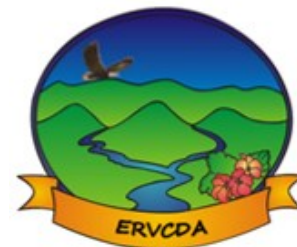




## Spotlight on the East River Valley

June, July, August 2021

Issue 87



**East River Valley Community Development Association**

6341 East River West Side Rd. Eureka, NS B0K 1B0

**Mission Statement: To promote the sustainability of the East River Valley Communities**

### **Notes from the Chair**

Remember how sick of Covid we were this time last year? At least the vaccination program is under way now, surely things will start to improve.

I was talking with John Currie the other day and in a blinding flash of the obvious realized that he and a very few others have kept the Hopewell Ceilidh going for us for years without a break: not only that but the same folks, John, Joanne, Winnie and Shirley have been taking responsibility for the footbridge since forever too. (My apologies to those whom I have missed). What about Friends of Iona Park? Or Kenny Fraser with his one-man battle against litter or the folks of East River Valley Recreation? These are just some examples of our neighbours whose devotion to their community has gone unsung and without whom we all would have been a bit poorer. I am confident that every part of our valley has a similar story.

We need to join these folks and help them not only in the actual project they have championed all these years but, in the planning, and leadership required to make them work. Let's join forces with the gusto of a young calf leaving the barn for the first time!

### **ERVCD Turkey Take-Out**

The ERVCD is hoping to be able to once again offer a turkey take-out meal in August. If Covid-19 restrictions allow, we are planning on Sunday, August 8th. More details will be shared on our Facebook page, so be sure to like our page for up-to-date details on this and all our events! The turkey meal will consist of turkey, potato salad, coleslaw, cucumber slices, a roll and dessert for \$15.

To reserve your meal call Kara at 902-301-0339 or email [spotlight.1@hotmail.com](mailto:spotlight.1@hotmail.com)

\*If the Hopewell Ceilidh takes place in August, we will be serving our meal there



### Riverton Hall Rentals

Due to the current Covid-19 restrictions in place we are unable to rent out the Riverton Hall at this time.

We will resume rentals once it is safe to do so.

If you would like to book the hall after restrictions change please phone

Jody Holley at (902) 754-1322.



### ERVDCDA Monthly Meetings

If you are interested in attending an upcoming meeting of the ERVDCDA, please call Kara at 902-301-0339 for details.

### GREAT FATHER'S DAY GIFTS!



### PHOTOS AT THE RIVERTON HALL

East River Valley resident John Cameron has graciously donated some of his framed photos for us to sell, as part of our fundraising efforts.

The photos can be viewed online at our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/eastrivervalley](http://www.facebook.com/eastrivervalley).

Each photo is \$55 and depicts wildlife and scenery, which are John's specialty.

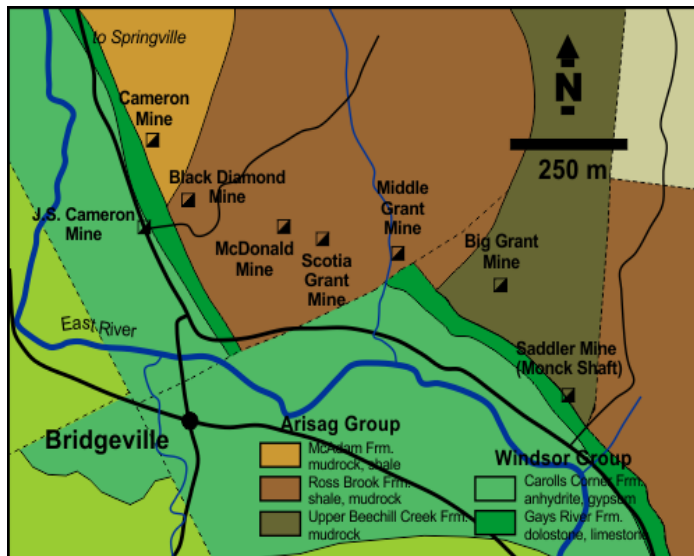
We thank John for sharing his talent with us as we continue to fundraise during this global pandemic.

