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## HAPPENINGS

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## Meet Hartland's New CAO

The Town of Hartland is pleased to welcome Julie Stockford as its new Chief Administrative Officer (CAO). Julie stepped into the role on February 18, following the departure of former CAO Rob Webber, who moved on to a position in another municipality at the end of November. After a thorough hiring process that spanned November and December, Hartland's Town Council selected Julie as the ideal candidate to lead the municipality's administration.

A lifelong resident of the municipality, Julie lives in Howard Brook with her husband, James. She brought with her over 30 years of experience in the insurance industry, providing her with extensive expertise in leadership, financial management, and customer service—skills that will serve her well in this role. Julie's deep-rooted connection to the community, combined with her professional background, made her a standout choice for CAO.

Mayor Tracey DeMerchant expressed confidence in Julie's leadership, saying, "After an extensive search, we found the perfect fit in Julie Stockford. Her strong leadership skills, dedication to our community, and professional experience are a tremendous asset to Hartland. We are excited to have her on board and look forward to working with her to continue moving our municipality forward."

Since stepping into the role, Julie has worked closely with Council and municipal staff to oversee daily operations, implement policies, and engage with residents and business owners. Her ability to balance strategic planning with community involvement has already made a positive impact on the municipality. She has been proactive in identifying opportunities for improvement and is committed to fostering innovation within municipal operations.

Julie has expressed her enthusiasm for the role, emphasizing the importance of transparency, collaboration, and long-term planning for Hartland's future. She has been actively connecting with community members to understand their priorities and ensure that the municipality remains a great place to live, work, and visit. Her approachable leadership style has made her a welcome presence at town events and meetings, strengthening relationships with residents and stakeholders.

Over the past few weeks, Julie has already demonstrated her commitment to the town, taking the time to familiarize herself with ongoing initiatives and working closely with Council to support Hartland's growth. Her leadership and dedication are evident, and the Town looks forward to the continued benefits of her experience and vision.



# Non-Profit Spotlight: Friends of Hartland Inc.

Incorporated as a non-profit organization in 2014, Friends of Hartland Inc. (FOH) has been dedicated to enhancing our community by donating to projects that have improved Hartland's recreational, cultural, and community offerings for both residents and visitors alike. Operated by volunteers, and without overhead expenses, FOH does not initiate their own projects but works closely with the Town of Hartland to identify areas where dollars can make a difference.

Since 2014, FOH has operated a weekly 50/50 draw with half the proceeds of ticket sales awarded to raffle winners and the remaining half donated to the Town of Hartland. Some notable projects made possible by donation of raffle proceeds include \$17,000 toward the circulation desk at the Dr. Walter Chestnut Library, \$3,800 for concrete picnic tables at the waterfront, \$10,000 to construction of public washrooms beside the Visitor Information Centre and

a donation of more than \$120,000 supporting the construction of the Day & Ross Community Centre. A plaque at the entrance of its Community Room states "built by community, for community" acknowledging that money donated to the Town from FOH was from weekly 50/50 ticket sales purchased by community members.

Since 2015, FOH has been registered as a Canadian charity and, as such, is able to issue tax receipts for direct donations. Individuals and corporations who make donations to FOH for specific projects (ie. the Day & Ross Community Centre) are recognized for the same and their donations are considered separately from the monies forwarded to the Town as proceeds from the FOH weekly 50/50 draw. Information about FOH, including financial statements, can be found on the Government of Canada Charities and Giving website.

The Friends of Hartland 50/50 draw is held

every Tuesday at noon. Tickets for this week's draw, and future draws, are available online at [www.friendsofhartland.ca](http://www.friendsofhartland.ca) and in person at the Hartland Freshmart. For more information about Friends of Hartland, visit their Facebook page, website ([www.friendsofhartland.ca](http://www.friendsofhartland.ca)) or email [info@friendsofhartland.ca](mailto:info@friendsofhartland.ca).



