



The **Tickle** Newsletter



Thank you to all residents who came out to vote in the 2025 Municipal Election. We also extend sincere appreciation to every candidate who put their name forward — your commitment and dedication help strengthen our community.

We are pleased to share that the newly elected Council for the Town of Portugal Cove–St. Philip's.

We look forward to working together with the new Council on behalf of our residents to continue building a bright future for our town.

Elected Mayor



Dave Bartlett
Total Votes
1,453

Elected Councillors



Kim Churchill
Total Votes: 1,717



Robert Stapleton
Total Votes: 1,413



Erin Gallant
Total Votes: 1,261



Wendy Squires-Ennis
Total Votes: 1,101



Gavin Will
Total Votes: 1,056



Keith Culleton
Total Votes: 1,022

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**October - December
2025**

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Congratulations!

NATALIE MITCHELL

CVFR SCHOLARSHIP RECEIPT



The Canadian Veteran Freedom Riders (CVFR) are a national motorcycle riding club founded in 2010 by a retired Canadian Armed Forces member, to provide a supportive community for Veteran and Veteran Supporters through shared interest in motorcycling and military camaraderie. The club organizes charity events and fundraisers for Veterans, serving retired military members and other charitable causes. The local chapter of CVFR Avalon, consists of 22 members made up of retired Veterans, Veteran supporters and first responders; several of which are from our community.

CVFR Avalon unit values the contributions made by our youth and the role that learning our military history and current military events plays in shaping future leaders and exceptional people. As a result, an annual scholarship valued at \$1000 was established. This merit-based scholarship is open annually to any grade 12 graduating high school student in the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District, who exhibits exemplary leadership, self-improvement, and volunteerism. Applicants are required to complete an essay of not less than 1500 words on one of the following topics: A defining battle or military accomplishment for Newfoundlanders; Contribution of women during times of war and armed conflict; or Contribution of Indigenous people in the Canadian military.

This year's recipient is Natalie Mitchell of Portugal Cove-St. Philip's. Natalie is a graduate of Holy Heart of Mary High School and is enrolled in the Bachelor of Engineering program at Memorial University. CVFR Avalon president, Dennis Woodland, presented Natalie with her scholarship cheque at the Town's local War Memorial on Loop Drive.

Congratulations Natalie, and well wishes on your continued education.

NEIGHBOURS IN NATURE



Visit killickecovillage.ca to see what's ahead and learn more.



Killick Ecovillage is a nature-rich, eco-conscious cohousing development on 57 acres of coastal farmland and forest on Farm Road. The goal is simple—build a connected, sustainable intergenerational community that makes life a little easier and a lot more neighborly.

This 51-unit housing ecovillage will feature energy-efficient home designs and shared common spaces in two clusters, preserving over 50 acres as green space.

Our plans include food production, wetland restoration, and forest conservation to create a thriving, resilient landscape. Learn more about community life, housing options, and our vision for sustainable development right here in Portugal Cove-St. Philip's.



29TH ANNUAL FIREFIGHTER'S BALL

Service Awards

Captain Chris Donovan
20 Years of Service

Lieutenant Daren Janes
15 Years of Service

Lieutenant Ed Lundrigan
20 Years of Service

Firefighter Steve Murray
20 Years of Service

Firefighter Tina Scott
10 Years of Service

Captain Chris Peinsznski
15 Years of Service

Firefighter of the Year
Firefighter Kurt Murley

Firefighter Choice Award
Firefighter Al Barrett

Fire Officer of the Year
Captain Chris Peinsznski

THANK YOU

FOR YOUR COMMITMENT AND UNWAVERING
SUPPORT TO YOUR COMMUNITY

The Portugal Cove-St. Philip's Volunteer Fire Department hosted its annual Firefighters Ball this year, celebrating the dedication and service of its members who go above and beyond to protect our community. Service awards were proudly presented to several long-serving members, along with three awards that went to firefighters based on nominations from fellow firefighters.

Each of these individuals has made significant contributions to the department and to public safety, demonstrating a remarkable commitment to their roles.

This year, the ball also provided an opportunity to reflect on the extraordinary efforts of our volunteer firefighters throughout the summer months. Their courageous and tireless work during wildfire suppression, both within our town and in assisting neighbouring communities such as Conception Bay North, highlighted the invaluable role they play in times of crisis. MP Joanne Thompson, MHA Fred Hutton, and Her Worship Mayor Carol McDonald took part in the evening bringing greetings on behalf of the federal government and province, along with presenting certificates themselves. The Town of Portugal Cove-St. Philip's extends heartfelt thanks to all members of the Volunteer Fire Department.

