



# BELFAST LIONS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

March 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 \$20,000.00! Advance tickets available at Cooper's Red & White.

Doors open: 6:00PM

Trivia starts: 7:30PM

Draw begins: 8:00PM

Previous 'Deuce' winners:

Dryden St. Pierre	\$ 290.00	January 31, 2023
Brian Gregoire	\$ 324.00	February 7, 2023
Jean Cantelo	\$ 302.00	February 14, 2023
Amanda Jackson	\$ 286.00	February 21, 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://www.facebook.com/thedeuceislooseinbelfast).

## **Wood Islands Women's Institute Hall - Open House**

You're invited to join us at our Open House! Come check out our newly renovated Wood Islands Schoolhouse (Circa 1842). Meet your neighbours and enjoy our historical photo gallery!

Light refreshments will be served including our famous baked goodies.

March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 (Storm date: March 26<sup>th</sup>)  
822 Trans Canada Highway  
2:00pm – 4:00pm

***All are welcome!***

## **Mount Buchanan-Point Prim Women's Institute**

Save the date! Mount Buchanan-Point Prim Women's Institute will be hosting a Spring Lunch Fundraiser on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at Belfast Rec Centre from 11:00am – to 1:00pm. More details in the next newsletter. Thank you everyone for supporting our fundraising events.

*Mount Buchanan-Point Prim Women's Institute members*

## **Belfast Consolidated School Report for March 2023**

During the first weeks of February, homerooms led fundraising initiatives for *Toonies For Trayton*, our annual fundraiser for Heart and Stroke in memory of Trayton Acton. We had lots of fun activities including guess the Kisses in the jar, PJ Days, Rock/Paper/Scissors tournament, playdough sales, and bake sales to name a few. The top fundraiser class was Mrs. Farrow's 4/5 class. The school raised \$1000! Thanks to all the students, staff, and community who helped in the fundraiser.

Excellent work by the grade 7 homeroom, and Mrs. Edward February 8th, as they helped to support the Soup Kitchen with a meal. They ran a very successful bake sale to raise money to pay for the meal, and for the bus travel into Charlottetown. Their story was on Compass! Exciting!

Here is the link to watch the video. You need to start the video at the 43:30 mark, and our story starts shortly thereafter. <https://www.cbc.ca/player/news/canada/pei>. You need to click on CBC Compass for PEI Feb 8th. They also covered it on their website: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/prince-edward-island/pei-belfast-volunteering-inflation-poverty-1.6742793>.

We were very fortunate to be a part of the Valentines for Vets. We had special guests into our grade 4/5 and 7 homerooms for the wrap up of the program. The Honourable Lawrence MacAulay, Minister of Veteran's Affairs Canada, veteran Clinton White, and other guests as well. It was an excellent morning! To see photos from the day, please visit: <https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjArzJX>. The story was covered in the Eastern Graphic addition on February 15<sup>th</sup>.

The grade 9 class is working very hard on their fundraisers for their trip in June. We just finished selling mini donuts from Iona Sweets. Thanks to Matt and Betsy Campbell for donating 100% of the proceeds. The class made over \$1700. We are also selling tickets on Lotto 6/49 tickets at the Deuce is Loose on Tuesday nights. Next fundraiser is selling boxed meats from Steerman's in Millview. If you are interested in buying top quality meats, please email me at [mjmunro@edu.pe.ca](mailto:mjmunro@edu.pe.ca), or call the school between March 6<sup>th</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup> to place your order.

Congratulations to our gymnastics team who had great results at the Unit Meet, and Provincials. Thanks to coaches Jody McCormack, and Taylor Johnson. Next sports are wrestling and badminton.

Mr. John Munro (Principal BCS)

## **Rural Municipality of Belfast - Council Briefs**



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

### ***It's Not Too Late!***

#### ***2023/2024 Community Grants Applications 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 **before 12:00 Noon on March 7<sup>th</sup>**!

#### ***2023/2024 RMB Budget Final Public Meeting March 15<sup>th</sup>***

At the February 15<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting, Council gave 1<sup>st</sup> Reading to the 2023/2024 RMB Budget and Financial Plan. If you would like to comment on the Budget or attend the meeting; please join us in the Upstairs Meeting Hall at Wood Islands Market at 7:00 PM.

Documents are available on the RMB Website.

***Everyone Welcome***

#### ***RMB Council Meetings***

***Now Livestreamed to [facebook.com/belfastpei](https://facebook.com/belfastpei)***

Can't make the meeting in person? Join us on Facebook. You have the choice of watching the meeting LIVE or Click on the link to watch it later.

***Everyone Welcome***

***Office Open: Mon. – Fri. 8:00 AM – 12:00 Noon***

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## **Point Prim Lighthouse - Employment Opportunities**

We are looking forward to the upcoming 2023 tourism season and are now taking applications for employment positions. We are looking for energetic, motivated and outgoing people to work in our beautiful gift store and as guides to our historic lighthouse. Students should apply to the summer jobs program \$15.00 per hour. Adults 18 and over \$18.00 per hour.

