

The Cumberland CONNECTION



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Summer fun at
Pugwash Harbour

Explore Cumberland: Discover the Hidden Gems in Your Own Backyard

You don't have to travel far to find breathtaking landscapes, rich heritage, and unforgettable experiences. In fact, some of Nova Scotia's most treasured destinations are right here in Cumberland County and the Explore Cumberland tourism initiative wants locals to rediscover their own region while helping to put it on the map.

From the majestic tides of the Bay of Fundy to the serene shores of the Northumberland Strait, Cumberland is packed with hidden gems that rival any global destination. Whether you're exploring the vibrant arts culture of Parrsboro, hiking the stunning Cape Chignecto Provincial Park, taking a relaxing stroll along the boardwalk in Pugwash, enjoying the historic charm of Amherst, hitting the mountain bike trails in Wentworth, discovering the incredible Cliffs of Fundy UNESCO Global Geopark, visiting the world-renowned Joggins Fossil Cliffs UNESCO World Heritage Site, there's something here for everyone.

But tourism doesn't just mean visitors from away. Supporting community tourism begins at home.

"Cumberland residents are our greatest ambassadors," says Eileen Davage, Economic Development Officer for the Municipality of Cumberland. "When locals explore their own backyard and share those experiences online, it helps build pride, support small businesses, and spark curiosity in others — both near and far.

That's where Explore Cumberland comes in.



Fundy Tides

HOME OF THE WORLD'S HIGHEST TIDES

Walk the ocean floor, explore ancient rock formations, and seaside cliffs—all while experiencing Nova Scotia hospitality.

Read more

Fundy Tides

Northumberland Shores

Wentworth Valley

Explore Cumberland, a regional tourism initiative, is dedicated to showcasing the best of what Cumberland has to offer, and it's inviting you to be part of the story.

By following [@ExploreCumberland](#) on Facebook and Instagram, you can discover trip ideas, seasonal events, local business highlights, and jaw-dropping photography that reminds us how lucky we are to call this place home.

How You Can Help:

- Follow & Share: Search for [@ExploreCumberland](#) on social media. Follow, like, and share posts to help spread the word.
- Tag Your Travels: Use [#ExploreCumberland](#) when you post your own photos and stories. Whether it's a waterfall selfie or your favourite café, your experience helps others discover it too.
- Invite Your Friends: Know someone planning a summer getaway? Suggest the Cumberland Region as the perfect place to unplug and explore.
- Shop & Stay Local: Try a new local restaurant, book an adventure, visit a farmers' market, or treat yourself to a night at a nearby inn. Your support makes a difference.

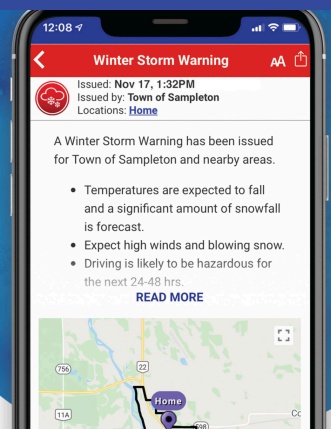
This summer, make it your mission to explore more, connect with neighbours, and support the local economy, all while enjoying some of the most beautiful destinations in Nova Scotia. After all, adventure is just around the corner.

For travel inspiration and local experiences, visit www.ExploreCumberland.ca and follow [@ExploreCumberland](#) on social media.



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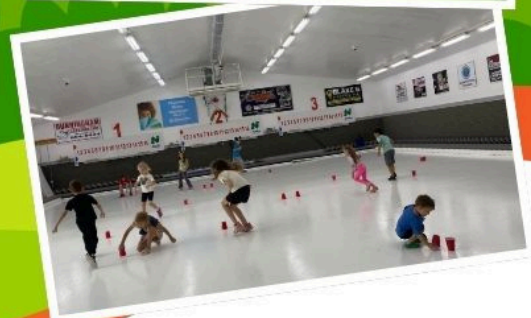
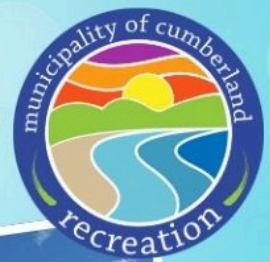
Summer Programs 2025

Check out the summer brochure on the Municipality of Cumberland website for all the fun things happening this summer! If you have any questions give Nick a call!

7 weeks of Outdoor Adventure Camp - Parrsboro, Springhill, and Pugwash

Sports Programs like Soccer, T-ball, pickleball and Ball Hockey

Mini camps, Pop up programs, and more!



