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BACH Foundation Recognized

Recently the Friends of the Moncton Hospital held a donor recognition dinner to thank their supporters for contributions over the past number of years. The Bennett and Albert Health Care Foundation was recognized for reaching the Innovator Level which includes total donations between \$250,000 and \$499,999.

The BACH Foundation has contributed a total of \$259,088.00 over the years to The Friends Foundation in support of various Annual & Capital fundraising campaigns. The latest significant contribution was for \$60,000.00 over 5 years in support of the new Obstetrics and Newborn Care Unit.



Photo: Friends Foundation Board Chair Shane Esson, presented Percy Sacobie artwork to Warren Williams representing the Bennett & Albert County Healthcare Foundation.

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The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 32 - Hillsborough NB Elects 2024 Executive Members



Sitting L - R - Margie Murphy (Treasurer), Rick Langer (2nd Vice), Keith Steeves (President); Dale Jonah (1st Vice), Kim Langer (Secretary) Standing L - R - Peter Jubb (Sergeant At Arms), Barb Haire (Padre), Missing - Davis Steeves (Past President), Eliot Hill (Service Officer), Ruth Bradford and Judy Tait (Membership Committee)

This past January, the 2024 Executive Members were sworn in for the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 32 - Hillsborough NB (pictured above). The main mission of the Legion is to provide support for veterans and their families in Albert County. Your generous support during the Poppy Campaign, leading up to Remembrance Day, greatly aids in the success of this mission. Thank you very much.

As well, the Legion is a responsible community citizen - supporting graduates with bursaries, supporting the local Navy League Cadets and Sea Cadets with funds, and most importantly organizing Remembrance Day events.

Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to join or visit the Legion. It is located at 31 Legion Street in Hillsborough. The Legion - Ship's Landing Lounge is open Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 2 pm to 10 pm. Drop in and learn more about the Legion and the many benefits of becoming a member.

Writers, Authors, Literary Artists are Invited to share with us...

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Adventures of a Harvey Hall Volunteer

by Jane Chrysostom

I've been volunteering for the Harvey Hall in the past few years, and recently was asked to revive some programming I'd done long ago – historical demonstrations of pioneer living, that I called "Homesteading 101." I traveled to classrooms, senior centers, museums, libraries, and other venues to share how the tough old pioneers survived making their own threads and yarns, hand-woven cloth, butter, cheese, candles, soap, and bread. Quite often I'd have to find my way to a public school in a gritty part of a downtown neighborhood, lugging a weaving loom and a canvas bag full of filthy raw sheep fleece. Frequently, I'd find myself lost in transit to distant urban locations, struggling for nearby parking, battling flights of stairs with loads of cumbersome equipment, or jammed up in bumper-to-bumper traffic. I soon learned to leave a big window of time in case of delays.

One time I was on my way to a retirement community with all my equipment for a captivating historical bread making demonstration, including a grain mill, several pounds of whole wheat grain, and loaves of freshly baked whole wheat bread. I found myself in fast-flowing traffic heading north on a six lane highway. I was ahead of schedule, encountering

no traffic problems, and on my way to a group that had invited me back repeatedly for my "edu-taining" programs and workshops, so all signs were positive. It was a good day.

Shortly before my exit, however, there was trouble on the side of the highway. A minivan was pulled over onto the shoulder, and near it I saw a young woman standing, a middle-aged man pacing, and a stout black woman my age gesturing on her cell phone. Relieved it wasn't my problem of the day, I moved into the middle lane to safely avoid them, when I saw the stout woman come around to the front of her van, holding her phone out in front of her with one hand and waving with the other. She caught my eye directly as I passed, and shouted with genuine desperation, "HELP ME! PLEASE HELP ME!" I could see that she meant it.

I moved back into the slow lane and then onto the shoulder, backing up close to the front of their minivan, and waited while the stout woman came up to meet me. I lowered my window with the automatic button as she approached. Holding her cell phone out again, she said, "Help me, thank you for stopping, I need you to call 911." I said, "What's going on?" and she held out her arm, and showed me three large,



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deep, well defined human bite marks that were fresh, raw, and real. The poor woman's skin had been so wounded that her dark black skin was now sickly pale in the center of each bite, with red blood dotting the teeth impressions.