**See all the
photos here**



(tiny tabs)

BIG IMPACT

Mrs. Delaney's kindergarten learners at Beachy Cove Elementary are excited to collect aluminum pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House! Please help by sending in your aluminum tabs!

They will collect them all year, and send them to the Ronald McDonald House in June. Last year, they filled 4.5 water jugs and are hoping to break that record this year!



**Ronald McDonald
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Keeping families close

Holiday

Waste Collection Schedule

- Tuesday, December 23rd to Wednesday December 31st, residents are asked to have garbage and recycling placed outside before 7:00am due to shortened collection hours.
- Waste collection on December 25th is moved ahead to December 27th.
- Collection on December 26th is moved to Monday, December 29th.
- Waste collection on January 1st is moved ahead to January 3rd 2026.

The 2026 waste collection schedule will be mailed to residents in early 2026!

December						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3



Garbage Day



Garbage & Recycling Day



Holiday - No Collection



In the event of inclement weather, collection may be postponed. Visit pcsp.ca for updates.

Winter Parking Ban

With winter weather on the way, we would like to remind residents and motoring traffic of the winter parking ban. During the period from **November 1st to April 30th**, both days inclusive, no person shall park, leave, or abandon any vehicle or any portion of any vehicle upon any Street Reservation within the Town **between the hours of 12:00 midnight to and including 8:00am; and at any time when there is a snowfall and for 12 HOURS after the snowfall has ceased.** Vehicles left on the roadway may be subject to a ticket or be impounded at the owner's expense.



FALL Reminders

As the fall season is in full swing, we would like to remind residents of a few key seasonal tasks to keep our town safe and running smoothly.

Leaf Collection

Fallen leaves can clog drains and cause flooding. Please remember to rake leaves from your property and avoid placing them in ditches or drains. Bagged leaves can be left for curbside collection on designated days.

Waste Collection

As temperatures drop, avoid storing garbage outside for extended periods to prevent animals from getting into waste. Please adhere to the weekly collection schedule for proper disposal.

Winter Prep

With winter around the corner, now is the perfect time to check your home's drainage systems and ensure gutters are clear. Prepare for snow by marking the edges of your driveways for easier plowing and snow clearing.

By staying proactive this season, we can all help maintain the beauty and safety of our community. For more tips and information, visit our website or contact the Public Works Department at public.works@pcsp.ca or call 709-895-8000 ext. 229

Portugal Cove
St. Philip's

YOU'RE INVITED

Fall

FAMILY FESTIVAL

October 18
12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Voisey's
Brook Park

Under 2 Pass (Free) | Individual Pass - (\$6.00)
Family Pass (4 people max) - (\$20.00)

Registration opens on October 3rd 9:00 am via eServices

FOR FULL FESTIVAL INFO

 www.pcsp.ca

OR TRUNK TREAT

Friday, October 24th
Beachy Cove Elementary Parking Lot

Two time slots: 6:30 pm to 7:15 pm
7:30 pm - 8:15 pm

Registration Opens Monday, October 6th
at 9:00 am via eServices.

Tickets required for children/participants only!

DON'T FORGET TO WEAR YOUR COSTUME!

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Seniors Goods HALLOWEEN Bingo

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30TH
PCSP RECREATION CENTRE
2:00 PM - 3:30 PM
\$6.00 PER SENIOR

First come, first serve basis!

Don't forget your dabber!

14	20	31	49	62
9	16	46	50	75
11	29		59	70
2	19	40	51	67
5	26	37	60	63



GUY FAWKES NIGHT

Community Bonfire

Wednesday, November 5th, 2025
PCSP Recreation Centre Parking Lot
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

In partnership with the Volunteer Fire Department, enjoy a traditional community bonfire, with some hot chocolate too.




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PCSP Library

Fall 2025 Library Hours

September 9th to December 11th

Tuesdays: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm
Wednesdays: 3:30 pm - 7:00 pm
Thursdays: 9:00 am - 11:00 am, 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Fridays: Storytime, 10:30 am - 11:30 am. Registration Only

Please note - the hours above reflect times when the library is open for public use. The library is also open at select times for programs and events by registration only.

 pcsp.ca/library



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What We Heard

Planning for a New Multi-Use Civic Centre



As part of the proposed multi-use civic centre project, residents are invited to a follow-up session to continue the conversation from the community survey conducted earlier this year.

Wednesday, October 15th 2025
St. Philip's Anglican Parish Hall (20 Coady's Road)
6:30 pm

SPM Sierra PLANNING & MANAGEMENT

MJMA ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN

Christmas Schedule



Community Tree Lighting

Join PCSP Council and staff, as we light the Town's musical Christmas Tree! Enjoy fireworks and music from the Brookside choir, with the jolliest elf himself making a special appearance! Can't make it in person? We'll have a livestream on our Facebook!

