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**PICTOU**  
*Birthplace of New Scotland*



# Newsletter

Keeping Our Community Connected

**WINTER 2026**



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Greetings!

A lot has been happening in the Town of Pictou as we continue to make great strides toward achieving the goals of our community sustainability plan and realizing the vision presented in our 2022 Waterfront Plan. Be sure to look for opportunities to participate in future reviews and new planning.

With the reconstruction and raising of Caladh Avenue, changes in traffic flow will be taking place immediately creating the ‘waterfront loop’ and protecting our downtown businesses and infrastructure from future climate-related events. Following a scheduled delay to accommodate the tourism season, the contractors have been working diligently to make sure Caladh Avenue and Market Street are ready for the busy winter season. Although things may not be completely finished according to plan, the foundational improvements are now in place and final touches will take place in the spring. Thank you for your patience during this process and I am sure we are all looking forward to the finished product.

Winter weather is definitely upon us as we have experienced some early snow and periods of below normal temperatures over the past month. With that in mind, our Parks and Recreation Department has been working to create and promote both indoor and outdoor opportunities to ensure we are able to remain active. In this newsletter, you can check out the many programs being offered. Be sure to look for updated opportunities on the Town Website and Facebook page.

As we enter a new year of growth and opportunity I wish to thank you on behalf of Town Council, the many dedicated individuals and organizations that contribute toward making our community the wonderful place it is to live. We are very fortunate.

All the best in 2026!

Jim Ryan  
Mayor



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## Your Town Council

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### Meetings

**Committee of Council Meetings**

Meets on the first Monday of each month except on holidays (rescheduled to the following Monday 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 Wednesday of each month except on holidays.

**NOTE:** Meetings are open to the public and can be viewed live on Facebook on meeting dates. Meeting dates may change due to holidays and other circumstances. Please check website for updates or call the Town Hall at 902-485-4372.

Cover Photo Credit: NS Tourism

Location: Pictou Waterfront, Caladh Avenue

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## Caladh Avenue Coastal Protection Project

Caladh Avenue is currently undergoing significant reconstruction to enhance the road network and strengthen coastal resilience. This project spans the waterfront from the Jitney Trail to Coleraine Street and includes several major upgrades. Key improvements involve elevating the roadway between Commercial Street and Market Street, installing new sidewalks, resurfacing with fresh asphalt, and introducing a boardwalk and multi-use pathway, with a designated bike lane on the south side of the street. Once paving is completed, Caladh Avenue will operate as a one-way westbound route. These enhancements are essential for protecting both public and private properties along this vulnerable coastal floodplain. Due to weather delays the project will be completed in the spring of 2026. New sidewalks and lighting on the north side of the street are nearing completion. The Town will continue to provide updates on the project through its website.

## Market Wharf and Breakwater Construction Project

The Town of Pictou began construction in November 2024 on a transformative \$12.5 million redevelopment project aimed at rebuilding Market Wharf and constructing a new breakwater, key steps in elevating the Hector Quay Visitors Marina into a first-class waterfront destination. When complete, the marina will feature expanded berthing capacity and a range of modern amenities, including a fueling station, upgraded water and electrical systems, and on-site sewage disposal services. Construction is progressing on schedule, with approximately 33% of the project now complete. The installation of the rock socket pile foundation of the wharf was the most time-intensive phase and is now completed. Over the winter months, work will shift to installing the pile caps and decking for the breakwater, a stage that will begin to visibly reshape the waterfront and bring the marina's new design to life. Project updates will continue to be shared on the Town's website as key milestones are reached.



## Jitney Trail Retaining Wall

The retaining wall along the Jitney Trail has deteriorated significantly and requires immediate reinstatement to ensure public safety and preserve the integrity of the trail infrastructure. In tandem with this work, the Town is reviewing design options to address long-standing traffic challenges at the V-shaped intersection of West River Road, Church Street, and Water Street. This intersection has historically raised concerns due to unclear traffic flow and hazardous turning movements. It is a frequent source of confusion for visitors and presents ongoing safety considerations for both drivers and pedestrians as highlighted in the 2021 waterfront master plan. Council is currently evaluating the most effective solutions, recognizing that both the retaining wall restoration and intersection redesign fall within the same geographic area. Coordinating these two capital projects will ensure a more efficient construction process and a comprehensive improvement to this key gateway into the business core of our community. Further updates will be provided as design options are refined.

