



# BELFAST LIONS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

## October 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, now estimated at more than \$10,000.00! Advance tickets can be purchased at Cooper's Red & White. Tickets will also be available for purchase online via e-transfer. For more information on how to purchase your Deuce tickets online please visit our Facebook page at [facebook.com/thedeuceislooseinbelfast](https://facebook.com/thedeuceislooseinbelfast).

**Please Note:** October 31<sup>st</sup> Deuce (Hallowe'en Night) will be cancelled.

Previous Deuce Winners:

Elaine VanSickle	September 19	\$ 344.00
Belfast Consolidated School	September 12	\$ 345.00

Tickets: \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00

Doors open: 6:00PM

Trivia starts: 7:30PM

Draw begins: 8:00PM

*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](https://facebook.com/thedeuceislooseinbelfast).

### News from the Wood Islands Women's Institute

Fall is here! Come meet your neighbours and learn something new at our freshly launched Speaker Series taking place at the Wood Islands Schoolhouse, 822 TCH. This is a free event with a freewill donation and will be followed by light refreshments.

#### **Mark your calendars:**

October 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm: Kate MacQuarrie, Director of Forests, Fish and Wildlife, is a professional, award-winning biologist and naturalist with a specialty in plant identification. She enjoys foraging, animal tracking and sharing her discoveries with others. She will be speaking about the history of wildlife on PEI.

November 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:00pm: Theresa Redmond is a historian, author, and former senior executive with the Canadian Government. Her historical fiction, *Bound*, navigates the challenges and triumphs of settler life. She will be speaking about land treaties and the importance of land on PEI.

Watch for the very popular Wood Islands Women's Institute Christmas Live Auction on Facebook starting November 18<sup>th</sup>.

### Belfast Consolidated School Principal's Report

Belfast School is excited to announce that we are joining the COSPEI Gold Rush. The COSPEI Gold rush is a collaborative fundraiser that is open to all schools on PEI. We encourage you to click on this link (<https://cospei.goldrush.causable.io>) to create an account, choose to support Belfast Consolidated School and play. A \$5.00 play gets you 3 numbers. You can play up to \$20.00 (12 numbers) per account per week. Once you are assigned your numbers, they are yours forever/until you choose to stop and are entered into every weekly draw. If you activate your numbers (pay \$5.00) you have a chance to win half of the pot; if you do not activate your numbers (do not pay \$5.00) and your number is drawn, you are a "nonwinner" and the pot rolls-over. To ensure you never miss a draw, click on the gray circular button to the left of your numbers and activate "AutoPlay". Draws take place every Tuesday at 1:00pm. You can further support the fundraiser by following and sharing the COSPEI Gold Rush Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100067977702130>). Please encourage your friends/followers to support our fundraiser! Thanks for your support! Good luck!

Our students and staff ran a number of class and school activities for Truth and Reconciliation Week. I want to commend our grade 7-9 students who did a lot of research and work to learn about the importance of Truth and Reconciliation Week, and the Seven Sacred Teachings in Mi'kmaw culture.

In athletics, we will be running cross-country for girls and boys, volleyball for girls and boys, and golf for girls and boys. Thank you to Belfast Highland Greens management and staff for supporting our golf teams with free practice rounds. We currently have 17 students who are coming out for the golf team. Wrestling will be starting on the first of October.

Stay tuned, as we hope to have adult pickleball and badminton again this year.

Mr. John Munro Principal BCS

### Gillis Lodge

Do you have an extra room that you might want to rent? Maybe you have a winterized cottage or rental accommodation in the area? We are looking for housing for our staff in the Belfast and surrounding areas. If you are interested or know someone who might be interested in learning more, please reach out to the Lodge by phone 902-659-2337 or e-mail [william@gillislodge.ca](mailto:william@gillislodge.ca).

### Coffee Club

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

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



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

### **Do You Have Concerns about the Pinette Boat Launch?**

During the Council Meeting of September 20<sup>th</sup>, a number of concerns were raised about the final redesign of the Pinette Boat Launch. Work that was completed by the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure. RMB residents are being asked to forward their concerns to the RMB Office, and we will find out who EXACTLY should be notified of the problems and/or mishaps at the Boat Launch and forward the concerns on the appropriate people. Please send your comments Attn: Deputy Mayor Lynn Docherty & Ashley, to: [ruralmunicipalityofbelfast@gmail.com](mailto:ruralmunicipalityofbelfast@gmail.com).

### **Belfast Rec Centre**

Now designated as the Warming Centre/Soup Kitchen for RMB residents, in the event of a local Emergency! RMB will be contacting some of our local groups shortly, to see if there are any groups willing to help out with the soup kitchen operation during an emergency – more info to come – stay tuned...

### **Halloween at Wood Islands**

RMB will be working this year with the Wood Islands and Area Development Corporation and others for some type of Halloween Treats giveaways. Stay tuned to our RMB Website at: [www.ruralmunicipalityofbelfast.com](http://www.ruralmunicipalityofbelfast.com) or the WIADC Website at: [www.woodislands.ca](http://www.woodislands.ca) for further updates...

### **Don't forget about your Community Pantry Donations!**

The colder we get, the greater the need! RMB is happy to take donations at the RMB Office (facilitated by Councillor Katherine Bryson); or you can take any donations to the Community Pantry itself at the Visser and Sons Lot on the Trans Canada Highway. All donation greatly appreciated.

### **Continuance of the Community Plan and Development Bylaw Discussions, now on hold!**

RMB is hoping to complete the discussions on the Official Community Plan and Development Bylaw; however, the Province has provided an extension, as they look at the possibility of further changes. Stay tuned – RMB will notify folks when the process is started up again...

