



# THE *Tickle* NEWSLETTER



Portugal Cove  
St. Philip's

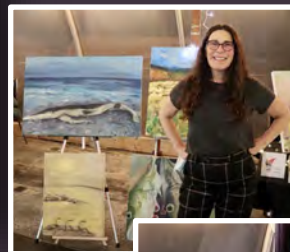
## GRADE 8 BOYS VOLLEYBALL TEAM WINS REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Huge congratulations to all the members of the Grade 8 Brookside Bulldogs Boys Volleyball team for winning the Tier 1 Regional Championships! This Newfoundland and Labrador Volleyball Association tournament was hosted by Clarenville in November and despite heavy competition our team from Brookside Intermediate were able to bring home the gold.



On November 27th the Town as well as the PCSP Chamber of Commerce hosted the second annual Arts Festival with Partners for the Arts, the PCSP Arts Association. A great time was had by all who attended as we celebrated the arts with live music, performance art and met our local artists, authors and craftspeople. It was a great opportunity to shop local and see firsthand the amount of talent present in our community.

Partners for the Arts has just celebrated their first anniversary and they are quite pleased with what it has accomplished in their first year. You can follow them on their FB page to hear more about upcoming events and activities. Interested in becoming a member? Find membership information at: [www.chamberpcsp.ca](http://www.chamberpcsp.ca)



### In this edition of The Tickle Newsletter...

Community News & Fire Department	pg 2-3
Public Works	pg 4
Recreation & Community Services	pg 5-8
Event Calendar	pg 9
Community Groups	pg 10-11
Mayor's Message	pg 12



# PCSP TEACHERS ARE EXCEPTIONAL



**PRIME MINISTER'S AWARD FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE AND TEACHING EXCELLENCE IN STEM - TEACHING BEYOND THE CURRICULUM**

Laun Shoemaker  
Beachy Cove Elementary, Portugal Cove-St. Philip's

Mr. Shoemaker has a unique approach to learning. His teaching practice successfully incorporates the "6Cs" - creativity, collaboration, critical thinking, communication, citizenship, and character. He shows students other ways to do things, extending themselves beyond what they thought they could do. He solidifies learning with authentic learning experiences.

Mr. Shoemaker understands the necessity of acquiring technological skills. He uses innovative and exemplary teaching practices within his classroom to enhance learning. To ensure inclusion within the school and to promote science, math, and engineering, Mr. Shoemaker developed a program entitled GRIT (Girls Revelling in Technology), to mirror the BURP program (Boys Undercover Reading Program) previously established.

As a classroom teacher for the past 14 years, Mr. Shoemaker has connected more than 300 of his own learners with community artists and artisans in a wide spectrum of disciplines. He has enlisted singers, dancers, chefs, authors and actors to be part of learning activities.

Securing this broad collaboration from cultural sector was made possible because Mr. Shoemaker successfully procured 37 grants, totaling more than \$180,000, over his teaching career. Through these funds, Mr. Shoemaker has provided more than 6,000 students and 420 teachers with access to amazing resources. The outcome is exceptional. His work has exponential impact not only in the school, but in the entire community.

Ms. Toope is self-effacing, industrious, hardworking, diligent, devoted, and generous. The initiatives she has built during her time teaching at Beachy Cove Elementary will have a lasting impact on students and the community.

Ms. Toope's classroom is where compassion, empathy, understanding and kindness are at the heart of every activity. She celebrates diversity and challenges students to embrace differences and cultivate change for a better world. Celebrations such as Pride Week and Every Child Matters makes her classroom one of the most welcoming and empathetic Kindergarten classrooms.

The topics of kindness, diversity and respect are at the forefront of her classroom teaching and learning. She chooses to celebrate differences and encourage love for everyone through classroom activities revolving around the Pride Movement. She celebrates Orange Shirt Day and discusses Reconciliation with students by watching children's shows and reading stories. She also encourages a true love and appreciation of nature through her enthusiasm and forest school initiatives, taking the time to immerse students in the forest, outside the classroom.

Ms. Toope leads colleagues by example, helping and supporting colleagues to reach their best. Her work reflects respect for others and acceptance of everyone.



