



# BELFAST LIONS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

## August 2025

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### The Deuce is Loose

The Deuce is Loose will be taking a break for the summer. We will be returning September 16<sup>th</sup>. Have a great summer!

**Thank you all for your continued support!**

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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 and Area Watershed Group

**August 8<sup>th</sup>, 11:00am-2:00pm**

**Tidal Wonders pop-up** Join the BAWG team for a poster display regarding our Nature Smart Climate Solutions project. Learn about the importance of eelgrass and how wetlands are assessed. In addition, some activities are planned for children, including water quality testing and seashell games.

**Special:** We will have a limited supply of oak trees (by donation) to add to your landscape or woodlot. See you there.

Location: Wood Islands Market – 13056 Shore Road, Wood Islands.

**August 9<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am-1:00pm**

**Click into Nature: Explore with iNaturalist** *Whether new to iNaturalist or looking to expand your knowledge, this workshop and field session offers an excellent opportunity to explore and contribute to biodiversity tracking in the BAWG management area. All welcome.*

Facilitator: Rosemary Curley, retired generalist biologist and recent author, with others, of "Mammals of Prince Edward Island and Adjacent Marine Waters."

Location: Wood Islands Market – 13056 Shore Road, Wood Islands. Registration is required for this event - please email [bawgpei@gmail.com](mailto:bawgpei@gmail.com) for a link to the registration form.

### Point Prim Lighthouse - 180th Anniversary Celebration

The Point Prim Lighthouse Society warmly invites you to our annual open house and BBQ on Saturday August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025, from 11:30am-3:00pm. Enjoy some BBQ plus steamed mussels, cake and strawberries with ice cream. Entertainment by the talented Gordon Belsher and a lecture on the 1847 Belfast Riot by Professor Callum Beck. The Ham Radio Operators will be back again this year, and we will have some artists and writers featured in our gift store on site. Everyone is welcome to this free event!

### Sir Andrew Macphail Homestead

The Lunch and Lecture series is held on Sundays at 1:00pm, cost is \$30.00.

- **August 3<sup>rd</sup> - Sheila Gallant – The PEI Women’s Institute** (WI) Sheila recently wrote a book about the PEI WI and the resilience of its members. No matter what was happening in the lives of the women, they rose up to help others in need - women working for home and country.

- **August 10<sup>th</sup> – Brian Corbett and Sandra Martin - The Genealogy of Janetta Macphail.**

Brian Corbett, great, great nephew of Sir Andrew Macphail, set himself as a retirement project to research his family history. He talks with Sandra Martin, another Macphail descendant, about the fascinating details he has uncovered about Janetta Macphail, Sir Andrew’s younger sister.

- **August 17<sup>th</sup> – Dr. Josh MacFadyen – A History of PEI from the Air**

Dr. MacFadyen combines a unique blend of aerial photography and historical detail of the Island in his presentation, providing listeners with a better understanding of the Island's changing landscape.

- **August 24<sup>th</sup> – Sara Underwood – British Home Children**

Between 1893 and 1930, about 190 children were sent to PEI by the Middlemore Children's Emigration Home as British Home Children and placed as servants and labourers on farms and in homes across the Island. The average age was 10, and two-thirds of the children were boys. Sara Underwood will share some of their stories.

### Spirited Conversations by Kathleen MacMillan

Dr. Kathleen MacMillan, a retired Professor of Nursing and author, has written a one act play, entitled "*Spirited Conversations*". Set in the Macphail Homestead, the play presents an imagined dialogue between the ghosts of three women: Georgina (Burland) Macphail, Lucy Maud Montgomery, and Margaret MacMillan. The play examines how women’s lives in Canada changed from the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century to the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century and how class, education and careers, as well as childcare and marital relationships, impacted women and defined their roles. Wednesday, August 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm. The reading will be followed by tea and sweets. The cost is \$20.00.

Reservations for all events can be made by calling 902 651-2789 or through our website: [www.macphailhomestead.com](http://www.macphailhomestead.com). Open Wednesday – Sunday from 8:30am-4:30pm. Tea and cake or coffee and biscuits, all homemade, serving all day.

## Rural Municipality of Belfast - Council Briefs



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

### Call for Proposals for Canada Community Building Fund (CCBF) Funding NOW CLOSED

#### This CCBF Call was open to all Not-for-Profit Community Groups and Community Development Organizations

A stable, predictable (and much appreciated) source of funding provided to the Rural Municipality of Belfast through the Canada/PEI Infrastructure Secretariat. This funding allows local communities to make strategic investments in essential infrastructure, and in the case of the Rural Municipality of Belfast, has allocated **\$294,835.00 over a 5-year period**.

RMB now has seven (7) CCBF funding applications to consider:

1. **Belfast Rural Volunteer Fire Department** – Partial funding for a new Firehall Expansion Project
2. **Wood Islands & Area Development Corporation** – Funding for a prominent LED Sign
3. **Belfast Historical Society** – Funding for the Selkirk Scottish Heritage Centre
4. **Belfast Area Watershed Group** – Funding for a Pinette Park Living Trail
5. **Belfast Community Development Corporation** – Funding for a complete Pinette Park Revitalization
6. **IONA Park Inc.** – Funding for the Iona Park Ball Field Revitalization
7. **Belfast Disc Golf** – Seasonal Event Space Expansion

Committee will have reviewed the applications on July 30<sup>th</sup> and Council will consider the applications on August 20<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is welcome to attend.

