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September 15, 2023 is one of the most important dates in Canadian history.

It marks the 250th anniversary of the arrival of the Ship Hector in Pictou, Nova Scotia. The Hector was the first ship that brought emigrants directly from Scotland to Nova Scotia in 1773. The 189 Highlanders had endured a harrowing voyage to start a new life in a new land. Those who arrived aboard the Hector, as well as those Scottish settlers who followed, made enormous cultural, political, intellectual and industrial contributions that shaped Nova Scotia and the rest of Canada.

This historic voyage marked the beginning of a massive wave of immigration that would shape the future of North America giving Pictou the honour of being “The Birthplace of New Scotland”.



The Ship Hector Society is a group of dedicated volunteers committed to completing the restoration of the Hector and renewing the Interpretive Centre. Fundraising is ongoing and all donations are appreciated.





The arrival of the Ship Hector in 1773 is an important piece of Pictou's local history, and has helped shape the culture and traditions of the Province of Nova Scotia.

I look forward to celebrating our region's Scottish heritage as we mark the extraordinary milestone of 250 years since the Hector's landing.

Sean Fraser
Member of Parliament



On behalf of the Government of Nova Scotia, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the commemorative events that celebrate the 250th anniversary of the arrival of Ship Hector in Pictou, Nova Scotia.

Nova Scotia has strong Scottish roots that have helped shape the rich cultural landscape in our province over generations.

I encourage visitors to enjoy all that the town of Pictou and Nova Scotia have to offer.

Yours truly,

Honourable Tim Houston, M.L.A.
Premier of Nova Scotia



On behalf of the Town of Pictou, welcome to the 'Birthplace of New Scotland' and the Hector 250 Celebrations.

The landing of the Scottish settlers on our shores in 1773 marked a new era in the evolution of our town, the province of Nova Scotia and our country. 'Thank you' to the Ship Hector Society and the many volunteers and donors for their efforts in keeping this important part of our history alive and vibrant.

Be sure to take in the many activities and events planned for your enjoyment!

Mayor Jim Ryan, Town of Pictou





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While in port during the Hector 250 celebrations Nova Scotia's sailing ambassador Bluenose II and will be open for tours. The Bluenose II will be moored at Pier C and welcomes visitors to come and enjoy the experience of walking the deck of this famous schooner.

Bluenose II plays a meaningful role for our province. Its mission involves promoting our maritime heritage and maintaining a connection to the legacy of *Bluenose*. It provides the opportunity to experience sailing tradition and serves as a welcoming representative of its home.



Pictou Yacht Club will be hosting boats from around the region as they come to celebrate Hector 250.

Friday evening at 6:30 pm a sail past is planned - watch a beautiful display of sail boats and power boats cruise by the water-

front and salute the Hector.

On Saturday, Sept. 16 the Hector Regatta takes place—there will be two races with races starting in front the Ship Hector.



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to the opening ceremonies celebrating the
250th anniversary of the landing of the Ship Hector
Friday, September 15 11:00 am
Hector Heritage Quay, 33 Caladh Avenue, Pictou NS
Unveiling the progress on the Ship Hector Restoration

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Celebrating the 250th
Anniversary of the Arrival
of the Ship Hector.



HECTOR PIONEER MONUMENT

Join members of the Saint Andrews Society of Pictou County for the Re-Dedication of the Hector Pioneer Monument in Market Square on Friday, Sept 15 at 2:00 pm. Gathering at 1:45pm at the Hector Quay, we will walk to the monument.

The monument was originally commissioned by the Saint Andrews Society of New Glasgow for the 150th Anniversary of the landing of the Ship Hector in 1923.

**You may take your own chair
but remember this is on a hill side.*

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Enjoy Hector 250 Celebrations!

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Bluenose II in port for deck tours Pier C

7:30 pm Voyage - A Journey of Hope, Caladh Marquee
(tickets from deCoste Centre box office)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

**11:00 am Opening Ceremonies followed
by opening of Hector Quay**

Ship Hector open for tours

Pipeband and entertainment on site

Bluenose II open for tours Pier C

**2:00 pm Dedication of Settlers Monument by
St. Andrew's Society**

6:30 pm Sail past by Pictou Yacht Club

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

10:00 am Hector Quay site opens/Ship open

**10 am-3 pm Todd & Melissa Labrador on site with
birchbark canoe display/demo**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 — continued

10:00 am Gaelic events all day at New Horizons Club — language, storytelling, song, and music

Bluenose II open for deck tours Pier C

Blacksmith Demos on Hector Quay site

**1:00 pm Voyage - A Journey of Hope, Caladh Marquee
(tickets from deCoste Centre box office)**

Pictou Yacht Club Regatta

**7:30 pm Hector 250 Ceilidh at Caladh Marquee
with Alan Syliboy & the Thundermakers,
Celtic Ladies, John Spyder Macdonald,
Jud Gunning, Lucy & Stewart MacNeil,
dancers and fiddlers**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

10:00 am - noon Hector Quay site open

**10:30 am Worship With a Celtic Flair, Pictou United
Church, 47 James Street, Pictou NS**

**2:00 pm Hector 250 Tattoo outdoor performance
in front of Hector Heritage Quay
featuring pipe bands, Indigenous and
Gaelic performers, singers, dancers,
fiddlers and children's choir**

**7:30 pm Voyage - A Journey of Hope, Caladh Marquee
(tickets from deCoste Centre box office)**



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TAIGH CEILIDH

Saturday, September 16, beginning at 10 am

Come and join us at our *Taigh Ceilidh* (Ceilidh House) at the New Horizons Club location across from the Quay. Experience the “History and Language of Storytelling” session through the medium of the Gaelic Language. This “*Eachdraidh is Cànan an t-Seanchais*” session is open to beginners and Gaelic learners alike and starts at 10 am. Stacey MacLean, who will lead this lively session, is native to Nova Scotia, a certified Gaelic teacher and dedicated tradition bearer. Sit and listen to Gaelic stories in an

authentic setting.

