

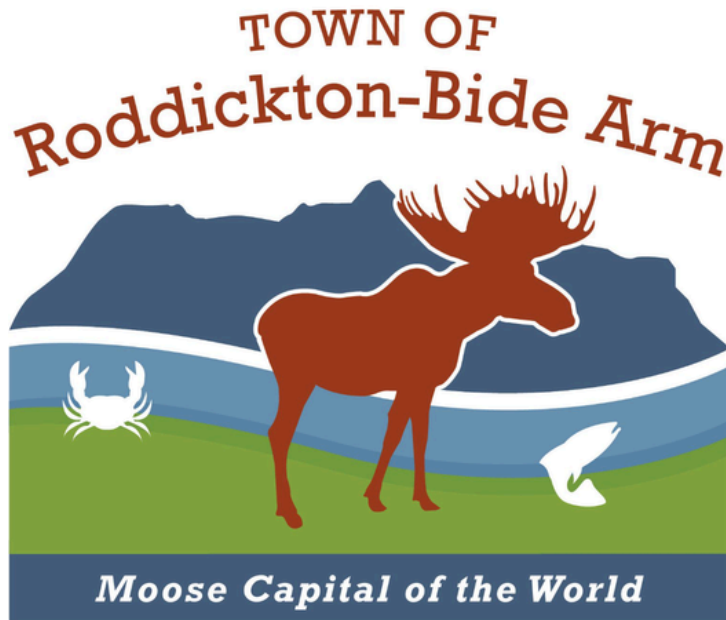
The Moose is On The Loose with News

Quarterly Newsletter

RODDICKTON-
BIDE ARM

April, 2026

COUNCIL MEMBERS



Spring has sprung and with it the second edition of "The Moose is on the Loose."

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2026 HERE WE COME!

Winter arrived with a bang this year! Many have described it as “an old fashioned winter” because of how much snow we have had. And they are not wrong! It has been years since we saw this much of the white stuff-and spring is already here-according to the calendar! For many, the idea of sledding, harvesting firewood and ice fishing is what makes our winter months not just tolerable, but enjoyable!

Emergency Preparedness Training

The new year started out with Roddickton-Bide Arm hosting an Emergency Management Training session for three days, January 26-28 facilitated by Jeremy Keeping from the Emergency Services Department. These sessions were well attended by local fire and rescue services, RCMP, council staff and participants from Conche, Englee and Main Brook.

This training delivered comprehensive instruction focused on emergency preparedness, interagency coordination, and effective response.

Participants gained valuable knowledge and practical insights making it informative and highly beneficial to our communities.



Volunteer Fire Department

A special thanks to our Volunteer Fire Department for their commitment to protecting our community members through the winter! Our residents are so fortunate to have such a dedicated Team who are willing to take on this role! In an effort to more fully support the members we have subscribed to a brand new call out system known as “Who’s Responding?” This App will improve the notification of team members with some added features. And it’ll be more cost effective to maintain than the current paging system. Stay tuned for more on this in the near future!

Protect our Sewer System

Over the past few months our Public Works staff have needed to remove several items from one of the town’s sewer lift stations that should never be flushed or disposed of into town drains. Our sewer lift stations are designed to handle wastewater and toilet paper only. Items such as *baby wipes, paper towels, cleaning wipes, cloths and other similar products* do not break down properly and can quickly clog pipes, pumps and drains. Thank you to all for being mindful of what is put into our town sewer system! A special *shout-out* to the Public Works staff for their great work over the past winter!



Snow Sculpturing Contest

Thank you and congratulations to the two residents who participated in the snow sculpturing contest this winter! Talk about creativity! Prizes were granted for both masterpieces!

The Moose- Makenna, Kayci and Cleo's creation!

The Lobster- Patrick Hancock and Natasha Randell

Well done to both teams!





For Our Green Thumbs

Gardening season is fast approaching, despite what we see on the ground now! If you are interested in having a spot to plant in the community garden this year, please register when registration opens! Spots are limited! Get those seedlings started!

Marina Berth Lottery Open

If you want a close-up of this local attraction, the best way to get it is by boat! Registration is open to enter your name for a random draw to have a berth for the upcoming season. Fees are due upfront and once assigned, berths are kept for the season. Anyone interested in submitting their name for the draw must register in person. If you are unable to attend in person, please have someone else attend and enter your name on your behalf. Registration opened April 15 and extends to April 29. The Town of Roddickton-Bide Arm assumes no responsibility for damages or stolen items related to the rental of a berth at the Marina. Happy boating to all!



Volunteer Week 2026

April 19-26th is National Volunteer Week for 2026 and as in past years, Roddickton-Bide Arm Council and residents would like to honour the men, women and children that give of their time to causes that are special to them. On May 14th the town will host a dinner to acknowledge our community volunteers for their generous support. Volunteers will be contacted with additional details prior to the event. The theme for this year is “**Ignite Volunteerism**” “designed to inspire Canadians to reconnect with their communities through acts of service and civic action”. Thank you to all the people that give of their time to make our community wonderful!

Cloud River Recreation Committee

A big shout-out once again to the volunteers who serve on this committee! Without their support and gift of time, many of the programs offered at the arena would not be possible. Fundraising, staffing the canteen, organizing skates and scheduling various other special events, all make our town a better home for our children and adults alike! Congratulations on expanding the committee with new members this year! It was a great season at the arena and we are a better community because of it! Thank you!

Honouring and Remembering Family and Friends
that have passed away in our community recently.

Mr. Melvin Decker

Mr. Raymond Hancock

Mr. Hubert Humby

Mr. Thomas Ryan

Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day.

HERE'S WHAT'S TO COME!

Potable Water Dispensing Unit Update

A tender has been selected to install a Potable Water Dispensing Unit (PWDU) designed to treat a sufficient quantity of water to meet the consumption needs of our residents. These units are small and cost-effective options to treat water through reverse osmosis, or a similar membrane system. The town will own and operate this system to ensure reliability for approximately 400 homes and residences in our Roddickton-Bide Arm community.

A special welcome to our newest residents!

Charlotte Cull, baby girl, born on March 13th to Natalie Lawless and Devin Cull

Cleo Hancock, baby boy, born January 7th to Courtney and TJ Hancock
Sylvie Simms, baby girl, born March 26th to Amie and Danny Simms

Congratulations to the parents, siblings and grandparents of our newest, precious, residents!

While we endeavor to be as accurate as possible in this newsletter, we may unintentionally miss information. Please, if you identify this, let us know.

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