



# Spring 2023 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 for 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 within 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 the 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>



## Welcome New Commissioners

The Peggy's Cove Commission is pleased to announce three new Commission members.

### 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 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, educational, and creative organizations, including serving on the board of Choirs for Change. She enjoys crafting, 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 founding 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 students' 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.

### Christina Lovitt

Christina joined the Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing in 2021 and was working in the Housing division prior to becoming Director of Planning in June 2022. Previous to joining government, Christina was the Manager of Planning - Atlantic Region with WSP Canada Inc. Christina is a Licensed Professional Planner and Member of the Canadian Institute of Planners.

## Returning Members

### 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 is looking forward to the next two years working with the new Commissioners, residents, public to finalize the PCC By-law review. 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 and now the chair of 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, was faculty at the Dalhousie School of Health Sciences from 2003 - 2022 and is now an independent consultant. 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.

### Pam Lovelace

Pam serves on the Commission as 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*.

### Jeannie Chow

Jeannie was a former Director at the Department of Economic Development (DED) and has taken partial retirement. She has currently returned part time with the Department, and will continue to represent DED as a Commissioner.

## Commission Accomplishments

### Highlights 2022 – 2023 + Ongoing:



- Reinstated in September 2022, following a temporary suspension of activity between January and August 2022.
- Administration of Development Permit application and review
- Oversight of the Land Use By-Law review and update
- Preparation of on-line forms and FAQs for development related permit applications

### Overview of Planning Application Reviews:



- 2020-21: 7 applications reviewed
- 2021-22: 4 applications reviewed
- 2022-23: 3 applications reviewed

## Other Items



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, the Village has changed. The Bylaw review and subsequent update of the provisions that manage development has been undertaken by professional planning consultants. At present, the Commission is undertaking a public review of the plan in conjunction with the consultant and Steering Committee.

More information about the development of the Bylaw can be found at:

<https://www.peggyscovelub.ca/>

<https://pcc.novascotia.ca/>

## Swiss Air Memorial

As the Commission representative, Karren Fader was invited to meet with Lisa Sheffar, Commemoration Division of Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC), to discuss the commemoration program for the 25th Anniversary of the Swiss Air 111 Disaster. The purpose of the remembrance is to recognize the significant contributions made by the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF), other organizations and the local communities, to the rescue and recovery operation. The intent is to have a CAF delegation and representatives from key stakeholder groups participate in the event. On the evening of September 2nd there will be a ceremony/service at the Blandford Memorial location with another one the following day at the Peggy's Cove Memorial site. VAC is reaching out to as many sources as possible for information and advice, to ensure that the program is reflective and sensitive to the tragedy and the persons impacted. The Commission will continue to provide input and receive updates as the program planning progresses.

## Annual General Meeting

You are invited to the Peggy's Cove Commission Annual General Meeting being held on Monday, June 19, 2023 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 Peggy's Cove Commission Newsletter is prepared once-a-year and is intended for the residents and business owners of Peggy's Cove, and landowners with property within the Preservation Area.

The Commission is continuing to develop a master mailing list with the most current addresses of residents and landowners. If you receive the newsletter or correspondence from the PCC but it is incorrectly addressed, the PCC requests that you please send an email with the correction, to:

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