"What happened?!" I exclaimed.

She explained that she was a driver for the mentally challenged, and one of her clients had as she put it "gone off" while she was driving.

That would have been Charles. He was the middle-aged man I'd seen pacing moments earlier, who now suddenly reappeared in the middle of the highway. Cars started to honk and swerve to avoid him, as he ran back and forth from lane to lane.

I dialed 911 on my cell phone, as hers was not working.

"Hello, 911, what is your emergency?"

I described the situation, and advised they'd better send the police, and FAST.

The woman started calling for Charles, as the cars honked and swerved to avoid him. "Charles, get back here! Get out of the road! Charles, come over here!" She had the authoritative tone of a serious woman with attitude, who knew how to take control, but she was worried and hurt, and her pitch and intensity grew with every shout.

Charles ignored her, and instead removed his shirt, belt and shoes as cars continued to speed past him, his cast-off articles of clothing littering several lanes of the road.

The younger woman, who until now had remained calm and quiet on the shoulder, now approached my car. I unlocked the door and the other woman helped her get into the passenger seat. I said to her, "Hi, I'm Jane. Sorry you're having a rough day." She replied, "Yeah, it is ..." and showed me *her* arm, which had similar

though less severe bite marks. She spoke slowly and without emotion; another client, I surmised. Then she said, "But it's my teeth that really hurt" and looked up at me, so I could see her swollen lips and red jaw. Charles had punched her in the mouth! And HARD.

As the traffic whizzed past, horns blaring, tires screeching, Charles reached down into his trousers and pulled and wrangled until he'd released his large white underwear, that he began to swing above his head while hollering unintelligibly. This latest activity, along with the constant pleading of the driver for him to come back to the safety of the shoulder, the constant noise of car horns, vehicles racing by at high speed, made a chaotic and surreal situation.

I called 911 again as Charles removed his pants, tore off his T-shirt, and proceeded to bite pieces out of them. I told the operator they'd better send an ambulance; this man couldn't avoid being hit by a car much longer.

His driver's unrelenting pleas to Charles finally connected to him somehow, and he approached my car. He came to my window and stood breathing heavily, sweating, naked but for his socks. I asked, "What are you doing?" and he responded with a sharp, strong blow to my arm that was resting on the window ledge. Taken aback, I let out a Tony Soprano-style bellow of "WHOA!" Oh, man-oh-man, it really hurt.

At this point, these events had unfolded so quickly that I hadn't even put the car in park yet. So now I slammed the gear shift into park, and leaned away from Charles, toward the young girl in my passenger seat. Charles reached in through my window, grabbed my shirt collar, and started to drag me toward him. The look in his eyes suggested he anticipated that I had a very tasty liver, and he would enjoy every bite.

I mashed him off, back into traffic, and pushed the button to roll up the window.

Undeterred, Charles returned to his private world as he removed his socks and used them as a flag-like accessory to whatever delight he was experiencing in his mind. He was now stark naked.

By now, a police car had arrived, and the officer stood with the van by the side of the road as he calmly and sedately put on rubber gloves. Charles approached the officer, and I steeled myself for a dramatic physical scene. The officer motioned to Charles, and said, "Hey buddy, why don't you come over here with me?" and they calmly walked together over to the police car. Charles sat down on the pavement, the officer put plastic zip-ties around his wrists, and that was that.

The ambulance arrived momentarily, and the two women went off to be attended to. I put the car back in drive and left – my work here was done. Only about 15 minutes had passed; I was still going to be on time for my program!

I arrived at the senior center just minutes later, but I was trembling, my head reeling, my arm hurting. I hauled my equipment, set up my grain mill, dramatically poured a tall pile of whole grain, fluffed a large bouquet of wheat sheaves, and was greeted by

the familiar and friendly audience anticipating an entertaining tutorial on the history of grains, breads, and a delightful tasting session of home-baked bread over the next 45 minutes. They welcomed me back by name.

"Hi, Jane!"