Contact Kara if interested in purchasing a photo.

### Did you know??

Bridgeville and area was once known for mining of Iron. Work started around 1823. Iron was transported by horses and oxen to Eureka where it was loaded on railcars to be shipped to Londonderry.

Between 1828 and 1904 about 188,000 tons of iron ore was mined.



# HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

June 20th

## **Easter Activity Box**

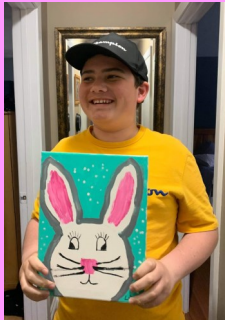
### **Painting with Val & Maddy**

We had so much fun doing an Easter Bunny painting with Val & Maddy on April 3rd via Zoom.

Thank you to Val and Maddy Chabbassol for hosting this incredibly fun event.

Here are some photos of some of the finished pieces.

Thank you to all of our participants for supporting this first activity box fundraiser and for sharing their finished pieces with us.



## **Reporting Illegal Dump Sites in the East River Valley**

If you find an illegal dump site you can contact Pictou County Solid Waste to report this, even if it isn't on your property.

Make note of a civic address nearby and take a photo if you can.

Contact Solid Waste by:

Phone: 902-396-1495

Or visit their website at [www.pcwastemgmt.com](http://www.pcwastemgmt.com) and click "Contact Us". There is a form to fill out online to report.



## **Rural Spring Market at the Churchville Hall**

We have made the decision to postpone our Rural Spring Market, which was scheduled for Saturday, June 5th.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, we are postponing until a time it is safe for us to host this event.

Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

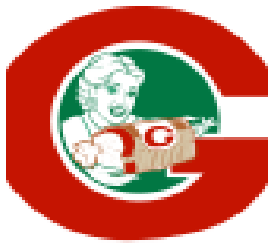
Once we have a new date set, we will be posting details on our Facebook page and website.

So be sure to follow us on Facebook

[www.facebook.com/eastrivervalley](https://www.facebook.com/eastrivervalley)

Our website is [www.eastrivervalley.ca](http://www.eastrivervalley.ca) where you can click on a Google calendar of events.





## Gennoe's Public Baking Supplies

Gennoe's Public Baking Supplies is located at 4852 East River East Side Rd. in Plymouth. They are a small family owned business that sells bulk baking supplies as well as baked goods from bread to squares to cookies. They carry a wide variety of baking supplies and can almost guarantee to have what you need for your next baking masterpiece at a great price!

You can also find frozen Sam's Pizza, Sam's Pizza sauce, frozen chicken pot pies, frozen pizza dough, preserves and much more!

Follow them on Facebook for updates on their products and hours.

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### Churches in the East River Valley

**The United Churches of the  
Hopewell Eureka East River Pastoral Charge**  
Rev. Mavis Peddie 902-616-1366 - St Columba & Bridgeville  
United Churches

**The Presbyterian Churches of the  
East River Pastoral Charge**  
Sharon MacDonald (902) 923-2336

**First Presbyterian Church, Hopewell**  
(902) 923-2526

\*Church services may be changed due to Covid-19  
gathering restrictions.



### **Volunteer Fire Department Contacts**

#### **East River Valley Fire Department:**

Kevin Stuart, Chief (H)902-923-2893

kevinandleisa@hotmail.com

Jason MacIntyre, Deputy Chief 902-759-3588

#### **Eureka and District Fire Department:**

Bill Holley, Chief (H)902-923-2069 (C) 902-754-9115

Lee Fraser, Deputy Chief (H)902-923-2170

(C) 902-754-8686

#### **Plymouth Fire Department:**

Mike Conway, Chief 902-755-3229 or 902-759-0153

### **VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS WANTED**

East River Valley Fire Department  
Is looking for new Firefighters  
If you are interested, call Kevin 902-923-2893  
Or attend our Tuesday Training Meetings 7:00pm at  
the firehall located at  
2020 East River East Side Rd, Bridgeville.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**June 20th~** Father's Day

**July 1st~** Canada Day

**August 2nd~** Natal Day Civic Holiday

**August 6th~** Deadline for September, October  
and November Spotlight on the East River  
Valley Newsletter

**August 8th~** ERVCDA Turkey Meal Take-Out

### **ERVCDA Executive 2021**

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**To rent the Riverton Hall, please contact  
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### To the residents of Pictou East,

By the time you read this, I sincerely hope Nova Scotians will already be seeing cases drop as we beat back at the third wave. I know we can do it.

