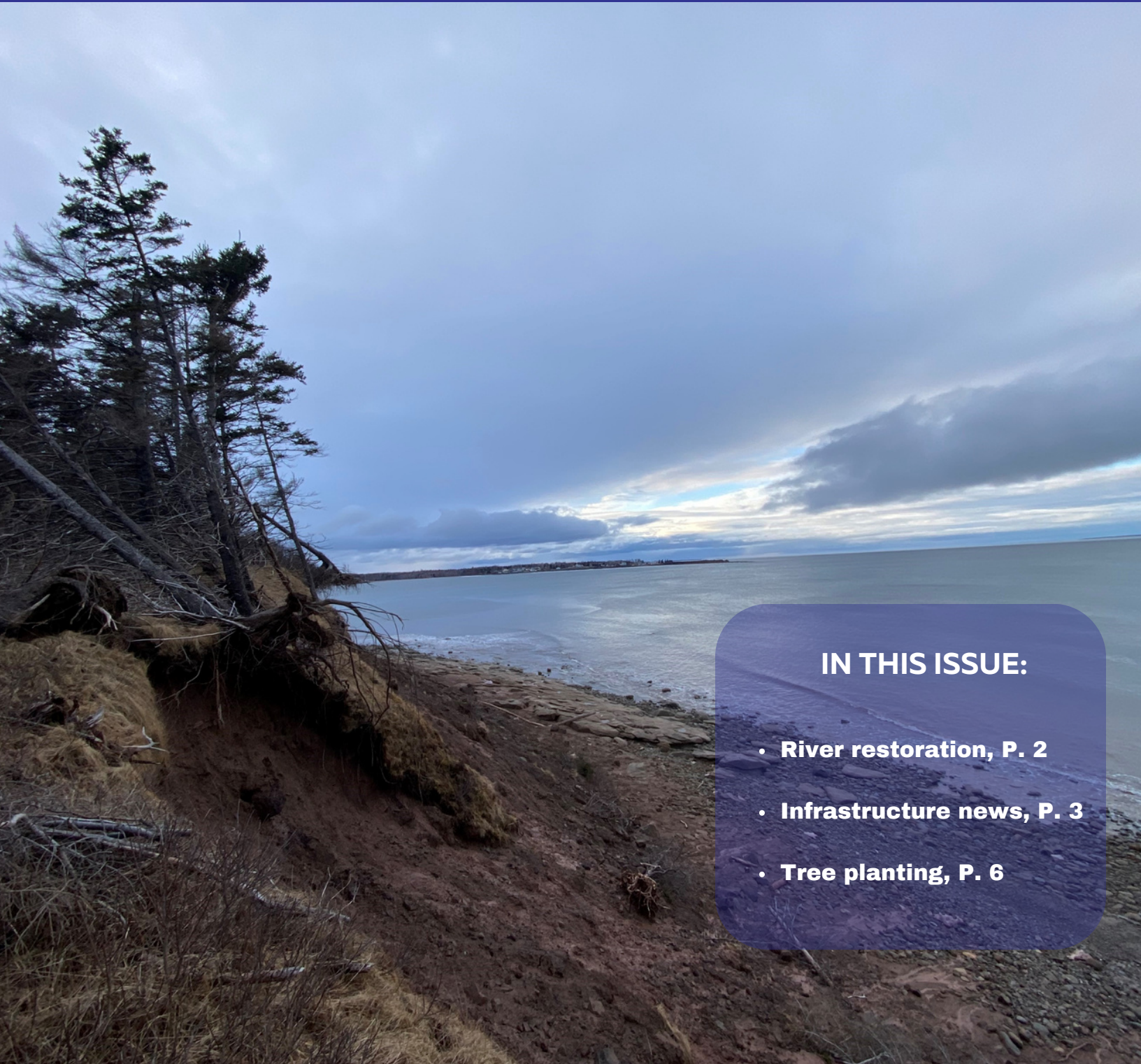


The MOPC Spotlight

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Restoring the West River

Halifax-based carbon company invests in Pictou County

A Halifax-based carbon company has plans to revitalize a river in Pictou County.

CarbonRun recently made a presentation to the Municipality of Pictou County's Climate Change Advisory Committee to explain the work their company does and the plans they hope to carry out at the West River in Pictou County.