"Hello!" I said, "Phew, a funny thing happened to me on the way to this program today!" and I described my encounter from just moments earlier, taking several sips of strong hot coffee in between breaths. The audience was captivated. I

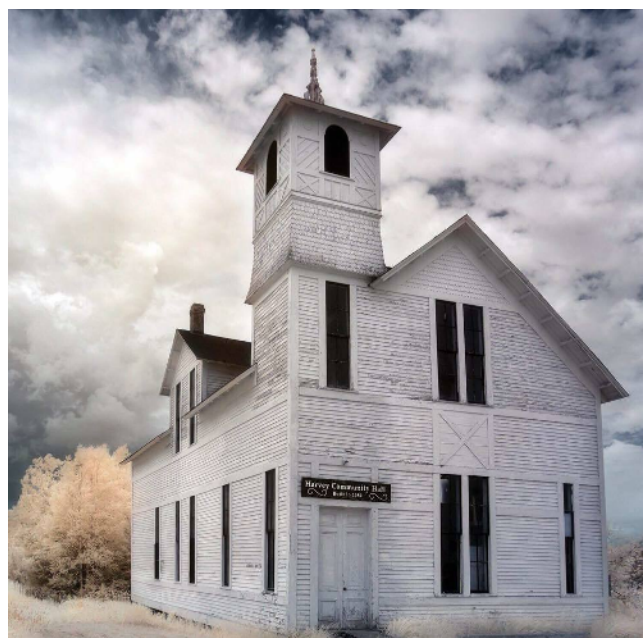
wrapped up my story with an "All's well that ends well!" and took a deep breath to begin my program and launched into telling about the varieties of grain around the world.

About ten minutes into my program – after dispensing invaluable historical information, passing around species of grain plants for inspection and identification, and sharing timeless resources of grain production for our food supply – I took a pause, suggesting this would be a good time for questions from the audience. An elderly lady in a wheelchair in the back of the room raised her hand and called out, "Jane, I have a question."

"Okay!" I called on her brightly. "What's your question?"

"That man was COMPLETELY naked?"

--- I recently presented this same program for the Harvey Hall's Folk School session. I didn't share *this* story, but the audience was just as appreciative and engaged. Watch for future Folk School sessions coming in 2024. Since the Bread Making, Soap Making, Butter Churning, and Blacksmithing sessions were extremely popular, we're keen to hear what other classes would be of interest!



Fundy Curling Club Mid-Season Round Up

It seems like it was just yesterday that our ice makers were hard at work getting everything ready for the 2024 season. But here we are already heading into March and the final four weeks of curling. With just a month to go this is a great time to fill you in on what has happened at the club so far this year and what lies ahead until we hit April Fool's Day.

We started off in December with our drive to welcome back existing members and attract as many new faces as possible. Fantastic news for all of us at the club as our membership numbers just keep on climbing. With curling happening every night of the week, youth

curling on Sundays and special events some Saturdays, the club is clearly the place to be this winter and we are now just shy of 110 members. This is our highest number of members in over 20 years!

After a few weeks of curling through December and January the stage was set for our annual Mixed Bonspiel which is our biggest event of the season. The event was held from January 26th to the 28th with twelve teams competing for the championship. After 3 days of great curling, congratulations go out to the team of Chris McKinley, Kim McKinley, Loretta Elderkin and Danny Hudson as they came out victorious in the final that



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was decided on the very last shot of the game! The weekend was filled with more than just curling as all participants were treated to fantastic food over the three days, incredible prizes donated by local businesses and lots of laughs in the clubhouse after the games. Thanks to all who organised this wonderful event.

The FCC was thrilled to partner with the Friends of Fundy on Sunday Feb. 11th in welcoming artist Caitlin Wilson from Maplewood Studio to the club. Caitlin put on a fantastic workshop where participants created and took home their very own one-of-a-kind t-shirt featuring designs inspired by pollinators, the night sky and of course....curling! Looking ahead to March we will be kicking things

off with our one-day Open Bonspiel to be held on Saturday March 2nd. Be sure to drop into the club and take in some of the ice action that will be happening all day as teams compete to come out on top in this fun and exciting Bonspiel. Can't make it on the 2nd? No problem, come by any Friday evening to grab a ticket for Chase the Ace and check out some of the curling action while waiting for the draw. Hope to see you then!





