

The Flyer

February 2026 Edition

PO Box 55, New Ross, NS, B0J 2M0

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The deadline for receiving items for the March Flyer is **Wednesday February 18th at 4pm** with delivery coming on **Wednesday February 25th, 2025.**

Payment for flyer ads:

Payments by cheque, cash, or E-transfer to newrossflyer@gmail.com

Full page ad \$30 ½ page ad \$15 1/3-page ad \$10

Please remember to include your contact info with your ad (name and phone #)

Thank you all for your continued support!

NEW ROSS FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE

4691 Highway 12, PO Box 106, New Ross
(902) 689-2414

Follow us on Facebook!

<https://www.facebook.com/nrfr/>

OFFICE HOURS: M-Th 9-4, Closed Fridays

Executive Director: nrfrdirector@gmail.com

Office Administrator: Shelby Adams,
nrfrcoffice@gmail.com

Family & After School Program Co-ordinator: Janice Cornelius,
nrfrjanice@gmail.com



ON SITE BLOOD COLLECTION every second THURSDAY.

You must call **Colleen Hull** at **624-0406** to book your appointment!

BLOOD COLLECTION FEE \$15 For in Centre Collection.

Upcoming Dates: February 5th & 19th March 5th April 9th & 23rd

These dates are subject to change pending weather conditions or lack of appointments. If you have an appointment and the clinic is cancelled, you will be notified by Colleen and it will be posted on the Resource Centre Facebook page.



New Ross Family Resource Centre



For Parents and Families

902-689-2414

Our programs are always free through OSD, childcare available with snacks provided



PLAYGROUP: (FREE)

MONDAY MORNINGS

TIME: 10:00am - 11:30 am

Caregivers and children age birth-5 are invited to drop in to come together in a non structured welcoming atmosphere to engage in conversation, play, music, a simple craft/activity and snack. Public Health joins us once a month to provide info, tips and to answer any question you may have.

Email nrfrcjanice@gmail.com for info.



READ & GROW TOGETHER: (FREE)

This is a new program which will replace the current LEARNING KITS. Reading with your child helps build language and thriving skills. Story time helps build both childrens' and babies brains - even before they can talk. This program will include a monthly take home children's book with a related activity.

To register for this program or more info please contact Janice at nrfrcjanice@gmail.com



New Ross Family Resource Centre



Happiness in my Cup

NRFRC provides a FREE safe space for our parents (littles welcome) to Drop-in, have your morning cup of coffee/tea, snack and a place to breath!

Resources always available!

Every Tuesday Morning from 9:30 a.m – 11:30 a.m



AMPed Up is coming soon!

This program emphasis on emotional education, enhancing communication and self management skills.

Keep a look out on our Facebook page!

Email Janice if you're interested, nrfrcjanice@gmail.com

Hot Meals Program!

Coming (hopefully) the end of February!!

Please stay tuned, and keep an eye out on our Facebook page for updates and schedules!





New Ross Family Resource Centre



YOU'RE INVITED!

LUV BUGS & BIG HUGS Family Dance

Where: NRFRC Multi Purpose Room
 When: February 13, 2026
 Time: 6:30pm - 7:30 pm
 Ages: 0-12 years old
 BRING YOUR DANCING SHOES

This Valentine's Day, we invite families to come together in a warm, welcoming space created just for connection, joy, and togetherness.

Love Bugs & Big Hugs is a family dance for children ages 0-12, where parents and caregivers are encouraged to dance with their little ones — from babies in arms, to curious toddlers, growing children, and preteens finding their rhythm. All families are welcome. Come as you are.



Dance together.

To register: FB page, Call or message us!

Peaceful Pause ... with Mona keddy

Little Moments, Big Calm

recharge, restore, & nurture your well being

We invite you to a restorative & relaxation practice to help you relax and receive a gentle break from the daily challenges of being a parent or caregiver.

This is a FREE program with childcare (if needed) for parents & caregivers of children 18 & under. Please see our link above, email nrfrcjanice@gmail.com or call 902-689-2414 to register

PEACEFUL PAUSE

THIS IS NOT YOGA CLASS

Where: upstairs in the multipurpose at the NRFRC

February dates:
 Monday February 2nd (10:00-11:00 am)
 Tuesday February 10 (6:30-7:30pm)

This is 1 hour of FREE self-care with free childcare if needed. You will experience an hour on a yoga mat of relaxation through practices including sound bowls, meditation, breathwork, & yoga nidre which also help ease any stress and anxiety!