## Broidy Park Community Centre Construction Update

Construction of the new Broidy Park Community Centre progressed well throughout the fall; however, work has since paused due to issues with the primary contractor. To keep the project moving forward, the Town is now working directly with the sub-contractors to complete the remaining construction. The new Community Centre will serve as an important gathering space for residents and visitors. Key features include a multi-purpose room for programs and meetings, a future kitchen space, and accessible washrooms to support outdoor amenities, including the new splash pad.



## Streets and Sidewalk Infrastructure Update

The Town of Pictou maintains 37.8 km of paved streets and 2 km of gravel streets, classified as local, collector, or arterial. The 2024 Street Assessment Report outlines conditions and guides capital planning. For 2025–26, resurfacing and new service line work, including curbing, was installed on Grange Street, Prince Street, Constitution Street, Victoria Street, Fairview Court, Maple Street and Campbell Court. The Town has also launched a capital sidewalk project to improve pedestrian safety and active transportation. New sidewalks were constructed on Oak Street. These upgrades will provide safer, more accessible walking routes for the community. The contractor for this work is S.W. Weeks. Caladh Avenue work remains ongoing.

## AT Connector Trail

This fall, the Town completed the new active transportation connector trail, creating a continuous and safe route linking local schools, recreational facilities, and the existing Fitness Trail system. Community members can now enjoy a seamless trail walk from Pictou Academy to McCulloch Education Centre and beyond. Additional features including wayfinding signage and trail enhancements will be installed in the spring. The entry to this trail is at the top of Palmerston Street near the Stella Maris Cemetery. This new connector significantly improves pedestrian safety for students while encouraging active, accessible transportation for all residents. This project was made possible through support from the Province of Nova Scotia under a program that funds active transportation projects.

## Paymentus

The Town of Pictou accepts 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. 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.

## Town Grant Program

Organizations requesting financial assistance through the Municipal Grants to Organizations Program for **fiscal year 2026-27** must forward their application to the Community Development Officer no later than **March 31, 2026**. The application forms are available from the Town Administration Office at 40 Water Street or can be downloaded from the Town website at [www.townofpictou.ca](http://www.townofpictou.ca).

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

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

**Only grant requests completed on application forms will be considered.**

All first-time applicants are encouraged to contact the Community Development Officer at 485-4372 x.255 or email [michelle.young@townofpictou.ca](mailto:michelle.young@townofpictou.ca) to discuss their proposal and receive guidance in completing the application form.

## HELPING HANDS

### Free Luncheons

Sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church

First Church Hall, Prince Street

Every Thursday 11:30am—12:30pm

Free will offerings always accepted. Everyone welcome.

### Wash N Dry

Sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church

Pictou Laundry, 2 Water Street

Take your laundry in on Tuesday 9am-12pm and we will provide coins for you to do your laundry for free. If you or a friend would benefit, we look forward to helping.

### School Food Pantry

Sponsored by Pictou United Church

Muffins and snacks provided to the Pictou Academy breakfast program twice a month.

## Notice of Sale by Auction (Tax Sale)

The following properties in the Town of Pictou will be sold for arrears of rates, taxes, interest and expenses as below by auction on February 18, 2026 at 2 PM in Council Chambers, unless amounts are paid before that date and time. Any person wishing to bid must pre-register by contacting:

**Town of Pictou 902 485-4372**

**Email: [info@townofpictou.ca](mailto:info@townofpictou.ca)**

TERMS: Payment by Cash, Certified Cheque, Money Order, Bank Draft or Lawyer's Trust Cheque to cover rates, taxes, interest and expenses at the time of the sale. The balance is to be paid within three days of the sale.

