



BELFAST LIONS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

August 2023

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The Deuce is Loose

The Deuce is Loose will be taking a break for the summer and will return September 12th with an estimated \$8,000.00 Jackpot. Thank you to all who have come out to support this fundraising event.

Thank you all for your continued support!

Belfast Lions Club

Belfast Rec. Centre Board

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

Wood Islands and Area Development Corporation



The 70 Mile Yard Sale is fast approaching! This year's event will be held September 16th and 17th. Registration is available online and you may now use E-transfers to pay. Visit www.woodislands.ca for details.

Outdoor Farmers Market: Every Thursday 10:00am-2:00pm. Lots of great vendors selling baked goods, fresh produce and Island Crafts. Located in the Gazebo. Vendor Inquiries - email us at wiadc@woodislands.ca.

Wood Islands Lighthouse: Looking for a unique destination to take your visitors from away? Why not take them on a tour of our iconic Lighthouse? Gloria and her team offer personalized tours of the museum and the gift shop is full of great local items, many of which are unique to our location. Open daily 9:00 - 5:30. Tours operate from 9:30 - 4:30.

Wood Islands Market Commissary: Did you know the Wood Islands Liquor Store also has a Commissary that is stocked with all those things you may have forgotten on your camping trip or beach visit? Whether it is bug spray, a beach towel, ice, or those much-needed snacks, Cathy and Wendy have you covered! Open Monday - Saturday 10:00am - 7:00pm and Sunday 12:00pm - 5:00pm.

August Hall Events: August 16th, 7:00pm Rural Municipality of Belfast Councillor Meeting.

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Wood Islands Women's Institute

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Canada Day event and the Echoes from Home dramatic readings huge successes.

Keep your eyes on the Wood Islands Women's Institute Facebook page for upcoming community events.

Belfast Consolidated School Principal's Report August 2023

Happy Summer Break!

We had lots of field trips happen in the month of June. Thanks to all those who helped in the fundraising efforts for the grade 9 students to go to Halifax for three days. The students learned lots and made lots of great memories. The grade K-3 classes went to Orwell Corner, and King's Castle. The grade 4-8 classes went to Lord Selkirk Park on separate days for the pool. Thanks to our lifeguards, Aislinn McKenna, Aurora Devries, and Sam Caron.

Graduation was held on Monday, June 26th. We had 16 graduates this year from the school. Syd Barrett Howden, Lucinda Campbell (D Waldo Taylor Award for Connection to Community and Art), Xander Creed (Male Athlete of the Year), Madison Docherty (Robert MacNevin School Spirit), Sam Edward (Ken McAleer Award Top Academic Aggregate Score), Bianca Harcourt (Creston Gillis Memorial Award for Volunteerism), Cordelia Harcourt (Female Athlete of the Year), Lilly Harcourt, Ila Lopes, Paul Lungal (Martha Dougan True Friend Award), Haven McCormack (Provincial Heritage Award), Corbin Scott (Kay Gillis Scholastic Award), Jess Van Rooyen, and Leah White (Robert MacNevin School Spirit). They were a wonderful group of students! We want to wish them all the best at Montague Regional High School next year. The Graduation and School Closing can be found on our YouTube Channel: BelfastConsolidatedSchool (no spaces).

In staffing news, we have a number of staff who have left for positions at other schools. Danielle MacLellan is going to LM Montgomery, Danielle Farrow is going to West Kent, Crystal Devries and Matt Campbell are going to Southern Kings Consolidated School. These former staff members went above and beyond for our students and community. They will be missed! Coming back to our staff permanently is Meg Edward. Joining our staff for next year will be Maggie Johnson, Lindsey Morton, and Margo Williston. We are excited to have them at our school.

Ms. Alyssa, Ms. Carpenter, and I will be back to work on Friday, August 25th.

I hope you are having a wonderful summer!

Mr. John Munro, Principal BCS

Selkirk Millennium Club

The Selkirk Millennium Club meets every 3rd Wednesday at the Belfast Rec Centre beginning at 2:00PM. Come join us for get together and meet friends. K. Ross 902-659-2920.

Rural Municipality of Belfast - Council Briefs



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

Council Lobbies for Reliable 2-Ferry Service

June 27th – Letters to Premier King, MP Lawrence MacAulay, Minister Lantz, Minister Hudson, Minister Deagle, our MLA Darlene Compton, and Northumberland Ferries.

June 27th – Financial Support from Department of Tourism for a ShopBelfastPEI (local purchase program) to help mitigate Ferry closure.

July 19th – Three response letters from the Honourable Premier Dennis King about the Provinces efforts to retain a reliable two-Ferry Service at Wood Islands (see three letters on RMB Website).

July 19th – Members of RMB Council attending emergency Ferry Meeting, hosted by the Eastern PEI Chamber of Commerce.