**MINISTER OF EDUCATION'S AWARD FOR COMPASSION IN TEACHING**

Sara Toope  
Beachy Cove Elementary, Portugal Cove-St. Philip's



**PREMIER'S AWARD FOR TEACHING INNOVATION**

Sam Paterson  
Brookside Intermediate, Portugal Cove-St. Philip's

Sam Paterson has immersed himself heavily into Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) at Brookside Intermediate. Mr. Paterson uses technology in the classroom daily to keep lessons current. Through his passion for STEM, he has successfully created a Student Makers Club in which any student at Brookside can attend. Each week students perform new exploratory challenges using various technologies such as Ozobots, Legos, Google Suite, Jamboards, Makey Makey, Minecraft, Sphero, Green Screen, 3D Printing and Flight Simulation, just to name a few. Mr. Paterson continues to work with staff, parents/guardians, students and the community to engage students in real life educational experiences. Most recently, a group of students embarked on an Ocean-Stem fieldwork study.

During the 2020 school shutdown, Mr. Paterson worked with the students and taught them remotely using technology. He also worked with teachers to help them develop a greater online presence. This included creating a "how-to" website for staff to help them feel more comfortable when teaching online.

Mr. Paterson has become a more inclusive teacher, and his efforts have inspired new levels of engagement in students, parents and colleagues.

# SUPER SWEET TWEETS

We have learned to smile with our eyes during these Covid times. So proud of our learners for their adaptability during these strange times. @CMOH\_NL @NLESDCA @EDU\_GovNL



What fun we had at the @PCSPnl National Child Day activities this morning. Charlie had so much fun meeting you all. Thanks to the Town of Portugal Cove-St. Phillips for having us and your recognition of the special day coming up on November 20th.



Gold medal winning team!



Back for another visit this morning, lots of vacant appointments, please take an hour, book an appointment and save a life. @LifelineNL @PCSPFire @PCSP Lions @Chamberpcsp @PCSPnl @LifelineNL @FAA1899



We are thrilled to welcome 8 recruits who are currently undergoing training! These members will soon be brought online to serve our community! @PCSPnl



3



## Fire Safety During Winter Storms

Winter storms are a regular part of the season in this province. Being prepared before, during and after the storm can make a big difference and help keep you and your family safe.

- Test your smoke alarms at least once a month and install carbon monoxide alarms.
- Plan two ways out of the house in case of emergency and keep the exits and driveway clear of ice and snow.
- Make sure your house number is easily seen from the roadway.
- Be ready for power outages and use extreme caution if you use candles.
- Be aware of winter weather and watch for bulletins.
- Check on your neighbors and others who may need help.
- Generators should be used outdoors and away from windows and doors. Never run a generator in your garage.
- Stay away from downed wires and report them to authorities asap.
- Be ready for loss of heat, and if you use an emergency heat source, keep flammable items at least 1 meter away.
- Never leave a portable heater running when you are not in the room. Turn them off when you go to bed.
- Keep chimneys clean and free of debris like creosote, nests, snow and ice. Have your chimney cleaned and inspected at least once a year.

### IMPORTANT REMINDER:

There are more home fires in winter than in any other season. Half of all home heating fires happen in December, January and February.

As you stay cozy and warm this winter season, be fire smart!



**NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION**

The leading information and knowledge resource on fire, electrical and related hazards



# PublicWorks

Streets • Fleet • Waste Management • Water & Wastewater • Facilities



## CONGRATULATIONS CHRIS NEARY

One of the most dedicated employees, an OHS expert, former Town Foreman, and long time Public Works veteran, Mr. Chris Neary has retired from the Town. Mr. Neary has worked tirelessly in the service of the Town for more than 20 years and you would be hard put to find a truer gentlemen. Chris knows every inch of this Town and has poured his heart and soul into every aspect of his job.

On behalf of Council, and your coworkers and friends at the Town, we wish you only the best your retirement. We truly hope you, your family and your beautiful grandchildren enjoy every minute and you sleep late at least once a month. Thank you for everything you have done and continue to do for our community.

Off-leash or unattended dogs are far more likely to be involved in tricky situations or aggressive incidents, which can easily be prevented. While understandable accidents like a dog dashing out an open front door or sneakily escaping their backyard may happen once in a while, owners must do their part to follow the rules that keep everyone safe.

Owners who keep their dog safely tethered or within an enclosed area at all times are complying with the provincial Animal Protection Act. This means keeping your dog on leash when you are walking throughout the community, as well as ensuring your dog is in a safe space or fenced yard when at home. The Town does enforce these regulations with our Animal Control Officer and the consequences for non-compliance can be severe.