Contact Nick Leopold
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More Information



<https://www.cumberlandcounty.ns.ca/recreation.html>

Old Home Week
A SPRINGHILL TRADITION
JULY 14-20
2025
SAVE THE DATE!

WALLACE CANADA DAY

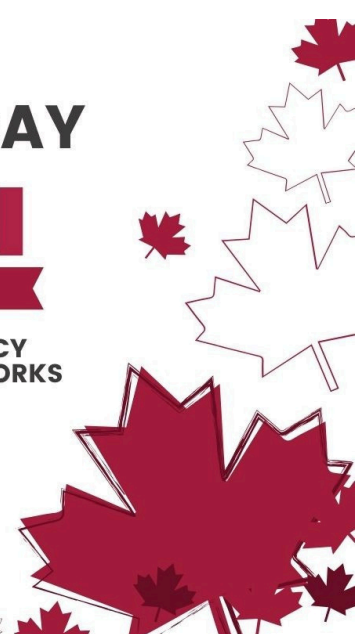


MONDAY, JUNE 30

BBQ-CAKE-BAND-BOUNCY
HOUSE-AUCTION-FIREWORKS

BBQ STARTS @ 6:30PM
BIRTHDAY CAKE @ 6:30
FAMILY FUN ENTERTAINMENT @ 7PM
AUCTION - 50/50 @ 8PM
SHORT NOTICE BAND @ 6:30PM
FIREWORKS @ DUSK

Sponsored By:
Wallace Volunteer Fire Dept/Auxiliary
Wallace Area Development Assoc(WADA)
Wallace Community Hall



Springhill, River Hebert host Davis Day ceremonies



It was 100 years ago when William Davis was shot and killed during a miners' strike in New Waterford, Cape Breton.

The communities of Springhill and River Hebert gathered on June 11 to remember Davis as well as those miners who lost their lives in mine disasters and accidents.

In Springhill, mining historian Mary Willa Littler talked about Davis' connection to Springhill and why it's important to remember him.

Davis emigrated to Canada and settled in Springhill in 1888. Davis left Springhill to live and work in the Cape Breton coal mines around 1905.

He was killed on June 11, 1925 during a protest by striking miners in New Waterford after the mining company cut off water and electricity during a long, bitter miners' strike.

Numerous wreaths were laid by representatives of the various levels of government, including Cumberland County Mayor Rod Gilroy, the provincial Labour Department, the labour council and the steelworkers union as well as numerous community members who laid wreaths in memory of family members lost in three major mine disasters in 1891, 1956 and 1958 as well as in countless mine accidents.

In River Hebert, students from the O2 class at River Hebert District High School coordinated the Davis Day service at the miners' museum.

The ceremony included reciting the names of miners who lost their lives in the mining industry that began in the community in the late 1800s and continued through to the early 1980s as well as the laying of wreaths at the foot of the miners memorial.

The names of approximately 120 miners are inscribed on the monument.



HarbourFest returns to Pugwash this July



The 19th annual edition of HarbourFest will once again celebrate life and leisure along the Northumberland Shore near Pugwash.

This year's edition of the popular summer event runs July 25 to 27 with numerous events lined up to celebrate summer and what life has to offer along the shore.

There's a great mix of free concerts in Eaton Park, with live music on two nights featuring Ryan Cook – A Tribute to Hank Williams and Big Fish.”

Food trucks will be rolling in Friday and Saturday and a beer and wine garden to enjoy will be at Eaton Park on Saturday.

On land and along the beach, there's plenty more to enjoy, whether participating or as a spectator. This includes the ever-popular Sinkers Conference, where participants build and race their cardboard boats.

The 5K Salt Dash Run, sponsored by Windsor Salt, is also back. Thanks to perfect tides this year, organizers are expecting a strong turnout for the Stand Up Paddleboard events.

The Kid Zone is back, along with the Bouncy Castle, Beach Volleyball, Wagon Rides, Tie a Knot for Peace and more.

Competitive Log Rolling returns as well, with an expert on hand Friday to offer lessons and practice before Saturday's competition.

New is the Crockery Smash.

And we're thrilled to announce Harbourfest Presents will showcase The Fabulously Rich—a tribute to The Tragically Hip—on Aug. 31 at Eaton Park.

More details will be available in the coming weeks on HarbourFest's social media channels.

The final schedule will be distributed around the county and easily viewed and downloadable at pugwashharbourfest.ca.

