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Marking a Year of Hartland Memories

It's hard to believe nearly a year has passed since the public first stepped inside the Day & Ross Community Centre. Last November, residents had the chance to explore Hartland's new arena and multipurpose facility for the very first time. Since then, the building has become a vibrant hub for recreation, hockey, and community gatherings.

Join us for an action-packed evening as the Hartland Huskies hit the ice at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, November 14, to help celebrate the one-year anniversary of the Day & Ross Community Centre. We're hoping for a repeat of last year's matchup, when the Huskies defeated the Nackawic Nighthawks in front of a loud and

energetic hometown crowd. Bring your cheers, your Huskies gear, and your community pride—it's going to be a great night for Hartland hockey.

Over the past year, we've had the opportunity to put some important finishing touches on the facility. From interior details and signage to operational adjustments and equipment upgrades, we've been able to enhance the space and make it more functional, comfortable, and welcoming for everyone. These improvements have helped ensure the Day & Ross Community Centre is ready to serve Hartland for years to come.

The arena has successfully hosted hockey games, practices, and a variety of recreational

events. While larger gatherings such as trade shows and concerts were limited in our first year due to a water flow issue related to the building's sprinkler system, we're actively working on a solution. Our goal is to receive full fire marshal approval and begin welcoming major events at some point during 2026.

As we celebrate this first anniversary, one thing is clear—the Day & Ross Community Centre has already made a meaningful impact in Hartland. It has brought people together, strengthened our sense of community, and provided a place where memories are made. We hope you'll be part of the celebration on Friday, November 14 and help cheer the Huskies to victory.



Carleton North Community Foundation

Since 2008, the Carleton North Community Foundation (CNCF) has been strengthening communities through funding initiatives in Arts & Culture, Education, Beautification, Economic Development, Recreation, Health & Wellness, and the Environment.

Although Hartland falls outside the Foundation's granting region of the District of Carleton North, CNCF has supported a project in our municipality. Recognizing the role the Day & Ross Community Centre plays for athletes across the region, CNCF was proud to contribute to its scoreboard. This contribution is an example of its commitment to spaces that bring people together.

Looking ahead, CNCF remains open to supporting endeavours that benefit residents in and around the district. A volunteer board of 12 members, serving up to two, three-year terms, meets quarterly to review applications and decide where funds can have the greatest impact.

Fundraising for CNCF is unique because donations are invested, not simply spent. The board stewards funds to ensure sustainability, with earnings distributed to charities, schools, hospitals, amateur sports organizations, and government-supported programs. Each gift

continues to give back year after year.

As positions open, CNCF welcomes new members passionate about community. To learn more or contribute, visit cncfdn.com or email admin@cncfdn.com. Your generosity helps ensure CNCF's impact will continue.



CNCF board members L-R: Derek Johnson, Angie Debertin, Brenda O'Donnell, Mike Allen, Nicole Trafford, Peter West, Jill Ebbett, Victoria Hutt, James Wright. Absent from photo: Jason Hovey, Wietze Dykstra, Angel Connors

Communities United by Sport and Spirit

The 2025 Special Olympics New Brunswick Provincial Summer Games took place July 17–19 in Woodstock and Hartland, bringing together over 200 athletes and coaches from across the province and beyond for a truly memorable weekend of sport and celebration. Opening ceremonies at the Ayr Motor Centre in Woodstock welcomed teams with energy, pride, and the promise of friendly competition.

On July 18 and 19, athletes competed in five sports: athletics at Connell Park Raceway, bocce and softball at the Day & Ross Community Centre in Hartland, swimming at the Ayr Motor

Centre, and golf at the Woodstock Golf & Curling Club. Cheers from family, friends, and teammates echoed across every venue as athletes showcased strength, sportsmanship, heart, and determination.

Athletes and coaches also joined Healthy Athletes programming, offering free health screenings and wellness resources tailored to individuals with intellectual disabilities. This important initiative helped participants stay healthy, informed, and supported on and off the field.

