



# BELFAST LIONS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

## April 2025

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### The Deuce is Loose

Come on out Tuesday evenings 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 \$8,500.00!

Advance tickets can be purchased at Cooper’s Red & White. Tickets are also available at the door or for purchase online via e-transfer. For more information on how to purchase your Deuce tickets online, and when online ticket sales begin, please visit [facebook.com/thedeuceislooseinbelfast](https://facebook.com/thedeuceislooseinbelfast).

#### Previous Winners:

Frank Cook	March 4 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 18,306.00
Tina MacDonald	March 11 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 288.00
Trevor MacDonald	March 18 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 339.00
Evelyn Large	March 25 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 364.00

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  
Belfast Rural Community Fire Department PEI

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

*\*PEI Lottery players must be 19 years or older.*

### Belfast Historical Society

Spring is in the air and the BHS is gearing up for a great summer season. Work on the addition to the Croft House is nearing completion. We are anxious to show it off to you all once completed. Over the winter months, work has continued on a second edition of the book Belfast People. We hope everyone is enjoying a trip down memory lane by viewing our Facebook page. Thank you everyone who has sent in stories, pictures and old newspaper clippings. Keep them coming!

Some future events the BHS has in the works are:

- Participation in the “Doors Open Down East” event on April 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>.
- An evening with Callum Beck who will speak on The Belfast Riot of 1847. Callum will have his book on the riot for sale at this event. Watch the newsletter and our Facebook page for details.
- Annual Celtic Festival and Highland Games.

### Belfast and Area Watershed Group

***In the BAWG "Open House,"*** - we are participating in the Doors Open Down East on **April 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>** at 458 Roseberry Road. We will have tree swallow nesting boxes, swamp milkweed, blue flag iris seeds, and a small selection of trees available, including Red Oak and snacks! Tour our fishway installation and chat about our other projects. Open House Hours: 10:00am-3:00pm.

Join us for the first of many **"In the BAWG" Nature Club learning events. Winged Wonders: May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10:00am-12:00noon** (458 Roseberry Rd). Learn all about and use the free eBird and Merlin Bird ID app (mobile phone required) and prepare to put on your citizen science hat for the Global Big Day - May 10<sup>th</sup> (in your backyard or chosen site). Help celebrate World Migratory Bird Day and share the birds you find with eBird. It is a simple, fun, and meaningful way to connect with nature and contribute to bird conservation efforts worldwide. To register for May 3<sup>rd</sup>, please email Sherry: [bawgpei@gmail.com](mailto:bawgpei@gmail.com) (subject eBird).

Here, fishy, fishy! Mark your calendars for our Annual Family Fishing Day on **May 17<sup>th</sup>** - a great community event - with fun, refreshments, and prizes.

You can become a member of BAWG by emailing us with your address and phone number. Your membership includes receiving our newsletter with project updates, special event invites, and watershed learning resources.

### Belfast Lions Birthday Calendars 2025-26 HAVE ARRIVED!

The 2025-26 Birthday Calendars are here, and home delivery is underway. If you are a current subscriber and have not yet received your Calendar, a Belfast Lions Club member will be contacting you soon to arrange delivery. Calendars are also available for pick up at Cooper’s Red & White Food Market.

If you are not contacted by a Lions Club Member regarding delivery in the next few weeks and are unable to pick up your Calendar at Cooper’s Red & White, please call or text Henry Kliner at 902-978-2447, or contact us via e-mail at [BelfastLionsCalendar@outlook.com](mailto:BelfastLionsCalendar@outlook.com).

*Thank you for supporting this annual fundraiser!*

### Wood Islands Women’s Institute

Come to the Spring Tea Saturday May 24<sup>th</sup>, 1:00pm-3:00pm. The Wood Islands Women’s Institute warmly invites you to join us for afternoon tea and homemade treats! Connect with old friends, meet your neighbours and celebrate the beauty of our community.

Wood Islands Schoolhouse 822 Trans Canada Highway. We will be accepting non-perishable food donations for the Community Pantry.

## Rural Municipality of Belfast - Council Briefs



Items of note for the **Rural Municipality of Belfast (RMB)** for the month of **April 2025**:

### **Council Passes 2025/26 Budget 0% Increase**

On March 19<sup>th</sup>, the Council of the Rural Municipality of Belfast passed it's over \$513,000 budget, that sees:

- \$ 196,568.00 in Operational Expenditures,
- \$ 235,360.00 in Community Grants, and
- \$ 81,210.00 for Other, which also includes additional funding for Emergency Warming Centres for our Municipal Area.

Thank you to all those who participated and provided suggestions and feedback into this years' RMB Budgeting Process. Your participation was greatly appreciated.