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Forest Dale Volunteer Opportunities

The winter months are on their way out and spring is on the horizon! Are you itching to get moving, get out of the house, and looking for something fulfilling to do? Forest Dale Nursing Home has an amazing opportunity to give back to seniors in our community through their volunteer program. Social connection and interaction benefit not only the residents, but the staff and volunteers themselves. Volunteers contribute to a vibrant and connected nursing home community. As one volunteer said, "We feel the more volunteers that are in the home, the more residents will still feel part of their community. The community where many of them spent their lives working, raising families, and even volunteering themselves". Human connection keeps us healthy, happy and fulfilled.

There are many activities offered at Forest Dale Nursing home, including: walking programs, Bingo, bowling/curling, baking, music events, special events etc. Or maybe you have an idea or something you are passionate about that you would like to share with the residents! Maybe you'd be interested in running a crochet/knit club, gardening club, card games, art club, the possibilities are endless!

Forest Dale has a keen interest in opportunities for intergenerational activities as well! Bring your kiddos and bring your babes and do friendly visits. We also love to see well behaved pets come in with their owners!

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February Frolic

in Fundy-Albert

The 2024 February Frolic brought over a week of celebrating art, food, and nature! From stargazing to ice skating there was no shortage of things to do in Fundy Albert. We want to give a HUGE thanks to local community groups and businesses that hosted activities during the Frolic, the Village for partnering for both logistics and programming, and to everyone that came out to the events!

Special thanks to the Government of New Brunswick's Environmental Trust Fund for the support in awareness and education on Birds Species at Risk, Pollinators, and Dark Skies. We were able to host events like stargazing, art workshops, and our own Great Backyard Bird Count.



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How Volunteer Drivers Are Changing Lives: A Senior's Journey to Health and Independence

Mrs. Smith is a spirited senior whose zest for life is as vibrant as the blooming flowers in her garden. However, behind her warm smile lies a tale of struggle and perseverance, one that many seniors across urban and rural areas can relate to—the challenge of accessing reliable transportation to medical appointments. For Mrs. Smith, the simple act of attending medical appointments became an arduous task. Living alone and without access to a vehicle, she found herself relying on neighbors when available or costly taxi services, often resulting in missed appointments and growing anxiety about her health. "I remember feeling so helpless," Mrs. Smith recounts, her eyes reflecting the weight of those missed appointments. "Each time I had to cancel or reschedule, I worried about my health deteriorating without proper care."

As missed appointments piled up, so did the consequences. Mrs. Smith's health began to decline, and the once-independent senior found herself increasingly isolated and dependent on others for assistance. It was a distressing reality for someone who had spent a lifetime embracing autonomy and self-sufficiency. However, amidst the darkness of uncertainty, a glimmer of hope emerged in the form of the Urban/Rural Rides volunteer drive program—an initiative aimed at providing transportation assistance to seniors in both urban and rural communities.

Introduced to the program by a compassionate neighbor, Mrs. Smith's life took a transformative turn. With a network of dedicated volunteer drivers at her disposal, she regained control over her healthcare journey. No longer shackled by unreliable transportation options, she could attend appointments promptly and without the fear of missing vital treatments or consultations. "The difference was like night and day," Mrs. Smith beams, her gratitude palpable. "Knowing I had reliable transportation gave me a newfound sense of freedom and peace of mind. I could focus on my health without worrying about

how I'd get there."

The impact of having dependable transportation extended far beyond mere convenience. With regular access to medical care, Mrs. Smith's health began to improve steadily. She no longer felt the looming shadow of missed appointments casting doubt on her well-being. Instead, she embraced each visit with optimism, empowered by the knowledge that she was taking proactive steps towards a healthier future. As Mrs. Smith reflects on her journey, her eyes sparkle with resilience and gratitude. "The Urban/Rural Rides program didn't just change my life; it saved it," she declares with conviction. "Thanks to the generosity of volunteer drivers, I'm not just surviving—I'm thriving."