The games thrived thanks to the outstanding support of the host communities. Woodstock and Hartland provided welcoming venues and warm hospitality. Special thanks to the New Brunswick Bible Institute for providing meals throughout the weekend, keeping athletes and coaches energized and ready to perform.

Behind every smooth transition was a dedicated network of volunteers and organizers. The Provincial Games Committee and local helpers worked tirelessly to keep events safe and efficient, creating an inclusive, joyful atmosphere. Teams from Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia joined the softball competition, adding a vibrant interprovincial spirit.

As events wrapped up on July 19, athletes gathered for medal presentations, celebrating

achievements and friendships. Whether on the podium or cheering from the sidelines, each participant left with pride and lasting memories. The 2025 Summer Games were a testament to inclusion, resilience, and community.

All weekend, the energy at each venue was electric. From determined faces on the track to focused teamwork on the bocce courts and softball fields, every athlete gave their best. Volunteers offered high-fives, water, and cheers—proving that Special Olympics is as much about community spirit as athletic achievement.



Congratulations to the Western Valley Softball Team, pictured above after bringing home the Silver!



Athletes showcase teamwork and sportsmanship during a softball game at the Summer Olympics.

Celebrating History on Memory Boards

When you walk into the Day & Ross Community Centre, you'll notice a special feature that adds warmth and history – our Memory Boards. This display honours major donors who have contributed over \$10,000 to the complex. Each board tells a story, offering visitors a glimpse into the people, companies, and moments that have shaped Hartland.

The 3-foot by 5-foot aluminum panels are designed to share history of the donor's company or a meaningful piece of local history. They acknowledge generosity while preserving stories that connect our past with our present. With vibrant images, informative text, and personal touches, the Memory Boards will be a highlight for visitors exploring the facility.

Every board is unique, capturing decades of hard work and community building by local businesses, or highlighting historic moments that continue to inspire us. Together, the Memory Boards form a mosaic of Hartland's heritage and the partnerships that make our town strong. As the collection grows, there may be enough to display them on both sides of the walking track.

It's not too late! If your organization, business, or family has given \$10,000 or more to the Day & Ross Community Centre and has not yet added a board, contact Tina Pelkey to get yours started today: 506-375-4357 ext. 214.

With the one-year anniversary of the facility on

on November 14, this is the perfect moment to make sure your history is part of the celebration. Whether you are a long-standing supporter or a new contributor, the Memory Boards will help ensure our community's history is remembered for years to come.



Summer Maintenance to Route 105



The Town of Hartland participates in the Provincial-Municipal Highway Partnership (PMHP), a program that provides municipalities with funding to assist in maintaining and upgrading provincially designated highways within their boundaries. PMHP projects focus on the "old" town limits only, as maintenance for the former Local Service District (LSD) roads are entirely the province's responsibility.

Under the program, municipalities are responsible for managing the entire project—from engineering and tendering to contracting and payment—with the province reimbursing a portion of the eligible costs. Due to limited provincial funds, communities are not guaranteed to have a project approved every year. Each year, municipalities submit their top priorities, and the province evaluates them based on need, cost, and overall impact.

Hartland's only designated highway, Route 105 Main Street was the focus of this year's work. The approved project included milling and paving the section from Walton's Car Wash to the town's lagoon, replacing guardrail in the same area, and installing new concrete curbing at the Cloverdale

Road intersection with Main Street. A nearby section of Main Street was intentionally omitted from this year's project because it requires additional underground infrastructure work, which is not eligible for PMHP funding and would have made the project much more expensive; that section will be included in a future request to the province.

The concrete curbing at Cloverdale Road intersection was replaced in August, along with a section of guardrail in the same area. Completion of milling and paving followed shortly thereafter. These improvements provide a smoother, safer driving experience along this key section of town.

The total cost of the 2025 project was \$550,000, with the province reimbursing Hartland for 85% of the eligible costs. The program ensures that critical roads are maintained efficiently while keeping the financial burden manageable for the town.

