



BELFAST LIONS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

January 2023

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The Deuce is Loose

The Deuce is Loose will resume January 17th, 2023! Come on out and join us at the Belfast Rec. Centre as we restart the Deuce after a long delay. Up for grabs is an estimated jackpot of *more than \$17,000.00!*

Doors open at 6:00PM, Trivia begins at 7:30PM and the Draw starts at 8:00PM. Advance tickets available at Cooper's Red & White beginning January 7th, 2023.

Thank you all for your continued patience and support. We're looking forward to seeing you there!

- Belfast Lions Club
- Belfast Fire Department
- Belfast Rec. Centre Board

Please watch our Facebook page for ongoing information and announcements - facebook.com/thedeuceislooseinbelfast.

Selkirk Millennium Club

Selkirk Millennium Seniors Club had their Christmas Potluck Luncheon on December 14th, 2022, at the Belfast Rec Centre.

We had a draw for 3 baskets. The Winners are:

- Turkey/Dinner Basket - Laura Farrell
- Cheese/Cracker Basket - Jean MacRae
- Party/Junk Food Basket - Vernon MacLennan

Congratulations to all winners and everyone who purchased tickets.

Thank you to all Club members and committee for selling tickets and for setting up the community centre hall for this function. *Thanks to all!*

The Selkirk Millennium Club meets every 3rd Wednesday. Call Sylvia at 902-659-2240 for time & place.

Belfast Lions Community Birthday Calendars – 2023

The 2023 edition of the Belfast Lions Community Spirit Calendar is now being prepared for publication.

If you would like to verify your information and ensure you receive this year's Calendar or would like to become a new Calendar subscriber, please contact us by e-mail at BelfastLionsCalendar@outlook.com, or call/text Henry Kliner at 902-978-2447 or contact any Belfast Lions Club member (see last page).

Calendars are \$10.00 each and run from April 2023 to February 2024. Proceeds from this fundraising campaign help support Belfast Lions Club volunteer work within our local community.

Belfast Consolidated School Report for January 2023

We held our first in-person Christmas Concert in three years in December. The gymnasium was packed! It was great to have everyone in person again! The grade 9 class would like to thank the community for their support of our fundraising 50/50, cake silent auction, and canteen. Students raised almost \$1,300.00! If you didn't see the concert, here is the link to the event: <https://youtu.be/pydAh8F7OOM>.

The school would like to thank the Belfast Lions Club for their very generous donation of \$1,000.00 to help support our school in a few different areas of funding. This money will be used to help provide opportunity for extra field trips, extra art supplies, and various other projects.

We would like to thank the Mt. Buchanan/Point Prim Women's Institute for their support of our students and families with their Christmas Basket program. They donated \$500.00 to the school for our student services team to buy gifts for students, plus they spent more money to help support with food and other items that were placed in a Christmas Basket. Our school staff also supported with a donation of \$500.00 to top up the gifts for students. Gifts and baskets were delivered to families December 20th.

We would also like to thank the Montague Area Masonic Lodge who donated \$300.00 to our Breakfast Program this year.

We had very important guests come to our school to visit us on December 16th. We had the Honourable Karina Gould, Federal Minister of Families, Children and Social Development, the Honourable Deputy Premier and Minister of Finance Darlene Compton, the Honourable Natalie Jameson, Minister of Education, and the Honourable Matthew MacKay, Minister of Social Development and Housing tour our school's breakfast program. We provide breakfast food for our students every day of the week, at no charge to the students. Funding comes from the Department of Education and Lifelong Learning, Breakfast Club of Canada, Montague Rotary Club, personal donations, and volunteer hours from our staff. Our program is run by our administrative assistant, Alyssa Thaxter, with help from Baxter Ross, and Ms. Tara Stewart. Our guests were very impressed with the offers we have for our students!

Congratulations to last years' grade 10 students from Belfast Consolidated School (current grade 11 students), who had a marvelous year at Montague Regional High School. Academically, they passed 43/44 courses, and had 63% of the class made the honour roll. After tracking the statistics for the past 11 years, our students have passed 98% of the credits they attempt, and 63% of students have made the honour roll at Montague Regional High School (80% average).

