

BELFAST LIONS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER August 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 https://www.facebook.com/govpe/.

Be safe and stay healthy!

Belfast Consolidated School Report (as of Thursday, July 23rd)

Happy summer, everyone!

As of today, there is no update on what September will look like for students. Stay tuned on our website, Twitter feed, or Home and School Facebook Page for more information. I will share information to you, as soon as I can. We know many things can happen between now, and the end of August, but will keep people as updated as we can. I will continue to check my email on a regular basis, so if you have questions, please email me!

Congratulations to the graduates of 2019 (students from Belfast School, going to grade 11 next year) who passed all their credits at MRHS last year! Well done! Also, the percentage of students on the honor roll was 65%. Great results girls and guys.

At the end of June, we hired Danielle MacLellan to teach grades 2/3. Danielle has taught grades 1-4 for Morell Consolidated School, and most recently, Southern Kings Consolidated School. We are excited to have Ms. MacLellan on our staff for next year!

I hope everyone is have a great summer! See you in September!

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)

Point Prim Lighthouse



We are very happy to be open and able to share our beautiful Lighthouse, Keepers Cottage and grounds. It is a quiet season but lovely. Our Lighthouse turned 175 years old this year. She is still standing strong and proud. Next season we will hopefully be able

to have a community party to celebrate. 175 plus 1. Fingers crossed that COVID 19 will be over.

We are also very pleased that the Chowderhouse is open and sharing their delicious food and atmosphere. The Chowderhouse is now only open for take away or eating outdoors. The Pt. Prim Lighthouse Society granted the Chowderhouse permission to set up their seating in the parking lot. In our excitement we did not realize beach access may be limited. This was certainly not our intention and we are sorry that we caused distress to our community. We granted permission as we wanted to provide a venue for Islanders and visitors to dine and enjoy the beautiful scenery and sunsets. We have gravelled a path and beach access is easy and available for people to get to the beach. There is ample space for people to carry kayaks and canoes to the water. As for parking and overlooking the beach we ask that visitors drive up to the Lighthouse and take in the amazing view from our grounds. Our intention was to ensure the Chowderhouse would open, be able to employ staff and share the space with others. Once COVID-19 is over the Chowderhouse will be able to provide indoor seating.

We thank our community for their understanding. Stay safe.

Belfast Historical Society

We hope that everyone is staying well this summer. The Croft House will be open by appointment from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Tuesday to Saturday. In these extraordinary times, masks and gloves will be required. Due to COVID-19, the Belfast Historical Society will be strengthening its roots of arts, culture, heritage, and history by delving into research and special projects. Feel free to contact us if you have any material or stories we could document – letters, your family arriving from Scotland, artefacts, deeds, wills, treasured recipes, photos, etc. A new project will be inventorying historic houses in Big Belfast (Lots 57, 58, 60 and 62). In these days of re-examining historical figures, we will be searching accounts and compiling "written words" about Thomas Douglas, the Fifth Earl of Selkirk, who devoted most of his own money to immigration plans for displaced Scots.

Polly Day is Friday, August 7th. This year, let's celebrate at the Croft House from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Enjoy a lunch fundraiser and a little background music with neighbours: hot dog, drink, and Penny's strawberries and ice cream for a \$20.00 donation. Relive fond memories by purchasing or ordering a DVD of the Mille Clarkes Belfast People: An Oral History, which was launched to a packed house at Macphail Homestead last October. The film combines picturesque community locations with audio recordings of Big Belfast residents during the late 1970s and early 1980s. We will be maintaining social distancing during the event. Bring a lawn chair if you wish. Croft House merchandise, such as books and clan items, will also be available for sale. Event is weather permitting.

Contact us by phone at 902-659-2209 or through e-mail at bhs@bellaliant.com. Find us at 112 Selkirk Park Road in Eldon. Visit the Facebook pages of Belfast Historical Society and Big Belfast: A Rural Community Model to keep up to date on our plans and activities for the season.

Rural Municipality of Belfast - Council Briefs

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

Mosquito Debate!

At the June 17th Council Meeting, members of Council debated the appropriateness of allowing Mosquito Abatement Programs, as an eligible criterion within the Community Grants Program Policy. After some debate, it was decided to defer the discussion to the next Public Council Meeting, to be held on August 19th at 7:00PM at the Upstairs Wood Islands Meeting Hall. The public is encouraged to attend, or to send comments by email to: ruralmunicipalityofbelfast@gmail.com

Covid-19 Measures

Please be advised that physical distancing and sanitizing measures are now in place for all Municipal Meetings until further notice.

New Municipal Meeting Space

To enable physical distancing, future Municipal Meetings will be held in the Upstairs Wood Islands Meeting Hall. In addition to the physical distancing measures, 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 August 19th and September 16th, 2020. Agendas for the meetings will be announced and available on our Website at: www.ruralmunicipalityofbelfast.com

Stay Safe and Healthy Everyone!

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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.

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HAVE A SAFE SUMMER!

Selkirk Millennium Club

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

Belfast and Area Watershed Group

BAWG invites you to join us August 1st, at 1:00 pm for a **Fossil Walk**, led by Andy Henry (board director, and geologist). Location: at the Cherrycliffe Park Rd., Earnscliffe. Did you know that PEI once sat at the equator, and red rocks of PEI are 300 million years old!

See you at the "BAWG Barn"! On Fridays, from 10:00-2:00, we are set-up at the Wood Islands Visitors Village for meet n' greet. Try some 'critter dipping', a nature walk, or chat with us about things you feel are important in the watershed.

Do you own property along one of our river or 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 to answer a few questions. Can be in person, or via telephone. The information will be used to plan future restoration projects, and conduct stream assessments. Another important reason we are asking for your participation is that to carry out our stream activities, accessing certain areas can be challenging, however with your permission to access streams via your land, it will save us time, and valuable resources. Thank you for helping out.

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!

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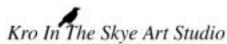
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