finds, it's the perfect stop for visitors and residents alike to discover pieces that carry a story.



Waterfront Seasonal Kiosks

New Openings this summer

- The Boardwalk Café Coffee
- Apollo Originals
- Love at First Bite
- Go Gnomes
- The Puffin Man
- East Coast Beach Sand



Pictou Farmers Market

Market Square, Water Street

New weekly market in downtown Pictou featuring fresh produce, specialty cheeses, baked goods, with new additions weekly. Drop by Wednesdays 3-5pm this fall.

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

SEPT
10th

Pictou Library Satellite Office Hours
1 p.m. - 4 p.m. | Pictou Library

SEPT
16th

Maximize Your Business Value Workshop
9 a.m. - 4 p.m. | Pictou County Partnership
Hosted in collaboration with the Pictou County Chamber of Commerce
Deadline to register is September 9th, 2025

SEPT
18th

Side Hustle Starter Tool Kit
6 p.m. - 7 p.m. | Virtual
Hosted in collaboration with IGNITE Atlantic

SEPT
25th

Pride in Business: Workshops for 2SLGBTQI+ Entrepreneurs
1 p.m. - 4 p.m. | IGNITE
Hosted in collaboration with Pictou County Pride and IGNITE Atlantic
+ networking event following the workshops at Morddoors Pub from
4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

SEPT
16th

Coffee & Conversations | From Recruitment to Retention
9 a.m. - 11 a.m. | Pictou County Wellness Centre
Hosted in collaboration with Nova Scotia Works - Career Connections &
Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC)

SEPT
27th

Stories Across Generations Showcase
1 p.m. - 4 p.m. | deCoste Culture Hub
Presented in collaboration with Creative Pictou County, the project is
funded by Arts Nova Scotia


**BUSINESS AND
ENTREPRENEURSHIP**


**IMMIGRATION
AND COMMUNITY
INTEGRATION**


**PICTOU
COUNTY**
Partnership

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.

⇒ ***NEW* Salsation®**

It's a fun dance workout that combines functional training with the joy of music and movement.

When: Thursdays 7:00 pm --8:00 pm beginning September 11

Location: Town Hall in the former public library space, 40 Water St

Fee: \$70 for 8 weeks

⇒ **Yoga—by Rachael MacLean**

Improve flexibility and strength in this serene weekly yoga practice.

When: Tuesdays 10:00-11:00 am beginning September 9 and/or

Location: Pictou United Church, 47 James St

Fee: \$70 for 8 weeks

⇒ **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 12

Location: Pictou United Church, 47 James St

Fee: \$70 for 8 weeks

⇒ **Handmade Hangout - partnership with the Murray Family Library**

Got a project you're working on? Bring it to the library and work alongside other crafty friends, share tips, tea, and a love of all things handmade. Bring your own tools and materials, we'll bring the tea!

When: Meets every third Thursday of the month

Location: Pictou Library Branch, 99 Water St

FREE

⇒ **Learn to Run– by Michelle Sutherland**

Would you like to learn how to begin a running program? Explore the beginner basics of breathing technique, pacing, form and best clothing to make your run comfortable and fun.

When: Sundays 6:00 pm-beginning with a workshop Wednesday Sept. 17th. Following run nights will be Sundays.

Location: Pictou Town Hall in the former public library, 40 Water St

Fee: \$50 for 6 weeks

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, Thursday, 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 or follow NS Walks' social media accounts.

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

Tuesdays at 1:00 pm, Pictou Legion, 130 Veterans Dr, Pictou Starting September 9th, the Nova Scotia Health Authority and Pictou Recreation and Parks will be offering the Walk N Roll Program designed for those with mobility challenges. We welcome people of all mobility levels - bring any walking aid that you have. Rollator style walkers are available onsite. Our goals are to increase your walking endurance, heart health and independence. Enjoy companionship and **great music** while improving your fitness level. Meets every Tuesday and it's FREE! For more information call 902-485-4372.

Community Recreation Survey
 Help Shape the Future of Recreation in Pictou!

Your voice matters — tell us how we can make our parks, trails, and facilities better.

Scan here to take the survey!

The graphic features a background image of a park path with trees. A thought bubble contains the text 'Your voice matters — tell us how we can make our parks, trails, and facilities better.' A QR code is positioned to the right of the path, with an arrow pointing to it. The text 'Scan here to take the survey!' is located below the QR code. In the bottom left corner, there is a small cartoon illustration of a smiling man's head and shoulders.

Did You Know.....you can follow Pictou Recreation and Parks on Facebook and Instagram



GO PLAY

PICTOU COUNTY EQUIPMENT LOAN PROGRAM

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
- ⇒ **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 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.