### **Council Awards \$235,360.00 in Community Grants for the 2025/26 Cycle! RMB's Highest Award Year Ever!**

March 19<sup>th</sup>: In making Council's highest amount of Annual Community Grants ever, RMB Council recognized that by providing these Community Grants to the various community groups, volunteer groups, facilities, sporting groups, and numerous miscellaneous groups, RMB is able to help support many, many integral services to the residents of our municipality. This year's award recipients include:

Belfast Rural Fire Dept - Operations	\$ 120,000.00
Belfast Rec Centre (GPEI Rink Grant)	\$ 8,500.00
Belfast Area Watershed Group (BAWG)	\$ 8,500.00
Belfast Community Dev. Corp. (BCDC)	\$ 15,000.00
Belfast Days	\$ 7,500.00
Belfast Historical Society	\$ 4,500.00
Belfast Minor Hockey Assoc.	\$ 1,500.00
Belfast Rec Centre – Operations	\$ 26,500.00
Belfast Wrestling Club	\$ 750.00
Pinette Raceway Inc.	\$ 2,000.00
Point Prim Lighthouse	\$ 3,000.00
Vernon River/Belfast Community Pantry	\$ 2,400.00
WIADC – Wood Islands Market – Ops	\$ 10,000.00
WIADC – Wood Islands Lighthouse	\$ 3,000.00
WIADC – Train Station Accessible Deck	\$ 9,625.00
Iona Park Inc.	\$ 3,500.00

### **Next Meeting:**

- Regular Council Meeting – April 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm (Upstairs Wood Islands Meeting Hall)

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## Wood Islands and Area Development Corporation



Spring is in the air! We are excited for the upcoming season and look forward to welcoming visitors to Wood Islands!

**Sign Plaza:** We still have room on our Sign Plaza for 2025! There's no better way to advertise your business! Its only \$100.00 + HST to display your 16" X 44" sign. There's a handy online application form available on our website: <https://woodislands.ca/sign-plaza/>.

We are excited to announce Wood Islands Café Express will be operating a food truck at our location this season! Cesar and Heather will be serving up a great selection of great eats! They will also be participating in Burger Love!

Our "Little Dory Full of Stories" free public library is currently inside the Visitor Information Center entrance and will be placed outside soon. We welcome your donation of previously read books. They can be dropped of at our location Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from 9:00am-2:00pm.

**We're hiring!** We have the following positions available for the 2025 season:

- Lighthouse Tour Guide – (May to October)
- Lighthouse Tour Guides (two student summer positions)
- Assistant Grounds Keeper (student position)
- E-bike Rental Clerk (student position)

Refer to our website [www.woodislands.ca](http://www.woodislands.ca) for more details.

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### Island Pride Garden co

Island Pride Garden co is preparing for opening May 1<sup>st</sup>. During the month of April, we are often in the greenhouses in Wood Islands. Feel free to stop by, it is always best to call ahead to make sure we are around. We have seeds and seed starting materials such as containers and soils. The finer soil we carry is excellent for seed and plug starting.

We are part of Door Open Down East. We will be open April 26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am-4:00pm, Saturday and Sunday. Coffee will be on.

By the end of April, it is a good time to plant trees and shrubs. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for further updates.

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### Tuesday Morning Social Group

We meet every Tuesday morning at the Pinette Racetrack 9:00am – 11-11:30am. Everyone is welcome. Tea, coffee and snacks are available.

Enjoy card games, crafts and chatting with each other.

### **Point Prim Lighthouse**

Point Prim Lighthouse is hiring for the 2025 Season. Adults and students are encouraged to apply. Work at PEI's oldest lighthouse, engage our locals and tourists alike while sharing incredible landscapes and fascinating history.

The applicants for these roles should have an aptitude for conversation, should be available to work 5 days a week on a rotating schedule over all days of the week, be willing and able to work in a fast-paced environment where all job tasks are shared. They should have their own transportation to our location. They should be prepared to be part of a close, hardworking team, be a positive influence to all, and contribute to a peaceful, diverse and fun atmosphere.

Open hours will be within 9:00am - 6:00pm. The season will open May 16<sup>th</sup> and go through to the end of October for adult applicants. Students will be employed from Canada Day to Labour Day with opportunities for additional days before and after the peak season pending availability. Starting wages for students will be \$16.00, and \$18.00 for adults with consideration of experience.

Work history with Square, and multilingualism is an asset. Point Prim Lighthouse is an equal opportunity employer.

Send your resume by e-mail to Attention Kim Couling [pointprimlighthousecottage@gmail.com](mailto:pointprimlighthousecottage@gmail.com). Please "cc" to [pointprimlighthouse@gmail.com](mailto:pointprimlighthouse@gmail.com).

### **Belfast Days - Save the Date!**



Save the Date for Belfast Days 2025! June 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

*Stay Tuned for all the fun details! ....*

### **Macphail Woods**

Looking to expand your ecological knowledge? The Macphail Woods 2025 course schedule is live! Between their free community workshops, specialized courses in the School of Woodland Ecology, children's camps and Chainsaw Safety Training, there is something for every skill level and area of interest.

Here are some of the upcoming dates to note:

Macphail Woods is offering two Chainsaw Safety Courses in April. While chainsaws are dangerous power tools, when used with proper training, they become an invaluable tool in helping make forests healthier.

**Chainsaw Safety Training Level I & II** - April 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, 8:00am-4:00pm

- This course covers basic chainsaw techniques such as saw operation and maintenance, PPE, safe felling, bore-cutting, limbing and bucking.

**Chainsaw Safety Training Level I & II (Women Only)** - April 26<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>, 8:00am-4:00pm

- Exact same content as co-ed course
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For more information and to register, please visit: <https://macphailwoods.org/education/chainsaw-safety-training>.

Their annual Owl Prowls are coming up in April. These free events are a great opportunity to learn about the Island's owl population and spend time in nature after dark.

- Owl Prowl 1: Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm
- Owl Prowl 2: Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm

As these events are very popular, we ask that you only register for one of the dates. Register here: <https://macphailwoods.org/education/free-workshops>

### **Selkirk Millenium Club**

The Selkirk Millenium Seniors Club meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 2:00pm in the Rec. room of the Belfast rink. Come join us.

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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

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