*Free event - no
registration required!*

Dec.

02

6:00 PM



Breakfast with Santa

Enjoy breakfast with all the fixings at Brookside Intermediate; pancakes, sausage, fruit, yogurt, coffee, and tea/coffee! It's the perfect time to meet Santa and snap a photo with him! Two time-slots (i) 9:00 am - 10:00 am; (ii) 10:30 am - 11:30 am. Cost is \$6 per participant and free under two years old. Registration is required for all attendees.

Dec.

06

9:00 AM



Santa Claus Parade

Santa and friends will be making their way down Portugal Cove for the annual Town of Portugal Cove-St. Philip's and Volunteer Fire Department Christmas Parade. Don't forget to bring a non-perishable food item for the local food bank and your letters for Santa! Accessible viewing area, sensory zone maps, and a livestream will be available online on our website.

*Free event - no
registration required!*

Dec.

07

2:00 PM

of Events



Christmas Storytime in the Library

Join us for a cozy Christmas Storytime on Thursday, December 12th at 10:30 a.m. Children can enjoy festive stories, songs, and plenty of holiday cheer in the library's warm and welcoming space.

This special event is by registration only as space is limited, so be sure to sign up early to secure your spot!

*Free event -
registration required!!*

Dec.
12
10:30 AM



Christmas Cards for Seniors

Celebrate the festive season with the Portugal Cove – St. Philip's Lions Club. We invite children and youth to create Christmas Cards for Seniors, use your imagination and get creative! Cards can be dropped off to the Town Hall Monday – Friday, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm, with a deadline of Friday, December 12th. Council, staff and community groups will then deliver them to seniors in the community.

*Free event - no
registration required!!*

Dec.
12
4:30 PM

REGISTRATION OPENS NOVEMBER 14TH FOR ALL EVENTS
AT 9:00 AM VIA ESERVICES FOR PCSP RESIDENTS

More Holiday Events on the Way!

We have many more events to capture the holiday spirit in the works, follow our website, social media channels and watch for our schedule of events flyer in the coming weeks!

Stay Informed with PCSP Connects!



Emergencies, service interruptions, and important updates—get the information you need, when you need it! PCSP Connects is our official mass alert system, keeping residents updated on emergency alerts, waste collection changes, service interruptions, and more!

Sign up today at pcsp.ca by clicking on 'PCSP Connects' on the top right in the purple banner, and stay connected with your community.

Note: If you choose phone notifications, you must listen to the full message before unsubscribing. Calls will appear from an Alberta area code, but rest assured, it's PCSP!

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On August 9th, 2025 we officially received a call for assistance from the provincial government asking for help with the Kingston fire.

The chiefs office immediately began working to gather crews and equipment to send, keeping in mind the needs for our own community. 2300hrs on Aug. 9 a fully staffed crew was on their way to Kingston. This continued for some time and officially ended Aug. 22. Not to forget that during a stand down mission from Kingston for a couple days as conditions were unsafe, they were called into service for the Paddy's Pond fire.

Over those 14 days our members committed over 1200 hours of service not including the 18 emergency calls we received in PCSP during that time frame.

To put these numbers in perspective last year our members completed 2700 hours of training in 365 days

Thank you to the many, many volunteers who stepped up from other communities to help during this time. And thank you for the support over social media, for the many messages, and cards we recieved.



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Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home

Most of the electronics we use in our homes every day are powered by lithium-ion batteries. In fact, most everything that's rechargeable uses this kind of battery.



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hoverboards



tablets



cordless vacuum cleaners



e-vehicles



power tools



mobile phones



remote control cars



e-scooters



laptops



e-cigarettes/
vapes



drones



golf carts



smart watches



headphones



toys

LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES store a lot of energy in a small place. These batteries can overheat, start a fire, or explode if overcharged or damaged. By learning how to **BUY**, **CHARGE**, and **RECYCLE** these batteries safely, you can help prevent a fire in your home.



BUY only listed products. When buying a product that uses a lithium-ion battery look for a safety certification mark such as UL, ETL, or CSA. This means it meets important safety standards.



STOP using your device right away if the battery smells weird, gets too hot, makes popping noises, changes in shape or color. If it is safe, move the device away from anything that can catch fire. Call **9-1-1**.



CHARGE devices safely. Always use the cables that came with the product to charge. Follow the instructions from the manufacturer. Buy new chargers from the manufacturer or one that the manufacturer has approved.