New Ross Family Resource Centre



Care & Confidence Kits

Rooted in care. Growing in confidence

NEW ROSS FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE



✦ Our **Care & Confidence Kits** are thoughtfully curated for preteens (9-12 years) and teens (13-18 years) of all genders. Each kit includes a blend of everyday care essentials and gentle encouragement — designed to support hygiene, comfort, and confidence during these important years.

✦ If you are a parent or caregiver and would like to register your child, please go onto our Facebook page and click the link, call 902-689-2414, or email nrfrcoffice@gmail.com/nrfrcjanice@gmail.com. Once registered, we will prepare your Care & Confidence Kit and reach out when it is ready.

BASIC COOKING ON A BUDGET WITH CAROL

BEEF & BROCCOLI

WHEN: FEBRUARY 17TH 2026

TIME: 9:30AM - 10:30AM

6:00PM - 7:00PM

New Ross Family Resource Centre



Basic Cooking on a Budget with Carol

Beef & Broccoli

We welcome all parents/guardians with children 18 years and younger to come learn, have a laugh, while we help fill your pantry with take home ingredients with these yummy home warming foods!

Please register on our Facebook page, call or email at nrfrcoffice@gmail.com to get your seat!!

FREE CHILDCARE IS AVAILABLE!



New Ross Family Resource Centre



Self Care Saturday for Parents/Caregivers

Coming in February!!

Please keep an eye out on our Facebook page for dates and registration

YOGA with MONA KEDDY:

WEDNESDAYS (evenings) 6:30pm-7:45pm.

(SPOTS AVAILABLE)

THURSDAY (mornings) 9:30am-10:45

(SPOTS AVAILABLE)

Please email Janice at nfrjjanice@gmail.com to register, for more info on fees, length of session.



After School Program

Available spots from Monday – Friday

Hours are from after school to 6:00 pm

Please email Janice at nfrjjanice@gmail.com if you'd like to sign up



New Ross Family Resource Centre



Sound Bath with Mona

Sunday, February 22 3:00pm-4:00pm



Experience a deep relaxation session that uses the ancient practice of sound resonance to settle the mind and soothe the body. You will be bathed in sounds from Tibetan bowls, small gongs, a tongue drum and Japanese chimes. The various resonances create an immersive experience that can promote relaxation and inner connection. This is a pure sound experience without vocalization.

Everyone is welcome.

Please bring a yoga mat if possible, a pillow and a blanket or whatever you need to be comfortable.

FREE EVENT

Better Breathing with Mona

Saturday, Feb 14

2-4pm \$25

Where: New Ross Resource Centre

Join Mona for a practical workshop to learn strategies to breathe better. Breathwork can build immunity, calm and centre the mind and optimize energy. In this workshop, you will learn both traditional yogic practices and contemporary breathwork techniques to enhance and regulate your breath. Basic breathing anatomy will be covered, there will be time for practice, take-away sequences and opportunity for discussion and questions.

To register, leave a message here or contact Mona at 514-885-7132 (text or phone) or by email at monakeddy@gmail.com

Will be rescheduled if weather is bad (check FB for an update or contact Mona if there is a question)

THE HEARTH ROOM CAFE

INSIDE ROSS FARM MUSEUM

902-689-2210



AVAILABLE FOR TAKE-OUT,
DINE-IN, CATERING, PARTIES &
MORE

FACEBOOK: THE HEARTH ROOM CAFE
INSTAGRAM: HEARTHROOMCAFE

WED-FRI: 9AM-2:30PM
WEEKENDS: 9AM-3:30PM



New Ross Legion Events

Open Monday, Thursday, and Friday at 4:00.



FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE STARTS AT 8:30 pm cover charge \$5.00-member \$7.00 non-member. Bring your dancing shoes!

JAN 30: OPEN MIKE NIGHT WITH DAVID KEDDY (no cover charge)

FEB 6: NO LIVE MUSIC

FEB 14: CROSSOVER BAND

FEB 20: NO LIVE MUSIC

FEB 27: TEEBEEH BAND

(Guests must be signed in by a Legion member. Under aged guests must be accompanied by a guardian.)

New Ross Legion is Proud to Celebrate 80 years as a Legion in 2025. We still have commemorative coins and postcards for sale at the Legion to have as a keepsake for this occasion.



MEMBERSHIP: Just a reminder if you haven't paid your 2026 Membership, please either renew and pay at the New Ross Legion Branch 79 or online on the Royal Canadian Legion Renewal membership site at: <https://www.legion.ca> You can also set up for auto renewal online. The renewal fee is \$50.00/pp.

The winner of the free membership for 2027 drawn at the New Year's Day Levee was **Joanne Reeves**. Congratulations!