July 20th onward... This lobby effort can not stop! RMB will be on it until there is a satisfactory resolution!

RMB Develops ShopBelfastPEI Local Purchase Program

July 6th – With the Ferry Shut-down at Wood Islands, various members of Council, RMB Administration, and various RMB residents; it was felt that something had to be done immediately to help mitigate the effects of the Ferry closure on RMB local business, residents and tourists to our area.

With the cooperation of the Department of Tourism, **ShopBelfastPEI** was born. A local purchase program that might help to stimulate business to our area. Seems to be helping so far! Check out the program on the RMB Website. Potential to win a \$500.00 prize!

Check it out @ www.ruralmunicipalityofbelfast.com

Council Lobbies for Public Transit Service to be extended through RMB area, to Wood Island, to Montague, Return!

July 20th – RMB started the process today to try to convince the Provincial Government to extend the Rural Public Transit Service, to also include a route from Charlottetown, down the Trans Canada Highway to Wood Islands, a stop at the Ferry, on to Montague, and return.

We have just begun this lobby – Stay Tuned!

Community Members Supporting Community Members!

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Belfast Historical Society – Polly Day 2023

Polly Day is a day to remember and celebrate the arrival of the Selkirk Settlers to our community in 1803 to settle on lands provided by Thomas Douglas, the 5th Earl of Selkirk. This year, we are pleased to draw alongside the Caledonian Club as they host their Highland Games at Lord Selkirk Park on August 5th. We will be selling our always popular Penny's strawberries with ADL ice cream as well as bottled water.

Our Selkirk Scottish Heritage Centre (Croft House) will also be open and we invite friends and visitors to drop in, experience our history, check out our wee Scottish gift shop, along with a variety of books and genealogical records.

We are also looking forward to welcoming some guests from the Ancestor Hunter group who are attending a conference in Charlottetown this Polly Day weekend!

Ceud Mile Failte...A Hundred Thousand Welcomes!

Coffee Club

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

Belfast and Area Watershed Group (BAWG)

2023 Let's Go Fly a Kite & Seashore Adventures - August 11th (10am-1pm). Check our Facebook page for registration for this popular free event! Children attending will receive a kite-kit to add their own creative flair. In addition, we will host some beach-time looking at all the life along the shore. Space is limited to 20 children. Adults are welcome if they would like to bring a kite and join in. In partnership with Wood Islands Development Corporation.

Thank you to all the landowners who have been granting us shoreline access as we continue on our shoreline beach clean-up project. This access is important in order to remove collected waste, and in the event of an emergency within the crew. Working together is the key to a healthy and safe environment. If you have any watershed related questions, please contact Sherry at 902-218-1582.

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, 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.

Camp Buchan – Day Rental

Camp Buchan is available for day rental, for those having a family gathering, anniversaries, and other similar gatherings. The main building has two main rooms with a number of windows on all sides, tables and chairs, fridge and small kitchenette and two washrooms with flush toilets and sinks. For more information, e-mail mcdonald.waldron@gmail.com.

Notice from the Belfast Fire Department

Required rules for burning debris have changed.

Fire season runs from March 15th to November 30th. There are new rules and categories that must be followed. Heavy fines can and will be given.

You can call 1-800-237-5053 to find out about the current burning restrictions in place for the province of PEI. This number can be accessed 24 hours a day; 7 days a week.

For detailed information, please visit our website at princeedwardisland.ca/fireinformation and be aware that there is no burning allowed between 8:00am and 2:00pm. There are 4 categories and a map that details when, and if, burning is allowed.

Camp Buchan

Drop off your pop bottles/can and beverage bottles/cans at the shelter set up at the entrance to the Camp Buchan property.

Appreciate if you would remove the caps and rinse out the containers, it helps a lot at the recycling depot.

Your refundable containers help support maintenance at Camp Buchan.

Thank You!

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/out-of-province-travel-support-programs.

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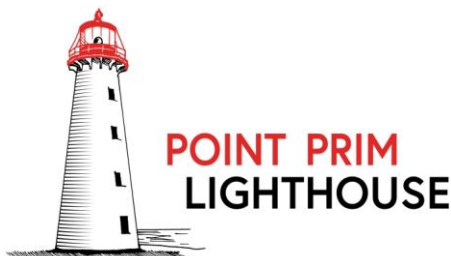


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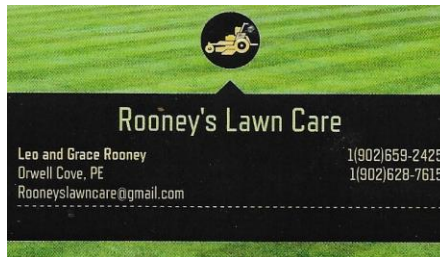
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* The Community Vision Document * The Official Plan and Development Bylaw (in process) * And much more

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