

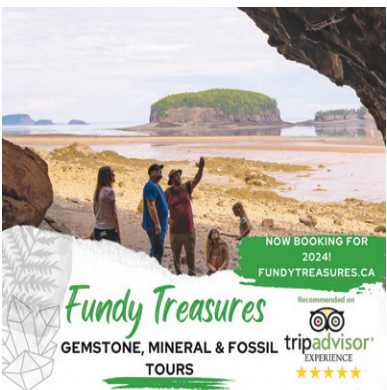
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Saturday, July 26-Sunday July 27
The Parrsboro Lions Club Arena
 Saturday and Sunday there was a car show by Fundy Shore Auto Club. A lot of beautiful cars and a good crowd. For us older crowd it was nice to recognize what is under the hood! Gary Shackleton gave folks a ride in his sidecar, many took the opportunity for the fun ride. Prizes were awarded for the best displayed/prepped cars and everyone had fun
 Photos by Lawrence R Nicoll







Cumberland Welcomes Pugwash Housing Project

By Darrell Cole

Municipality of Cumberland Mayor Rod Gilroy is welcoming significant investments in a Pugwash housing project.

To provide Canadians with increased access to affordable and sustainable housing, the federal government announced on Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2025, an investment of more than \$7 million for the construction of 40 housing units in Pugwash through the Affordable Housing Fund (AHF).

Along with the federal funding through the National Housing Strategy's Affordable Housing Fund; \$3 million in non-repayable loans is being provided from the provincial Department of Growth & Development; \$300,000 from the Municipality of Cumberland; \$50,000 from the Community Housing Transformation Centre; \$500,000 from the River Philip Foundation and \$129,163 from the Sunset Community.

"This is a welcome and transformative step for the community," Mayor Gilroy said. "This initiative not only provides safe and secure homes for individuals and families but also strengthens the social and economic fabric of the village. The design intentionally embraces inclusivity, ensuring accessibility alongside affordability to bolster rural resilience and social cohesion.

"Affordable housing ensures that seniors, young families, and those with modest incomes can continue to live and thrive in Pugwash, close to their roots and community connections. It helps attract and retain workers, supports local businesses, and fosters inclusivity. By investing in housing, Pugwash is building a brighter, more resilient future where everyone has a place to belong."

The announcement was attended by Mayor Gilroy and Deputy Mayor Fred Gould, federal Housing and Infrastructure Minister Gregor Robertson, Cumberland-Colchester MP Alana Hirtle, District 3 councillor and Sunset Community board chair Jennifer Houghtaling, Sunset Community CEO Julie Horg, Cumberland South MLA and Natural Resources and Renewables Minister Tory Rushton and provincial Growth and Development Minister Colton LeBlanc.

"Our government is committed to helping communities develop local solutions to housing need and homelessness. This project will provide more safe, affordable homes for some of the most vulnerable residents of Pugwash. It's also another step forward in building an economy that serves everyone," Robertson said.

The property at 10923 Durham St. in Pugwash will soon be home to a new 40-unit housing development led by the Sunset Community in partnership with local builder Crossroads Cycle. This project is designed to meet urgent housing needs by offering quality, affordable homes for individuals transitioning from Sunset's care programs, as well as for members of the broader public—including Sunset staff who currently commute long distances to work. As part of

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FUTURE SITE OF
Sunrise Landing
 An Inclusive Development
 by The Sunset Community

Sunset Landing in Pugwash will soon be home to a new 40-unit housing development led by the Sunset Community in partnership with local builder Crossroads Cycle.

Nova Scotia Provincewide Burn Ban Still in Effect

Because of hot, dry conditions, there is a ban on open fires effective immediately across the entire province. The ban was put in place July 30, and will remain in place until October 15 – the end of wild-fire season – or until conditions improve. The fine for violating the ban is \$25,000.

"We've had a lot of hot, dry weather, very little rain and there's no significant rain in the forecast in the near future," said Tory Rushton, Minister of Natural Resources. "We've had a lot of small, manageable fires this month and conditions are now ripe for any small fire to grow larger. Nobody wants a repeat of the devastation we experienced in 2023. I ask all Nova Scotians to co-operate, respect the burn ban and save their campfires and other open fires for a safer time."

The ban applies to open fires such as campfires, bonfires, brush fires, fires in chimeneas and any other fire that is not enclosed and uses wood as the fuel. Unlike gas or charcoal fires, sparks could escape from an open wood fire and cause a wildfire.

Non-woodburning devices like charcoal and gas barbecues and gas stoves are allowed to be used, following manufacturer's instructions.

The Province's BurnSafe map, which lets people know where and when burning is permitted, will remain red while the proclamation is in effect, meaning open fires are not allowed. The proclamation overrides any permits that have been issued for industrial burning.

The ban applies to all private property and provincial lands, including parks and protected areas; the Province does not have jurisdiction over federal land.

Voluntary Water Conservation Measures Advisory

Due to the prolonged period of minimal precipitation, the Cumberland County Water Utility issued a media advisory on August 8th requesting that customers follow voluntary water conservation measures until further notice.

The Utility operates three municipal water systems in Springhill, Parrsboro and Pugwash. The Springhill system is surface water fed while both Parrsboro and Pugwash are ground water fed. Utility staff are monitoring all three systems. The Springhill system is supplied by Leamington Brook in Rodney. While the brook is not at extremely low levels, staff have observed a reduction in flow. Staff are also monitoring pumping volumes in all three systems.

We are putting these voluntary measures in place out of an abundance of caution, in the hope that we can voluntarily reduce volume consumption.

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