WELCOME YMCA IN PICTOU

The Town of Pictou is delighted to officially welcome the YMCA to our community with not one, but two new locations right here in town. Congratulations on this exciting expansion! We look forward to seeing the many ways the YMCA will bring people together, promote healthy living, and create year-round opportunities for residents of all ages. Here's to a bright future of growth, wellness, and community spirit in Pictou!

The two Pictou YMCA locations are:

Pictou Fitness/Childcare Location - Offering childcare services for infants to toddlers. The YMCA Fitness Centre on Water Street is open: Monday-Friday 6 AM - 8 PM, Saturday-Sunday 7 AM - 1 PM

Pictou Fisheries Pool Location
Watch for updates and new pool schedules coming soon!

YMCA memberships include access to the Pictou Pool and Fitness Facility, but also to the YMCA Pool, Fitness Centre, and amenities at the Pictou County Wellness Centre.



To learn more about YMCA childcare services and membership options and programming, please visit: www.pcyymca.ca.

Interested in competitive swimming? The Pictou Fisheries Pool is the proud home of the Pictou County Mariners Swim Team!



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



Pictou County
**Community
Health Centre**

4 WEEK **OPTIMAL AGING PROGRAM**

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Changing how you think about aging can help you stay healthy! This workshop series is for adults mid-life and older who feel ready to learn how to set and reach a health goal. You'll learn how to apply the THRIVE© Approach to Wellbeing to improve your outlook, build healthy habits and enhance your overall wellbeing.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Optimal Aging is an interactive online program designed by the Fountain of Health. In a group format, we will watch the online Optimal Aging program. Then we will have some light refreshments and discussion about promoting health for middle age and older adults.

When:

Monday, September 08, 2025 at 2:00-4:30

Monday, September 15, 2025 at 2:00-4:30

Monday, September 22, 2025 at 2:00-4:30

Monday, September 29, 2025 at 2:00-4:30

Where:

New Horizons Club
14 Kempt St. Pictou NS



CONTACT US TO REGISTER

902-616-2142



902-616-2142

www.pictoucountychc.ca

25B Front St. Pictou NS, B0K 1H0

Pictou Harbour AA Group **21 Atlantic Avenue**

Meetings are every Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday at 8pm. Anyone wishing to learn more about the Alcoholics Anonymous program are welcome to attend. We ask that our statement of anonymity please be adhered to: Who you see here, what you hear here, please let it stay here.

Pictou County Active After-School Program – 2025

The Active After-School Program is back for the 2025 school year! Students can look forward to afternoons filled with active play, games, and friendship in a safe and welcoming environment.

Program Highlights:

- Fun, active sessions designed to keep kids moving
- Opportunities to learn new skills and try different activities

A great way to connect with friends after the school day

Registration forms will be available at schools this fall; be sure to grab yours early, as spots are limited and fill fast!

We're also looking for enthusiastic and responsible individuals to join our team as Program Supervisors/After-School Leaders at Active Pictou County. If you're interested in applying, please send your resume, cover letter, and references to Leighton Hayden at Active Pictou County (leighton.hayden@townofpictou.ca).

Active Skates Pictou County – 2025 Season

Get ready to lace up and enjoy the ice! The Active Skate Equipment Loan Program is back again this season, running from November through March. Whether you're brand new to skating or just need gear for a short time, we've got you covered with skates and helmets available for youth and adults.

HOW IT WORKS:

- **Borrow Equipment:** Skates and helmets can be borrowed by individuals, families, schools, classrooms, community groups, and organizations. Perfect for enjoying free community skates or introducing someone new to the ice!
- **Flexible Borrowing:** Need equipment for a weekend, a special event, or while friends and family are visiting? No problem. Just contact Leighton Hayden at Active Pictou County (leighton.hayden@townofpictou.ca) to check availability and arrange a pickup.

We'll also be sharing the 2025 Master Free Skate Schedule, which highlights all public/free skate times across rinks in Pictou County. Watch for updates on Active Pictou County's Facebook page. Don't miss your chance to get active this winter, borrow some gear, hit the ice, and enjoy the season!



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 hectorarenamanager@gmail.com

A full schedule of skate times for the season will soon be posted on the Town website at www.townofpictou.ca.

New Caledonian Curling Club

The club will be starting in November 2025, 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 or email altamunroe8@gmail.com

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 Genre: Latin, Classic, Country, Modern
Like to Dance?

