



# BELFAST LIONS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

## April 2020

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### COVID-19

During these uncertain times, the Belfast Lions Club encourages our friends and neighbours to do all they can to stay safe and healthy by following the guidelines provided by Health PEI and the Chief Public Health Officer.

For more information and updates on the current pandemic situation please visit the PEI Government's COVID-19 information website at <https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/topic/covid-19> or their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/govpe/>.

*Be safe and stay healthy!*

### The Deuce is Loose

The organizers of the Deuce Is Loose fundraiser have decided to postpone our weekly draw until further notice. The jackpot will hold steady until that time and we will resume where we left off.

Thank you all for your continued support!

Belfast Lions  
Belfast Fire Department  
Belfast Rec Centre Board

### Belfast Consolidated School Report (as of Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>)

Currently with the COVID-19 pandemic, we will not be in school until at least Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. As I write this report, things are constantly and quickly changing. Please follow the Public Schools Branch website at: <https://edu.princeedwardisland.ca/psb/> and our website listed below for any further updates.

Non-essential school-based events and activities are canceled for March, April and May (ie social gatherings that brings in groups outside your school's student community).

Community Use of School Facilities are suspended for March Break and until further notice (ie community school and adult recreation sporting clubs).

Unfortunately, we will have to cancel our bingo night that was scheduled for April 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm due to the COVID-19 virus. We do not want to put anyone at risk.

We want to thank the Belfast Home and School for sponsoring our ski nights for the grade 7-9 classes (paying for the cost of the bus), as well as the community for coming to our two nights of skiing as families. We will look to book skiing again for the 2021 skiing season. Our students love this life-long sporting activity!

You can follow Belfast Consolidated on Twitter @BelfastBulldog, or at <https://belfastconsolidated.wordpress.com/>. Our phone number is 902-659-7200.

Mr. John Munro, Principal Belfast Consolidated School  
([mjmunro@edu.pe.ca](mailto:mjmunro@edu.pe.ca))

### Belfast and Area Watershed Group

Due to COVID-19, the *Songs for Our Streams* event will be rescheduled. We thank all volunteers, supporters and donors for their support. BAWG has been busy with seasonal planning for restoration activities throughout our region, and continue to look forward to a productive season. Depending on the current situation, we hope to host our Fishing Derby, Annual General Meeting and various community presentations in the coming months. Stay healthy.

### The Belfast Players

The Belfast Players regret to inform you that we will be postponing our annual play that was scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup> at the Belfast Rink.

We hope to be able to reschedule this performance at a later date when conditions permit.

For more information please contact Reta Ross at 902-659-2711.

### Wood Islands and Area Development Corporation



In light of the current situation with the COVID-19:

We will proceed with planning for the 2020 season while we wait for things to unfold.

All health directives and protocols will be followed, and we will only open the Lighthouse, Liquor Store, Restaurant and Candy Shop with approvals from the authorities.

**Electric car charging station** at the Wood Islands Village is now operational. Our charging station is up and running and the snow is plowed so come down to Wood Islands Village to recharge.

**We will be hiring** 3 students for the 2020 summer season once we know when activities can begin. We will be looking for 2 students to fill roles at the Lighthouse and 1 student to work with our groundskeeper. Applications should be made directly to Wood Islands e-mail [wiaadc@woodislands.ca](mailto:wiaadc@woodislands.ca). More details will follow.

We wish good health and safe distancing to our community and our world. Watch our Facebook page and web site [www.woodislands.ca](http://www.woodislands.ca) for information on developments at The Wood Islands Village.

### Cooper's Red and White

A message to our valued customers.

All of us at Cooper's Red & White would like to let you know that we will remain open. Our hours of operation will not change as we feel we should do our part in providing the essential services to all islanders.

Our supply of grocery and fuel has for the most part remained constant. Also, we are in agreement with the PEILCC on keeping well stocked in our Liquor Agency store. They have assured us there will be no supply issues.

We want to let everyone know that we are here for anything the community needs. Our grocery aisles, fuel and Liquor will be fully stocked.

We encourage everyone to follow the health guidelines issued by Dr. Heather Morrison. We will all get through this!

Take Care,

*Cooper's Red & White*

### Hours of Operation:

Monday to Saturday - 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM  
Sunday - Closed

### Sir Andrew Macphail Homestead

The Sir Andrew Macphail Homestead has many interesting plans for the summer season and we really hope that many or most will be able to take place.