Through programs like the PMHP, Hartland continues to invest in the infrastructure that connects our community, supporting both everyday travel and the long-term vitality of our town.

Just Can't Drive 55?



If your lead foot has a habit of sneaking up on you, Hartland's got you covered!

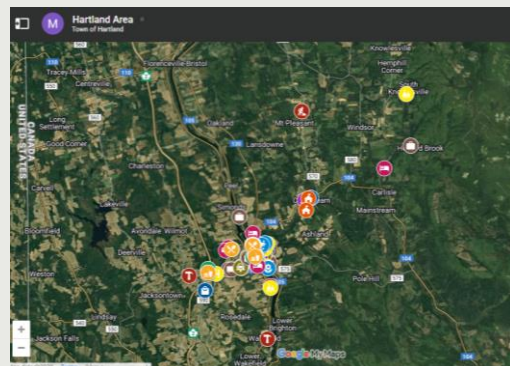
Thanks to provincial funding, the town now has a solar-powered radar speed sign that will rotate through areas where speeding has been a concern. As drivers approach, the sign flashes their current speed—serving as a friendly (but firm) reminder to slow down and stay safe on local roads.

But it's not just about flashing numbers. The sign also logs data, tracking speed patterns over time. This information will be shared with the RCMP to help them determine where targeted patrols might be needed. It's a high-tech, eco-friendly way to encourage safer driving—and to make sure that everyone gets where they're going without putting others at risk.

Keep an eye out—your speed might be on display the next time you roll through town.

New Interactive Business Map

The Town's website now has an interactive online business map to help residents and visitors explore Hartland's shops, services, facilities and businesses. You can zoom in and click the icons to learn more about each business.



www.townofhartland.ca/business

To add or update your Hartland business listing, contact 506-375-4357 extension 211 or email michelle.derrah@townofhartland.com.

Honouring a Hometown Premier

The Town of Hartland recently completed the replacement of the Richard Hatfield interpretive sign located beside the Visitor Information Centre. The original sign, installed by a provincial commission in the 1990s, had severely deteriorated over time. The printed panel had begun to peel and crumble, obscuring the legacy of one of Hartland's most distinguished citizens. Recognizing the importance of preserving this piece of local history, Hartland Council prioritized the re-facing of the sign to ensure that both residents and visitors can continue to learn about Hatfield's enduring contributions.

Richard Bennett Hatfield served as Premier of New Brunswick from 1970 to 1987, making him one of the longest-serving premiers in Canadian history. Born in Hartland in 1931, Hatfield was deeply rooted in the community. His father, Heber Hatfield, served as both Mayor of Hartland and as a federal Member of Parliament. Richard Hatfield's early education took place locally before he went on to study at Acadia University and Dalhousie Law School, eventually returning home to work in the family business before entering politics.

Throughout his 17 years as Premier, Hatfield's government played a pivotal role in shaping modern New Brunswick. He advocated strongly for the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, supported official bilingualism, and helped secure language and equality rights in the

Constitution Act of 1982. His leadership saw the creation of several provincial advisory councils that focused on youth, the arts, women's rights, and accessibility. Hatfield also made significant investments in healthcare, education, and cultural heritage, leaving a legacy of progressive governance.

Hartland Council echoed the importance of honouring Hatfield's legacy in his hometown, where he began and ended his life's journey. The newly re-faced sign, now featuring refreshed and durable materials, highlights his achievements and preserves his story for future generations. Designed with both accessibility and inclusivity in mind, the sign features English text on one side and French on the other, reflecting Hatfield's strong support for bilingualism and New Brunswick's unique cultural identity.

The revitalized sign not only serves as a tribute to Premier Hatfield's accomplishments but also enhances the visitor experience at the Information Centre, a key stop for tourists exploring the Hartland Covered Bridge. By investing in the preservation of local heritage, the Town reinforces its commitment to celebrating the individuals who have helped shape Hartland's identity. The sign stands as a lasting reminder of how one small-town leader made a significant impact on both his province and country, and it invites residents and visitors alike to reflect on the values of leadership, service, and community.