RECYCLE batteries responsibly. Don't throw lithium-ion batteries in the trash or regular recycling bins because they could start a fire.



CHARGE your device on a hard surface. Don't overcharge your device. Unplug it or remove the battery when it's fully charged.



RECYCLE your device or battery at a safe battery recycling location. Visit call2recycle.org to find a recycling spot near you.

October		
1	Wed	National Seniors Day
2	Thurs	Municipal Election Day
3	Fri	Storytime, Pickle Practice
6	Mon	Yoga, Pickleball
7	Tues	Sit and Fit, Pickleball
8	Wed	Yoga, Playgroup, Pickleball, Zumba
9	Thurs	Sit and Fit, Adult Fitness, Trail Trekkers, Kickboxing
10	Fri	Storytime, Pickle Practice, Blind Darts Night
13	Mon	Happy Thanksgiving!
14	Tues	Sit and Fit, Pickleball
15	Wed	Yoga, Playgroup, Pickleball, Zumba, Civic Centre Session
16	Thurs	Sit and Fit, Adult Fitness, Trail Trekkers, Kickboxing
17	Fri	Storytime, Pickle Practice, Blind Darts Night
18	Sat	Fall Family Festival in Voisey's Brook Park, Memorial United Fall Concert
19	Sun	Friends in music
20	Mon	Yoga, Pickleball
21	Tues	Sit and Fit, Adult Fitness, Pickleball
22	Wed	Yoga, Playgroup, Pickleball, Zumba, St. Lawrence ACW Cards
23	Thurs	Sit and Fit, Adult Fitness, Trail Trekkers, Kickboxing
24	Fri	Storytime, Pickle Practice, Trunk or Treat at Beachy Cove Elem.
27	Mon	Yoga, Pickleball
28	Tues	Sit and Fit, Adult Fitness, Pickleball
29	Wed	Yoga, Playgroup, Pickleball, Zumba

November		
2	Sun	Friends in Music
3	Mon	Yoga, Pickleball
4	Tues	Sit and Fit, Adult Fitness, Pickleball
5	Wed	Guy Fawkes Community Bonfire Night
6	Thurs	Sit and Fit, Adult Fitness, Trail Trekkers, Kickboxing
7	Fri	Storytime, Pickle Practice, Blind Darts Night
10	Mon	Yoga, Pickleball
11	Tues	Remembrance Day - Lest we Forget.
12	Wed	Yoga, Playgroup, Pickleball, Zumba
13	Thurs	Sit and Fit, Adult Fitness, Trail Trekkers, Kickboxing
14	Fri	Storytime, Pickle Practice, Blind Darts Night
15	Sat	Memorial United Church Fall Fair and Brunch
16	Sun	Friends in Music
17	Mon	Yoga, Pickleball
18	Tues	Sit and Fit, Adult Fitness, Pickleball
19	Wed	Yoga, Playgroup, Pickleball, Zumba, St. Lawrence ACW Cards
20	Thurs	Sit and Fit, Adult Fitness, Trail Trekkers, Kickboxing
21	Fri	Storytime, Pickle Practice, Blind Darts Night
22	Sat	Memorial United Church Potluck and Games Night
24	Mon	Yoga, Pickleball
25	Tues	Sit and Fit, Adult Fitness, Pickleball
26	Wed	Yoga, Playgroup, Pickleball, Zumba
27	Thurs	Sit and Fit, Adult Fitness, Trail Trekkers, Kickboxing
28	Fri	Storytime, Pickle Practice, Blind Darts Night
30	Sun	Friends in Music

December		
1	Mon	Yoga, Pickleball
2	Tues	Sit and Fit, Adult Fitness, Pickleball, Community Tree Lighting
3	Wed	Yoga, Playgroup, Pickleball, Zumba
4	Thurs	Sit and Fit, Adult Fitness, Trail Trekkers, Kickboxing
5	Fri	Storytime, Pickle Practice, Blind Darts Night
6	Sat	Breakfast with Santa, Memorial United Annual Christmas Dinner
7	Sun	Christmas Parade - Portugal Cove side
8	Mon	Yoga, Pickleball
9	Tues	Adult Fitness, Pickleball
10	Wed	Playgroup, Pickleball, Yoga, Zumba, Committee Meeting
11	Thurs	Sit and Fit, Adult Fitness
12	Fri	Christmas Storytime, Christmas Cards for Seniors Due
14	Sun	Memorial United Church - Memorial Tree Lighting Service
24	Wed	Christmas Eve - Town Hall and Facilities Closed
25	Thurs	Christmas Day - Town Hall and Facilities Closed
26	Fri	Boxing Day - Town Hall and Facilities Closed
31	Wed	New Years Eve - Town Hall and Facilities Closed

Fall 2025 Event Calendar



Looking for a fun and friendly way to spend your Friday afternoons? The Rainbow 50+ Club meets every Friday in the PCSP Recreation Centre from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. We'd love for you to join us! 50 plus will meet on Fridays for the rest of 2025.