### **Next Meetings:**

- Regular Council Meeting – Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:pm

### **Community Members Supporting Community Members!**

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### **Selkirk Millennium Club**

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

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



Despite a postponement due to weather the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual 70 Mile Coastal Yard Sale was a huge success! The Wood Islands Market team would like to thank Gail Thaxter, Cooper's, The Eastern Graphic, Northumberland Ferries, Copper Bottom Brewing, Red Clay Construction, Belle River Enterprises, and all the vendors and visitors for your support. We couldn't pull this off without you! Our raffle prize winners are now posted on our website.

### **The Wood Islands Market October Hours:**

Visitor Information Center - Daily 9:00am - 4:30pm

The Sweet Factory - Daily 9:00am – 5:00pm

Liquor Store – Closed for the season

The Whistle Stop Restaurant – Closed for the season

Our "Little Dory full of Stories" is still open! It is now located inside the Visitor Information Center entrance. Book donations are greatly appreciated.

### **October Hall Events:**

- Thursday October 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm to 9:00pm BAWG - Sustainable Forestry Presentation.
- Wednesday October 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm – 9:00pm Rural Municipality of Belfast Council Meeting
- Friday October 20<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm - 7:00pm BDC Small Business Week is a week to celebrate entrepreneurs and their teams across PEI who make PEI a great place to do business. There are numerous small businesses across Eastern PEI that contribute to making it the vibrant place it is. On October 20<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00pm - 7:00pm at the Wood Islands Plough the Waves Hall, Eastern PEI Community Navigators will be hosting an event, showcasing some of the excellent small businesses across Eastern PEI who are harnessing innovation through fresh global perspectives offered by their newcomer employees from around the world. You will get the chance to hear from a panel of employers and employees as well as 5-minute presentations from local organizations who support small businesses. If you have any questions regarding the event, please don't hesitate to reach out to Lindee Gallant at [lindee.gallant@cbdc.ca](mailto:lindee.gallant@cbdc.ca) or Rachel Buell at [rachel.buell@cbdc.ca](mailto:rachel.buell@cbdc.ca).

The Plough the Waves Hall is available for rent year-round! Rates and availability calendar can be found here: <https://woodislands.ca/plough-the-waves/>.

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### **Thank you!**

After my recent hospital stay, I would like to thank the Belfast Lions Club for their generous travel donation, Elliot Morrison for taking care of all the yard work and my family and friends for all their help. I would also like to send a great big thank you to the surgeons and all the staff at St Johns Regional Hospital, St J. NB for all the excellent care I received. Belfast is a great community to live in! *Charles Angus MacLean*

### **Belfast Lions Cash Draw**

The Belfast Lions Club 35<sup>th</sup> annual Cash Draw will be happening Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Cash prizes of \$10,000.00, \$3,000.00, \$2,000.00, \$1,000.00, \$600.00, \$400.00, and 22 x \$100.00 will be awarded.

Tickets are \$100.00 each and a limit of only 325 tickets are available. *This event sells out quickly!* Please contact any Belfast Lions Club member (see the final page of this Newsletter for contact information) or request your ticket by e-mailing [BelfastNewsletter@outlook.com](mailto:BelfastNewsletter@outlook.com).

We will be presenting this event Live and Online via our Belfast Lions Facebook page at: [Facebook.com/BelfastLionsPEI](https://www.facebook.com/BelfastLionsPEI). Live streaming will start at 7:15pm with the Cash Draw beginning at 7:30pm.

*Thank you* for supporting this community fund raiser!

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

A big thank you to all the participants and volunteers of our first Monarch Tagging program - we were able to tag 23 Monarchs as part of the international tagging project by Monarch Watch. These 23 butterflies have their 'passport' to take the long journey to wintering grounds in Mexico. We wish them a safe flight! We are grateful to the PEI Wildlife Conservation Fund for supporting this program as part of our Who's who in our Backyard project.

Upcoming Fundraising- "Art for Nature" with Lorriane Vatcher is coming in the first part of November. Watch our social media pages and members newsletter for details - sure to be great fun.

You can receive a charitable donation receipt for any donations by making them through the Community Foundation of PEI (CFPEI). Ways to donate to BAWG through the CFPEI: via e-transfer to [info@cfpei.ca](mailto:info@cfpei.ca), or via a cheque, with a 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.

Sherry Pelkey, [exd@bawg.ca](mailto:exd@bawg.ca) or text: 902-218-1582.

### **Notice from the Belfast Fire Department**

#### **Required rules for burning debris have changed.**

Fire season runs from March 15<sup>th</sup> to November 30<sup>th</sup>. 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](https://www.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.

### **Belfast Historical Society**

Seasons change and along with these changes, we move forward into autumn and a new agenda!

First, we would like to look back on our summer and express our thanks to our two valued employees, Rosemary Lipton Barber, Site Manager and Peter Noel, Groundskeeper and Maintenance Man. Although our summer presented some challenges, they were always ready and willing to do whatever was required to ensure that our visitors had an enjoyable experience. We were even able to direct a very appreciative couple to a site in the graveyard where a great-great-great grandfather was buried. We are all about "history" after all! As we look ahead to this new season, our October meeting will focus on looking at ways to promote one's own family history, and to share some ways that local community members have done just this! Check out our BHS Facebook page for more details closer to the date.

We also have a "Save the Date" for you to mark on your calendars for our always popular "Christmas in Belfast Fair" on November 25<sup>th</sup> at the Belfast Rec Centre. Stay tuned to our Facebook for more details as well!

Welcome to October!!! To quote L.M. Montgomery, "I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers!"

### **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](https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/health-pei/out-of-province-travel-support-programs).



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Check out our Website for: \* 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  
(see Website for times and dates) Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00am - 12:00noon

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