The Town recognizes that off-leash play is beneficial for the health and wellbeing of your dog. Leash rules are in place to protect both dogs and people, and off-leash freedom should be exercised only with reliable dogs in designated or protected areas, like our Voisey's Brook dog parks or your own fenced yard at home.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Public Works Department by calling: (709) 895-8000 (ext. 232) or via email: [public.works@pcsp.ca](mailto:public.works@pcsp.ca)

A link to the provincial Animal Protection Act can be found on the Town's website at [www.pcsp.ca/services/animal-services/](http://www.pcsp.ca/services/animal-services/)

## Be a Responsible Pet Owner



# Welcome back

Smiling faces everywhere in the PCSP Library once again! The Library has re-opened for public use with new hours and all kinds of fun events. Join us for Storytime, reading, crafting and playtime!



## LIBRARY HOURS

Tuesdays 2:00 pm - 7:30 pm

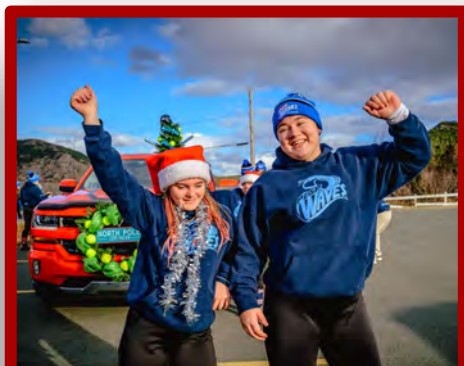
Wednesdays 9:30 am - 12:00 pm & 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Thursdays 1:30 pm - 5:00 pm

These are the hours when the PCSP Library is open for public use.  
The Library is also open at select times for programs and events by registration only.  
Be sure to check the Town website, [pcsp.ca](http://pcsp.ca) for new programs and any upcoming events!







# Thank you!

To all the tremendous volunteers who helped to make the Town's Christmas events a collection of incredible successes! A special shout out to

Eddie Sharpe and his family for being the genius behind our dancing Christmas Tree and running the hot chocolate station. As well, to all the residents and their families, community groups and more who came out to sing and smile with us at all of our holiday events and workshops. It sure is fun to celebrate with you all!







# Winter Carnival



**The PCSP Winter Carnival is coming in February!**  
**Stay tuned for all kinds of outdoor adventures and wintery fun.**

## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Women's Institute is excited to be meeting again every two weeks.

Members enjoyed a Sewing Day on November 6th using their endless skills creating turbans for cancer patients and fidget aprons, muffs and bibs for the Alzheimer's Unit of Lanes Retirement Centre.

These dedicated ladies are always finding great and creative ways to help support our community. Thank you for all you do!

## RAINBOW 50+ CLUB

The PCSP Rainbow 50 Plus Club meet for darts and cards every Friday afternoon from 2:00 to 4:00pm. We have a lot of fun and enjoy some social company. We are also looking forward to another great year in 2022.



Lions meet the second & fourth Tuesday each month

New Members Welcome!

Call Suzette 895-0472

Visit us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter @PCSP Lions

## A VERY SUCCESSFUL 2021!

To say that we're proud of PCSP's network of hard-working entrepreneurs is an understatement. They are proof that a strong network of people who love their community can truly work together and this combined with residents supporting local and assistance we've received municipally, provincially and federally, PCSP's presence as a wonderful community to live and do business in is strengthening.

In particular we'd like to highlight our new website, [www.livelocalpcsp.ca](http://www.livelocalpcsp.ca). Through ACOA's support, we were able to design a space where everything to know about PCSP is in one place and we're proud to say that the Economic Development Association of NL awarded us with the Best Marketing Project for this website! So, please visit it to discover where to shop, eat and explore in PCSP.

Simply put, without the belief people have in what our Chamber is here to assist with, we wouldn't have had as much success in 2021 as we've had, so thank you. It's an honour to be here and it's going to be a successful 2022!