Folks, I know the last year has been difficult. This pandemic has tested us in so many ways. It has been incredibly challenging for our families, for our businesses, for our students, our essential workers, healthcare workers and our seniors living in long-term care facilities.

Please know that every community, every Nova Scotian, is working together to flatten the curve to make sure our businesses get back to running at full capacity - that our seniors can see their loved ones again - and that our essential workers can breathe a sigh of relief.

I am extremely grateful for how the residents of Pictou East have risen to the occasion and supported one another during these trying times. Whether it was picking up groceries for a neighbour or supporting our local businesses; there were acts of kindness all around us and they gave us hope to carry on.

During the Spring Session of the Legislature, I asked about the Aberdeen Hospital and how it has not had a short-stay unit since it was temporarily closed in 2015.

Residents in Pictou County will know that for too many people the needed support has not been there. This has left those in need to seek support in the emergency room which we know isn't the best place for someone in a mental health crisis or Truro, Antigonish or elsewhere in the province.

Access to mental health service has always been important, but with the pressures of the pandemic, it is the best line of defence for those individuals going through times of incredible challenge. Anyone who is brave enough to ask for help should get it.

I wish I had better news, but as of this writing, there are no plans from the Minister of Health and Wellness to reopen this unit.

My colleagues and I have put forward mental health solutions and released a plan titled Universal Mental Health Care plan. One aspect of the plan would see the removal of the two-tiered system so that private psychiatrists could be brought under the public banner to ensure help is there for those who need it. We are committed to making access to mental healthcare barrier-free, friendly and available.

There are currently 6,910 residents of Pictou County on the Need a Family Practice Registry. If you do not have a family doctor or a nurse practitioner, please add yourself to the registry. We have a plan to fix healthcare but we need to know the real numbers.

As your MLA, I will continue to advocate for healthcare supports and resources for our community.

During the sitting of the Legislature, I also had the opportunity to recognize and thank community members who volunteer, selflessly give back, and make our part of the province so special. When it's safe to do, I can't wait to hit the road to visit you.

My door is always open and ready to serve the constituents of Pictou East. Whether we're serving residents in person or virtually, we strive on getting back to you in a timely manner.

Our phone number is 902-695-3582 and our email is [pictoueastamanda@gmail.com](mailto:pictoueastamanda@gmail.com).

**Tim Houston,**  
MLA for Pictou East





## **Advertising or sharing information in the Spotlight on the East River Valley**

ERVCDCA wants to help you get your business started by offering 2 FREE ads in consecutive newsletters.

Extra Newsletters are available in Stellarton at: Poulain's PharmaChoice, Medical Hall Pharmasave, and Pharmacy First

**September-November Newsletter Deadline for submissions is Friday August 6th.**

If you would like to receive the newsletter and notices by email, please let us know:

[spotlight.1@hotmail.com](mailto:spotlight.1@hotmail.com)

If you are a business in the East River Valley interested in advertising with us, please reach out.

We can even produce advertising for you!

## **Community Group & Neighbour Acknowledgement Awards**

The ERVCDCA would like to acknowledge our long-time community groups and neighbours making a difference in the East River Valley. We would like to be able to put something together to thank these folks for all that they do for making the East River Valley the wonderful place it is. More details of what this is will be shared in coming months.

If you know of a community group or perhaps a neighbour who goes above and beyond to make the East River Valley better we want to hear from you! Share your stories, give someone a pat on the back!

Submit a brief description of the group or person, what they have done (and for how long).