2026 - 100th Royal Canadian Legion Anniversary. To celebrate this occasion Dominion Command is giving FREE membership for 2026 to any NEW member who applies and is accepted. Apply online at <https://www.legion.ca> or in branch.

LEGION 100 WIN BIG GIVEAWAY – Three ways for Legion members to qualify to win a Ford F150 STX truck.

1. Renew your 2026 Membership and you will be automatically entered. (for those that have renewed are in)
2. Shop the Legion's Store online, after you have renewed your membership for another chance to win.
3. Donate online to the Poppy Fund.

Visit: <https://www.legion.ca>

Watch for more exciting celebratory events and centenary brand items coming out this year and be a part of the 100th Royal Canadian Legion Anniversary celebrations.

WEEKLY EVENTS:

- **Mondays**

- **Coffee Social – Mondays 9am-11am.** Join us for coffee, tea, baked goods and good conversation. Everyone is Welcome to attend. Free Will Offering.
- **Chase the Ace – draw at 8:30pm.** Tickets cost \$2/ea and can be purchased at New Ross Legion, New Ross Post Office, New Ross Home Hardware or New Ross Diner. Rules are posted at the locations. You do not have to be there to Win!
- **Tops – 5:45pm-7pm**
- **League Darts – 7:30pm**
- **Drop-In Pool – 7pm, \$3/pp**

- **Thursdays**

- **Drop-in Pool – 7pm, \$3/pp**

- **Fridays – Live Music**

BI-WEEKLY: **Thursdays – Bingo** – every second Thursday, starts 6:30pm.

DINNERS: **February 13:** Valentine’s Day Dinner – Eat in or Take Out. \$17/pp, \$10/child (5-12years).

Supper includes: Lasagna, Caesar salad, garlic bread and a brownie. Pre-order suppers by Feb 10.

Call Jennie 902-877-4222. Takeout 5-5:30pm; Eat-In 6pm-7pm.

SPORTS: **February 21 – Matthew Duncan Memorial Singles Pool Tournament** “Bank the 8 Ball” Entry fee \$10/person. To register call the Legion 902-689-2650 or drop in and sign up. Bar & Canteen available.

Fun prizes. Registration at 9:30am, Play 10am. All Welcome.

LEGION HALL RENTAL: **Contact Wendy via text or call 902-698-3454**

Have an event such as a Wedding reception, birthday, Celebration of Life, Funeral reception or meeting then consider holding it at the Legion.

Branch Legion members **or** non-members can rent the upstairs or downstairs. Funerals & Celebration of Life functions are by donation. Other events/meetings are as follows:

Cost for Br 79 members in good standing is \$100.00 plus damage deposit of \$100.00. Non-member is \$145.00 + \$100.00 damage deposit. Amounts must be paid prior to event date and after the event the damage deposit is returned (assuming no damage). If a bar is required, then further notice must be given to allow the Legion to apply for a liquor license for an open invite.

DONATIONS: Legion Br 79 does accept cash tax deductible donations through the Municipality of the District of Chester. (subject to some conditions). Any inquiries, please contact the Legion and ask for the president or treasurer. Thank you.

Br 79 LEGION Contact Info:

In branch at 64 Forties Rd, New Ross, NS

Mail: PO Box 39 New Ross, NS B0J 2M0

Phone: 902-689-2650

Email: rcl79@bellaliant.com

Follow on Facebook – New Ross Royal Canadian Legion – Branch 79

President: Janet Walker



The New Ross Historical Society has its quarters at the Learning Centre, Ross Farm Museum. Microfilms, genealogies, historical publications, maps and folders containing historical information pertaining to New Ross and beyond. Meetings are monthly at 7pm, 4th Wednesday of every month at the Ross Farm Museum. **Everyone is Welcome!!**

Here is how you can contact this great organization:

PO Box 35

New Ross, NS Canada B0J 2M0

newrosshistorical@gmail.com

Or Follow us on Facebook at:

New Ross Historical Society and/or

New Ross Nova Scotia Old Photos

A Message of Thanks

A quick moment to say a huge thank you to so many - friends, family, neighbours - for the incredible support and love you showed me during my recent stay in hospital as well as recovery time at home.

Every kindness lifted my spirits and meant so much to me. Visits, phone calls and emails, messages, prayers, lovely cards, special surprises and treats. I am incredibly grateful to have such wonderful people in my life.

Thank you for being there for me - it truly made all the difference.

