



# BELFAST LIONS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

## September 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, visit the PEI Government's COVID-19 information website - <https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/topic/covid-19>. Further 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 Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup>)**

Mrs. Van Colen and I have been working with staff on our return to school plans. We hope parents have had a chance to review the plans, and feel free to contact us via email if you have any questions or concerns. The link to our plan can be found on this website (sorry for the long address!):

<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/publication/belfast-consolidated-school-operational-plan>

We are excited to have CHANCES with us, using two rooms for their programming. It is great we are able to support families in the community, and hope they decide to stay for a long period of time.

In the month of August, we hired Dekoda Conohan as an EA for next school year. Dekoda was at Stonepark last year. We are excited to have Dekoda join us for the 2020-2021 school year!

*We are all excited to see our students and parents soon!*

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

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

### **Sir Andrew Macphail Homestead**

Haven't you always meant to come and visit Macphails? Come this year! We'll be open Tuesday - Saturday from 9:00AM - 5:00PM. Tea and cookies or coffee and cake will be available. Linda our baker makes cookies like Grandma! Free tours of the Homestead are available daily and take about 20 minutes. Also, visit the beautiful Macphail Woods that wrap around the old Homestead and see if you can identify some native trees and find out how beautiful native flowers are by walking through the Arboretum. No restaurant services this year but we can host meetings and events in keeping with current restrictions. Call 902 651-2789 for further details.

### **Selkirk Millennium Club**

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

### **Rural Municipality of Belfast - Council Briefs**

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

#### ***Mosquito Programs Continue to be Eligible!***

At the August 19<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting, members of Council discussed the appropriateness of continuing to allow Mosquito Abatement Programs, as an eligible criterion within the Community Grants Program Policy. After public presentations and public Council debate, it was decided by Council to continue to allow for the eligibility of Mosquito Programs within the Community Grants Program process. Council has also decided to research some additional options for consideration.

#### ***Covid-19 Measures***

Please be advised that since June 2020, meeting capacity at Municipal meetings is restricted to a maximum of 15 persons (as per Health PEI guidelines). Additionally, physical distancing and sanitizing measures are now in place for all Municipal Meetings, until further notice.

#### ***New Municipal Meeting Space***

To enable physical distancing, all future Municipal Meetings will be held in the Upstairs Wood Island Meeting Hall, until further notice. Additionally, surfaces will be sanitized and hand sanitizer, gloves and masks will also be available.

#### ***Next Scheduled Council Meetings***

The next two regularly scheduled Council Meetings will take place on September 16, 2020 and October 21, 2020. Agendas for the meetings will be announced and available on our Website at least five days prior to the meetings at: [www.ruralmunicipalityofbelfast.com](http://www.ruralmunicipalityofbelfast.com).

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

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### **Belfast and Area Watershed Group**

As you are reading this, we are saying good-bye to the summer team and thank them for their dedication - BAWG had a busy season, working on restoration and monitoring projects throughout our watershed. Work was conducted on restoration along our streams, planting of over 1300 trees, bat houses and wood duck boxes were built and installed. Beach clean-ups were completed by staff over our coverage area, and bank swallow surveys were conducted.

A special shout-out goes to the Wood Islands Area Development Corporation for the use of the barn at the Visitors Village for outreach and activities. BAWG is also grateful to the Gillis Lodge for donating space for our first pollinator garden. We thank all community members, landowners, volunteers, and funders for their support.

Do you own property along one of our river systems (this includes streams)? If so, we would like to connect with you. Please call or text Sherry Pelkey at 902-218-1582 to arrange for a site visit and answer a few questions. The information will be used to plan future restoration projects and conduct stream health assessments.

Note: Please remember to clean out your birdhouses to be ready for next spring.

### 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

### BURNING PERMITS ARE FREE

A friendly reminder from your Fire Department  
PLEASE READ THE PERMIT CAREFULLY, FRONT AND BACK

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PLEASE NOTE THE NEW CHANGES LISTED BELOW:  
FAILURE TO HAVE A VALID BURNING PERMIT WILL RESULT IN AN  
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*HAVE A SAFE SUMMER!*

### In Loving Memory of Rikki Schock

Time slips by and life goes on,  
But from our hearts you're never gone.  
We think about you always,  
We talk about you too.  
We have so many memories  
But we wish we still had you.

A second year has passed since you left us mom. Your wings were ready, but our hearts were not.

Always loved, never forgotten and forever missed.

*Bette, Brenda, Cara and family*

### Belfast Historical Society

Well, 2020 has been a different year! In a normal year, so many of our visitors come from away, many doing genealogical research; many wanting to connect Selkirk dots from Scotland to Belfast, Baldoon, or Red River; and, of course, all history buffs. We have missed them and all of you! We didn't let our quiet year go to waste, however. Our summer student Logan O'Neill did some great research and developed some supplemental activity pages for grade school students.

We hosted a sun-filled Polly Day on August 7th; thank you who paid too much for hot dogs and ice cream but did it willingly to help our organization in this COVID year. Your support and smiles buoy us! Our grounds have never looked better; thanks go to Dan Sales — new to our team this year. We were also happy to share him with Pinette Raceway so they looked snappy, for their Kilted Pace Race — Belfast culture at its finest.

The BHS would like to express our deepest sympathy and sincerest condolences to the Gillis family of Point Prim who lost their mother and a brother just months apart recently. Gilbert, together with his wife Goldie, have worked hard to preserve and protect the history of our iconic Point Prim Lighthouse. Gilbert's mother Elinor preserved our Big Belfast history by painting her recollections; many say, she is PEI's Maud Lewis. With nearly 60 of her art pieces having been pledged to the community, the BHS plans an Elinor Murchison Gillis Gallery, in addition to an expanded facility for our museum and performance arts venue. If you believe that art, culture, heritage, and history are important to a community's well-being, please consider making a donation to this capital project; others already have, and we are truly thankful. Charitable tax receipts available. With our new direction into the arts (in addition to culture, heritage and history), we would surely love to hear from folks who might be interested in sharing their varied skills, volunteer time, expertise in any number of capacities. Grassroots and ground floor!

"Take Away Treasures Sale" (Yard Sale) Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> (10 am to 3 pm.) in the decommissioned Church of Scotland building on Selkirk Park Road, (next to Highland Greens Golf Course). Weather permitting. Storm date: the next weekend. Please bring your own bags. Cash only. Coved protocol in place. BBQ Hot dogs, ice cream, and drinks available on Saturday, starting at 11:00 am. Help please: would you consider donating good clean items to help us with this fundraiser? Let's fill the church by September 7<sup>th</sup>! Call Donald and Doris at (902) 659-2704 or Audrey at (902) 940-4784 for info or to volunteer. Many thanks!

Facebook: Belfast Historical Society  
Facebook: Big Belfast: A Rural Community Model  
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### Lighthouse Fruit Market Now Open 882 Point Prim Rd

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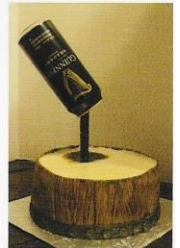
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Councillor - **Joanne Vessey**

Chief Administrative Officer - **Bob Brooks**

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