AAN	Address	Status	Deed	Min. Bid
01500554	87 WESTWOOD DR	Dwelling	6 Month	13,041.54
00744166	417 WELSFORD ST	Dwelling	6 Month	8,384.18
02448793	42 VETERANS DR	Dwelling	6 Month	6,608.26
01105272	290 WELLINGTON ST	Dwelling	6 Month	5,773.05
10963338	144 HARBOUR CROSSING DR	Dwelling	6 Month	5,370.12
00434248	65 DAWSON ST	Dwelling	6 Month	5,101.75
02918838	80 CEDAR ST	Dwelling	6 Month	4,831.80
00632171	8 KINNEAR ST	Dwelling	6 Month	3,998.50
02699524	11 PATLASS PLACE	Dwelling	6 Month	3,729.39
00295582	253 BEECHES RD	Dwelling	6 Month	3,039.68
03415619	142 BEECHES RD	Dwelling	6 Month	1,929.94
08277168	WELLINGTON ST	Land	6 Month	1,561.54
00803685	78 WELLINGTON ST	Land	6 Month	1,555.65
04025482	258 WELLINGTON ST	Land	6 Month	1,365.27
08277052	DIVISION RD	Land	6 Month	1,313.22
00803391	WELLINGTON ST	Land	6 Month	1,302.02
03011631	PRINCE ST	Land	6 Month	1,278.93
00258431	PALMERSTON ST	Land	6 Month	1,229.91
08277125	MACLENNAN CRT	Land	6 Month	1,229.91
08277133	MACLENNAN CRT	Land	6 Month	1,229.91
11022316	Dawson's Lane	Land	6 Month	778.19

## 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.

## Call for Citizens Applications

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

### **BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Pictou Business Advisory Committee is a standing advisory committee to Council. The Committee shall advise Council on the development and management of an implementation strategy for Pictou's waterfront/downtown, rotary/highway district and other business initiatives.

### **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 ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE**

The Accessibility Advisory Committee provides advice to Council on identifying, preventing and eliminating barriers to people with disabilities in municipal programs, services, initiatives and facilities. The Committee plays a pivotal role in helping the Town of Pictou become an accessible community that complies with Nova Scotia's Accessibility Act (2017). 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 **January 31, 2026**. Forms can be found online or pick up at Town Hall.

Nicole MacDonald,  
Deputy Clerk, Town of Pictou  
nicole.macdonald@townofpictou.ca

**For more details on Committees of Council and other volunteer opportunities visit: [www.townofpictou.ca/volunteering](http://www.townofpictou.ca/volunteering)**



The Town of Pictou is excited to welcome Emily Hodgson as the new Environmental Specialist for both the Town of Pictou and the Municipality of Pictou County. In her role, Emily will assist our communities in assessing climate risks, developing adaptation strategies, and supporting projects that enhance local resilience to climate change. Emily holds a Master's degree in Environmental Science and brings three years of experience working with coastal ecosystems, salt marshes, and climate resilience initiatives. Originally from Northern Ontario, she is thrilled to make Pictou County her new home.

## Snow Removal

The Town of Pictou would like to remind all residents that during snowstorms, Public Works crew will be out to keep the streets and sidewalks clear. We want to remind everyone that a winter parking ban is now in effect so Public Works can safely and quickly clear the streets. The Town of Pictou would like to thank everyone for their cooperation in this matter. For more information on the Snow Plowing and Ice Control Policy visit the Town website.

## 2025-26 Winter Parking Regulations

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

**When:** December 15, 2025 to April 1, 2026.

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

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

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



**Town of Pictou Volunteer of the Year  
Mary Campbell**



**National Day of Truth and Reconciliation**



**Ship Hector Big Splash Launch**



**Splash Pad Breaks Ground  
Construction Begins**



**New Trail  
Connecting Schools**



**Victory Heights Park**

## 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.

## YMCA for Immigrant Programs Pictou County

YMCA Centre for Immigrant Programs Pictou County is a multi-service organization committed to building a healthy community. They offer a variety of programs that support newcomer settlement, integration, and language services. Programs and services include: individual settlement integration support, group settlement activities, language instruction, children/youth/school settlement support, AIP needs assessment & settlement plan, welcoming community initiatives and awareness raising. Located at: 352 East River Road, New Glasgow. Phone: 902-752-1573  
Email: [yispictou.county@halifax.ymca.ca](mailto:yispictou.county@halifax.ymca.ca)

## SUBSCRIBE

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

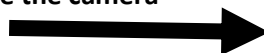
It's easy to keep up to date on Town happenings, subscribe and have alerts come right to your email. Visit the Town website at [www.townofpictou.ca](http://www.townofpictou.ca), at the top of the main page there is a SUBSCRIBE button, click and follow the instructions.