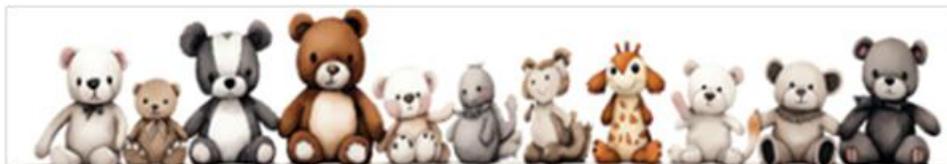
With love and gratitude, Tina Connors

New Ross Fire Department Committee

If you come across any Stuff Animals or Stuff Toys while cleaning and are hoping to give them a new home, we would be more than happy to take them off your hands! We enjoy getting them because they sure bring a smile to everyone's faces, especially the little people when they visit the FireFighters' booth during the New Ross Fair!

You can contact Linda Meister at (902) 689-2477 or Jan Reeves at (902) 689-2018 to make arrangements.

We would like to THANK YOU in advance for thinking of us!



Forties Community Centre Events: 1787 Forties Rd, New Ross

Crib Tournament - Sun, February 1

Doors open 12:00 noon. Registration at 12:30pm and play starts at 1:00 pm.

Cost: \$20 / team. Must be 19 years or older. Canteen available.
Wheelchair accessible (ground level).

For more info call 902-689-2147

Auction 45 Card Parties - Tuesdays @ 1pm Forties Community Centre

\$3 / person. 50/50 draw. For more information, call 902-644-3359

Happenstance Jam - Saturday, February 21

7-9pm - Forties Community Centre

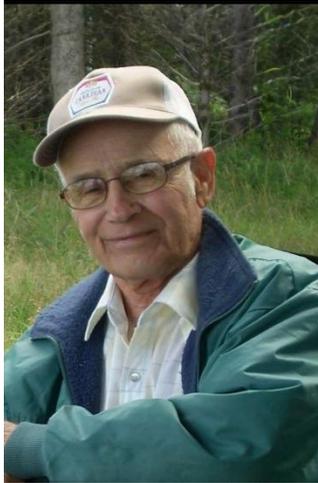
Come to play, sing or listen. \$2 admittance.

2026 Suppers

April 12	4-6pm Baked beans, potato scallop, ham
May 10	4-6pm Mother's Day supper, chicken dinner
June 21	4-6pm Father's Day supper, Roast beef dinner
July 12	4-6pm Meatloaf Supper
Aug 9	4-6pm Blueberry Supper, ham and hodgepodge
Sept 13	4-6pm Roast Pork Supper
Oct 12	12-2pm Thanksgiving Day Turkey Dinner 3-4:30pm
Oct 25	4-6pm Roast Beef Supper
Dec 5 & 6	12-2pm Christmas Festival Turkey Dinner 3-4:30pm
Dec 13	8-11am Breakfast with Santa

Gene Raymond Daniel

April 22, 1926 to November 12, 2025



The family of the late Gene Daniel wish to acknowledge the many expressions of sympathy and kindness shown us during this difficult time.

We offer our heartfelt thanks to all family, friends and neighbours who attended the funeral and provided emotional support. For those who phoned, sent floral arrangements, sympathy cards, messages of prayer and condolences as well as donations to the St Augustine's cemetery fund, we are truly grateful.

We wish to express our gratitude to Elsie Hiltz, Lay Minister for the beautiful personalized funeral service. Thank you to Max Hiltz for his time and preparation with his oxen, Red and Brown, who followed their master to complete the journey of another Master. Our appreciation to Liana Crossland, for her wonderful performance of 'In the Garden'. Thank you to the pall-bearers: Nancy Eisenhauer-Chiasson, Lionel Eisenhauer, Allan Hiltz, Gavin Reeves, Darren Russell, Rodney Swinemar, Craig Turner, Peter Zinck and honorary pall-bearer Gary Hiltz, all of whom had a special friendship with Gene.

A word of thanks to Tony of Serenity Funeral Home for his help, kindness and professionalism.

Thank you to the palliative care team at the South Shore Regional Hospital for their compassion and care. We appreciate the many family and friends who visited Gene both at home and in hospital, bringing delicious treats, listening to his stories and sharing your time. Sincere thanks to Waldo McDow for your steadfast friendship, visits and chauffeuring Gene to various appointments. We also are grateful for the loyal friendship of Allan Tuffs and family who swapped stories of oxen, working steers, and other adventures with Gene and have shared photos and videos of their visits with us.

Thank you all,

Margaret & 'The Girls' Carolyn & Katherine and families

As a husband, father, grandfather and great-granddad you were a gift and a blessing, who brought joy and much laughter to all you met. Life for us will never be the same now that you are gone. ❤️

Update from Tina Connors Councillor – New Ross (District 6)



A quick reminder that the Municipal Tax Exemption deadline is March 31. Contact me with any questions.

