



BELFAST LIONS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

March 2026

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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 \$26,500.00!

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.

Previous Winners:

Kim Blanchard	February 17 th	\$ 322.00
James Rice	February 10 th	\$ 318.00
Chad Jackson	February 3 rd	\$ 27, 133.00

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.

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

Belfast Historical Society

Exciting news for 2026! The annual Belfast Celtic Festival and Highland Games will take place on the weekend of September 12th, this year.

In partnership with the Belfast Community Development Corporation, the Belfast Historical Society has chosen to move the Games to September. This new timing will allow for greater participation from pipe bands and performers beyond the busy July and August season, while also helping extend the tourism season and support for our local businesses.

Please mark your calendars and follow the Facebook pages of the Belfast Historical Society and/or the Belfast Celtic Festival and Highland Games for updates as the event approaches.

This much-loved event reflects the strength and spirit of our community. We welcome your ideas as planning gets underway, and we expect to share opportunities to get involved - including volunteer roles - as we get closer to the event. Please contact the BHS if you have suggestions on how to make this event even better. *Spread the word!*

Belfast Consolidated School Report

As a school community, we are heartbroken with the passing of our beloved driver, Carey Gillis. Carey drove a bus for our school over the past 30 school years. He left a positive memory with anyone who knew him as their bus driver, or co-worker. His calm, carry ways, and excellent work with our students; will be missed. As a staff and school community, we extend our condolences to his family.

Thank you to the Home and School Executive, and other parents who provided our staff with treats during staff appreciation week. We appreciate all the kind acts by students and parents/guardians. With the support of parents, our hard working, caring staff can help students achieve greatness!

Congratulations to our school’s basketball team who played their hearts out this season. We were short handed for a number of games, but players worked to the best of their ability each game. Graduating players include: Auston Knox, Emmylou Ryan, Noah Costain, Kolton MacInnis, and Reid White. Returning players for next year are; Oliver Drover, Leroy Hallett, Hallow Knox, Jeremy Rogers, Simon Beck, and Luca MacNeill. I had the pleasure to coach this group, and hope they continue to play basketball, and other sports into the future. They displayed great athleticism and sportsmanship throughout the season.

Mr. John Munro Principal Belfast Consolidated School

Belfast and Area Watershed Group (BAWG)

March marks a quiet shift in the watershed as days grow longer and subtle signs of spring begin to appear. While the landscape may still look dormant, streams continue to flow and ecosystems prepare for the season ahead. Behind the scenes, we’re planning for upcoming stewardship work and activities.

As always, we encourage you to take a moment to step outside, notice the subtle changes in the landscape, and reconnect with the place we all share. Spring is coming — one melt, one bird call, one flowing stream at a time.

Membership with BAWG is free - join today at bawg.ca (<https://bawg.ca/membership-form/>)

Belfast Rink

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

Free Family Skate at the Belfast Rec Centre

The Belfast Lions Club is pleased to sponsor a Free Family Skate, including free hot chocolate, at the Belfast Rec Centre, Sunday, March 15th, from 1:10pm to 2:10pm.

All are welcome!

Rural Municipality of Belfast - Council Briefs



Items of note for the **Rural Municipality of Belfast (RMB)** for the month of **March 2026**:

2026/27 Community Grants Deadline Friday, March 6th at 12 Noon!

Applicants have until noon on **Friday, March 6th** to submit their Community Grant applications. The Community Grants Committee will review the applications on Wednesday, March 11th, for a recommendation/decision of Council on Wednesday, March 18th. If you are a Not-for-profit or Community Organization, you are encouraged to apply.

2026/27 RMB Draft Budget Receives 1st Reading

Notice is hereby given that RMB will have a second public discussion for the 2026/2027 Budget and Financial Plan on Wednesday, March 18th, during RMB's Regular Council Meeting.

Council gave 1st Reading on February 25th and are looking forward to hearing any further comments the public may have on the draft budget. Check out the DRAFT Budget on-line on RMB's Website. Feel free to comment or make recommendations. Council will accept or amend the document for Second and Final Reading on Wednesday, March 18th.

There are a number of budget items to consider as we head into the final year of this Council's Term. Everyone is welcome to attend, or you can view the meetings live through our Facebook Livestream at [facebook.com/belfastpei](https://www.facebook.com/belfastpei).

Check out our Website and Facebook Page

www.ruralmunicipalityofbelfast.com

www.facebook.com/belfastpei

Notices, News, Updates, Council Meetings, Events, Results, and much, much more!

Check us out!

Next Meetings:

- Community Grants Committee Meeting – March 11th 7:00pm (RMB Municipal Office)
- Regular Council/Budget Meeting – March 18th 7:00pm (Upstairs Wood Islands Meeting Hall)

Rural Dreams Realized

Rural Municipality of Belfast

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Wood Islands and Area Development Corporation



As the summer season quickly approaches now is the time to consider advertising in our Sign Plaza at the Wood Islands Market. For only \$100.00 + HST your 44" X 16" sign will be viewed by thousands of visitors! Visit <https://woodislands.ca/sign-plaza/> for more details.

