

## Pictou Island Community Association Meeting – August 27, 2022

In Attendance: Ed George, Sarah MacDonald, Anna LeBlanc, Casey O'Shea, Myrna LeBlanc, Andrew LeBlanc, Bonnie Rankin, Troy Rankin, Petra Rankin, Nancy MacDonald, Mike Tobin, Sheila Tobin, Kay Langille, Cathy Gibson, Linda Rankin, Alan Tufts, Susan Forsyth, Dave Read, Brenda Spence-MacLeod, Aaron MacDonald, Bill Fraser, Gretchen Maguire, Sheila Brand, Skip Hamilton, Joyce Halasz, Anne Chaldecott, Rob Boudreau, Jenn Langille, Amy Harding, Moira Harding, Lorne Matheson, Brenda Collins

Nancy calls the meeting to order. Bonnie moves to proceed, Anna seconds, all in favour.

Nancy asks for the Committee reports.

Ferry: It has been an active year for the Pictou Island Ferry Committee. As the ferry contract was being put to tender in early 2022, we felt it might be an opportunity to assess our present ferry service and see what changes could be made. After several PICA meetings, we presented the DFO with our proposed changes. These were mostly asking for more runs, 29 to be exact. We were warmly received by Dan Leopold and John Majchowicz and tried to help them understand the changing dynamics of the island and how important the ferry operation is to us. They in turn granted us 16 more runs.

I have been pleased to hear that the Monday run in July and August is well liked and used. I, personally, am thrilled with Thursday runs in all but the month of May.

Our new ferry operator, Ryan Fleury, and his daughter, Olivia, have been doing a good job of managing the summer crowds and we wish them luck in the coming years.

Although, we were sad to see Kirk and Susan retire again, it is nice to see them enjoying travelling on the ferry as passengers!

The present ferry committee consists of Myself, Susan MacCallum Whitcomb, Bill Fraser and Jenn Langille. It would be great if a couple of new people would volunteer to join our group. Input from those who use the ferry often, have strict schedules they need to adhere to or other concerns would be greatly welcomed.

Thank you, Gretchen Maguire, PICA Ferry Committee

Park: The John MacCallum Memorial Park was a popular spot again this year and was respectfully enjoyed by residents and visitors alike. Swimmers, boaters, beachcombers, sandcastle builders, dog walkers and, increasingly, late-night fishermen, all made it a destination. Parts of the attraction, of course, is how well tended the park appears. Many thanks to Ike MacDonald for his hard work in that regard and to Earlene Crawford for once more providing the flowers by the cairn. As for our signature event -- the (almost annual) park picnic -- the 2022 edition was well attended and so we look forward to hosting the fourth edition in August of 2023.

Submitted by Susan MacCallum-Whitcomb on behalf of the committee

Church: Nancy reports that it has been an active season for the Church Committee fundraising events to raise money for the much needed repairs to the Church.

The raffle for the quilt made and donated by Cathy Gibson and wooden handcrafts made and donated by Mike Boudreau is ongoing. Tickets are for sale and the draw date is September 17th at 4pm. Nancy asks that any unsold ticket books be returned to Church Committee members.

A dance was held at the Dance Hall on August 13th with live music from the band, High Diving Act. Over \$1,000.00 was raised by donations at the door and a good time was had by all!

A flea market was held at the Church this morning and will be extended to Sunday August 28th from 10 am – 12 pm.

Tickets for a 50/50 draw will be sold at the Kitchen Party this evening with the proceeds going to the Church.

Nancy reads a lovely thank you card from Corinne Docker on behalf of the Docker family, respecting the memorial celebration for Ray Docker. The Docker family made a donation to PICA and Nancy thanks the family on behalf of PICA.

Nancy also thanks the family of Eva Munro on behalf of PICA for their donation to the Church.

A sincere thank you is also extended to Cathy and Mike for their donations to the raffle, to the bands, High Diving Act for their performance on August 13th and to the Scott Hill Band due to perform at the Kitchen Party this evening, everyone who attended the dance and donated at the door, those who donated items, worked and attended the flea market, sold and are selling tickets to the raffle and 50/50 draw and all those who will be attending the party this evening.

Nancy reports that Rob Boudreau will be doing the repairs to the bell tower roof and that more fund raising events are being planned for next year.

Students: On behalf of PICA, Nancy thanks Ike MacDonald and Ethan Hill for their hard work this summer.

Cemetery: The Cemetery committee facilitated two burials this year. We had a work party to clear out trees have the parameter of the Pioneer Cemetery. We would like to thank Issac for another year of excellent upkeep in lawn maintenance as well as the Island for their continuous generosity and respect.

Submitted by Anna LeBlanc

Lighthouse: Ed reports that Rushton Construction leveled the lighthouse, free of charge! Materials are on site for the deck. The Heritage Society is paying David O'Hearn to build the deck and anyone who wishes to volunteer their time to assist David would be appreciated. The plan going forward is to build steps to the parking area.

Vehicles: People with derelict vehicles are encouraged to reach out to Jenn Langille in order for her to comprise a list of vehicles to be removed from the Island.

Communications: No report

Dance Hall: No report

Events: No report

Garbage and Recycling: No report

Road: No report

Welcoming: No report

Financial report – submitted by Anne Chaldecott, Treasurer

Pictou Island Community Association

Income Statement May 31,2022

Revenue

Food Auction 7,549.00

Card Sales 25.00

Donations 400.00

Hall Rental 300.00

Interest -GIC 133.28

Total Revenue \$8,407.28

Expenses

Insurance \$1,422.00

Office, Bank chg , Fees 245.36

Community Centre R&M 1,315.92

Labour 166.93

Misc 200.00

Fuel 265.75

Equipment R &M 458.85

Total Expenses ( 4,074.81)

TOTAL INCOME \$4,332.47

Bank Balance June 1/21 \$29,844.08

TD GIC June 1/21 22,716.59

Total Funds \$52,600.67

Revenue 4,332.47

Bank Balance May 31,22 \$34,083.27

TD GIC: May 31,22 22,849.87

Total Funds \$56,933.14

TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUNDS \$51,485.28

Agenda items for September's meeting:

- Food/Craft Auction – discuss how to streamline it.
- Utilize Zoom for those who aren't able to attend meetings in person
- A Schedule for meeting dates and times for the year
- Ideas to reach out to new residents/new land owners

Election of Directors – As per our Mandate, all current Directors step down at this time.

The following people volunteer to serve in the coming year: Anne Chaldecott, Nancy MacDonald, Anna LeBlanc, Bonnie Rankin, Skip Hamilton, Ed George, Brenda Spence-MacLeod, Kay Langille, Amy Harding

Anna moves to adjourn, Cathy seconds, all in favour. Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting is September 24th at 4 pm.

The new Directors meet to choose the following members to serve on the executive:

President: Anna LeBlanc

Vice-President: Bonnie Rankin

Secretary: Amy Harding

Treasurer: Anne Chaldecott