Comfort Centres: During times of emergency situations, such as severe winter storms, high intensity rain fall, or extended power outages, Comfort Centres have been established throughout the province by communities for communities. These Centres are intended to be a location where community members can gather, be warm and safe, be a place of information, have a hot drink and maybe even something to eat! In New Ross the Comfort Centre is the *fire hall*. Thank you New Ross Volunteer Fire Department.

Recreation and Municipal Facility: Motion of Council January 15 to award *Planning and Design Services* - to undertake a comprehensive options analysis for a potential new multi-purpose recreation and municipal administration facility - to *Stantec Architecture Ltd*.

The Call/ Request for Proposals (RFP) closed on November 19, 2025, with ten (10) submissions. The RFP to include:

- consider and define the most comprehensive, yet financially feasible, multi-purpose facility that optimizes the sport, recreation and leisure, and social and health benefits for our residents;
- perform an options analysis that considers capital requirements, programming, operations and systems costs, site availability, community needs, and municipal administration needs;
- prepare concept design(s) and site criteria that can be used to advance to the design development phase if deemed feasible.

Community Boundary Discussions - Forties; Charing Cross: As noted in a previous *Flyer*, there will be a community meeting to discuss local boundaries (focusing on the Forties and Charing Cross areas). While a date has not been finalized, it will be sometime in the Spring. Further details to follow.

Volunteer Award Program: Plans are in the works for National Volunteer Week 2026, and volunteer nominations are open. Nomination categories include: Individual; Youth; Family; Newcomer and Nova Scotia Strong. More information can be found at chester.ca/community/volunteers. As well, reach out to the Municipal Recreation Office - recreation@chester.ca / 902-275-3490 - with any questions! Deadline is March 6.

In Case You Missed It: Empty paint cans and empty aerosol (paint) cans can be taken to the municipal landfill, Kaizer Meadow, for disposal. Alternatively, take them to Adam's Bottle Exchange & Enviro Depot in Gold River.

On a fun note, if you haven't taken a peek at the New Ross website in a while – newross.ca – you really should! Seriously, check it out and tell your friends & family, both near and away!

See you soon,
Tina C.

OHC SAME DAY CLINIC CALENDAR FOR **FEBRUARY 2026**

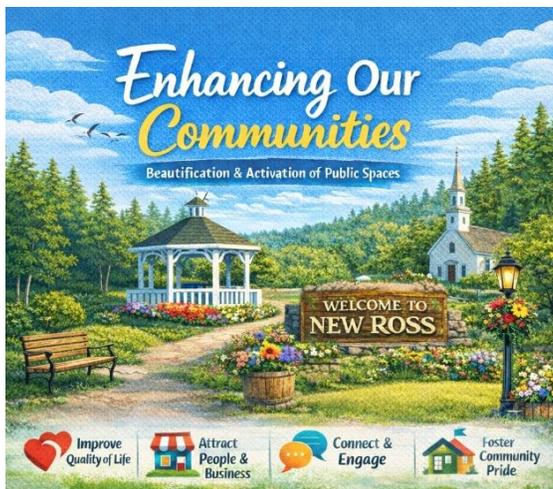
Phone Lines Open **8:30am** Each Clinic Day
 Call (902) 273-2098 For A Same Day Appointment

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 9:00 am to 5:00 pm	4 9:00 am to 3:00 pm	5 9:00 am to 3:00 pm	6 CLOSED	
10 9:00 am to 5:00 pm	11 9:00 am to 3:00 pm	12 9:00 am to 1:00 pm	13 CLOSED	
17 CLOSED Family Day!	18 9:00 am to 3:00 pm	19 9:00 am to 3:00 pm	20 9:00 am to 1:00 pm	21 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
24 9:00 am to 5:00 pm	25 9:00 am to 3:00 pm	26 9:00 am to 3:00 pm	27 9:00 am to 1:00 pm	28 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Please note that the OHC Same Day Clinic is appointment-only and does not accept walk-in visits.

We Want to Hear From You – February 11th 7 PM

If you are a business or a volunteer organization in the New Ross community, we'd love to hear your ideas.



The Municipality of Chester is looking to support community beautification and activation of public spaces in our community

Great public spaces:

- improve quality of life for residents
- attract people and businesses to the community
- create opportunities for people to connect
- Foster community pride

This is phase 1 of a multi-phase community beautification plan. The goal is to identify locations and develop plans with community partners to implement “cheap & cheerful” quick wins for this year. Going forward, we will be looking at longer-

term projects. The Municipality will be supporting and providing funding for this project.