Learn 2 Lead Cumberland

Who are we:

A partnership committee between the Municipality of Cumberland, Town of Amherst & NS Community Health Board to support volunteers and volunteer organizations throughout Cumberland County.

What do we do:

The committee subsidizes and coordinates workshops throughout Cumberland to support individuals and organizations who provide recreation and active living opportunities. The goal is to build their skills and knowledge in order to support the communities where they live, work or play.

Types of Workshops

- Board Governance
- Fundraising
- First Aid
- Hike Leader
- Marketing
- Facilitating
- Self Defence
- Food Handlers
- Babysitting/Home Alone
- Non-violent intervention
- Recruitment
- Safe Talk

and many many more...

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Spring/Summer

Equipment Loan

Municipality of Cumberland Equipment Loan
 2 week FREE lending program list!

- Adult and Youth Bicycles
- Giant Yard Games
- Racquet Sport Supplies
- Learn to Camp Supplies
- Sports Equipment
- & much more...

Stay active all year!



Pick up Mon-Fri
 8:00am-5:00pm



Available throughout Cumberland

RESERVE NOW!

cbollwerk@cumberlandcounty.ns.ca
 902 664-9143



Springhill's new fire station official opening June 21

Springhill and area residents are getting ready to celebrate the opening of the community's new fire hall.

An official opening ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, June 21, 2025, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. There'll be tours of the facility along with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and an opportunity to meet the volunteer firefighters who help keep the community safe.

Construction of the new fire station began last July with Iron Maple Constructors leading the project from ground-breaking to its completion. The building, at approximately 11,000 square feet, is nearly twice as big as the former fire station home on Main Street that opened in 1972.

The facility on Miners Memorial Drive also has a large training room that doubles as a community room.

The building will have easier community access in that firefighting section of the building is separated from the training/community room.

The community room also comes with a divider so more than one event or training session can take place simultaneously.

The new fire station has four large bays, including one which is a drive thru for easier access for the emergency vehicles. There's more space in the bays, including overhead, and there's a system that vents exhaust directly outside.



You're Invited!
Springhill Fire Department
Grand Opening!

Join us as we mark this exciting milestone with a special ribbon-cutting ceremony, guided tours of the new facility, and a chance to meet the dedicated volunteers who serve and protect our community.

Date: Saturday, June 21st, 2025
Time: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Location: 37 Miners Memorial Drive, Springhill

Light refreshments will be served.
Everyone is welcome—bring your family and help us celebrate!



There's also more storage space and easier and separate access for bunker gear and other equipment used by the fire service. The Springhill Fire Department's new home is just one of several major investments by the Municipality of Cumberland over the last couple of years, including more than \$2.5 million in new fire trucks and other apparatus.

The municipality has also invested \$250,000 in each of the last two years on replacing self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA). The new SCBA will be standardized across all departments so that firefighters from one department will be familiar with the equipment from another.

Investment in new radios, pagers, bunker suits, hose testing equipment and gear washers as well a helmets, boots and other personal protective equipment amounts to more than \$250,000 per year.

These investments are a reflection and acknowledgement of the importance of the fire service to Cumberland County.

Ottawa House By-the-Sea



Canada Day!

Mark your calendars!

Live Music

Free Cake

Annual Food Auction

See you at 1:00 PM!



SPRINGHILL FIREWORKS

@ Dr. Carson & Marion Murray Community Centre

JUNE 30 @ DUSK

Weather related announcements, if necessary, will be made on the DCMCC social media.



Connect with us online!

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New recreation hall opens at Glooscap Campground



Several years of planning and preparation have resulted in the construction of a new recreation building at the Glooscap Campground near Parrsboro. Owned and operated by the Municipality of Cumberland and located at 1380 Two Island Road, the campground features 39 seasonal RV sites with two-way service (water and power), 14 unserviced tenting sites, eight 20-amp service sties and 16 30-amp sites (five are pull-through).

There's beach access, flush toilets, coin-operated showers, free WiFi, 24-hour security, a children's playground, mini-putting greens, a dumping station, fishing, rock and mineral collecting, a tiny library and fire pits.

The campground is pet friendly with firewood and ice available along with friendly staff willing to help.

The new recreation building enhances the campground experience for both seasonal and transient campers by providing a central, weatherproof space for socializing, relaxing, and participating in activities. It fosters community among long-term campers and offers added amenities and entertainment for short-term guests. There is a television along with games, books, dart boards and puzzles.