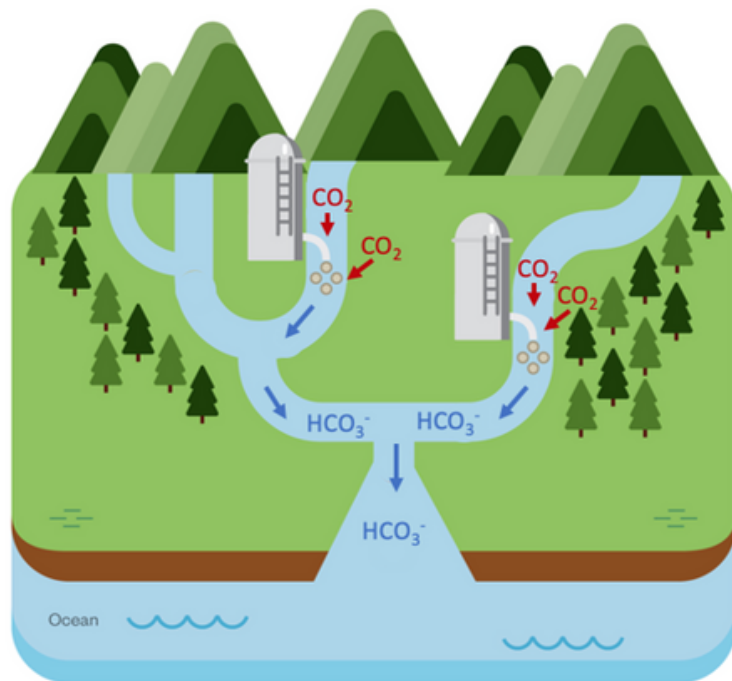
Shannon Sterling, an associate professor at Dalhousie University is the Chief Scientific Officer for Carbon Run and led the presentation.

CarbonRun was established to restore rivers damaged by pollution. The way they get their funding is from investors who want to offset their carbon emissions and help the environment by putting money into projects that remove carbon from the atmosphere.

How CarbonRun does that is by adding crushed limestone to rivers which helps restore a proper PH balance and capture carbon.

Sterling explained that this is a well-understood river restoration technique that has been used in Scandinavian countries since the 1970s to restore rivers damaged by acid rain.

A similar project has been taking place in the West River in Sheet Harbour since 2005 which resulted in increased biodiversity, improved water quality and higher fish productivity.



Sterling said they have made sure to talk with stakeholders in the area including the Pictou County Rivers Association and Pictou Landing First Nation.

The project is expected to provide local job opportunities and boost the local economy. Sterling said they're hopeful they'll be able to get local students involved as well.

The company's goal for this year is to conduct a trial in the upper portion of the West River while continuing to collect data at monitoring locations downstream. For more information on CarbonRun visit <https://carbonrun.io/>

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MOPC Water Project Receives Federal and Provincial Support



Residents of the Municipality of Pictou County will have enhanced access to clean water thanks to funding from three levels of government.

Central Nova MP Sean Fraser and Premier Tim Houston announced they would be contributing funding to the MOPC project to build a new water distribution system to serve homes in Greenwood and Coalburn, communities that have been experiencing poor drinking water quality caused by geological conditions.

The investment will extend the MacLellans Brook water distribution system about eight kilometres, allowing the municipality to provide safer drinking water to about 195 properties.

MOPC Warden Robert Parker thanked the other levels of government for their support of this project.

“It is good news indeed, and we as a municipality are appreciative for the sharing of the costs of installing this new water system with our provincial and federal levels of government,” Warden Parker said.

“I know the residents of Coalburn, Greenwood and MacLellans Brook have waited a long time for this to happen and I am pleased for them that the day has finally come. Also, good news for our whole county as good water will lead to more new home construction in this newly serviced area of Pictou County.”

Premier Houston said this significant investment will ensure the community has access to safe, clean water they expect and will lay a foundation for continued growth for years to come.

MP Fraser spoke about the federal contribution for this and other projects in the region.

“The MacLellans Brook water distribution infrastructure project in Pictou County is a great example of our work to help residents and businesses in rural communities thrive and grow,” Fraser said.

Construction is expected to start this summer.

Pictou County resident fundraising for Bum Run

When Theresa Fielding was battling cancer, she didn't have to fight alone.

The Colchester County woman who enjoyed spending time at her cottage in Pictou County knew that if she had a question or was simply having a bad day all she had to do was pick up the phone.

At the other end of the line would be Filomena Servidio-Italiano, President and CEO of Colorectal Cancer Resource and Action Network (CCRAN), ready to listen and offer advice.

"The tremendous support she got from CCRAN blew us away," says Mike Fielding, Theresa's husband.

Theresa passed away in Sept. 2022, but her family and friends are still grateful for the support she received and are doing everything they can to give back by continuing to fundraise for CCRAN through the annual Bum Run under the team name Theresa's Beach Bums.

The Bum Run is a charity founded with the goal of raising awareness about colon cancer screening. Bum Run funds go toward increasing awareness of how common colon cancer is today and encouraging early screening. Proceeds from the Halifax Bum Run go to CCRAN.

