



# BELFAST LIONS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

February 2023

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## The Deuce is Loose

Come on out every Tuesday evening at the Belfast Rec. Centre for our local fundraiser and progressive lottery. You could be the lucky winner of the Big Jackpot – currently estimated at more than \$17,800.00! Advance tickets available at Cooper's Red & White.

Doors open: 6:00PM

Trivia starts: 7:30PM

Draw begins: 8:00PM

Previous 'Deuce' winners:

Bob MacInnis	\$ 414.00	January 17, 2023
Travis MacLean	\$ 212.00	January 24, 2023

*Thank you all for your continued support!*

Belfast Lions Club

Belfast Fire Department

Belfast Rec. Centre Board

Please watch our Facebook page for ongoing information and announcements - [facebook.com/thedeuceislooseinbelfast](https://facebook.com/thedeuceislooseinbelfast).

## Vernon River / Belfast Community Pantry

This note is written to provide some information about the Community Pantry located on the Trans Canada Highway in Orwell Cove at the Visser's warehouse. This is a Community project, a not for profit space designed to provide relief to those who are in need and provide a means for all of us to be generous to each other.

The Community Pantry is for *everyone*. The philosophy behind it is, Take what you need, give what you can. It is very encouraging to be able to report that the Pantry has been in operation since the end of October and it seems to be serving it's designed purpose well.

Donations of non perishable goods are most appreciated and may be dropped off at the Community Pantry building any day of the week. You can also drop off your donation at the Belfast Rec Center on Tuesday evening between 6:00pm & 8:00pm and the Belfast Lions will make sure the donations are delivered to the Community Pantry.

The facility is available to community members 7 days a week at any time. It is there to help those of us who may from time to time have need.

There is a Facebook page where you can visit and follow what is going on with the Pantry.

The success of this program is as a direct result of the generosity of our community. Thank you to one and all and let's keep up the good work.

***Take what you need, give what you can.***

## Belfast Consolidated School Report for February 2023

January was a quieter month, other than our sport teams being very busy. Both the boys' and girls' basketball teams played 5 games each this month. The teams continue to improve every time they play. We also have a gymnastics team/club started for students in grades 3-9. They will participate in the unit meet in early February. Thanks to parent Jody McCormack, and teacher Taylor Johnson for coaching. We also saw an increase in interest with wrestling and will have a team from grades 4-9. Wallace Roach, with help from teachers Taylor Johnson and Aaron Ellis, will be coaching this team. We will also be heading to the Brookvale Ski Park with our students in grades 7-9 on Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, and Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thanks to our Home and School for paying for the busses to make this trip. We are also having a Belfast School Ski Night at Brookvale Ski Park on Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> from 5:00pm until close. This is for any community members. You will get a discounted price, but you need to contact the school to be put on the list.

Vice-Principal Michelle Van Colen will be taking a leave of absence from February 2<sup>nd</sup> until the end of the school year. Kelley Carpenter will be working in administration as an acting vice principal in Mrs. Van Colen's absence. Mrs. Van Colen will be back for the next school year. We hope Mrs. Van Colen enjoys her planned leave of absence, and Mrs. Carpenter all the best in her new role.

Did you make a New Year's Resolution to be more active? If so, a reminder there is pickleball at the school for +35 year-old adults from 6:00 to 7:30pm Monday evening, and badminton for +19 year-olds from 6:30 to 8:00pm on Wednesday. It only costs a nominal fee of \$2.00 per trip. If you have any questions, please call the school for more details.

The grade 9 class are selling Iona Sweets donuts for \$10.00 for 4. Owner Matthew Campbell is giving all the \$10.00 back to the grade 9 class trip. If you are interested in an order, check out our Facebook Page, or call the school for more details.

Mr. John Munro (Principal BCS)

## Belle River Post Office

Now open at 1167 TCH Wood Islands.

Hours:	Monday	9:00am - 2:30pm
	Tuesday	9:00am - 2:30pm
	Wednesday	9:00am - 2:30pm
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	Friday	9:00am - 2:30pm

Phone: 902-326-4445

### **Belfast and Area Watershed Group (BAWG)**

Join us, along with our partners (WIADC, WI, EastGo!), for activities on Islander Day, February 20<sup>th</sup>. As conditions permit, some activities will include; watershed modelling, animal track ID, snowshoeing or Disc Golf. Hot cider and other snacks will be provided. Watch Facebook for details.

We are pleased to announce a funding grant from the Wildlife Conservation Fund to assist with supplies, materials and labour for a bat frame monitoring station and birdhouses. You can support the WCF with the purchase of a Conservation Plate when you renew or purchase a vehicle plate.

Contact: [bawgpei@gmail.com](mailto:bawgpei@gmail.com) or 902-218-1582.

### **BAWG – Sustaining the Growth**

The Belfast Area Watershed Group (BAWG) started operations in 2017. Our total revenue for that year was a little over \$33,000. Since then, we have grown to the point that last year we were able to provide environmental employment to 8 young people in the Belfast area.

We depend on both government grants and community support to fund these activities. Like many successful values-based, not-for-profit charities, grant funding covers about 80-90% of our operating expenses. Most grant funding is tied to specific projects and/or salaries. What is much harder to do is raise funds for our core operations - those activities that keep an organization running, such as Workers Compensation fees and standard office/business operations. We rely on community fundraising and personal donations to make up the difference and enable us to achieve all our priorities.