Mrs. Smith's story serves as a poignant reminder of the profound impact that accessible transportation can have on the lives of seniors and individuals facing mobility challenges. Through initiatives like the Urban/Rural Rides program and the dedication of volunteer drivers, countless individuals like Mrs. Smith can reclaim their independence, nurture their well-being, and embrace life's journey with renewed hope and dignity. In the end, it's not just about reaching appointments—it's about reaching for a better quality of life, one ride at a time. To volunteer as a driver, visit www.urbanruralrides.ca or call 506-869-6905

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The “Valentine Social” was a fun-filled afternoon with over 40 Seniors and Adults deciphering a “Valensign” love letter of 1857, learning “Love Lessons from Old Valentines”, hearing the history of creating Valentines through the centuries, participating in activities with prizes ~ finding Valentine Puzzle Pairs and naming the Love Song. The sharing of Valentine’s Day memories was enjoyed by everyone.

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News from the New Brunswick Senior Citizens' Federation

The board of directors had its first meeting of the year on Thursday, February 1st (which had to be postponed from January 25th due to a death in the president's family). We have two new members: Laureena Black (Miramichi Zone President) and Doug Rowlands (Loyalist Zone President for the Saint John region).

Our Annual General Meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 in Moncton at the Legends Room of the Moncton Coliseum (377 Killam Drive, Entrance C at the rear of the Coliseum) from 10 am to 5 pm (doors will open at 9 am). Registration forms should be sent to the clubs shortly. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided by JCB Interpretation Inc. and Sonic-Image. A coffee break and lunch will be offered.

We will review resolutions proposed by our members for approval by delegates to be presented to the government or any other concerned party. The resolutions represent concerns, desired services, problems to be resolved or improvements that could greatly transform the quality of life of New Brunswick seniors. They must be sent to the Federation office before March 15th, 2024.

Since it is an election year, a nominating committee, chaired by Vivian White, will be responsible for approaching candidates interested in running for president of the Federation.



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During this meeting, the board received a visit from Celia Hayes (certified audiologist) and Caleb Bustin (equipment specialist) from Beltone Hearing Aid Clinics. This company offers home visits, can remove ear wax and also offers free hearing tests. Hearing tests are now recommended for everyone over the age of 50. One in five Canadians suffer from hearing loss. There are different types of hearing losses: temporary, work-related, hereditary, age-related, etc. Seventy-eight percent of people aged 60 to 79 suffer from deafness and only 5% of them benefit from help. If you are over 50, see an audiologist soon.

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Or, you can call Lise at the Federation office and she will be happy to help you find a clinic in your area.



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Dear Albert County Business,

For the past 10 years, Connecting Albert County has provided our community with information on people, places and events in rural Albert County. Every month, our newsletter has a readership of more than 750 and our website receives thousands of hits each month.

We want to reach more people by extending our readership from Alma to Lower Coverdale to Elgin. We want to share with everyone the new businesses, new people and new projects coming up in our neighbourhood, as well as continuing to share the businesses and activities that have been thriving in our area. To do this we need more advertisements from our local businesses.

Each month we have a variety of articles about local events and organizations as well as a calendar of community events online and in print. Our full color digital publication has over 550 online subscribers and a much greater readership. We want to continue to keep everyone informed about what is going on in Albert County.

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Wednesdays



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Fridays

Chase the Ace. Ongoing. 5:30-7:30pm. In partnership with the Fundy Curling Club, the CCRC hosts a weekly Chase the Ace raffle every Friday Night. Tickets are on sale from Monday to Thursday 8am-9pm at Crooked Creek Convenience in Riverside-Albert, and on Friday at the FCC from 5:30 to 7:00pm prior to the draw at 7:30pm. There is usually a meal served around 6pm. Check facebook page for details.



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Saturdays

Karaoke Shenanigans. 7-11pm. Ships Landing Bar at the Royal Canadian Legion, 31 Legion St., Hillsborough. Entertainment, 50/50 draw and bar. Cover charge \$5/person.



Saturday, March 23, 5:00pm - Fundy Blades

Ice Show - Under The Big Top. Come and see a wonderful demonstrations of what the skaters have been working on this season. The Arena will be transformed into a Big Top, and skaters of all ages will showcase their talents!!





March Activities at the Hillsborough Public Library

2849 Main St, Hillsborough,
NB E4H 2X7

Parent and Baby Drop In – Wednesdays, March 7, 14, 21 from 10am to 12pm – Parents and babies are welcome to stop into the library for a time for play and socializing. Coffee for parents available.

