

WHAT SERVICES ARE OFFERED BY THE PCDDPC?

The Commission maintains a staff whose duties are to provide Regional Services to the member municipal units. The Planning Commission is divided into a Planning and Development Service Division (land use planning, building inspection and development approval) and two Regional Services Divisions (refuse collection and disposal, and waste water treatment).

PCDDPC provides the following services for the towns of New Glasgow, Pictou, Stellarton, Trenton and Westville.

- Land Subdivision Approval
- Planning Services
- Development Approval/Permits
- Building Inspection
- By-Law Enforcement

PCDDPC services also include:

- Operation of Mount William Landfill Site
- Residential Solid Waste Collection Throughout Pictou County.
- Management of East River Pollution Abatement System - Waste Water Treatment
- Land Subdivision Approval for Municipality of Pictou County.



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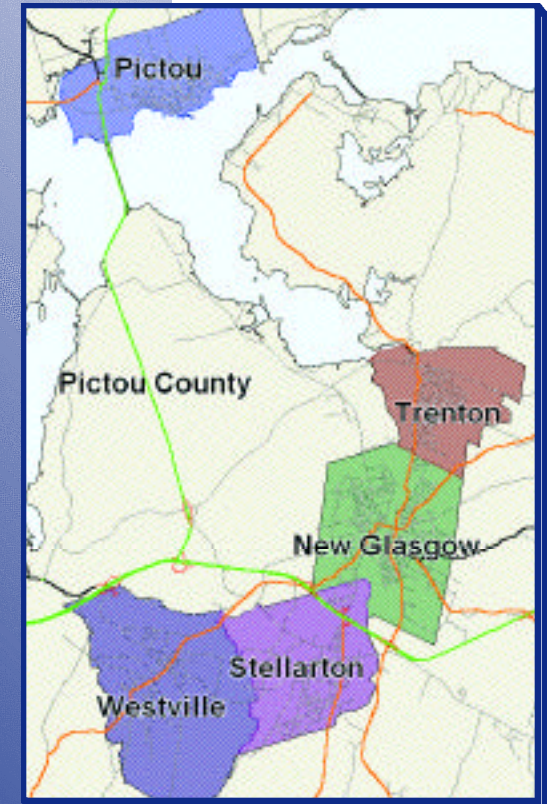
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Providing Pictou County Communities with:

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT, WASTE WATER TREATMENT



WHAT IS THE PICTOU COUNTY DISTRICT PLANNING COMMISSION (PCDPC)?

The Pictou County District Planning Commission is a multi-functional agency established by Provincial Statute to provide regional services to the communities of Pictou County. Commission services are funded jointly by the Towns of New Glasgow, Pictou, Stellarton, Trenton and Westville as well as the Municipality of the County of Pictou. The Commission consists of the mayors and two councillors from each municipal unit.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Organized land use planning has been practiced in Pictou County since 1961. Land use planning affects almost every aspect of life. It helps determine where homes and factories are built, where parks are provided, where hospitals, schools, roads, sewers and other essential services should be located in our communities. Basically, land use planning applies to our management of the land and resources of our communities. It enables each community to establish goals and work out ways to achieve them while keeping in mind important social, economic and environment considerations. Through land use planning, the interests of individual property owners are balanced with the wider interests and objectives of the entire community.

The Towns in Pictou County guide urban growth and development through subdivision approval and zoning districts. Each town's land use by-law helps implement the objectives and policies of their municipality's official plan. The land use by-law states what land uses are permitted in each zone, and provides detailed information such as where buildings or structures may be located, standards for lot sizes, parking requirements, building height, and setback from the street. By managing the use of land and future development in our communities, zoning helps to maintain existing property values and protect property owners from the development of conflicting land uses.

In addition to land use planning and development services, the Division also provides building inspection services to ensure that a consistent level of building construction standards are maintained throughout the five towns.



PICTOU COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

Operating under the Commission's Regional Services Division (RSD1), Pictou County Solid Waste Management System (PCSWMS) provides waste management services for the Towns of New Glasgow, Pictou, Stellarton, Westville and Trenton and the County of Pictou.

The PCSWMS operates the Mount William Landfill site and provides an integrated waste management system to all local municipalities. These services include:

- Landfill Disposal
- Recycling Collection (curbside)
- Compost Facility
- Waste Reduction Education
- Paint Swaps and HHW Days
- Administrative Services for Refuse Collection

The landfill site at Mount William is a first generation site. The recycling program involves the curbside collection of recycleables on a bi-weekly basis.

The PCSWMS opened a compost facility in 1999. The facility is designed to handle 5,000 tons of source separated organic material per year. Compost carts have been delivered to every home in Pictou County, and organic material collection is provided on a bi-weekly basis. This service has recently been upgraded to include collection to the County's many cottages during the summer months.

The PCSWMS conducts recycling education for the public, including presentations to schools and the business sector. This enables the PCSWMS to become a partner with the community in waste reduction.



EAST RIVER POLLUTION ABATEMENT SYSTEM

Operating under the Commission's Regional Services Division (RSD2), the East River Pollution Abatement System (ERPAS) serves the Towns of Westville, Stellarton, New Glasgow and Trenton as well as a number of adjacent urbanized areas in the Municipality of the County of Pictou.

ERPAS is responsible for the regional sewage collection and treatment system. The system includes a central sewage treatment plant, approximately 16 km of sewer lines and 17 pumping stations.

The treatment plant is located on the east bank of the East River near the Trenton/New Glasgow town boundary. The plant was constructed in the early 1970's and was upgraded in the 1990's. The plant processes sewage using grit extraction, screening, aeration, secondary clarification and disinfection using chlorine.

