

Spring 2021 Newsletter

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A New Peggy's Cove Commission

The term of the Peggy's Cove Commission, which was active from 2016 to 2020 has come to an end, and a new Commission has taken the baton. The new Commission will serve from 2020—2024 and includes four new members. The outgoing Commission would like to thank the community of Peggy's Cove for their support and end their term by highlighting some of the work that they are proud to have been part of.

Commission Achievements 2016—2020

- 1. Re-establishment of the Commission.
- 2. New logo and letterhead created.
- 3. Confirmation of area covered by the Peggy's Cove Commission Act.
- 4. Establishment of regular budget process.
- 5. Development of governance procedures.
- 6. Development of complaints procedure.
- 7. Development of expense claim form.
- 8. Re-establishment of relationship and implementation of information sharing protocol with HRM.
- 9. Establishment of the website.
- 10. Residents meeting hosted on 8 June 2017.
- 11. Newsletter created and sent out Fall 2019.
- 12. Surveys of landowners, residents, and business on possible changes to land use by-law 2019.
- 13. Development of forms and FAQs for Applications.
- 14. Review of planning applications or substantial enquiries:
- 15. 2017: 5 applications reviewed
- 16. 2018: 5 applications reviewed
- 17. 2019: 7 applications reviewed
- 18. Responded to numerous enquires regarding potential developments in the Area.
- 19. Discussions initiated to enable improved bylaw enforcement.
- 20. Discussed traffic issues with NS Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal.
- 21. On-going communication with Develop Nova Scotia regarding master plan.



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Welcome New Commissioners

The Peggy's Cove Commission (PCC) is pleased to announce new Commission membership. The term for members extends for 4-years, and 2020 represents the end of the commission that formed in 2016, and the beginning of the next commission for new members.

A tip of the hat to the outgoing commissioners John Campbell, Gary Logan, Aonghus Garrison and Matt Whitman for their dedication and hard work during their time as members. Peter Richardson is returning to the PCC as chair, bringing to that role, his experience as a former PCC member and long-standing resident of the Village of Peggy's Cove.

New Member Bios

Janice Steeles. Janice is a wife, mother of two humans and three Yorkies, and business owner of Bubba Magoos Inc. located in



Peggy's Cove. It was a true faith adventure for the Steeles family, leaving everything behind to start a new life in the Maritimes. Janice was born and raised on a dairy farm in a small Ontario town. After high school she completed an Honours Bachelor of Arts degree and an Early Childhood Education diploma, however, the entrepreneur gene took over when she joined with her husband Scott, to create their own publication company that thrived for 16 years. The rural lifestyle made up of hard work, dependence on nature, and a sense of community was ingrained in Janice at a young age. As the years went by, she learned to truly appreciate and realize how valuable

that upbringing was. Janice feels so blessed to now be apart of Peggy's Cove, an amazing fishing village with such a rich heritage. She counts it as a privilege to serve as a commissioner and looks forward to caring for the community in her role on the Peggy's Cove Commission.

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.

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. 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. Nicole is very pleased to have been given the opportunity to serve as a commissioner as well as the vice-chair of the Peggy's Cove Commission in 2020.

Pam Lovelace. Pam is the new Councillor representing District 13, which includes the Village of Peggy's Cove and the Preserva-



tion Area. Pam has a twenty-year career in communications and project management. After graduating from Mount Saint Vincent University, she worked for CBC Maritimes in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick as a producer, and worked in various communications roles with federal, provincial, and municipal governments. Following her first run for Halifax Council in 2016, she completed a master's degree in adult education and worked for Dalhousie University. Pam is the recipient of Volunteer of the Year awards from both the city of Halifax and the province of

Nova Scotia, among other recognition, including the Canada 150 Sesquicentennial Pin and Minister of Veteran Affairs Commendation.



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Returning Members

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Peter Richardson. Peter has been in the Nova Scotia Tourism business for over 21 years, is the owner and operator of Peggy's Cove Boat Tours, Peggy's Cove Lobster and is a business partner at the Breakwater Inn in Peggy's Cove where he lives. Honored by the appointment to Chairmen of the Peggy's Cove Commission after serving the last four years as a commissioner, Peter is looking forward to the next four years working with the new Commission, residents, public and the new Peggy's Cove Infrastructure project making the Cove a world class place to visit. Peter is a member of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary assisting those in need on the water,

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

Jeannie Chow. Jeannie is the Director of the Provincial Department of Business, and is an appointed member, under the *Peggy's Cove Commission Act*.

Other Items

Land Use Bylaw Review

The Peggy's Cove Commission is involved in an update of the Land Use Bylaw (LUB) for the community of Peggy's Cove. The current LUB was written in 1992 and most recently amended in 2003. In the intervening time, Village has changed. The Bylaw review and subsequent update of the provisions that manage development will be undertaken by professional planning consultants. At present, the Commission is in the process of appointing a consulting firm.

The Master Plan for Peggy's Cove

The Peggy's Cove Commission would also like to remind residents of Peggy's Cove, that the Commission does not play a direct role in the preparation of the Master Plan. The role of the Commission is to review and evaluate Development Permit applications. Development Permits are required for new construction or renovations/additions to existing structures and ensure conformity to the provisions of the LUB. Although the implementation of the Master Plan is being carried out in parallel to the activities of the PCC and the Land Use Bylaw review, the PCC and Develop NS are independent from one another, and any issues or questions respecting the Master Plan should be directed to Develop Nova Scotia.

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 to:

Peggys.Cove.Commission@novascotia.ca, with the necessary corrections, so that the Commission can maintain an up-to-date mailing list.