Hosted by the New Ross Regional Development Society

Facilitated by the Municipality of Chester

Location: New Ross Legion – Upstairs

RSVP by email to newrossregdevsociety@gmail.com by February 6th.

MUNICIPALITY of CHESTER CALL FOR VOLUNTEER NOMINATIONS

Volunteer Week April 19 to 25, 2026

The Municipality of Chester is planning for National Volunteer Week, April 19 to 25, 2026. April seems like a long way off, but we want you to start thinking about ways to celebrate all the volunteers in the community that make an impact.

Nominate A Volunteer!

One thing you can do is nominate a volunteer who will be recognized by the Municipality.

Nominations can fall under five categories:

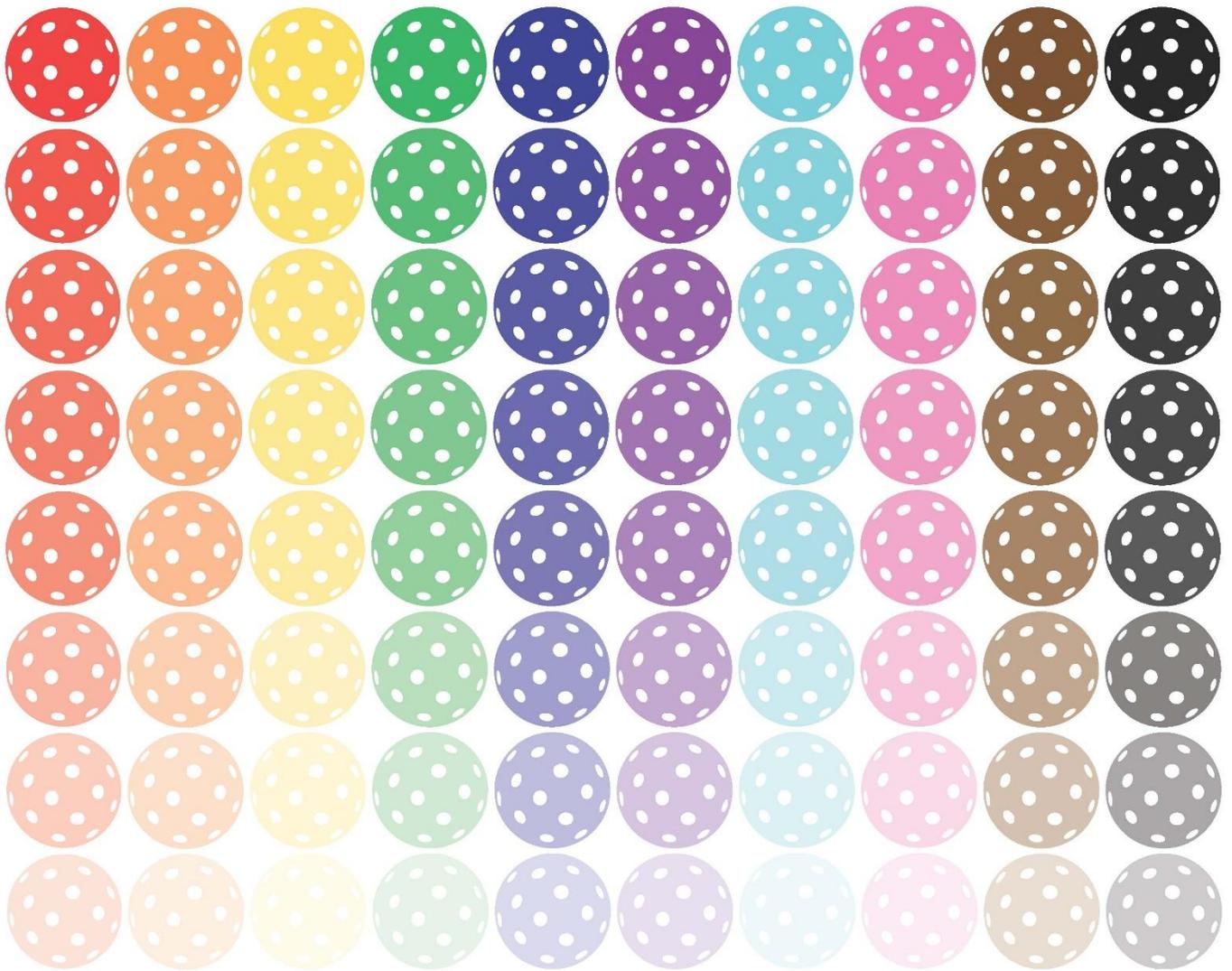
- (Individual) Representative Volunteer of the Year Award
- Newcomer Volunteer Award (Resident for less than 5 years)
- Youth Volunteer Award (Ages 13-24)
- Family Volunteer Award (Volunteering as a family for at least 5 years)
- Nova Scotia Strong Award (Individual or group that has demonstrated resiliency in community during a time or event of tragedy or struggle)

We will be celebrating all our community volunteers during National Volunteer Week – stay tuned for exciting event updates!