Last year Mike and his team were able to fundraise approximately \$11,000 for CCRAN, continuing the legacy Theresa left and this year he has set a goal of getting \$10,000.

Helping with the fundraising efforts is Dana Cameron, Theresa's brother-in-law, who lives in Toney River. Like Mike, he is grateful for the support CCRAN showed to Theresa and wants to enable them to help others.

"These people have the answers for people in need," he said. "It's so personalized as well. They're like your best friends."

Last year Dana said he had a great response from people in Pictou County who were willing to listen and donate and he's hopeful they'll once again show their support by donating to the cause. As part of his fundraising efforts, he will be selling tickets for a chance to win a wooden birdhouse or decorative buoy. All the proceeds from those sales will go directly to the Bum Run fundraiser for CCRAN. He will be setting up in various locations to sell the tickets and anyone with a spot he can set up is encouraged to contact him by calling 902-890-1923.



Tickets will be drawn on the day of the Bum Run on May 25, 2024. There will be two winners of buoys and two winners of birdhouses.

"Our big goal is to be able to help our friends and help others get this information about this resource and this action network of CCRAN."

Filomena says she is grateful for the continued efforts of Theresa's family.

"It warms my heart to watch them honour her in this way and it is a breath of fresh air."

Even in the midst of her own fight, Theresa was thinking about others, Filomena said.

"She was so passionate about Bum Run and about fundraising for CCRAN but also about raising awareness through the Bum Run."

Studies show that 90 percent of colorectal cancers are treatable if detected early enough.

To learn more about the Bum Run visit bumrun.com. Those interested in making a donation can also call Mike at 902-890-5619 or Dana at 902-890-1923.

Join the New Horizons Club

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, Pictou Lions Club, 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.



Did you know the Municipality of Pictou County has a webpage dedicated to promoting local producers? It is a quick and easy link that will connect you with producers of meat, vegetables, flowers, honey and more. All you have to do is click this link: <https://pictou-county-farms-pictoucounty.hub.arcgis.com/>

If you are a local producer and would like to be included on the page, just give us a call at 902-485-2240 or email adam.macinnis@munpict.ca. It only takes a few minutes for us to collect your information and it's free of charge.

New employee



MOPC FirstHome is happy to announce a new addition to our team. Scott Hunter has been hired as a Field Services Technician for the Broadband Project. Please join us in giving him a warm welcome.

An illustration showing a person's hands planting a small tree sapling into a mound of soil. The person is wearing green pants and a watch. To the right, a larger, more developed tree stands on another mound of soil. The background is a light tan color.

Help Us Plant TREES

**TO COMBAT
CLIMATE CHANGE!**

We are currently looking for potential sites to plant 5,000 spruce seedlings. The property must be at least one acre in size and located within the Municipality of Pictou County. Anyone interested in offering their land for consideration can contact Councillor David Parker at david.parker@munpict.ca.

LET'S DO IT TOGETHER!

CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION

The Municipality of Pictou County is developing a Five-Year Municipal Climate Change Action Plan and we want your input!

The World Meteorological Organization has officially confirmed that 2023 was the warmest year on record, and 2023 stands out as the only year with above-normal temperatures nationwide and the worst wildfire season on record. Nova Scotia is particularly vulnerable, as severe precipitation, high wind and damaging storm surge events have increased in intensity and frequency.

The purpose of this survey is to identify the public's climate change action priorities, which will help to inform the development of the Plan. Completion of the survey will take approximately 15 minutes. Visit <https://arcg.is/i5f5z0> or scan the QR code to take the survey by Monday March 25, 2024.

Those who complete the survey will be entered in a contest for the chance to win a YETI mug.





GO PLAY FUND

WHAT IS THE GO PLAY FUND?

The Go Play Fund was created to make recreation more affordable! If you need financial assistance to participate in a recreation program then you are eligible for the Go Play Fund!

WHY PLAY?



There are endless benefits of play! Play can increase your sense of belonging in your community, improve your physical and mental health, and increase your overall sense of wellbeing. At Pictou County Recreation we believe that everyone should get the chance to play EVERYDAY!

WANT TO HELP? DONATE!

The success of the Go Play Fund depends on you! If you are able to donate to help someone in your our community access recreation you can visit the MOPC building at 46 Municipal Drive in Pictou, or mail a cheque to the address below. Tax receipts are available!



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AM I ELIGIBLE?

Whether you are 1 or 100, the Go Play Fund is for you! If you are not eligible for other funding, we want to make it easier for you to GO PLAY!



HOW DO I APPLY?

Applications are available at munpict.ca, and at the MOPC building at 46 Municipal Drive in Pictou or by scanning the QR code here:



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