



Spring 2024 Newsletter

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About Us

The purpose and membership of the Peggy's Cove Commission (PCC) is not something that is widely known or understood. The Act of legislation that guides the Commission is specific to the Peggy's Cove Preservation Area, which includes the Village of Peggy's Cove. The primary objective of the Act and the Commission is to preserve the unique scenic beauty, character, and atmosphere of the Area of the enjoyment of both residents and visitors. In alignment with that objective, one of the most significant tasks assigned to the Commission by the legislation is—regulating the erection, construction, alteration, or repair of buildings with the Area (see link below). In accordance with section four of the Peggy's Cove Commission Act, the membership of the Peggy's Cove Commission consists of:

The municipal Councillor for the polling district that includes Peggy's Cove; one representative of the Nova Scotia Department of Economic Development; the Provincial Director of Planning for the Province; and not more than four additional members appointed by Governor in Council, three of whom shall be residents of the Area.

The four public member commissioners are volunteers and serve a four-year term. They provide invaluable first hand insight and through their commitment in supporting the community, the Commission endeavours to deliver the mandate of the legislation.

You can find out more about the Peggy's Cove Commission Act at:

<https://nslegislature.ca/sites/default/files/legc/statutes/peggycom.htm>

Commissioner Terms Expiring

The Peggy's Cove Commission (PCC) membership will have three terms expiring in July and August 2024 (one non-resident and two resident). The term for members extends for 4-years, and we will be welcoming in new members this summer.

A tip of the hat to any outgoing commissioners for their dedication and hard work during their time as members .



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Member Bios

Nicole Campbell. Nicole is a lifelong resident of Peggy's Cove. She has worked at the family business, The Sou'Wester Gift & Restaurant since her early teens and currently works as the Dining room Manager. Nicole loves her job in the Tourism industry and thrives on ensuring that visitors to Peggy's Cove get the best experience possible. After serving her first two years as a Commissioner, Nicole worked with the new Commissioners, residents, public to finalize the PCC Land Use By-law review. Nicole is very pleased to have been given the opportunity to serve as a commissioner as well as the Vice-Chair and now the Chair of the Peggy's Cove Commission. Nicole is active in her community as the chairperson of the Peggy's Cove Preservation Society. Outside of work Nicole can often be found hiking with her dogs or paddle boarding.

Karren Fader. As a prior resident, 1990 – 2005, Karren has a keen interest in the environment, fishery, local business and tourism within the living village. During her fifteen years in Peggy's Cove, Karren raised her two children and was active in the community. In the early 90's, as part of a group of residents, she actively lobbied for the installation of the composting washroom system at the Visitor Information Centre. Additionally, she served on the Commission and was a member of the Peggy's Cove Preservation Society. Karren began her career as a medical radiation technologist in Halifax, worked on the South Shore for a number of years and has been faculty at the Dalhousie School of Health Sciences since 2003. She has been directly involved in her profession, provincially as the Chair of the regulatory authority and nationally as the President of the not-for-profit professional association. Currently living in Tantallon, Karren still feels connected to The Cove through family and friends and is pleased for the opportunity to bring her experience as a resident, as well as her board and governance knowledge, to the Commission.

Maria Bartholomew. Maria loves calling Peggy's Cove home and she is pleased to serve on the Commission as a resident. She believes the rugged landscape, vibrant community, and the historic fishery are worth celebrating and preserving. Her extensive travels have instilled a deep appreciation for diverse human experiences, and has fostered a profound reverence for nature. Having sailed and lived for over a year aboard several tall ships, she is particularly drawn to the ocean. Maria has an expansive professional history which began working as a forest fire-fighter, and later as a radio operator for the Ministry of Natural Resources in Northern Ontario. After completing a BEd in Outdoor and Experiential Education, Maria taught in a variety of capacities including leading academic and experiential field studies programs in over 20 countries. Until recently, Maria taught instrumental string music, orchestra, and conducted choirs within the HRCE. Now a registered counselling therapist, she is currently operating a private practice and pursuing other creative and musical endeavours. Throughout her professional career, Maria has routinely been involved in community, education, and creative organizations, including serving on the board of Choirs for Change. She enjoys creating, gardening, creating music, and watching the magnificent sunrises and sunsets from the rocks outside her home.

Judy Dauphinee. As a teenager Judy participated in several community groups and was a found member of a group dedicated to providing extramural activities for youth in the area and she also participated in student government while in high school. Judy moved to Peggy's Cove and began a career in the hospitality industry welcoming visitors from over the world in 1977 after earning her Bachelor of Commerce degree from Dalhousie. It was a point of pride to participate in an industry that helped to supplement the financing of hundreds of student's postsecondary education. Judy is still working seasonally in tourism which allows more time for her to pursue her various hobbies. She has been actively involved with the Peggy's Cove Preservation Society since its inception in 1983 and is pleased to have the opportunity to serve on the Peggy's Cove Commission. Judy looks forward to her role in helping to guide our dynamic community into the future.



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Member Bios

Christina Lovitt. Christina serves on the Commission as the Provincial Director of Planning and is an appointed member, under the *Peggy's Cove Commission Act*.

David Mitchell. David serves, in a temporary capacity on the Commission as the Department of Economic Development appointed member, under the *Peggy's Cove Commission Act*. His temporary role as a Commissioner will continue until the position is permanently filled. We thank the former Commissioner Jeannie Chow for her time as a Commissioner and we welcome the incoming provincial representative.

Pamela Lovelace. The Councillor representing District 13, which includes the Village of Peggy's Cove and the Peggy's Cove Preservation Area and is an appointed member, under the *Peggy's Cove Commission Act*.

Land Use Bylaw Review—Completed

The Peggy's Cove Commission worked through a lengthy process to update the PCC Land Use By-law (LUB) for the community of Peggy's Cove. The former LUB was written in 1992, updated in 2003, and most recently amended and in effect on April 17, 2024. You find it at: [Bylaws & Permits | Peggy's Cove Commission \(novascotia.ca\)](#)

Accomplishments of Current Commission

1. AGM June 8, 2023
2. Newsletter Spring 2023
3. Land Use Bylaw submitted to the Minister of Economic Development for approval November 1, 2023 & approved April 17, 2024
4. Responded to numerous inquiries
5. Discussions to enable improved bylaw enforcement
6. Discussions to hire a development officer



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Overview of Planning Application Reviews

Review of planning applications or substantial inquiries: 2023—10
2024—2 (at time of publication)

Annual General Meeting

You are invited to the Peggy's Cove Commission Annual General Meeting being held on Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at the St. Peter's Church Hall, Hackett's Cove. The meeting starts at 6:30 pm and runs until 8:30 pm.

The meeting is open to all residents and the general public.



Resident Mailing List

The Newsletter is prepared once-a-year by the Commission, and is intended for residents/business owners of Peggy's Cove, and landowners with property within the Preservation Area. The Commission is developing a master mailing list, with the current names and addresses of residents and landowners. If you receive the newsletter or correspondence from the PCC but it is incorrectly named or addressed, the PCC request that you please send an email with necessary corrections so that the Commission can maintain an up-to-date mailing list.

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