

BELFAST LIONS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER January 2021



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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 December 20th)

We can't believe four months have already gone by this school year! Our students and staff have been doing an excellent job of following the protocol of our school COVID-19 Plan this school year, to keep everyone safe. I want to thank parents who have kept their daughters or sons home when they have not been feeling 100%. I believe it has helped keep other students from getting coughs and colds. If you want to see what those protocols are, you can follow this link: https://belfastconsolidated.files.wordpress.com/2020/12/belfast-covid-19-plan-december-2020.pdf

We held our Christmas Concert, virtually, on December 15th. The students were recorded the previous week, and Mr. O'Donnell, our music teacher, put the production together. We feel this was a huge success! The students had a great time working on this project. I realize Christmas has come and gone, but if you have 40 minutes, it is worth watching! Here is the link to the concert on our YouTube channel: https://youtu.be/HCW8C-EDdhM.

I would like to thank the Mt. Buchanan/Point Prim Women's Institute, the staff of Cooper's, and our Belfast School staff for supporting some of our families prior to Christmas with packages of food, and gifts for our students. It is always great to see our community rallying around people who need some support. It is this kind of act that makes Belfast a great place to be!

We also hope to have badminton and pickleball begin after the Christmas Break, but we will continue to watch the direction of Dr. Heather Morrison around COVID-19 protocol. We will announce when we are starting on the website.

You can follow us on Twitter @BelfastBulldog, at https://belfastconsolidated.wordpress.com/.

On Facebook at Belfast Consolidated Home and School Association.

On YouTube Channel BelfastConsolidatedSchool.

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

Notice of By-Election March 15th, 2021 - Councillor

The Rural Municipality of Belfast will be holding a By-Election on March 15th, 2021 to fill one Councillor vacancy for the remaining Council term to December 2022.

The By-Election Calendar is as follows:

- Notice of Nominations Friday, January 1st, 2021
- Nominations Open Wednesday, February 17th, 2021
- Nominations Close Friday, February 26th, 2021 Following the Close of Nominations, an:
- * Immediate electronic public notice of $\underline{\textit{extension}}$ will be issued, if enough candidates have not been nominated (if required), $\underline{\textit{or}}$
- * Immediate electronic public notice of <u>Candidates for By-Election</u> will be issued, if enough candidates have been nominated (if required), **or**
- * Immediate electronic public notice of <u>Acclamation</u> will be issued, if only one candidate is nominated for the vacant position of Councillor.
- By-Election Advance Poll (if required) Saturday, March 13th, 2021 (Belfast Firehall)
- By-Election Day (if required) Monday, March 15th, 2021 (Belfast Firehall)
- Councillor Sworn In Wednesday, March 17th, 2021
- First Day of Office for New Councillor Thursday, April 1st, 2021 (term will end on December 6th, 2022)

Nomination Forms are available on the Municipality Website at: www.ruralmunicipalityofbelfast.com.

Anyone interested in discussing the matter, or wishing further information, can contact your local Council Members, or contact the CAO at: ruralmunicipalityofbelfast@gmail.com.

Municipal Office (currently - will change Apr 1, 2021):

Address: 3410 Trans Canada Hwy, South Pinette, PE COA 1RO

Website: www.ruralmunicipalityofbelfast.com
Email: ruralmunicipalityofbelfast.com
Phone: (902) 659-2813 CAO: Bob Brooks

Selkirk Millennium Club

Selkirk Millennium Club held the draw that was postponed in June.

WINNERS:

1stPrize: handmade braided rugJing Wang (Nancy)2ndPrize: \$75.00 grocery cardGina Rankin3rdPrize: \$40.00 gas cardKent Myers

Thank you to all supported our Club by buying tickets. Eleanore Laquerre, Club President

Belfast Lions Community Spirit Calendar 2021

The 2021 Community Calendar will be arriving soon! Initial distribution of the Calendar will take place at Cooper's Red and White Food Market. This initial distribution will occur *before* door-to-door delivery begins and, where possible, we would ask those who can to pick up their Calendar at Cooper's.

Please watch the Belfast Lions Facebook page at www.facebook.com/belfastlionspei/ for dates and times when the Calendar will be available for pickup. Thank you!

Belfast and Area Watershed Group

Happy New Year, and welcome to 2021! Having completed a successful 3rd season, we look forward to continuing our restoration work and activities to protect biodiversity and the various ecosystems within our watershed. We thank everyone who helped make our work possible throughout 2020. Here's to a new year with the hope that we will be able to shake hands and connect in person at community gatherings. Stay safe.

Community Navigator

Eastern PEI's Community Navigator wants to help new residents to get the information and resources they need to make the most of living in our fantastic part of rural PEI. If you or someone you know has recently moved to the area, please reach out to the Community Navigator for a Welcome Bag, and a tailored information session. The Community Navigator is also interested in connecting with Community Groups and Rural Municipalities.

Email Lindee.Gallant@cbdc.ca or call 902-838-5989.

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

Rural Municipality of Belfast - Council Briefs

Items of note for the **Rural Municipality of Belfast** for the month of January 2021:

By-Election - March 15, 2021

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2021 Calendar of Council Meetings

All Council meetings will take place at the Wood Islands Village Meeting Hall, and are scheduled for:

10) November 17, 2021

January 20, 2021
 February 17, 2021
 March 17, 2021
 April 21, 2021
 June 16, 2021
 August 18, 2021
 September 15, 2021

The Public are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Your Members of Council

9) October 20, 2021

Mayor - Garth Gillis Deputy Mayor - Virginia Cooke

Councillors: Lynn Docherty Billy Gamble

Andy Henry Joanne Vessey

CAO: Bob Brooks

Stay Safe and Healthy Everyone!

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Deputy Mayor - Virginia Cook

Councillor - Lynn Docherty Councillor - 1 Vacancy Councillor - Joanne Vessey

Chief Administrative Officer - Bob Brooks

Check out our Website for Contacts, Meeting Times/Dates, Agendas, Notices and Note our new meetings location at the Upstairs Wood Island Meeting Hall.

www.ruralmunipalityofbelfast.com



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