Great Exercises for brain and body

No stressing, just fun and laughs, and meeting others

Classes: Beginner—Wednesday-Friday 10:15-11:15 am
Improver—Monday-Wednesday-Friday—9:00 –10:00 am

Starting Wednesday, September 19th \$2/class

Where: Stella Maris Church Hall, Denoon St Pictou

Instructor: Jill MacDonald

If you are new to Pictou or to line dancing, get further information by emailing Jill at bjmacd123@gmail.com

PICTOU LIBRARY

SEPTEMBER 2025

CHILDREN PROGRAMS

Registration required

Toddle Time

18 months - 3 years
Tuesdays at 10:30am
*starting September 16th

ABCs for Babies

newborns - 18 months
Thursdays at 10:30am
*starting September 18th

ADULT PROGRAMS

Beginner Les Amis du Français

Mondays 11:00am

Common Threads Fibre Club

Tuesdays 3:00pm-5:00pm

CBC Ideas discussion group *FULL*

Wednesdays 1:00pm

Beginner Knitting

Wednesdays 6:00pm-7:30pm

Beginner Gaelic

Thursdays 1:00pm

Knifty Knitters

Thursdays 3:00pm

Les Amis du Français

Fridays 1:00pm



LIBRARY HOURS

Monday, Friday, Saturday

10:00am-5:00pm

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

10:00am-8:00pm



September 1st
Labour Day

September 30th
Truth and Reconciliation Day



Murray Family Public Library

PICTOU-ANTIGONISH REGIONAL LIBRARY



For more information,
call 902-485-5021
or visit www.parl.ns.ca



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 \$3.00 a trip or \$7.50 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 Pictou West, Scotsburn, River John etc. Clients can access the Food Bank once per month or 30 days.

Supplies and donations are always welcomed; drop off at:
16 Twinning St., Pictou

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

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

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.

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 14 Terry Fox Fun, Jitney Trail
 - September 20 Fight League Atlantic, Hector Arena
 - September 30 National Truth and Reconciliation Event
 - October TBA Harvest Event
 - October 18 Witches on the Water
 - November 22 & 23 Christmas at the deCoste—Craft Show
 - November 28 Pictou Christmas Light Up
- For details on more events please visit: www.townofpictou.ca

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



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deCoste Performing Arts Centre

The deCoste Performing Arts Centre is a 400-seat venue in Pictou County, equipped with state-of-the-art sound, video, and lighting. Its flexible seating also makes it ideal for conferences, weddings, and special events. Recent upgrades focus on accessibility, including ramps, lifts, barrier-free washrooms, and an enhanced hearing assist system. Their *Arts for All* program aims to remove physical, social, and economic barriers so everyone can enjoy the arts. Visit www.decostecentre.ca for upcoming shows, the fall and holiday lineup is one to remember!

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- Sparks (ages 5-6)
- Embers (ages 7-8)
- Guides (ages 9-11)
- Pathfinders (ages 12-14)
- Rangers (ages 15-17)
- Adults (ages 18+)

Pictou Girl Guides

There is still time to register for Guiding! Sparks/Embers (Ages 5 to 8) -5-6 pm and Guides/Pathfinders/Rangers (Ages 9 to 17)-6-7:30 pm. They meet on Sundays at the First Presbyterian Church Hall in Pictou. For more information and to register, visit 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. Water colour paint is held once a month for ages 10 & up accompanied by an adult-all supplies included. For more info: carolynvienneau.com or call 902-485-5005/902-759-3771.

After School Celtic Crew



Pictou Celtic Arts Society

Resuming in September for our second year, your children can learn about Celtic history, folklore, and traditions, including structured music and dance lessons, all while having fun in a safe, reliable space in town! Every school day from 2pm-5pm! Visit celticcrew.ca for more information.



Hector Heritage Quay

902-485-4371

Open 9am to 5pm Wednesday to Sunday
 September 1 to October 31, 2025
 shiphectortoursandevents@gmail.com
 www.shiphector.ca

Visit their Facebook page on details for September activities.

September is a special month for us at the Hector Heritage Quay. On September 15th, we will commemorate 252 years since the Hector first arrived on our shores with 171 Scottish immigrants on board. Keep an eye on our Facebook and Instagram pages for posts and activities.

We're also excited to share that the Hector's wharf is expected to be completed this month, welcoming her back to her home dock once again. Meanwhile, construction on the Hector herself will continue as we work toward her transformation into a fully restored passenger sailing vessel.

If you would like to support this historic project, donations can be made online at www.shiphector.ca or mailed to: Ship Hector Society, PO Box 2015, Pictou, NS B0K 1H0



McCulloch House

MUSEUM & GENEALOGY CENTRE

Ph: 902-485-4563

Fall Open Hours starting September
 McCulloch House Museum Hours:
 Tuesday to Friday 10am-4 pm until Fri, Oct 10.

McCulloch Genealogy Centre Hours:
 Monday to Friday 10 am to 4 pm

Closed Monday, October 13, Thanksgiving Day

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. Visit 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 and 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.



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