Felt Friday Videos for Kids (Online) – Fridays, March 1, 15, 29

Adult Craft – Saturday, March 16 from 1:30-3:30pm – Craft to be announced. Registration Required.

Tech Tuesday – Tuesday, March 19 from 1-4pm – Do you need help with your phone, tablet, computer? Contact the library to reserve a time for us to assist you.

Special Event: Talk With Me- Babies and Books – Thursday, March 28. Register Directly with Talk with Me. QR code to register available at the library.

March Break Activities

Dr. Seuss Story Time – Saturday, March 2 at 2pm – Come and celebrate Dr. Seuss’ birthday by joining us for some Dr. Seuss stories.

Giant Eye Spy – March 5-9 – Visit the library during the week and try out our giant eye spy puzzle.

Kids Craft: Acrylic Pouring – Wednesday, March 6 at 2pm – Come and make your own unique picture by choosing your colour and pouring the paint on your canvas. Registration Required.

STEM Challenge: Lego Snowflake Building – Thursday, March 7 at 2pm – Using the legos provided try and build the most unique snowflake.

Time for some fun and frolic on ice

2023/2024 Hillsborough Arena Ice Times

Monday - Preschool Skate 10 am - 11 am (free)
Tuesday - Adult Skate 1 pm - 2 pm
Thursday - Adult Skate 1 pm - 2 pm
Friday - Public Skate 8:15 pm - 9:15 pm
Saturday - Public Skate 2 pm - 3 pm & 8 pm - 9 pm
Sunday - Family Skate 2:15 pm - 3:15 pm

\$2.00 per person
\$5.00 Family

Hillsborough Arena March Break Skate Schedule

FREE

Monday March 4th - 2:15 pm - 3:15 pm
 Tuesday March 5th - 2:15 pm - 3:15 pm
 Thursday March 7th - 2:15 pm - 3:15 pm
 Friday March 8th - 8:15 pm - 9:15 pm
 Saturday March 9th - 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm & 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm
 Sunday March 10th - 2:15 pm - 3:15 pm

MARCH

VILLAGE OF FUNDY ALBERT NEWSLETTER

The **MOBILE ECO-DEPOT** will be in Alma Tuesday, March 26th and Wednesday, March 27th from 12-8 pm at the Alma Activity Center (8 School Street). To help with unloading, materials **MUST** be bagged, boxed or bundled, loose material may not be accepted. Black bags will not be accepted for safety reasons. <https://www.eco360.ca/mobile-eco-depot-program>



Meetings are being arranged in each Fundy Albert Ward in March to provide information and details on the Fundy Albert 2024 General Operating Budget and its impacts on local tax rates. Stay tuned!

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Office move from 2849 Main Street to 61 Academy Street

On February 6th, council approved the relocation of all administrative personnel, on a temporary basis, to 61 Academy Street, Hillsborough, NB. Proper planning is required as part of a long-term vision for bringing together the entire team, including public works department personnel and workshops, however an interim solution was needed immediately and the first step was to bring together the Alma, Riverside-Albert, and Hillsborough offices into one.

The Village is currently in the planning phase with community and tourism partners to use the property at 8 School Street in Alma as a summer tourist information centre as well as provide some office rental space. Council approved the building at 5823 King Street in Riverside-Albert to be sold and the office at 2849 Main Street, Unit #1 in Hillsborough will be utilized by the Hillsborough Public Library.

It is anticipated that all Village administration services will be re-located by mid-March and all residents of Fundy Albert will be notified once the new office is officially opened.

Reminder of Grants program - Please note that ALL

ORGANIZATIONS requesting funding in 2024 must complete the on-line application located on the Village website www.fundyalbert.ca. Deadline for 2024 applications is March 7 at 4:30 p.m. Council will approve grants on April 9 and successful applicants will be notified by April 12.

Communities in Fundy Albert will see a very deep partial eclipse just before 4:37 pm on April 8th, 2024, with some amount of sky darkening and perhaps some interesting edge effects. Where the Sun is not COMPLETELY eclipsed you **MUST** always use ISO-certified eye protection ("eclipse glasses") to watch the eclipse.

The Village will have a limited amount of eclipse glasses available for residents.

The eclipse glasses will be available for pick up after March 13th at 2849 Main Street Hillsborough



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