At 2 pm we gather once again in the *Taigh Ceilidh* for a “Gaelic Songs” session where Robyn Carrigan, renowned Gaelic singer and recording artist, will share her vast knowledge of this aspect of Gaelic culture. Robyn’s *Oràin Gàidhlig* session touches on Love Songs, *Puirt a Beul* (mouth music) and Waulking Songs. Join Robyn at *am Bòrd Luaidh* (the milling table) and be transformed back to a time of genuine Gaelic culture and community. You won’t want to miss this experience.

TODD & MELISSA LABRADOR

Saturday, September 16 10 am to 3 pm, Hector Heritage Quay

Todd Labrador is a Mi’kmaq canoe builder and a cultural archaeologist who seeks to learn, understand and preserve his people’s traditional knowledge and world-view. He’s also a graphic artist, whose work is rooted in the ancient petroglyphs carved in Nova Scotia

rocks. He will be joined by his daughter, Melissa, an artist, canoe builder and conservationist, to explain the process and will have a 16 foot canoe on display. The father-daughter duo of Todd and Melissa Labrador is passionate about preserving their Mi’kmaq traditions.

THE SHIP HECTOR TARTAN



This exquisite tartan was design by Janice Gammon, Lyons Brook, Nova Scotia to honour the first Scottish settlers who arrived on board the Ship Hector.

The colours represent:

- White for the white caps in rough seas
- Blue for the settlers loyalty
- Green for the trees at the water’s edge
- Black for the lives lost on the journey
- Gold for the rising sun of the new day in a new land

Hon.

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HECTOR 250 CEILIDH

A celebration of Music, Song, Fiddling and Dancing in true Ceilidh Style

Saturday, Sept. 16 7:30 pm Caladh Marquee



A gathering of old friends and new, the Hector 250 Ceilidh is one of the highlights of the Hector 250 event with many performers sharing the stage.

Alan Syliboy — one of the most famous Indigenous artists in the world — will be headlining his group, ‘The Thundermakers’ — in a mesmerizing performance blending music with art, storytelling, spoken word and dance.

Celtic Ladies — featuring Ann Holton, Brenna Conrad and Jodie Miller with accompaniment by Emery Vandewiel on keyboards, Paul Tupper on guitar and Sandra deCoste on bodhran will present a blend of traditional songs and Gaelic ballads.

Pictou’s own troubadour — John Spyder Macdonald — will share his love of Scottish music.

Jud Gunning will be on stage performing a special tribute to John Allan Cameron.

Stewart and Lucy MacNeil — of the legendary Barra MacNeil family — will showcase such classics as ‘Heart’s in the Highlands’, ‘Caledonia’ and a selection of fiddle medleys.

The finale of the Hector 250 Ceilidh will highlight the special ties among all cultures.

Free admission - tickets must be booked through deCoste Centre box office.



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HECTOR 250 TATTOO

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 2:00 P.M.

CALADH AVENUE IN FRONT OF THE QUAY —

Limited seating, please bring your own chair.

This is an outdoor event, so be prepared for any weather — no umbrellas permitted.

The term tattoo derives from a 17th-century Dutch phrase doe den tap toe ("turn off the tap") a signal to tavern owners each night, played by a regiment's Corps of Drums, to turn off the taps of their ale kegs so that the soldiers would retire to their billeted lodgings at a reasonable hour.

In 1773, a lone piper ushered the early Scottish settlers ashore in Pictou Harbour. In 2023, the Hector 250 presents a pageant of pipebands, singers, dancers and musicians celebrating the arrival of this hardy group of people who became the vanguard for immigrants coming to Nova Scotia.

Our cast includes the pipebands Na Gaisgich, Clan Thompson, Belfast Pipe & Drum Band, RCMP Pipes and Drums, The Atlantic Regional Cadet Band, the Nova Scotia Highlanders Pipes and Drums and the Heatherbell Pipes and Drums.

Stage performances will feature the Truro Concert Band, Pictou Landing First Nations Drummers and Dancers, Lewis MacKinnon, Ann Holton, Katie Aucoin, Kyle & Sheamus & Boyd MacNeil, Lloyd MacLean, Highland Dancers, our Hector 250 Children's Choir and John Spyder Macdonald.

A special part of the afternoon will be the premier performance of a trilogy of original pipe compositions by Robbie MacInnis telling the story of the Hector voyage, "Departure", "At Sea" and "Arrival".



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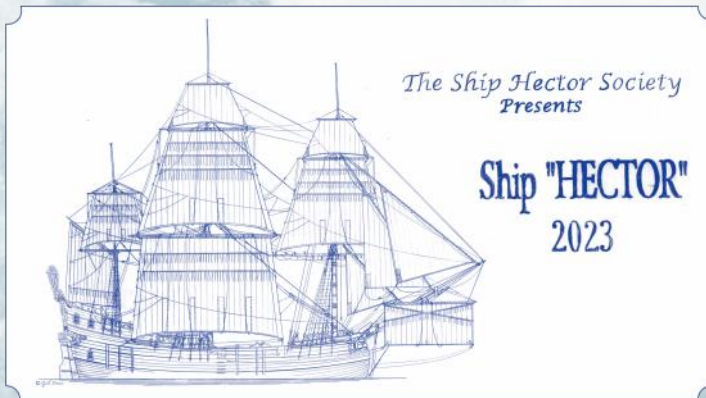

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