



# BELFAST LIONS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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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, visit the PEI Government's COVID-19 information website - <https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/topic/covid-19>. Information is also available on their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/govpe/>.

*Be safe and stay healthy!*

## **Belfast Consolidated School Report (as of Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>)**

Currently with the CO-VID pandemic, we will not be in school until at least Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. As I write this report, things are constantly, and quickly changing. Visit 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 May and June (i.e. social gatherings that brings in groups outside our school's student community).

For our current Grade Nine graduating students, there is no word on graduation ceremonies at this time. We will wait for more information as we get it. Also, the Grade Nine trip will not be happening during this school year. We will wait for more information from Dr. Morrison, and the Public School Branch for this event.

Our teachers and staff have been working very hard to help students and parents with home learning. It is new to all of us, and to no surprise, our staff is going above and beyond to support families. We would also like to thank our parents for being so very supportive as we work through some of the "glitches" of home learning.

For more information, you can follow us at <https://belfastconsolidated.wordpress.com>, on Twitter @BelfastBulldog, on Facebook at Belfast Consolidated Home and School Association, or on our YouTube Channel BelfastConsolidatedSchool.

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## **Camp Buchan**

Drop off your pop bottles/cans and beverage bottles/cans at the shelter set up at the entrance to Camp Buchan. Appreciate that you remove the caps and rinse the containers, helps at the recycling depot. Your refundable containers support the maintenance at Camp Buchan.

*Thank you for your Support!*

## **Belfast and Area Watershed Group**

With spring comes hope and rebirth. Unfortunately, this includes a baby boom of mosquito larvae. The good news is that your licensed volunteers in Pinette and Flat River have been diligent with monitoring and treating as spring advances and the warmer weather brings ideal breeding conditions. The COVID-19 pandemic has required the team to use physical distancing, but this does not affect our operations to any significant degree. As of this writing, all of the usual problematic wetland areas have been monitored and treatment has been initiated or planned in the near future.

Last season we made arrangements for 17 of our volunteers to be licensed. Our team is trained and experienced. None of our volunteers are paid, and spend countless hours working hard to bring the mosquito population to tolerable levels. As always, this season our biggest expense is the cost of Vectobac, the larvicide that we use. To continue our work, we are asking those within our communities to contribute a suggested amount of \$120 per household. Donations are encouraged by e-transfer to [belfastmosquitos@hotmail.com](mailto:belfastmosquitos@hotmail.com) or mailing a cheque to:

**Pinette/Flat River Mosquito Program**  
**c/o Debbie Beck**  
**38 Pinette Road**  
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In our six years of operation, we have made a significant difference in improving the level of comfort and allowed people to enjoy summer more. We ask that those of you who have been supporting us to continue to do so, and those who have not to consider contributing at this time. As we work through the age of physical separation, the ability to go outside has never been more important.

Our committee would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to the work of Blair Morrison for his tireless dedication and effective leadership with our program over the last number of years. Blair has been a driving force in helping open the outdoors in our area.

## **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 Club  
Belfast Fire Department  
Belfast Rec Centre Board

## Cooper's Red and White

### **Special COVID-19 Notice**

During these difficult times, the management of Cooper's Food Market are committed to helping slow the spread of this global pandemic. To help protect our amazing staff and loyal customers, we will be heeding the directives of our Chief Public Health Officer by implementing the following policies:

- A maximum of 6 (six) patrons allowed in the store at any one time.
- No more than one family member allowed in the store at a time.
- Please note that we will be serving seniors and those with mobility issues first and we appreciate your understanding.
- We will be doing our best to serve everyone in a timely fashion and truly appreciate your patronage and patience during this time.
- If possible, order your groceries in advance and staff will have them ready for pickup.
- Please pay by e-transfer if possible. The e-mail address is [CoopersRedWhite@gmail.com](mailto:CoopersRedWhite@gmail.com).
- If you require delivery of your order, we can make arrangements for the delivery.

We thank you for your understanding and patience as we try to keep all of our families safe during this difficult time.

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Please visit <http://www.coopersredwhite.com/crw/pickup-delivery/> for more information.

### **Hours of Operation:**

Current	Beginning May 17 <sup>th</sup>
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Sunday: Closed	Sunday: 9:30AM-5:30PM

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## Selkirk Millennium Club

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

## Belfast Rural Municipality Council Briefs

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

### **Council Awards \$155,105 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
<b>Community Grants:</b>	
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	\$3,000.00
<b>Total for 2020/2021</b>	<b><u>\$155,105.00</u></b>

Please be advised that the regularly scheduled Council Meeting for May 20, 2020, has been CANCELLED due to continued COVID-19 concerns. However, Council will reconvene for the Next Regular Council Meeting on June 17, 2020. Currently that meeting is scheduled to take place at the Belfast Firehall, we will inform everyone if that location has to 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).

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## In Memoriam

In loving memory of my husband, Martin Smith, May 3, 2016  
*The month of May brings both spring and sorrow;  
The earth awakens yet you're not here.*

Kim Smith

### Wood Islands and Area Development Corporation



We understand that the fight to control the COVID-19 virus is at a very important stage. The health of our employees, customers and the public in general is the priority.

We will open our facilities as soon as approvals from health authorities are given and will provide updates as conditions change.

We are continuing with our infrastructure improvements through appropriate work conditions

-The Wood Islands lighthouse window replacement has been completed. Thank you, Chris Stewart at Precision Carpentry.

-The disabled access to the lighthouse is also underway by MacPherson Construction and should be complete by the time we are able to open.

-The Whistle Stop restaurant will also undergo some interior work before it opens.

Follow us on our Facebook page and website for more information and pictures of our site improvements.

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.

### The Belfast Lions Club Annual Seniors Supper – Cancelled

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic situation, the Belfast Lions Club Annual Seniors Supper will be cancelled.

### Belfast Historical Society

In these days of "social isolating" and "self distancing," we want to thank the Belfast Lions Club and Henry Kliner for providing a way for all of us to connect with our community. We think especially of our seniors in these days, both those who are in their own homes as well as the Gillis Lodge and other facilities. We also want to encourage our young people, especially those who are graduating...this too shall pass, and if we let it, we will be stronger!

We are grateful for all of our essential workers who leave their homes each day to make our lives easier. We appreciate our local store, Cooper's Red and White for the many ways that they strive to adapt during these challenging days. Our spiritual needs are well looked after by our local churches with weekly on-line services as well as encouraging daily updates. Thanks to St John's Presbyterian and St Andrew's United as well as many others who continue to give us strength.

And of course, where would we be without our medical workers, under the capable leadership of Dr Morrison? We thank those who enter our hospitals each day, regardless of their job title as well as to the emergency responders who remain ready to help. A big "Thank You" as well to our friends and neighbors who check in on us during these challenging times!

This year is the 44th anniversary of our Belfast Historical Society -we will let you know when our celebrations will begin! As the warmer days come, we are mindful that we live in a wonderful community and we are not "Stuck at Home," we are "Safe at Home!"

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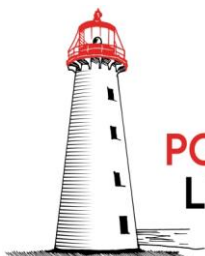
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