## 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**

# Winter Guided Hikes

## *Make Your Move Outdoors!*

December 21 6:00 p.m.  
Jitney Trail, Pictou  
5 km, 90 minutes

January 21 6:00 p.m.  
Samson Trail, New Glasgow  
5 km, 75 minutes

February 11 6:00 p.m.  
Trenton Park, Trenton  
5 km, 75 minutes

March 4 6:00 p.m.  
Acadia Park, Westville  
3 km, 45 minutes

March 18 6:00 p.m.  
Roy Island Trail, Little Harbour  
5 km, 75 minutes

Join us for one of five winter guided hikes to get outdoors and move your body this winter!

To register, contact Melanie at  
[melanie.dash@westville.ca](mailto:melanie.dash@westville.ca) or 902-396-1059



Following are the Winter Programs offered by Pictou Recreation and Parks. Pre-registration and payment for all programs are required. Some programs have limited space available in each session. Call for details at 485-4372.

**Chair Yoga with Rachael MacLean (8 weeks)**

Chair Yoga is an 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. Every Friday beginning January 9th at the Pictou United Church Hall at 11:00 am. Cost: \$70.00.

**Yoga with Rachael MacLean (8 weeks)**

Learn the fundamentals of yoga building strength, improve balance, increase flexibility, reduce stress and tension while building overall health. Every Tuesday at 10 am beginning January 6th at the Pictou United Church Hall. Cost: \$70.00

**Walk and Roll (ongoing weekly)**

A program designed for those with mobility challenges. We welcome people of all mobility levels - bring any walking aid that you require, such as canes or walkers. If you have a 4 wheeled walker, bring it with you! If you don't have one, wheeled walkers available on site for you to try. When: every Tuesday at 1pm, Pictou Legion. Free

**Pickle Ball (Drop-in)**

Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 6:30pm at McCulloch Education Centre. Cost \$3.00.

**Adult Badminton (Drop-in)**

Tuesdays at 6:30 pm beginning January 7th at McCulloch Education Centre and Thursdays at 7:00 pm at the PA Gym . Join their Facebook page Pictou



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

you can borrow recreation equipment for FREE ? For a complete list visit:  
<https://recreation-pictoucounty.hub.arcgis.com/>  
 Snowshoes, walking poles, ice cleats, cross country skis, push sleds, snow making kit and more. **For details call 902-485-4372**

**Modern Line Dancing**

Variety of Genre: Latin, Classic, Country, Modern

Levels: Beginner and Improver, all welcome.

When: Beginner: Wednesday-Friday 10:15-11:15 am

Improver: Monday-Wednesday-Friday—9:00 –10:00 am

Starting January 16, \$2/class

Where: Stella Maris Church Hall, Denoon St Pictou

Instructor: Jill MacDonald Information email Jill at [bjmacd123@gmail.com](mailto:bjmacd123@gmail.com)



144 Construction Engineering Flight Pictou (144 CEF) is part of the Air Reserve program of the Canadian Armed Forces. They provide full-time training and employ members part-time in the trades:

For more information on 144 CEF Pictou Co., visit:

[Facebook Page](#)

[Canadian Armed Forces](#)

### Contact Information:

237 Welsford Street, Pictou, NS, B0K 1H0

Flight Commander: 902-485-1069 ext. 225

Recruiting Officer: 902-485-1069 ext. 235/228



## New Caledonian Curling Club

Watch for events in February  
Interested in curling this winter? New members always welcome. Join a league on Monday, Tuesday or Friday evenings or the Sunday afternoon league. There is also the Industrial League. For further information call Alta Munroe at 902-396-7392.





YMCA of Pictou County now offers two locations for fun and physical activity in Pictou:

**Pictou Fitness/Childcare Location** - Located at 50 Water Street. For information on both the Fitness Centre and Childcare visit:

<https://pcymca.ca/schedules/>

**Pictou Fisheries Pool Location**—located at 53 Harbour Drive. Program guides for the YMCA of Pictou County are released seasonally. In the program guide, you can find activity information, schedules, course and program dates, calendars for holidays and more.

**Check out the seasonal program guide here:** <https://pcymca.ca/schedules/>

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.

The banner features a dark blue background with a decorative border of colorful, overlapping diamond shapes at the top. Inside the diamonds are icons representing a map of Canada, a computer monitor with a person icon, a hand holding a heart, and an envelope. The main text is in white and light blue.