The rec building is just one of several improvements made to the campground in recent years. Since the end of the 2024 season significant capital improvements have been made, including electrical upgrades and the installation of a septic system. For more information about the Glooscap Campground, go to www.cumberlandcounty.ns.ca/glooscap-campground.html.



Embracing
Community

2025 *A Welcome Home For All*

CANADA
DAY



A Welcome Home For All
celebrates unity,
heritage, and belonging



TUESDAY, JULY 1

Sausage & Pancake Breakfast

Grand Parade (10AM)

Highland Games

Highland Dancing

Classic Car Show

Classic Tractor Show

Inflatables & Games

Massed Bagpipe Bands

Lobster Rolls

Street Food & Vendors

Beer & Spirit Garden

ENTERTAINMENT
AT HARBOURFRONT



8:00AM Highland Dance
3:00PM Opening Ceremony
4:00PM Tonal Recall
5:15PM Alycia Putnam
6:30PM Fiddle & Feet
8:00PM Signal Hill
10:00PM Fireworks

**ALL THIS FOR
ONLY \$8!**

\$5 for children under 12 and free for under 5
GATES OPEN FROM 8am to 9 pm

FREE 10am GRAND PARADE
EVENTS 10pm FIREWORK

MORE INFO: phone: 902-243-2946 website: www.pugwashvillage.com



Municipality of Cumberland

2025-2026 Collection Schedule

Solid Waste Hotline: 902-667-5141

Place materials curbside
by 7:00 a.m.

Week 1

Week 2

Garbage: 4 bags/collection- clear, non-coloured bags only. 1 bulky garbage item/collection.
Organics: Compostable materials only. No plastic bags.
Recycling: No limit. Clear, non-coloured or transparent blue bags.

APRIL 2025						
S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	1	2	

Special Collection - see reverse (Apr 7-11, Apr 21-25, Apr 28-30)

MAY 2025						
S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
May 19 collection will take place on May 17				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Special Collection - see reverse (May 19-23, May 26-30)

JUNE 2025						
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29	30					

JULY 2025						
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AUGUST 2025						
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Aug. 4 collection will take place on Aug. 2					1	2
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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SEPTEMBER 2025						
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	Sept. 1 collection will take place on Aug. 30			

OCTOBER 2025						
S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
Oct 13 collection will take place on Oct 11			1	2	3	4
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NOVEMBER 2025						
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November 11 collection will take place on November 8						1
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DECEMBER 2025						
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	Dec. 25 collection will take place on Dec. 27		

JANUARY 2026						
S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
January 1 collection will take place on January 3				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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FEBRUARY 2026						
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MARCH 2026						
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Collection days can be found by visiting <https://argc.is/va19P>, by scanning the QR code, or by calling 902-667-5141.



Summer Night MARKET

DR. CARSON & MARION MURRAY COMMUNITY CENTRE

**JULY 18, 2025
4 P.M. TO 9 P.M.**

Featuring local makers, bakers & crafters!

- \$2 admission includes one ticket for a chance to win a beautiful gift basket
- Ample, free parking available
- Paizano's Canteen Express will be open, cash only
- Live musical entertainment

6 MAIN ST. SPRINGHILL N.S. | #DCMMCC | WWW.CUMBERLANDCOUNTY.NS.CA

Springhill, N.S.

2025

CANADA DAY Festivities

**JULY 1
11AM-2PM**

**FOAM PARTY! 11AM - NOON
DERAILED - LIVE! 12-2PM
Tattoos
Games
Cake
BBQ with Springhill Baptist Church**

Dr. Carson & Marion Murray Community Centre, 6 Main Street

SUMMER ORGANICS COLLECTION TIPS

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- Line Your Bin**
- Use paper bags or even empty cereal boxes to store food waste in before placing it in your green cart. This helps absorb moisture and keeps the cart cleaner.
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- Freeze it!**
- Freeze food scraps like meat, bones, and leftovers to reduce smells and pests.
 - On collection day, place the frozen items directly into your green cart.
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- Set It Out Every Time**
- Put your green cart out every collection day, even if it's not full
 - The longer food sits, the more it smells!
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Wondering "What Goes Where?" Download our free mobile app *Cumberland County Solid Waste*

CURBSIDE COLLECTION CHANGES

Miller Waste will be collecting garbage, recycling, & organics on the same day, once every two weeks.

To ensure collection, materials must be placed in **3** separate piles



Never miss another curbside collection day again!
Sign up to receive alerts and curbside collection reminders @ *Cumberland County Solid Waste*

Contact US

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