\_ Tara



Tara Lehman, Executive Director  
PCSP Chamber of Commerce










## JANUARY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Hiking/Walking Club
2 Legion Darts	3	4 Library Public Hours Legion Darts	5 Library Public Hours	6 Legion Darts Library Public Hours	7 Rainbow 50+ Cards and Darts	8 Hiking/Walking Club
9 Legion Darts	10 Women's Institute Family History Club	11 Public Council Meeting Lions Club Legion Darts Library Public Hours	12 Library Public Hours	13 Legion Darts Library Public Hours	14 Rainbow 50+ Cards and Darts	15 Hiking/Walking Club
16 Legion Darts	17	18 Library Public Hours Legion Darts	19 Library Public Hours	20 Legion Darts Library Public Hours	21 Rainbow 50+ Cards and Darts	22 Hiking/Walking Club
23 Legion Darts	24 Women's Institute Family History Club	25 Public Council Meeting Lions Club Legion Darts Library Public Hours	26 Library Public Hours	27 Legion Darts Library Public Hours	28 Rainbow 50+ Cards and Darts	29 Hiking/Walking Club
30 Legion Darts	31					

## FEBRUARY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Legion Darts Library Public Hours	2 Library Public Hours	3 Legion Darts Library Public Hours	4 Rainbow 50+ Cards and Darts Tickle Submission Deadline	5 Hiking/Walking Club
6 Legion Darts	7 Women's Institute Family History Club	8 Public Council Meeting Lions Club Legion Darts Library Public Hours	9 Library Public Hours	10 Legion Darts Library Public Hours	11 Rainbow 50+ Cards and Darts	12 Hiking/Walking Club
13 Legion Darts	14 	15 Legion Darts Library Public Hours	16 Library Public Hours	17 Legion Darts Library Public Hours	18 	19 
20 	21 	22 	23 	24 	25 	26 
27 Legion Darts	28					



## PCSP CONTINUES TO GO CIRCULAR!

The Town is continuing with its zero waste project "Building Strong, Healthy, and Resilient Municipalities through Zero Waste and Circularity" in collaboration with Planeet Consulting and the College of the North Atlantic. Our goal is to learn about "Circular Services" that exist in PCSP, what initiatives you would like to see in the future and developing recommendations to bring those initiatives to life. Through a series of community surveys and interviews, we have been able to gather great information, and we are excited to hear even more.



The results of this project will be shared in early 2022 once the project is complete. There is still time to participate, check out the survey link on the Town website: [www.pcsp.ca/goingcircular](http://www.pcsp.ca/goingcircular). If you are interested in being interviewed, contact: Viviana of Planeet Consulting via email: [viviana@planeet.consulting](mailto:viviana@planeet.consulting)

We have also launched an educational social media campaign to help define the six "R services" of circularity:

### REPAIR

*Getting clothes, electronics, furniture, etc., repaired by someone else for free or for a fee. Not doing it yourself.*

### REUSE

*Clothing swaps, buying second-hand, becoming a member of a tool library, upcycling (refashioning a piece of cloth, furniture, food packaging), etc.*

### REFILL

*Bringing your own containers for refills at coffee shops, food or health stores, etc.*

### RECYCLE

*Getting paper, plastic, electronics, or clothing, etc., recycled by private or public organizations.*

### RETURN

*Bringing back packaging, bottles, or bags, etc., to the stores where you bought the products.*

### ROT

*Rot or composting organics by a business or community service. Not in your backyard.*



We were happy to welcome the Town's Family History Club back to the library recently! It's been a while since we were able to gather together.

Members of the Club use the Town archive information, book resources, and online tools to research information and photos pertaining to their family history and work to develop their family trees.

Club members find all kinds of fascinating and unique items and historical facts, you never know what you might come across. At our recent meeting, one of the members shared copies of a document that dates back to 1849!

Interested in the community and learning more about its vibrant history? Become a member of the club!

Contact: Julie Pomeroy Sparrow  
895-5657 or email:  
[julie.pomeroy@pcsp.ca](mailto:julie.pomeroy@pcsp.ca)

Learn more, here:

<https://pcsp.ca/community-group/family-history-club/>



## BRANCH 10, PORTUGAL COVE *Legion Happenings...* 895-6521

We want to take this opportunity to send out a huge thank you to our committee members and volunteers that took time out of their busy schedules to plan and organize all events. Your work and energy are making a difference here at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 10.

We couldn't do this without you. We deeply appreciate it, thank you.

### LEGION REPRESENTATIVES CONTACTS:

President - Philip Thorne 895-6754 (h) 749-0204 (c)

Service Officer - Bud Churchill 685-7644

Due to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions, the hall is operating at reduced capacity. We will keep you posted when changes are made. If you're looking for a place to host your next event, please don't hesitate to call us @ 895-6521. We have great rates and our hall has A/C and an outdoor deck.