## Can you help?

The Community Volunteer Income Tax Program needs volunteers to complete tax returns

To volunteer or for information on local participating community organizations, go to: [canada.ca/taxes-volunteer](http://canada.ca/taxes-volunteer)

A circular icon with a yellow border containing three stylized human figures in purple, green, and blue, holding hands.

Can you help? The Community Volunteer Income Tax Program needs volunteers to do taxes for those in need. You don't have to be a tax expert to make a difference. You'll receive training and support and you get to decide how often you volunteer! Sign up today at [canada.ca/taxes-volunteer](http://canada.ca/taxes-volunteer) or phone **1-866-837-1531**.

## Hector Arena 2026 Skating Schedule

Adult Skate	Tues. & Thurs	2:00-3:00 pm
Adult & Tot	Wednesday	2:00-3:00 pm
Public Skating	Fridays	3:00-4:30 pm
Open	Sunday	9:00-10:30am

(For the Sunday Family Skates please check the Hector Arena & Canteen Facebook page as times vary each week and may be cancelled due to hockey).

### Indoor Walking at the Rink

The cooler weather is upon us, continue your walking routine at the Hector Arena inside. Schedule: Monday & Wednesday 8:30-11am & 2-4pm, Tuesday & Thursday 2-4:30pm, Friday 8:30-11am. Why not drop by with a friend? Donations accepted.

**Skate sharpening available.** For info call the Hector Arena at 485-5122.

**Helmets are mandatory for everyone.**

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

## Fall Guided Hikes Recap

Hike Nova Scotia  
Hiker Challenge  
Pictou County Badge

A look back at our Fall  
2025 adventures along  
Pictou County Trails

6 Fall Guided Hikes

76 Hikers Participated  
2 babies and 4 dogs

15 Badge Earners!

966 KM Walked

1,207,500  
Steps Walked



September 24, 2025 - Waterfront Jitney Trail - Town of Pictou



October 15, 2025 - Samson Trail - Town of New Glasgow



## **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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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](mailto:pcm-president@outlook.com)

## 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 Twining Street, Pictou.

Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 1:30 pm-3:00 pm.

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



## Royal Canadian Legion 902-485-5790

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 16 in Pictou is located on Veterans Drive. 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, Lobster Carnival, Walk and Roll Program for Seniors, weekly Tuesday night Bingos, every Sunday a Meat Roll open to everyone starting at 2 pm and bursaries for students. To keep up to date on activities and events check our Facebook page Branch 16 Pictou Legion. We are always looking for new members and encourage you to visit and see what we have to offer.



## VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

National Volunteer Week is April 19-25, 2026

Now is your chance to recognize an outstanding volunteer in our community. Nominations for Pictou's Volunteer of the Year Award will open in mid February. Application forms will be available at the Pictou Recreation & Parks office or can be downloaded from the Town website.



## Winter Carnival Frost Fest February 13-16, 2026



Take the Roof Off Winter with some February fun at the Pictou Frost Fest. Activities and events all weekend long for all ages and abilities.

Watch Town website / Facebook for list of activities.

## Murray Family (Pictou) Public Library Open Hours

Monday: 10:00am - 5:00pm  
 Tuesday – Thursday: 10:00am - 8:00 pm  
 Friday - Saturday: 10:00am - 5:00pm  
 Sunday: Closed

**A 24 hour book drop is available near the front entrance of the Library.**

All library programs are offered free of charge, although space is limited; please call the Library for more information, and to register 902-485-5021.



Regular library programs are offered throughout the year from September to June. Over the summer months, special programming (such as the Summer Reading Clubs for children) is offered.

In addition to regular library programs and events join us for workshops, presentations and evening seminars on a variety of topics. Some of our special programs include, family movies, puppet shows, Summer Reading Clubs for kids, numerous author readings and book signings.

The Pictou Library now has community space available for groups, contact the library for details. Pictou Library also includes the Bud White Collection. A unique collection of various materials relating to the history of Pictou County and Nova Scotia in general. Local historical material is regularly being digitized and can be found online at [NovaStory.ca](http://NovaStory.ca)

### New Program this Winter

**Storytellers Guild will run Thursdays  
 (starting January 8th)  
 3:30 - 4:30 pm. Drop in.**



**Pictou-Antigonish  
 Regional Library**

This youth program has a gentle structure so everyone can be heard, share their ideas, and feel supported while still having the freedom to create in their own way. This space is perfect for youth who want to meet other writers their age, explore their creative voice, work on personal projects or start something new, tell stories through writing, doodles, conversations, or character building and feel part of a community of creators.