This is where we would like your help. As was posted in the December Newsletter, you can now receive a charitable donation receipt for any donations by making them through the Community Foundation of PEI. There are various ways to donate to the Foundation; CanadaHelps, or direct e-transfer to [info@cfpei.ca](mailto:info@cfpei.ca), or a cheque with reference to BAWG. Of course, you can always reach out to us directly and we can arrange pick-up of your donation if that works best for you. We hope you will keep BAWG in mind when planning your charitable donations for 2023.

*Thank you for your support and we wish you all a happy and healthy 2023!*

### **Selkirk Millennium Club**

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

### **Coffee Club**

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

### **Wood Islands and Area Development Corporation**



**Islander Day** ~ February 20<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am to 3:00pm. Family Day at the Wood Islands Market! To Warm the Heart! Games indoors and outdoors. Cookie decorating, Gnome hunt and Bonfire. There will be hot soup and biscuits for lunch! Yum!

**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 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

All inquiries, please Email: [wiadc@woodislands.ca](mailto:wiadc@woodislands.ca)

Phone: 902•962•3761

### **Pinette / Flat River Mosquito Control**

*Entering a new era Partnership with BCDC!*

For the past 8 years a dedicated group of volunteers have done all the work involved in running this program for the benefit of the community. This includes fund raising, monitoring marshes for larval hatches and treating with an organic control product (Vectobac) as required. Maintaining this level of effort on an on-going basis is proving difficult as the number of licensed volunteers declines.

The negative impact of mosquitoes on both our quality of life and the economic well-being of the community is well known. We are extremely pleased to announce that starting this year we are entering a partnership with the Belfast Community Development Corporation (BCDC) to work together on this control program. Volunteers with the program will continue to do the regular monitoring of the marshes and will assist with treatments, but BCDC will have a core group of licensed staff who will be able to carry out treatments when required. The mosquito control program will compensate BCDC for time spent on this activity. Without this partnership, the program would have ceased to exist.

Of course, this means we need to raise more funds than we required for the last few years. If we can get the number of donors back up to where it was when the program started, we will be in good financial shape. If you live in the region surrounding the Pinette and Flat Rivers, please contribute to the program (\$125 per household) and encourage your neighbours to do so too. The easiest way to do this is by e-mail transfer to: [belfastmosquitos@hotmail.com](mailto:belfastmosquitos@hotmail.com) Alternatively, you could drop off a cheque payable to "Pinette/Flat River Mosquito" at Cooper's.

*Here is to an enjoyable summer!*

### **Belfast Historical Society**

**“Let us welcome February, and take every chance to show love and kindness to all that we meet.”**

First of all, we want to send a big Thank You to many people who helped to make our Christmas in Belfast another successful event. To our crafters, who once again reminded us of the talent in our community, we are grateful to you for making this gathering possible! We are grateful to the people who willingly donated items to our BHS tables to help our fundraising for 2022. And of course, to our shoppers, who supported us and our crafters by stopping by.

We are happy to report that Alan Buchanan and Margie Gallant have been busy interviewing members of our community over the past year as we look forward to producing another book highlighting Belfast People and Their Places. COVID slowed us down a bit but it did not break our stride! This project is ongoing.

As we pick up the pieces (and the trees) from Fiona, we anticipate moving forward with improvements to our Croft House and moving the former Church of Scotland to a more favorable location, closer to the Croft House. “Everything old is new again...not quite, but improved!”

We want to extend our sympathy to the family of Phyllis McCabe, a longtime member and director, who passed away on December 31<sup>st</sup> after a brief illness. Phyllis was involved in many organizations and played an active role in each one. Phyllis collected historical items and prepared the Recaller newsletter which was handed out at many meetings of the BHS over the years. She will be missed.

*Don't throw the past away,  
You might need it some rainy day,  
Dreams can come true again,  
When everything old is new again!*

### **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-pe/ot-of-province-travel-support-programs](http://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/health-pe/ot-of-province-travel-support-programs).

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Now offers premium coffee to go throughout the week as well as fresh baked breads, rolls, cookies and cinnamon rolls on Fridays from Country Taste Kitchen and Bakery and Iona Sweet donuts Saturdays. Order ahead to secure yours, but we'll have limited quantities for those who forget. 902-326-101

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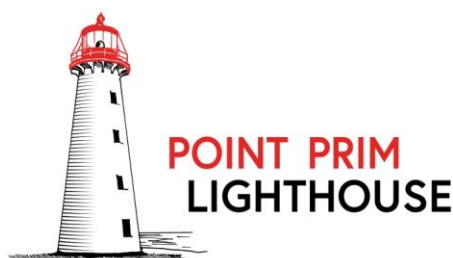
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- \* Contacts
- \* Meeting Times and Dates
- \* Agendas and Notices
- \* The Community Emergency Plan
- \* The Community Vision Document
- \* The Official Plan and Development Bylaw (in process)
- \* And much more

Check out our Facebook Page for: Activities, Issues, Discussions, Local Events, Photos and more

Council and Committee Meetings are held at the Wood Islands Market - Upstairs Meeting Hall  
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