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**COMMUNITY 50/50**

## 2025 Fun Park Plans

Our 2025 summer camp runs from June 30 to August 22 at the Recreational Facilities site, 400 McLean Ave., Hartland. Designed for children aged 5 to 13, it's the perfect way for kids to stay active and make new friends.

This year's Fun Park lineup includes crafts, outdoor games, swimming, an obstacle course, and activities on the ball fields, soccer field, walking track, and in the community room.

A highlight of the summer is the year-end sleepover, where campers enjoy a night of campfire stories, games, and special surprises—a perfect way to wrap up an incredible season.

The cost for one child is \$30 per day, \$125 per week, or \$800 for the full season, including 8 weeks of supervised activities. Families enrolling two or more children get discounted rates of \$25 per day, \$100 per week, or \$600 per child for the season.

Kids just need to bring a lunch and an indoor pair of sneakers. Space is limited, so register early via email.

We can't wait to welcome our campers for another fantastic summer.

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The Day & Ross Community Centre has introduced a monthly fitness membership! For just \$25 per month, you'll enjoy unlimited access to all open fitness sessions Monday to Friday.

Whether you're kickstarting your fitness journey or maintaining your routine, this membership is for you!

Contact the Recreation Department to purchase your membership or for more details.

Let's make 2025 your healthiest year yet!

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# Water and Sewer Line Flushing Planned



The Town of Hartland is planning to conduct routine water line and sewer line flushing in May and June as weather permits.

This essential maintenance helps ensure a clean, reliable water supply and an efficiently functioning sewer system. Over time, mineral deposits and sediment can accumulate in the pipes, potentially affecting water quality and pressure. By flushing the lines, we remove these buildups, improve flow, and maintain the overall integrity of the system.

Flushing involves releasing controlled bursts of water through the system to clear out any sediment or debris. This is a routine process used by municipalities to maintain high water quality and prevent long-term issues such as blockages or pipe corrosion. While the process is temporary, it is a necessary step in keeping Hartland's water and sewer infrastructure in top condition.

Residents may notice temporary changes in their water during the flushing process. It is common to

experience fluctuations in water pressure and, in some cases, discoloured water. This is caused by the disturbance of harmless sediment within the pipes and is a normal part of the process. The town works to minimize any disruptions, but we appreciate your patience as this maintenance is completed.

If you experience discoloured water, run your cold water tap for several minutes until it clears. It is best to avoid doing laundry during flushing periods to prevent staining of clothes. If discolouration persists, please contact Public Works department at 506-328-7676 for further assistance. While the water remains safe to use, allowing the system to settle and running the taps should resolve most issues.

We appreciate the cooperation of residents as we complete this necessary work. Updates on flushing schedules will be shared through the town's communication channels.

## A Fun-Filled March Break in Hartland



March Break in Hartland was a fantastic week filled with fun and excitement for families and kids of all ages. The community came together to enjoy a variety of activities, from thrilling outdoor adventures to engaging indoor games.

Monday kicked off the fun with a Sliding Party and Races. Families gathered at the hill, eager to take on the slopes and compete in friendly races. The energy was high as children and parents alike enjoyed the winter air and the thrill of sliding. Those who didn't have their own sleds were able to use ones provided on-site, making the event accessible to all.

Tuesday brought Youth Fun Day, featuring an

exciting Basement Extravaganza. Kids and teens gathered to test their skills in a variety of games, including Air Hockey, Table Tennis, and Foosball. The competition was fierce yet friendly, with players showcasing quick reflexes and strategic moves.

Mid-week, the excitement continued with a Free Skate on Wednesday. Families and friends laced up their skates and enjoyed gliding around the rink. It was a great opportunity for skaters of all skill levels to come together and enjoy a classic Canadian pastime.

Thursday was packed with activities, starting with another Free Skate, generously sponsored by Hartland Freshmart. Kids enjoyed a full day of activities that provided endless entertainment, including a U18 Youth Pick-up Hockey game.

Friday continued with another full day of adventure, including a Free Skate sponsored by Hartland Valufoods.

Saturday closed the week with another Free Skate sponsored by Carleton Funeral Home.