**For full program information, check out their website at:  
<https://www.parl.ns.ca/locations/pictou.php>**



Creative Pictou County is closing out another vibrant year of collaboration, creativity, and community growth. At the heart of our recent work is Stories Across Generations, a project that brought together newcomers and locals to share personal histories through a wide range of artistic practices. From visual art to the written word, photography, and textiles, participants explored the power of storytelling as both a bridge and a celebration, honouring differences while revealing the many threads that connect us.

Creative Pictou County is also proud to be facilitating the curation of the galleries in the deCoste Culture Hub, shaping a dynamic exhibition schedule that supports and elevates local talent. We're thrilled to share that the 2026 season is already fully programmed, featuring a strong lineup of local and regional artists whose work reflects the diversity and creativity of our community.

As our programming expands, so does our network. Membership has grown significantly, bringing added value through discounts at local businesses, a directory page to showcase members' work, and first access to opportunities and calls for artists.

If you're an artist or simply feeling inspired to explore your own creativity we'd love to connect with you. Reach out to Creative Pictou County to learn more about our programs, membership, and the many ways you can get involved. Your ideas, talents, and curiosity are always welcome here.



# Skating in Pictou County

## 2025-2026 Free Skates Schedule

### Monday

#### Trenton Minor Sports Community Centre

- Adult/Senior Leisure Skate: 12:00PM-1:30PM

#### Pictou County Wellness Centre

- Parent & Tot Skate: 10:00AM-11:00AM
- Adult/Senior Skate: 11:00 AM-1:00PM

### Tuesday

#### Hector Arena (Pictou)

- Adult/Senior Skate: 2:00PM-3:00PM

#### Pictou County Wellness Centre

- Parent & Tot Skate: 10:00AM-11:00AM
- Adult/Senior Skate: 11:00AM-1:00PM

### Wednesday

#### Trenton Minor Sports Community Centre

- Adult/Senior Leisure Skate: 12:00PM-1:30PM

#### Hector Arena (Pictou)

- Adult/Senior Skate: 2:00PM-3:00PM

#### Pictou County Wellness Centre

- Parent & Tot Skate: 10:00AM-11:00AM
- Adult/Senior Skate: 11:00AM-1:00PM

### Thursday

#### Hector Arena (Pictou)

- Adult/Senior Skate: 2:00 PM-3:00 PM

#### Pictou County Wellness Centre

- Parent & Tot Skate: 10:00AM-11:00AM
- Adult/Senior Skate: 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

### Saturday

#### Pictou County Wellness Centre

- Family Leisure Skate: 4:00PM-6:00PM

#### Ivor MacDonald Memorial Arena (Thorburn)

- Public Open Skate: 4:00PM-5:00PM

### Friday

#### Trenton Minor Sports Community Centre

- Adult/Senior Leisure Skate: 12:00PM-1:30PM
- After-School Skate: 3:00PM-4:00PM

#### Hector Arena (Pictou)

- Public Open Skate: 3:00PM-4:30PM

#### Pictou County Wellness Centre

- Parent & Tot Skate: 10:00AM-11:00AM
- Adult/Senior Skate: 11:00AM-1:00PM

### Sunday

#### Trenton Minor Sports Community Centre

- Parent-Child Skating: 4:30PM-5:30PM

#### Westville Miners Sports Center

- Public Open Skate: 6:30PM-7:20PM

For updates, cancellations, or holiday changes, please check your local town/arena's website or social media.





January 17

**The Matt Minglewood Band**



February 10

**Classic Albums Live**



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February 21

**Jeremy Hotz**  
Très Misérable  
Comedy Tour



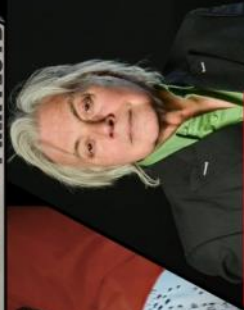
February 26

**Girls Night Out**  
featuring Comedian  
Elvira Kurt & Friends



February 28

**Elvis Lives**  
featuring Thane  
Dunn & the  
Cadillac Kings



March 11

**Alfie Zappacosta**



March 14

**Evans & Doherty**



March 17

**Thalea String Quartet**



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