Mother's Day Lobster Lunch - May 10<sup>th</sup>. Annual General Meeting - May 24<sup>th</sup>.  
Veranda Cafe - Tuesday - Friday, July - September for lunch, coffee, and desserts.

Reels, Wheels and Meals Package - Every Tuesday in July & August. (A wagon ride from Orwell to Macphail's, a 3-course meal, back to Orwell for traditional tunes by Ward MacDonald and friends.)

Sunday Lunch & Lecture Series - every Sunday at noon we invite you to a fresh, homemade meal followed by a talk by a different speaker every week, these will include; Dr. Pius Murnaghan, Sandra Martin, Peter Metaxas, Marian Bruce, Deirdre Kessler, Capt. Greg Gallant, Reg Porter, and Dr. Matthew MacRae.

More details are on our website [www.macphailhomestead.com](http://www.macphailhomestead.com). Our forest and stream are accessible year-round and provide a wonderful way to enjoy nature. Please be our guest.

### **Belfast Rural Municipality Council Briefs**

Items of note for the **Rural Municipality of Belfast** for the month of April 2020:

#### **Council Awards \$155,105.00 in Community Grants!**

The Rural Municipality of Belfast is very pleased to announce the Community Grant Recipients for the 2020/2021 fiscal year, as follows:

Belfast Rural Fire Department	\$90,000.00
Belfast Rec Centre (GPEI Rink Grant)	\$8,500.00

#### **Community Grants:**

Belfast Rec Centre	\$26,500.00
Belfast Area Watershed Group	\$3,855.00
Belfast Days	\$3,000.00
Belfast Historical Society	\$5,000.00
Belfast Minor Hockey	\$3,000.00
Belfast Minor Soccer	\$500.00
Pinette/Flat River Mosquito Program	\$750.00
Point Prim and Area Dev. Committee	\$1,000.00
Point Prim Lighthouse	\$3,000.00
Wood Islands and Area Dev. Corp.	\$7,000.00
WIADC – Wood Islands Lighthouse	<u>\$3,000.00</u>

**Total for 2020/2021** **\$155,105.00**

Next Regular Meeting is Scheduled for April 15, 2020; **HOWEVER**, due to COVID-19 concerns, that may change. Please check out our website for updates.

#### ***Stay Safe and Healthy Everyone!***

For more information on what your Rural Municipality of Belfast Council is doing please check out our Website at: [www.ruralmunicipalityofbelfast.com](http://www.ruralmunicipalityofbelfast.com).

### **Selkirk Millennium Club**

All activities of the Selkirk Millennium Club, including regularly scheduled meetings and events have been postponed until further notice.

### **Thank you!**

The Belfast Lions Club would like to thank the Wood Islands and Area Development Corporation for their generous support of this Community Newsletter.

**Islander Day** at the Wood Islands Village was exceptionally well attended and donations from that event were more than expenses for the day. To keep these funds working within our Community, the board of the WIADC have graciously donated the amount of \$475.00 to the Belfast Lions Community Newsletter for which we are sincerely appreciative.

*Thank you!*

### **Spring Luncheon – Cancelled**

The Spring Luncheon, which was to be hosted on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 by the Mount Buchanan-Point Prim Women's Institute has been cancelled.

If anyone has purchased tickets money will be refunded.

Thank you.

### **United Way of PEI Compassion Fund for Charities**

The United Way of PEI has Launched the Compassion Fund for Charities. in response to the current Coronavirus (COVID-19) health pandemic. To reduce the spread and impact of this virus, Government of PEI and the Chief Public Health Office have asked Islanders to make very significant changes, which are creating negative social, financial and emotional impacts for individuals and families. This Fund is meant to support organizations to mitigate and address those negative impacts.

This is a tiered response to address the most pressing needs of those most marginalized first, and then we will move to a response that will help serve some of the many people in community that will be impacted by this public health crisis as it continues to unfold. These funds will be available to registered charities serving marginalized community members across PEI.

For full details on the fund and application process, and to access the application link, please visit <https://peiunitedway.com/covid-19-response>.

For further information, contact Andrea MacDonald at (902) 802-6868 or [amacdonald@peiunitedway.com](mailto:amacdonald@peiunitedway.com).

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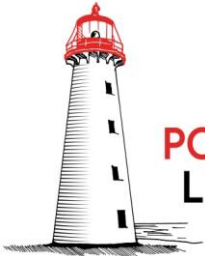
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