### LEAGUE DARTS

Mixed League	Tuesday night
Mens League	Thursday night (Teams)
Womens League	Sunday Night

Call the Legion for more information 895-6521 - Can't wait to see you all there!



Please be advised that the Legion has been designated as a SCENT FREE building. We respectfully request your cooperation. Thank you. Always accepting new applications. *The Legion needs you!*



### New Years Eve Dance

*The Legion's traditional  
New Year's Eve Dance  
is happening again on  
December 31st.*

*Contact the Legion for  
further information and  
stay tuned for some great  
photos of this popular  
event.*

FOLLOW US ON  
FACEBOOK @ Royal  
Canadian Legion Branch 10.



# SIGN UP FOR *Safety*



Having an easily identifiable number sign helps emergency responders when they need to find a home quickly. By making a simple change and clearly numbering your home, you could save a life, including your own!

**\$30**

CUSTOM TWO-SIDED FULLY REFLECTIVE SIGN  
WITH YOUR CIVIC ADDRESS INSTALLED

Visit: [pcsp.ca/sign-up-for-safety/](https://pcsp.ca/sign-up-for-safety/)  
to order your sign today.

The PCSP Lions Club in partnership with the Town are committed to helping make sure all homes have civic number signs that can be clearly viewed. The Lions are always finding new ways to help make our community a better place for everyone.



## PCSP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT SERVICE AWARDS

*Congratulations and sincere thanks for your dedicated  
service in the protection of the people of  
Portugal Cove-St. Philip's.*

### 5 YEARS OF SERVICE

Firefighter Kurtis Murley  
Firefighter Justin Daniels  
Firefighter Scott Greeley

### 20 YEARS OF SERVICE

Firefighter Steve Murray

### 25 YEARS OF SERVICE

Captain Bazel J. Hibbs  
Firefighter Ray Parsons



[townofpcsp](https://townofpcsp.ca)



[@PCSPnl](https://twitter.com/PCSPnl)



[@PCSPnl](https://www.instagram.com/PCSPnl)

[pcsp.ca](https://pcsp.ca)



## A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Mayor Carol McDonald and Deputy Mayor Madonna Stewart-Sharpe at the Annual PCSP Christmas Parade.

Welcome to 2022! As we look ahead to this exciting year, it's my hope for everyone in Portugal Cove-St. Philip's that we can mark another year together filled with opportunity, teamwork, and happy times in this beautiful town.

I would like to thank all those who provided a wealth of ideas and perspectives for our new budget. With the input provided through our virtual and public consultations in mind, your Town Council has built a 2022 draft budget with the community's goals at the forefront. If you are interested in learning more, I encourage you to visit the Town's website at [www.pcsp.ca](http://www.pcsp.ca) to see an outline of the 2022 draft budget and I invite you to attend the public meeting that will take place early in the new year. Additional draft budget information and meeting details can be found on the budget mailout flyer that all residents received in late December. Working in collaboration with our residents is a major priority for this Council, and as the year moves forward, we hope to continue to hear so many wonderful ideas from you.

It's very exciting to think of all that's ahead in 2022, which will be the first full year together for this Town Council, and we plan to keep the good momentum going! This team of councillors are passionate about what we do and we all enjoy helping those we serve. This year we will be creating a community strategic plan, revising the Town Plan, updating our Asset Management Plan and continuing our climate change mitigation process. All of these projects require input and engagement from our residents, businesses, and community groups.

In closing, I am very proud to represent this town we call home as your mayor. Best wishes of health and happiness for the year ahead. While we have been lucky to keep Covid-19 cases low throughout the past year, please remember to always follow the recommendations of our public health officials and do your part to keep everyone safe.

*Carol*

## Mummers Festival Ugly Stick Workshop

Back in December, the Town once again partnered with the Mummers Festival for a fun and creative Ugly Stick Workshop. Participants learned about the tradition of a Newfoundland Ugly Stick and used their crafting skills to create their very own.



### WE LOVE TO SHARE!

Send us your photos, community events, good news stories, and any information you would like to share with the PCSP community. The deadline for the March-April edition of the Tickle Newsletter is 4:30pm Friday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Contact Jeff Lawlor at [jeff.lawlor@pcsp.ca](mailto:jeff.lawlor@pcsp.ca) or phone 895-5651.