From all the individual volunteers that are nominated, one will be selected by Municipal Council to represent the Municipality of Chester at the Provincial Volunteer Awards.

The deadline to get your nomination in is Friday, March 6, 2026. Here is the link to the online fillable form: <https://app.laserfiche.ca/forms/6HfZs?customerid=1590677072>

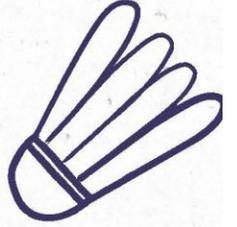
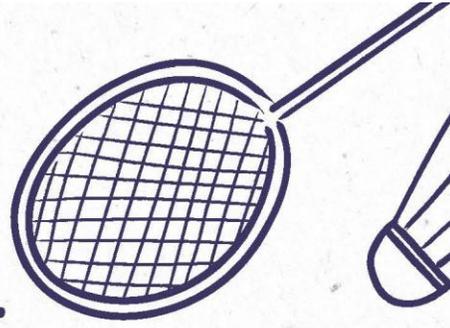




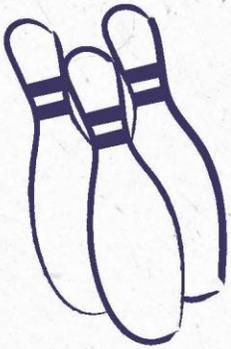
QUEER PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

SAT FEB 7 FROM 10AM - 2PM

**\$5/PLAYER, CHEERLEADERS ARE FREE!
CHESTER DISTRICT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
REGISTER BY WED FEB 4 BY CALLING (902) 275-3490 OR
VISIT CHESTER.CA/RECREATION-PARKS/PROGRAMS
EVERYONE 16+ WELCOME!**



New Ross Community Gym Night



TUESDAYS

JAN 20 - MAR 31

6:30 - 8:30

FREE!



32nd CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL CELEBRATION



As we turn the page on 2025 and step into a brand-new year, we hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful Christmas and a restful holiday season.

Although we were spared a snowstorm this year, the light blanket of snow that settled over New Ross brought just the right touch of festive magic. Those who attended—and those who volunteered—truly made the weekend special. We were also fortunate to receive support from Tourism Nova Scotia in the form of paid Facebook ads, which helped spread the word and bring even more visitors to our village.

Friday evening may have been nippy, but spirits were high as a cheerful crowd gathered to see Santa and enjoy the music of our talented local performer, Jessica Russell. A sledding hill quickly formed behind the bandstand courtesy of our younger guests, and with hot chocolate and cookies waiting at the bottom, it became an event unto itself.

The Festival tree glowed beautifully (with extra twinkle thanks to an anonymous donor), and the Rafuse family had the honour of flipping the switch to light a memory tree donated in honour of Orley Rafuse. Throughout the weekend, our venues were filled with activity, laughter, and familiar holiday cheer—and many noted an increase in traffic through the community.

New this year, our festival continued to grow with the addition of Christmas Wonderland at *The North Pole* (the Fairgrounds). This new event space expands the festival footprint and offers a magical experience for children and their adults. Visitors enjoyed writing letters to Santa, ornament-making, a festive photo booth, carol sing-alongs, and a special appearance from Twig the Elf. The response was enthusiastic, and we look forward to building on this new tradition in the years ahead.

We extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to all organizers, donors, and volunteers who made this year's festival such a success. Your dedication, creativity, and generosity create an unforgettable experience for our visitors each year. They notice—and they are grateful!

Here are some interesting Festival stats:

- People at the Tree Lighting – 150+
- Suppers served at the Legion – 78
- Breakfasts served at the Fire Department – 363
- Turkey Dinners served at the Forties Community Centre – 1262

- Visitors at the Festival Craft Fair – over 900
- Food donations – over 450 lbs of food and \$300 was raised for the Food Bank drive
- Visitors at the Family Resource Centre – 85
- Attendees at Celebration on the Hill – over 50
- Visitors to Ross Farm – close to 1200 visitors enjoyed activities around the farm.
- Craft Fair at the Legion – over 20 vendors
- Saturday night Hal Bruce dance – a big crowd had a fantastic time
- Festival Concert at Christ Church – approximately 80
- Christmas tree decorating competition – this year, we had 6 trees representing local businesses and organizations, with the Charing Cross Garden Club as our winner.