Planning a birthday or anniversary party? Why not consider holding it at our hall? We have a fully licensed commercial kitchen and enough seating for 80 people. We have a great sound system as well! Contact us for rates and availability.

Hall Events:

- Wednesday March 18th, 7:00pm Rural Municipality of Belfast Council Meeting

For more information, please contact us:

Phone: 902-962-3761 E-mail: wiadc@woodislands.ca

Website: woodislands.ca

Point Prim Lighthouse

It's been 78 years since our beautiful lighthouse was last shingled. It became clear this fall when we started to lose shingles that it would not be a project that could be delayed. We are hoping to be able to do this in the Spring of 2026. We are looking for experienced contractors to bid for this job. Interested parties please e-mail us at pointprimlighthouse@gmail.com

We are a non-profit and this will be a huge cost for our Lighthouse Society. We will have to raise funds to help with the cost. No donation is too small and we're asking our community for any help they can offer. Our lighthouse is the oldest on the Island and has served our community well. It has become a huge destination for visitors and an economic driver for this area and the eastern end of the Island. We at the lighthouse society want to keep this beacon beautiful and strong for future generations. If you would like to donate to this project you can send e-transfers to the email above.

Annual General Meeting

The Point Prim Lighthouse Society will have its AGM on March 12th at 8:00-9:00 pm in the Gillis Lodge. The public is welcome to attend.

Employment opportunities

We are looking forward to the upcoming 2026 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 register with the summer jobs program. Students \$16.50 per hour. Adults 18 and over \$18.00 per hour. Training for Assistant Manager position.

Send resume to pointprimlighthousecottage@gmail.com

Belfast Community Development Corporation

The 2025 season was a steady and encouraging year for BCDC. With the strong operational leadership of Executive Director Keir White, we were able to make meaningful investments that strengthen the community assets so many rely on.

At the Lord Selkirk Campground, infrastructure was a primary focus. The smaller second pool was fully restored, essential pool system repairs were completed, and the dining and lounging areas were enhanced with the addition of a gazebo. A significant clean-up of the upper park and septic field area was undertaken to improve the atmosphere and help ensure the long-term reliability of this critical system.

Belfast Highland Greens saw continued improvements in course conditions and operations. Investments in infrastructure, including upgrades to the irrigation systems serving both the golf course and campground, strengthened long-term sustainability. We are also pleased to announce the inaugural Belfast Open golf tournament, a PEI Golf Association sanctioned event happening in September 2026. Finally, our off-season momentum has continued through the success of our enhanced golf simulator program.

At Pinette Park, wooded areas were cleaned up and bathroom renovations began, improving safety and accessibility. This important recreational space will remain a priority in 2026.

None of this progress would have been possible without the hard work of our incredible staff, the support of our members, customers, volunteers, government partners, local suppliers, community organizations, and the many individuals who contribute in ways both seen and unseen. We are grateful to everyone who helps make this work possible.

As a volunteer Board, we are proud to support the work being done and remain focused on responsible governance and long-term sustainability for the benefit of the entire community.

- The BCDC Board of Directors
(Bradford Rooney, Dana Hancock, Glen Davies,
Ian Gillis, Kyle Panton, Luke Rooney, Matt Kenny,
Terry MacPherson, and Victor Gosselin)

GriefShare support group (13 weeks)

Need help dealing with grief? A GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Through this 13-week group, you'll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief. This group is designed specifically for anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one (sorry, this group is not designed for the loss of a pet or divorce). People are welcome to attend all or as many sessions as they wish.

Saturday, January 10th - April 4th, St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2794 Garfield Road, Belfast.

For more information and to register for this free program; contact Jenny Halliday by phone: (902) 218-9715, or by email: jenthebrit3@hotmail.com.

GriefShare website: griefshare.org.

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.

Selkirk Millenium Club

The Selkirk Millenium Seniors club meets the third Wednesday of each month at 12:00pm in the Rec. room of the Belfast rink. Come Join us!

Thank you

A Special thank you to all my friends & family for making my 80th Birthday a very special day!!!

Thanks for all the Birthday Wishes online, in person, at my party!!

I was overwhelmed with the cards, gifts, gift cards etc.! My Birthday would not go by without some pranks at my Birthday Party too!!

Faye Cantelo

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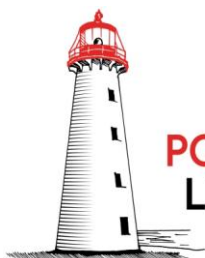


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- Check out our Website for:** * Contacts * Meeting Times and Dates * Agendas and Notices * The Community Emergency Plan
 * The Community Vision Document * The Official Plan and Development Bylaw (in process) * And much more
- Check out our Facebook Page for:** Activities, Issues, Discussions, Local Events, Photos and more

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