



BELFAST LIONS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

March 2022

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COVID-19

During these changing and 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 Community Development Corporation (BCDC)

Golf Memberships at Belfast Highland Greens are now available to purchase for the 2022 season!

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Prices are subject to 15% HST

Contact highlandgreens@gmail.com for any questions or to arrange for your 2022 membership.

Online Booking for 2022 at Lord Selkirk Campground sites will go on sale on March 1st. Visit the Lord Selkirk Campground Facebook Page for the booking link.

We're Hiring! The Belfast Community Development Corporation (BCDC) is hiring a full-time, year-round Executive Director and a full-time seasonal Pro Shop Attendant. If you are interested in applying for one of these positions, visit the Belfast Highland Greens Facebook page for a copy of the job advertisements. You can send your cover letter and resume to belfastcommunitydevcorp@gmail.com. Email us for any questions or to request a copy of either job advertisements.

Point Prim Lighthouse

The Point Prim Lighthouse will be holding its AGM virtually on Tuesday, March 22nd at 6:30pm. If you are interested in attending, please call the teleconference number at 1-587-405-1252. Conference ID 949 3037.

Belfast Consolidated School Report for March 2022

We are back to school! It is great to have students and staff back in the building. We are doing an excellent job of following Dr. Morrison's back to school protocols and trying to keep everyone as safe and healthy as possible.

Our basketball teams are back in action, and we hope to live stream their games on YouTube on our channel "BelfastConsolidatedSchool".

For our *Toonies for Trayton* school fundraiser this year, we were not allowed to collect money at the school or do activities that put cohorts in the same group. With an online fundraiser we were able to collect approximately \$900.00 for the PEI Heart and Stroke Foundation in Trayton's name. Thanks to all those who donated.

We have changed our website to <https://belfast.edu.pe.ca/>. The change was made as all schools will be using the same type of website to allow for parents/guardians to easily follow one style.

Mr. John Munro (Principal Belfast Consolidated School)

Belfast and Area Watershed Group (BAWG)

Spring is just around the corner which means the tree swallows will be back! If you have tree swallow boxes, we encourage you to clean them out as soon as possible. In addition, we will be holding a tree swallow box sale if you need more. To pre-order, text, or email Sherry at 902-218-1582, bagwpei@gmail.com. Boxes are \$20 each and all proceeds go to support our restoration activities.

We are preparing for another in-field season, including our 5th Anniversary! Watch for upcoming events and activities for all ages.

The purpose of the Belfast and Area Watershed Group Inc. (BAWG) is to protect, maintain and enhance the ecology of the area for the environmental, social and economic well-being of the area residents. The geographical coverage area covers the Belfast Area – Eldon to Wood Islands thru to Cape Bear.

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 **March 2022:**

Council Accepts Mosquito Abatement Proposal to Start in 2022!

On January 18th, 2022, RMB received a Municipal-wide Mosquito Abatement Proposal at a cost of \$60,000 for the 2022/2023 fiscal year and ongoing. A few groups combined their efforts to prepare/present this proposal to Council.

Upon review of the proposal and further discussion/clarification; Council Members, in a majority vote during the public February 16th Council meeting, accepted the proposal. The Municipal-wide Mosquito Abatement Program will start in the spring of 2022. The Mosquito Program is available on the RMB Website.

2022/2023 Community Grants Applications Deadline is March 6th!

RMB will be awarding \$64,000 this fiscal year to worthy organizations striving for the participation and betterment of our Municipality.

Applications are available on-line,
or you can pick them up at the Municipal Office.

Get your applications in today!

Council gives 1st Reading to the RMB 2022/2023 Budget/Financial Plan!

On Feb. 16th, Council gave 1st Reading to the 2022/2023 RMB Budget/Financial Plan during a public meeting of Council. This Budget represents a \$.06/100 increase for this fiscal year. The second and final public meeting for this Plan will take place on March 16th, at 7:00 PM in the Wood Islands Meeting Hall, during the regular meeting of Council. The document is available on the RMB Website. While the public is encouraged to attend; attendance is limited due to Covid-19 restrictions.

That said, RMB is also encouraging anyone who wishes to provide comments to Council to submit those comments by email to: ruralmunicipalityofbelfast@gmail.com

Meeting Limitations for March!

Unfortunately, due to Provincial Covid-19 Restrictions, attendance in the Council Meeting Hall at Wood Islands is limited to 21. Those that do attend any of our meetings, must also be fully vaccinated (proof is required), wear a mask and practice 6-foot distancing during the meeting.

Thank you for your understanding.

Stay safe everyone!

***Office Open: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
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Wood Islands and Area Development Corporation



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Yoga for Winter ~ Beginning March ~ 8 Session Program \$16.00 Start: 9:30 am at the Plough the Waves Hall Restart GO PEI Yoga on a winter's day. Pre-registration required. Google Forms Sign-Up: <https://forms.gle/1ekcwK1L141qA9hd6>

2022 Under the Roof Outdoor Farmer's Market ~ If you are interested in becoming a vendor in 2022 from June to October, please contact our office. Covid protocols may apply.

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Municipality-wide Mosquito/Black Fly Control (Proposal)

The Pinette/Flat River and Point Prim Mosquito Programs have prepared a proposal for consideration by the Belfast Community Council. The proposal suggests that the Municipality replicate the highly successful biting fly control program that has been operating in Eastern Kings for many years. The program would be funded by the Municipality, but operated by the Belfast Community Development Corp. It calls for two seasonal employees to take responsibility for the control of mosquito (both salt- and fresh-water species) and black fly larvae throughout the Municipality. Vectobac, which is a completely environmentally safe product for reducing numbers of mosquito and black fly larvae, would be used. The program will require an approximately 3.5% increase in overall property taxes in the region in order to avoid having any impact on other beneficial activities undertaken by the Council. The proposal includes feedback from local tourism operators and real estate agents as to the impact of mosquitoes on their businesses and land values.

Please visit: www.facebook.com/groups/mosquitoprogram/ to view the full proposal.

Island Pride Garden Co.

Ever thought of working in a garden centre? Do plants bring you JOY? Island Pride Garden Co. Wood Islands and Hunter River locations are looking for full and part time staff for spring 2022 April-August.

Reach out to us at gardens@islandpride.ca or 902-962-2044.

John and Anne Keuper

Selkirk Millennium Club

Belfast millennium club and coffee time are not meeting until further notice.

Thank you

Message of Concern to RMB Residents

On February 16th, 2022, the Rural Municipality of Belfast Council voted to accept a proposal for a, "Municipal-wide Mosquito Abatement Proposal at a cost of \$60,000 for the 2022/2023 fiscal year and ongoing."

Acceptance of this proposal will result in increased tax rates for Belfast residents which may incur a hardship for those on fixed income. Second-Reading of the 2022/2023 RMB Budget/Financial Proposal is set for March 16th, 2022.

I urge citizens of the RMB to contact their Council Members and express their opinion on this matter.

Submitted by Diana Halliday 902-659-2339

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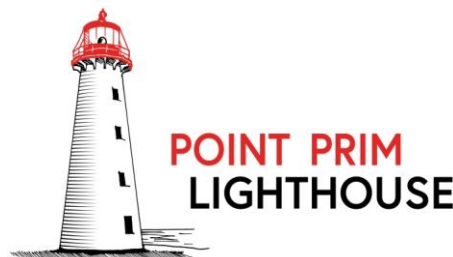
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