What's Happening? Weekly card games and great conversations. Monthly socials featuring a delicious catered lunch. Non-members are welcome to join these events for a small fee! New members are always encouraged to sign up – everyone is welcome! For more information or to sign up, please contact Gary King at 709-691-3902.

Come join this welcoming, inclusive community for cards and darts, monthly socials, and an upcoming holiday social in December.

BRANCH 10, PORTUGAL COVE *Legion Happenings...* 709-895-6521

Blind Draw Darts at the Legion

Join the fun at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #10, every Friday night from September 12th to December 5th for Blind Draw Darts! Registration is just \$10 with 50/50 draws each night. Sign up at 7:30 p.m. for an 8:00 p.m. start.

Players must participate in at least 7 of the 12 games to qualify for the finals on December 5th.

Cash prizes are awarded: 1st place – 50%, 2nd place – 30%, 3rd place – 20%. All are welcome!



If you're looking for a place to host your next event, please don't hesitate to call us @ 709-895-6521. We have great rates and our hall has A/C and an outdoor deck. **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!**

St. Lawrence Parish Hall

St. Lawrence ACW, Portugal Cove, monthly card games will be held Wednesday, October 22 and November 19 at 8:00 pm at the Royal Canadian Legion in Portugal Cove. Admission is \$5.00. Please bring your own cards and baskets.

Playgroup at St. Lawrence church, Portugal Cove is held Wednesday morning from 10:00 - 11:30. This is a free playgroup for infants to age 5 and their moms, dads, caregivers, sponsored by the ACW. A snack will be provided. Any questions, please call Pam at 709-743-8488.

Loose Threads - Mondays from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Come and join other knitter, sewist, embroiderers and crafters for two hours of making and fellowship. All ages and skill levels are welcome. Bring your own project.

Fall Concert - featuring a variety of musical entertainments, October 18th, 7:00pm, \$10

Potluck and Games Night - October 25 and November 22, 6:00 pm A monthly event for all ages. Bring something for the meal and gather a group to play a favourite board game or cards.

Fall Fair and Brunch - November 15 11:00 am \$15 Bake goods, crafts and Christmas tables plus a wholesome brunch.

Annual Christmas Dinner - December 6 at 6:00 pm

Memorial Tree Lighting Service - December 14 at 7:00 pm

Christmas Eve Service - December 24th, 7:00 pm

Memorial United Church

Friends in Music

The PCSP Lions Club 'Friends in Music' program is run by volunteers, and the Town provides the venue free of charge. Amateur and professional musicians donate their time and come to the PCSP Rec Centre to lead the sessions. All music genres are covered. Audience members can bring their instruments and play along (chords and lyrics are provided) or just sit back and enjoy. We get together two Sundays each month, and admission is free! Visit us at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/3184846355128213> to see videos and schedules. Why not join us and bring your family and friends.

We Want to Hear from You!

We release The Tickle to our community of over 8,000 residents each quarter via our website, email, and social media. This free newsletter includes three months of event calendars, feel-good community stories, news and updates from Town Hall, and more. In 2024, we switched to a digital format that aligns with the Town's 2023-2028 Strategic Plan—and we want you to be part of it!

As we begin preparation for the New Year, we're looking for great stories, upcoming events, helpful resources, or even a simple message wishing our community the best. We understand that many events may not be happening until later in the winter, but we encourage you to share where residents can stay updated with your business or group (emails, social media, etc.) or submit save-the-date information.

We want to feature as many community groups as possible, but space is limited. To help accommodate everyone, please keep submissions to a maximum of two paragraphs.

The firm deadline for submissions is **December 8th**, and the newsletter will be released in early January. If you have any questions or need assistance with ideas, please reach out to **Laura at laura.barnes@pcsp.ca**.



Budget 2026

Portugal Gove
St. Philip's

The annual budget is a financial plan for creating and maintaining programs and services within the context of the 2023-2028 Strategic Plan.

Budget Consultation Open Public Meetings

October 27th, 2025

7:00pm | Royal Canadian Legion Branch # 10

October 29th, 2025

7:00 pm | PCSP Recreation Centre

Council is seeking input from residents, businesses, stakeholders, and community groups to help us create a 2026 budge. If interested in presentation, email Tracy at tracy.simmons@pcsp.ca to book your presentation time.

Questions welcomed at the sessions.