#### Public Meeting to discuss the Proposed Firehall Expansion

The Belfast Rural Fire Department are hosting a Community Information Session on Wednesday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:pm at the Belfast Rec Centre.

This meeting gives the Fire Department, the opportunity to connect with community residents and share its plans for the future. All are welcome to attend.

#### Upcoming Regular Council Meetings:

**August 20<sup>th</sup> at 700:pm** – Upstairs Hall – Wood Islands Market.

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## Wood Islands and Area Development Corporation



The 70 Mile Coastal Yard Sale is fast approaching! It will be held September 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. Registration is available online and you may now use e-transfers to pay. Visit [www.woodislands.ca](http://www.woodislands.ca) for details.

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? Our main floor renovation is complete. 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 9:00am-5:30pm. Tours operate from 9:30am-4:30pm.

Cruisin’ Down East continues for August every Thursday evening from 6:00pm-dusk. All vehicles are welcome! There’s a 50/50 draw as well as other great prizes. All proceeds support the ongoing restoration of the Wood Islands Lighthouse.

Wood Islands Market Commissary: The Commissary at the Wood Islands Liquor Store is fully stocked with all those things you may have forgotten on your camping trip, beach visit, or staycation! Whether it is bug spray, a beach towel, ice, or those much-needed snacks, Cathy and Wendy have you covered! We have a freezer full of great items including Bar Vela Pizza, Steerman’s Quality Meats, Hand Pies from the Handpie Company and frozen meals by The Topsy Farmer.

Open Monday to Saturday 10:00am-7:00pm and Sunday 12:00pm-5:00pm

#### Hall Events:

- Thursday August 7<sup>th</sup>, 5:00-6:00pm: UPEI Center for Climate Change “Coastal Conversations”
- Wednesday August 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-9:00pm Rural Municipality of Belfast Council Meeting

The Sweet Company: Daily 9:00am-7:00pm.

The Visitors Information Centre: daily 9:00am-8:00pm.

The Rural Municipality of Belfast Office: Monday to Friday 9:00am-Noon

The Wood Islands Cafe Express Food Truck: Tuesday to Sunday 11:30am–7:00pm

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#### Camp Buchan, Scouts Canada

Appreciate your donation of your pop bottles/can and beverage bottles/cans they can be dropped off at the shelter set up at the entrance to the Camp Buchan property.

Removing the caps and rinsing out the containers will be very helpful at sorting and at the recycling depot. Your refundable containers help support maintenance at our Camp Buchan. *Thank You!!!!!!*

## **Belfast Fire Department**

### **Community Information Session Invitation**

Dear Residents, you are warmly invited to attend a Community Information Session hosted by the Belfast Rural Fire Department. This meeting is an opportunity for us to connect with the community, share what we do, and provide important updates on our department's future plans and expansion.

Please join us Wednesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 7:00pm at the Belfast Recreation Centre.

**Community Support Spotlight:** The Belfast Fire Department would like to express our sincere gratitude to the **Dr. John M. Gillis Memorial Lodge** for their **generous Gold-level donation** toward our **Firehall Renovation and Addition Project**.

This contribution plays a vital role in helping us expand and improve our facility so we can better serve our community for years to come.

We are proud to recognize them as a key supporter in this important project.

Every bit of support brings us closer to our goal. If you or your organization would like to be part of this effort, we welcome your involvement and generosity.

**Gold Donator Recognition:** The Belfast Fire Department would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to **Johnny and Ann Knox** for their incredible generosity and community spirit.

As we began exploring options to purchase land for our **Firehall Renovation and Addition Project**, the Knox's—without hesitation—**donated the land** we needed. Their selfless act ensures we have the space to grow and continue serving our community safely and effectively.

We're proud to recognize Johnny and Ann as **Gold-level donors**, and we're truly grateful for their support.

Support like this moves our project forward—and shows just how strong our community really is. If you'd like to get involved, we welcome your support!

## **Belfast Rink**

Join us for coffee and cards every Tuesday from 9:00am to 11:00am in the Rec. room at the Belfast rink.

## **Wood Islands Women's Institute**

Thank you to everyone who came out to enjoy Canada Day at the Wood Islands Schoolhouse. We will be offering an evening presentation on canning and putting up food in September. We will have a Bridge lesson in October and watch for our online fundraiser in November. More information on Facebook and in next month's newsletter.

## **Thank You**

We would like to thank all members of the Belfast Fire Department who attended our house fire in early March. Special mention to Jason and Joanne for arriving so quickly!

Also, huge thanks to Big Jay Construction for working days, nights, and weekends to get us back in our house as soon as possible. Much appreciation to you all!

Dan and Judy Moir

## **Island Pride Garden Co**

The garden centre in Wood Islands is open for your gardening needs through mid-September, watch Facebook and [www.islandpride.ca](http://www.islandpride.ca), or call us, to check our hours.

70 Mile Yard sale September 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>. Registration is open if you want a space at Island Pride in Wood Islands, stop in to chat with us or call 902-962-2044.

## **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.

## **Tuesday Morning Social Group**

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

Enjoy card games, crafts and chatting with each other.

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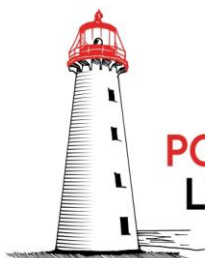


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