Send resume to [pointprimlighthousecottage@gmail.com](mailto:pointprimlighthousecottage@gmail.com)

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

Spring is just around the corner which means the tree swallows will be back! On March 25<sup>th</sup>, we are holding our Annual Tree Swallow Nesting box Pop-in at Cooper's Red & White from 10:00am to 1:00pm (weather permitting).

**Student Employment Opportunity** - pending funding we are looking for students interested in working on stream enhancement activities and community events. This can be physically challenging work, but very rewarding. For a detailed job description email: [bawgpei@gmail.com](mailto:bawgpei@gmail.com).

**River Otters - have you seen them?** The North American River Otter (*Lontra canadensis*) is making a come-back in PEI. There have been several recorded sightings across the island. BAWG would like to know if you have seen any river otter activity in the community. Email Sherry at [bawgpei@gmail.com](mailto:bawgpei@gmail.com).

You can 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 via e-transfer to [info@cfpei.ca](mailto:info@cfpei.ca), or via 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.

## **Free Open Family Skate – March 12<sup>th</sup>**

The Belfast Lions Club is proud to sponsor a Free Open Family Skate at the Belfast Rec. Centre March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 1:10pm. Free hot chocolate included for everyone on the ice surface. Come on out and have a great time!

## **Belfast Highland Greens Golf Simulators**

The Belfast Community Development Corporation is thrilled to announce the opening of its new ES OVT Golf Simulators which opened on February 18<sup>th</sup>. A great addition to the golf course and something for avid golfers to access year-round. We hope to see you at the Belfast Highland Greens Golf Course to try out the new simulators. Congratulations to everyone who helped bring this vision to reality.

## **Belle River Post Office**

Now open at 1167 TCH Wood Islands.

Hours:	Monday	9:00am - 2:30pm
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	Wednesday	9:00am - 2:30pm
	Thursday	9:00am - 4:30pm
	Friday	9:00am - 2:30pm

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## **Selkirk Millennium Club**

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

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

*Entering a new era Partnership with BCDC!*

**What is the program?** 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. The program is based on the use of Vectobac to kill mosquito larvae in pools of stagnant salt marsh water. Vectobac is NOT a chemical pesticide! It is a bacterial product approved for use in organic agriculture. In salt marshes, it is very specific for mosquito larvae. Two days after a treatment, the Vectobac is completely gone from the environment.

**What have the volunteers been doing?** Volunteers have looked after fund raising, monitoring marshes for larval hatches and treating as required. Maintaining this level of effort on an on-going basis is proving difficult as the number of licensed volunteers declines. **What is the new partnership?** The negative impact of mosquitoes on our general quality of life, limiting our enjoyment of the local outdoors, 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 Belfast Community Development Corporation (BCDC) to work together on this mosquito control program. Volunteers with the program will continue to do the regular monitoring of the marshes and will assist with treatments, and 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.

**Are increased resources required?** This partnership does mean we need to raise more funds than we have in previous years when funds raised were used only for purchasing the Vectobac and for minimal operating expenses. In an effort to keep this program affordable for folks in the community, the rate is being kept the same this year as it has been for the last number of years (\$125/household). If we can get the number of enthusiastic donors back up to where it was when the program started in 2014, we will be in good shape to operate this partnership smoothly. If you live in the region, please contribute and encourage your neighbours to do so, too.

**How to contribute (\$125/household)**

- e-transfer to: [belfastmosquitos@hotmail.com](mailto:belfastmosquitos@hotmail.com)
- drop off a cheque payable to "Pinette / Flat River Mosquito" at Cooper's.

For updates on the program, visit our Facebook page: [facebook.com/groups/mosquitoprogram](https://facebook.com/groups/mosquitoprogram).

*Here is to an enjoyable summer!*

## **Coffee Club**

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

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



**A Big Shout Out to all who added great menu of eats and treats to our Islander Day of warmth and cheer!**

The event felt like a great get-together of friends and family, after a long stay away due to covid.

**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. Maximum size is 16 x 44. Contact our office for details.

**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 the 2023 70 Mile Coastal Yard Sale, September 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>.

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

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## **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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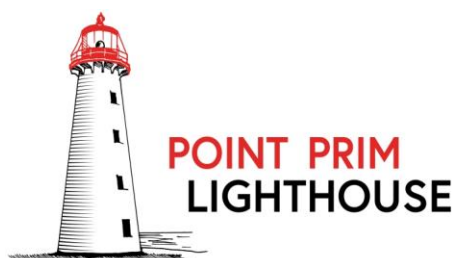
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\* Meeting Times and Dates

\* Agendas and Notices

\* The Community Emergency Plan

\* The Community Vision Document

\* The Official Plan and Development Bylaw (in process)

\* And much more

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