If you have photos you can also submit those.

Submissions can be made by emailing Kara at [spotlight.1@hotmail.com](mailto:spotlight.1@hotmail.com) or by phone 902-301-0339.

Please have these submissions in by Sunday August 1st.



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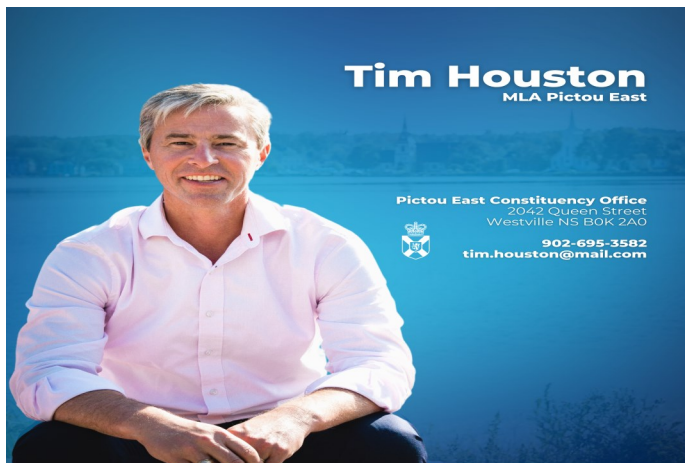
## **Good news stories...**

We heard that Dave MacIntosh cleared part of the multi-use trail from Eureka to the Springville Bridge, which was overgrown and making it difficult to use. Thanks Dave!

We also had several neighbours in St. Paul's report some illegal dumping along the trail, which has been cleaned up by PC Solid Waste. It saddens us to see this happening, thank you to those of you who reported this.

During the Go Clean Get Green week we saw lots of members of our East River Valley community out doing their part to clean up the ditches and roadways.

Thank you to everyone who pitched in to help!



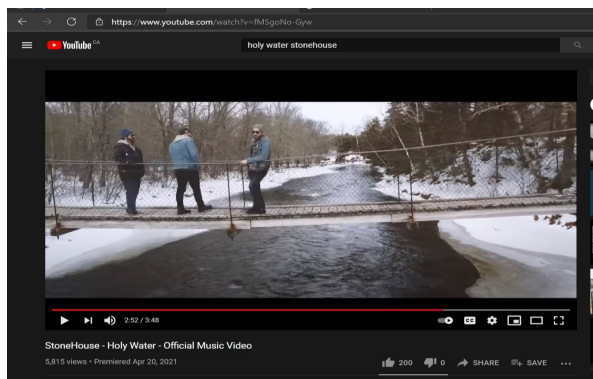
# Junior Reporter: Bridget MacGregor

## Online Learning

As some of you may know, I am a grade 6 student at Dr W.A. MacLeod. At the end of April, we had to switch from going to school to online learning because of COVID-19. The schools were more prepared than last year's closure. They supplied us with Chromebooks to continue learning at home like we do in school. We use google meet for our class and it allows us to see and hear each other. We raise our hands with a button that shows the teacher when we want to speak. Our school has online learning during the morning while high school has online learning for the full day. We are also assigned work that we do after class and we submitted it through google classroom. We even have gym and music classes. It's a great way for us to continue learning while we stay safe. It's nice that we don't have to wear masks like we do in school but I miss seeing my friends in person. I hope you have a great few months and stay safe.

Pictou County band StoneHouse has featured the Hopewell Footbridge and Ceilidh grounds in their most recent video for the song "Holy Water". We shared it on our Facebook page, but you can also find it on YouTube at

<https://youtu.be/fMSgoNo-Gyw>



## Handy Man/Woman's Yard Sale

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## Meals on Wheels



This program is offered throughout the East River Valley.

Meals are prepared at Valley View Villa kitchen and delivered every Tuesday and Thursday in time for supper. At a cost of \$7 the meal includes soup, bread, main meal and dessert.

Many clients tell us they have enough for two meals, keeping the soup and bread for the next day's lunch.

For more information about the program contact:

Etta Hirtle at 902-923-2244.