March Break in Hartland was a resounding success, bringing joy and entertainment to the community. With such a wide range of activities, there was never a dull moment. Recreation staff and local businesses partnered to ensure there were lots of affordable and engaging options to keep everyone active.





# A Seat That Tells a Story

The Day & Ross Community Centre is giving residents and visitors a unique way to leave a lasting mark in the arena.

Customized bleacher plaques have begun to be installed throughout the seating area, offering a meaningful way to celebrate a loved one, honor an athlete, or recognize a family's connection to the community. Alumni can also commemorate their jersey numbers, creating a



special tribute to past players. The plaques are recessed into the bleacher seat backs, blending seamlessly into the arena's design.

Each 3"x5" plaque is available for sponsorship at \$250 through Friends of Hartland. Orders can be placed at the town office or online at [friendsofhartland.ca/seat-plaques](http://friendsofhartland.ca/seat-plaques), making it easy for anyone to take part in this lasting legacy. Proceeds from the plaques help support the ongoing growth and sustainability of the facility, ensuring it remains a vibrant space for recreation and community events.

With the first plaques already installed, the seating area is becoming a collection of memories, honoring individuals, families, and Hartland's deep-rooted sports culture. As more plaques find their place in the arena, they will serve as a lasting reminder of the people and stories that make our community special.



## Big Garbage Collection Days

**Tuesday, May 27 & Thursday, May 29**

These special collection days align with your regular Hartland garbage schedule and offer an opportunity to clear out bulky items.

To help collection crews work efficiently, please ensure everything is boxed, bagged, tied, or bundled where possible. Households can place up to three large items alongside their regular garbage. Please note that residential construction waste, motor vehicle parts, liquid waste, propane tanks, toxic materials, tires, and appliances with coolant (e.g., refrigerators or air conditioners) will not be accepted.

Tree cuttings must be tied securely in bundles, with branches no larger than 2 inches in diameter, under 4 feet in length, and weighing no more than 50 pounds.

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# Get Ready for Summer Recreation!!!

Hartland is gearing up for an action-packed summer of recreation in 2025! From ball hockey and baseball to community events and new program expansions, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

April and May will kick off the season with the return of Hartland's Ball Hockey League and spring training for baseball and softball, which will likely take the form of an indoor Wiffleball Program. The community will also come together on April 22 for an Earth Day Clean-Up event.

In May, the popular CO-ED Softball League returns alongside the "Let the Girls Play" tournament, and WVRA GO GIRLS will bring Grade 8 girls from Carleton North and Hartland together for a day of sports. Summer registration days are set for May 14 and May 20 at the Day & Ross Community Centre, with a live activity night to boost participation.

Summer sports ramp up in June with after-school baseball and softball clinics, including the Pitch, Hit & Run program. Shuffleboard begins at the golf course, and a new 3-on-3 basketball league is in the works. The community pool is scheduled to open in the third week of June, just in time for HCS swim day, and Fun Park will launch on June 30 with an increased capacity.

July brings the start of U9 and U11 baseball, swimming lessons, and soccer for multiple age groups. Canada Day celebrations, NB Special Olympics (July 17-19), and the Western Valley

Regional Games (July 23-24) will keep the town buzzing with excitement.

The summer fun continues into August with the NB Parade and Colour Run during the New Brunswick Day long weekend of Big Bridge Fest Weekend, and the 2nd Annual Hartland Sports Fest (August 22-24), featuring a variety of sports tournaments and activities.

As September rolls in, NBBI's school softball program begins, while other leagues continue until the weather changes. Ice will be built in the third week of September, with several organizations already showing interest in early-season bookings.

Beyond just sports, these programs provide a fantastic opportunity for community engagement and personal growth. Whether it is kids developing their athletic skills, families enjoying local events, or adults staying active, there's something for all ages. The increased accessibility of programs like Fun Park and the new basketball league ensures that even more residents can take part and experience the benefits of an active lifestyle.

With so many activities on the horizon, 2025 promises to be an incredible year for recreation in Hartland! Contact our recreation team for more details and how to sign up.