Number of carollers throughout the community – too many to count

Percentage of people enjoying themselves – 100%

Trees, Trees, Trees – the tree farms/u-picks were extremely busy on this festival weekend, making everyone’s holiday tree dreams come true!

FESTIVAL RAFFLE - This year, we raffled off a piece of artwork, painted by Sylvia Dodge. Congratulations to the winner of the painting, Karen from Harriston.

Thank you to the countless volunteers who donated many hours of their time, making this a most wonderful Festival.

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 Thank you to all who donated to our Christmas Wreaths:

Neil & Marie Meister	Myles & Della Russell	
Evergreen Wreaths	Christ Church	
J&M Reeves Christmas Greens	Carson Broome & Tina Connors	
Merlin & Sarah Gates	Darrell Baker	
Scotian Ironworks	Colton & Alyssa Reeves	
Debbie & Mary Reeves (2)	Royal Canadian Legion Branch 79	
Mike and Judy O’Leary	Brenda & Vernon Keddy	
Mike & Melony Melanson	Staff of New Ross Post Office	Ron
and Gina Langevin (2)	Margeson & Joanne Reeves	

Wreaths were decorated by Margeson and Joanne and hung by Colton and Joanne Reeves

Festival tree donated by the family of Orley Rafuse in his memory.

Happy New Year, everyone!
 From your Christmas Festival Committee 2025



Building Homes in the Heart of New Ross

The NRCCC Board continues to move forward on plans for 11 townhouse-style apartments in New Ross. While the journey has been long—and full of twists and turns—we want the community to know that this project remains active.

The Board meets monthly, maintains regular contact with municipal, provincial, and federal partners, and continues to explore every possible opportunity to advance the project. Our goal remains the same: to reach the day when we can proudly announce “shovels in the ground.”

In the coming months, you may notice increased activity at the Rosebank Road site as pre-development work continues. One of the biggest challenges is aligning the project with available funding while ensuring the finished homes will:

- Meet the needs of future tenants
- Be financially sustainable
- Remain affordable and available for generations to come

Building Momentum Through Fundraising

A key part of this pre-development phase is creating a strong fundraising plan. From raising awareness to hosting community fundraisers, the NRCCC fundraising team is ready to talk about the project and how you can help.

Meet the Fundraising Team:

- **Janet Larder** – A lifelong New Ross resident, Janet has served on numerous community boards and fundraising committees. She has owned and operated several successful small businesses, including All Is New Again Frenchy’s.
- **Judy O’Leary** – Judy is a longtime cottager who made New Ross her permanent home after retiring from a career with NS Power. She is Chair of the Christmas Festival and a familiar volunteer at many community events.
- **Rustin Broome** – Rustin retired from CanExel Building Products and now serves as a Lay Minister in the local Anglican parish. He is both Parish Warden and Christ Church Warden and has lived in New Ross his entire life.

All three are proud advocates for New Ross and believe this housing project is essential to sustaining and growing our community to its full potential.

How You Can Help

Donations are welcome and greatly appreciated.

- **In-kind donations** (labour, gravel, machinery, building supplies, etc.):
Email newrosscare@gmail.com
- **Monetary donations:**
 - Cheques payable to **Municipality of Chester**
P.O. Box 369, 151 King Street, Chester NS B0J 1J0
(Please note on the cheque: *New Ross Community Care Centre*)
 - E-transfer to payments@chester.ca
 - Include the name you would like on the tax receipt and a mailing address.
 - **Donations over \$25 are eligible for a tax receipt** issued by the Municipality of Chester.

To learn more or get involved, contact the NRCCC Board by emailing newrosscare@gmail.com, messaging the **NRCCC Facebook page**, or speaking with any NRCCC Board member.

Together, we can help make this much-needed housing a reality for New Ross.

Happy New Year Everyone

All is New Again Frenchy's has many beautiful winter items still available.

Winter coats, boots, scarves, hats, sweaters and much more. Brand name items such as Michael Kors, Calvin Klein, Anne Taylor, Nike, Columbia just to name a few.

If going down south is on your agenda, we can outfit you from head to toe.

We are on Winter Hours
Monday and Tuesday- CLOSED
Wednesday to Saturday- 10 am – 4 pm
Sunday- 12 pm – 4 pm

Looking forward to seeing you soon
Thank You,
Janet & Staff



Danielle Barkhouse

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