Thank you for your continued support!

Mr. John Munro (Principal BCS)

Wood Islands and Area Development Corporation



HOLD IT! HOLD IT! HOLD IT! 70 Mile Coastal Yard Sale signs can be returned in May 2023 when we reopen for the Season. Mark this Date for 2023 70 Mile Coastal Yard Sale ~ September 16th & 17th.

2023 Under the Roof Outdoor Farmer's Market ~ If you are interested in becoming a vendor in 2023 from June to October, please contact our office.

Sign Plaza ~ Your signage at the plaza will be removed into storage this fall. Please contact us if you would like your signage to remain up for display. 2023 Rent a space at our plaza for \$100.00 per year. Your sign is yours to design. Max size is 16 x 44. Contact our office for details.

2023 We have a Freight Shed, next to the Trails, to rent ~ Call us if you are looking for a spot!

Hall Rental ~ Visit our website ~ www.woodislands.ca.

Outdoor Event to Plan ~ Islander Day February 20th, 2023. Islander Day is a holiday held each year on the third Monday of February. A time to celebrate family and community. Let us know if you are interested to volunteer in planning and participating! Send a note our way to wiadc@woodislands.ca. We have a planning day on January 3rd @ 7:00pm. Hope to see you at the hall.

A Happy New 2023 Year!

All inquiries, please Email: wiadc@woodislands.ca

Phone: 902•962•3761

Belfast Community Development Corporation

It's been a busy and exciting year at Belfast Highland Greens and the Lord Selkirk Campground. It was a wonderful season for golfers and campers alike. Our team did amazing work at the course this year with feedback from users saying it was the best year ever for the course! Likewise, we made many improvements and additions to our campground. Refurbishing the mini-putt and pool area made a huge difference. We want to thank our crew for the great work they did this year and especially those who stuck with us through the difficult time that Fiona brought.

Unfortunately, we were hit pretty hard by Fiona, as many people were. It will likely be a few years before we fully recover. That being said, we move forward and make the best of what mother nature deals out!

We are excited to share that we will be offering simulators at Belfast Highland Greens this winter and are excited to get that up and running in January! Looking forward to seeing our many golfers come out to have a go at the new sims! We will be having a launch event in early January and hope folks can come out to check out the new offering.

We hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year - from the Board and Staff of Belfast Community Development Corporation, Belfast Highland Greens Golf Course and the Lord Selkirk Campground.

Belfast and Area Watershed Group (BAWG)

Welcome to 2023! We thank everyone who helped and partnered with us in watershed restoration, wildlife monitoring, habitat creation, children's programs, events, and fish passage projects throughout the 2022 season.

Our sincerest appreciation goes out to the seasonal team, members, volunteers, and funders, including; Wildlife Conservation Fund, Watershed Management Fund, PEI Watershed Alliance, UPEI, Holland College, UPEI, Skills PEI, Canada Summer Jobs, Jobs for Youth (PEI), DFO, other watershed groups, Rural Municipality of Belfast, and all our private financial donors. In addition, we value our partnerships with Wood Islands Area Development Corporation, Belfast Community Development Corporation, Belfast Historical Society, Point Prim Lighthouse Society, Cape Bear Lighthouse & Marconi Station Inc. and, of course, Belfast Lions newsletter and Coopers Red & White.

Here's to a New Year blooming with life and prosperity for our entire community. Together we can protect our beautiful community and environment.

Support our work and receive a charitable receipt through our partner - Community Foundation of PEI. There are various ways to give; CanadaHelps, direct via e-transfer to info@cfpei.ca, or via a cheque with reference to BAWG. We can arrange pick-up of your donation if that works best for you.

Sherry Pelkey on behalf of the Board of Directors. Contact: bawgpei@gmail.com or 902-218-1582.

Wood Islands Women's Institute News

The Wood Islands Women's Institute would like to send out a shout of thanks to all those who helped make our Online Christmas Auction and Raffle a huge success. Thank you to donators, bakers, bidders and purchasers of the Raffle.

