2026 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, alternation, 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 Growth and 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 four positions expiring in July and Sep 2026 (one non-resident and three residents). The terms for members can range from two to four years, and we will welcome new members in the fall.

If you are interested in applying, applications are accepted until May 12, 2026 at Online Applications to Agencies, Boards and Commissions (ABCs) System (scroll until you see Peggy's Cove Commission)

We appreciate the dedication and hard work of the outgoing members during their term as a Commissioner.

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Current 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 a member of the Peggy's Cove Preservation Society. Outside of work Nicole can often be found hiking with her dogs or paddle boarding.

Maria Bartholomew

Maria loves calling Peggy's Cove home and serves on the Commission as a resident. She believes the rugged landscape, vibrant community, and the historic fishery are worth celebrating and preserving. She enjoys playing music, crafting 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.

Peter Haslett

Peter and his family have truly enjoyed the shift from regular visitors to joining the community in late 2023. They have been working hard to revive the charm of their 200 year-old heritage home since. Peter has spent the bulk of his career consulting national and international brands on their communications strategies, before shifting to the world of start-ups and small businesses. He has held board-level positions in Canada and Europe for international companies. He is keen to serve the Commission and looks forward to engaging all stakeholders—the community, visitors, businesses, and governing bodies—to help sustain the unique and priceless scenic beauty, character, and integrity of Peggy's Cove and its authentic community.

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

Jane Fraser. Jane serves on the Commission as the Department of Growth and Development appointed member, under the *Peggy's Cove Commission Act*. She also holds the position of Vice-Chair

Nancy Hartling. 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

The Peggy's Cove Commission Land Use By-law (LUB) for the community of Peggy's Cove, has been effective since April 17, 2024. You can find a link to it on any page of the website **https://pcc.novascotia.ca**

Website

We have continued to update and add content to the website. Keep checking the '**News and Events'** tab located here **https://pcc.novascotia.ca/news** The Peggy's Cove Commission can be reached through the '**Contact Us'** section of the website.

Accomplishments of Current Commission

1. AGM May 12, 2025
2. 2026 Newsletter
4. HRM contracted to handle the Development Officer role which includes compliance

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Overview of Planning Application Reviews

Review of Development Permit applications by PCC: 2025—5

HRM took over the development permit process in the fall of 2025 https://plc.halifax.ca/hfxprod/pub/lms/Login.aspx You can contact HRM to discuss any requirements for permits at https://plc.halifax.ca/hfxprod/pub/lms/Login.aspx or call 311 or Email at contactus@311.halifax.ca . You can also send mail to or visit their offices at 5251 Duke Street, 3rd Floor, Suite 300, Duke Tower, Halifax.

Note: **No fees will be charged for development permit or variance applications.*

Annual General Meeting

You are invited to the Peggy's Cove Commission **Annual General Meeting** being held on **June 18, 2026** at the St. Peter's Church Hall, Hackett's Cove. The meeting starts at **6:30 p.m.** and runs until 8:30 p.m.

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 continues to update their master mailing list, with the current names and addresses of residents and landowners. If you receive the newsletter or correspondence from the Commission but it is incorrectly named or addressed, please contact the us by email with the necessary corrections so we can maintain an up-to-date mailing list.

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