Congratulations to all the Raffle winners:

1st place - Stewart Emery

2nd place - Donnie Matheson

3rd place - Fern MacPherson

4th place - Lori Cuddy

The money raised will help keep the newly renovated Schoolhouse open for community events year-round and to support the many community projects the Women's Institute continues to do.

We would like to thank the Province of PEI and ACOA for supporting us with a significant grant to allow major renovations to be done to the Wood Islands West Schoolhouse. Thank you to our many local contractors; Campbell's Carpentry & Roofing, Ferguson Sales, Kamstar Inc., Lawton's Home & Health Care, Riley & Sons Construction, Ron Lanigan Construction, Ultimate Windows Doors & More, WM Services & Property Management Inc.

Watch our Facebook page and this Newsletter for upcoming events.

Rural Municipality of Belfast - Council Briefs



Items of note for the **Rural Municipality of Belfast (RMB)** for the month of **January 2023**:

Happy New Year!

From all of us at the Rural Municipality of Belfast, to all the residents, we wish you a prosperous and healthy New Year full of wonderment and good cheer!

Council and Committee Meetings for January 2023

- **Community Grants Committee** (Jan. 11th @ 7:00pm) – providing a Status Report to the new committee members and discussing the process for the 2023/2024 Community Grants Program.
- **Council Meeting** (Jan. 18th @ 7:00pm) – discussing the 2023/2024 Grants process and updating Council on the upcoming Budget process.
- **CCBF Grants Committee** (Jan. 25th @ 7:00pm) – providing a Status Report to the new Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF) committee members and discussing the process for the 2019-2024 CCBF funding cycle.

(All meetings are held in the Wood Islands Market, upstairs Meeting Hall – everyone welcome).

2023/2024 Community Grants Application Now Available On-Line

Please be advised that RMB plans to award approximately \$175,000.00 in Community Grants for the 2023/2024 grant funding cycle. Community organizations are encouraged to submit their applications as soon as possible.

January is the month to get motivated...

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Coffee Club

Coffee Club meets every Tuesday morning, (9:00am – 11:00am) at the Belfast Recreation Centre.

Out of Province Medical Travel Support Programs

The PEI Government offers financial support for PEI residents travelling to another province for medical services. The Out-of-Province Travel Support Program includes:

Maritime Bus Program

- Islanders requiring out-of-province health care in Nova Scotia or New Brunswick may qualify for fare subsidy to travel with Maritime Bus.

Hope Air - Flights Program

- Since 1988, Prince Edward Island has partnered with Hope Air, a national charity, to provide free flights to PEI residents who cannot afford the cost of a commercial airline ticket for travel to medical services in another province.

Hope Air - Bridge/Ferry Program

- Beginning December 1, 2016, Hope Air, in cooperation with Health PEI, will subsidize the cost of a Confederation Bridge or Northumberland Ferry pass for pre-approved PEI residents (with a valid PEI Health Card) requiring out-of-province transport by private vehicle for medical services in another province.

For further details regarding the PEI Government's Out-of-Province Travel Support Program, qualification requirements, online application forms and contact information, please visit www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/health-pei/out-of-province-travel-support-programs.

COVID-19

It is encouraging to note that most Chief Public Health mandated Covid-19 restrictions have been eased or ended. The Belfast Lions Club encourages our friends and neighbours to do all they can to stay safe and remain healthy by following the guidelines provided by Health PEI and the Chief Public Health Officer.

For more information and continuing updates on the current pandemic situation, visit the PEI Government's COVID-19 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!

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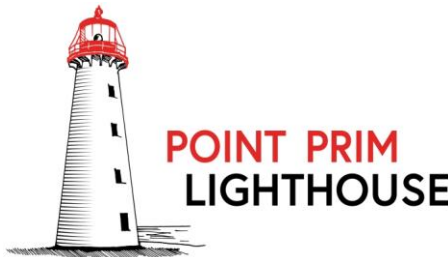
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* The Community Vision Document * The Official Plan and Development Bylaw (in process) * And much more
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