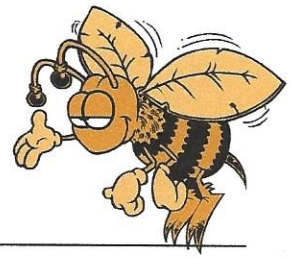


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VETS CLUB

First - we are sending a big thankyou to all of those who were able to donate towards our annual Christmas Hampers for folks in need in our community! As of the writing of this article the hamper boxes for donations and applications are still out; however, to date it looks like we'll be able to provide at least 10 food hampers through your heartfelt giving - thank you all so much!!!

We now have a full sized slate pool table in our main floor 'pub' for your enjoyment! Thanks to Gord Mulcahey for finding and picking it up, and to those fellows who helped get it in and installed it. And thank you to Tim Roach for donating the pool light! Rack 'em up!!!

Our renovations for accessibility and our main floor 'pub' continue with the help of some of our members, led by Gord Mulcahey and Ervil Boreland, with thanks to Mark Jasmin for donating some lumber for the washroom. This winter we'd like to tackle the floor itself in the pub, along with insulation, drywall, paint and decorating. If you've skills or interest in helping with any of these items, or you can donate some materials, we'd love to hear from you! Call Gord Mulcahey at 705-978-0469 or Ervil Boreland at 705-663-2102.

Come celebrate the end of 2024 and a new year about to begin - at the Vets Club on Sunday, December 29 - 2 to 5 pm for a foot-stomping country music matinee, followed by a light lunch with thanks for the meal to Tammy Mulcahey and Sharon! We really want to send our appreciation to all the True Country Boys band members and guest

We hope to host a Paint the Town Red-bridge paint night in February, if folks are interested. If you've any ideas or suggestions of what you'd like to see for paint nights, please call Sandy Mannering at 705-492-2849 - all ideas are welcome!

For March, we are still trying to 'line up' a line dancing night with someone who can lead us through some steps - so we can kick up our heels and dance the night away! If anyone knows of such a talented person who would be willing to give of their time, please let us know.

We anticipate and are so looking forward to another fantastic Snowshoe Golf day late in the season. Stay tuned for dates as the Snowshoe Golf Committee start their planning. So get your groups together for an afternoon in the great white outdoors chasing neon balls with a golf club with some refreshments, followed by a home cooked meal!

The Vets Club survives solely on membership dues (\$25/year), our bar intake (beer is only \$5 and coolers \$6!), and fundraising events. Please consider renewing or getting your memberships at the bar, or etransfer to phelpsvetsclub@gmail.com with a comment 'for memberships'.

We hope you all enjoy a wonderful holiday season with your loved ones. Stay safe and Happy New Year 2025!

Your Vets Club Board

Phelps Golden Age Club

Hope everyone is coping with the Snow Storms!

A big thank you goes out to Steve Chenier for helping us out with the plowing again this year.

Stop by and check out our new sign. Ilene Ranger has been keeping the sign, up-to-date with what is happening at the Golden Age Club.

The Golden Age Club Craft & Bake Sale was held on Nov. 23rd. It was a success and a very enjoyable day. Our lunch has become very popular. Thank you to the ladies that donated homemade soup, bread, egg salad, ham and cheese and then served it. A wonderful homemade lunch!

The winner of the Draw for the Adorable Penguin and \$100 worth of Gift Cards was Bev Robinson.

Dec. 10th we held our Members Christmas Dinner. This is a member Pot Luck Christmas Dinner. People sign up to bring specific items to make up a wonderful Christmas Dinner. The hall is always beautifully decorated by Bev. There is a door prize and some goodies as well.

On Dec. 21st, we held our 3rd annual Breakfast with Santa. Thank you Ilene Ranger for making this happen.

The Golden Age Club hosts a Yoga class put on by the V.O.N. on Monday's from 9:45 – 10:45. There is no charge but the V.O.N. has stated that only people 60 and over are eligible. Because of the interest in this activity, you have to be a Golden Age Club member to participate. A \$2 donation each would be greatly appreciated to assist with operating costs.

The Foot Care clinics are held at the Golden Age Club the last Wednesday of the month. For more information or to make an appointment call Amanda Ostrowski at 249-358-4347 or email coreholisticfc@gmail.com.

The last 50-50 Lucky Lotto was won by Lucas & Liz. This draw is ongoing; you can buy a square for \$2 anytime you are at the Golden Age Club. When all the squares are filled the draw is made. The winner gets \$100 and the Club gets \$100

Pancake/French Toast Breakfasts are held the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month. Breakfast consists of; 3 Pancakes or 2 French toast with 3 sausages for \$7. Children under 5 are free; 1 Pancake or French toast and 1 sausage. Take-out is available by calling 663-2082.

If you are interested in becoming a member or want any other information regarding the club, please call Dorothy Jessup, President 705-495-6841, Karin Sandula, Vice President, 663-2696, Ilene Ranger, Secretary, 663-2238 or Ellen Boulet, Treasurer at 663-2218

Can't argue with the reasoning!

An old lady was standing at the railing of a cruise ship holding her hat on tight so that it would not blow off in the wind.

A gentleman approached her and said; "Pardon me, Madame. I do not intend to be forward, but did you know that your dress is blowing up in the high wind"?

"Yes, I know," said the lady. "I need both hands to hold onto this hat."

"But, madam, you are not wearing anything under your dress, and your privates are exposed" said the gentleman in earnest.

The woman looked down, then back up at the man and replied.

"Sir, anything you see down there is 85 years old. I just bought this hat yesterday!"



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you and yours. Have a safe and happy holiday!

Dorothy Jessup, President

PHELPS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Hello everyone. Heaven only knows when you'll read this due to the inconvenient postal strike! Merry Christmas anyway even if it's late.

You all seem to like hearing about our pioneers so here's another story from our Tweedsmuir collection.

Frans Verner Aaltonen was born in Finland in 1897. He immigrated to Canada in 1924. He lived in various places in Ontario and met Helmi Maria Ylinen in Toronto. They became engaged in 1932 and while discussing where they'd live, heard news that bush lots were available in Phelps Township - 160 acre parcels at 50¢ per acre. They liked that idea and Frans (Frank Alton as he became known) went shopping. He went to the home of William Johnston, the land guide (my pioneer grandfather). Mr. Johnston showed him many properties from which he chose N ½ L10, C6. It had 2 streams - a hard wood bush and some flatland for cultivation. Within three years he had to pay for it, build a house at least 16'x20' - 16 acres had to be cleared and cultivated before he would get the deed. He began construction and slept in the open until it was done. Then cultivation began as well as training of various animals including oxen.

They added a root cellar, a barn, and a chicken house. In 1935 they built a bigger house and rented the smaller one to new immigrants - Dan and Kate O'Rourke. A daughter, Ingrid Irene, was born to the Altons in March 1936. She went to school in SS2B Phelps (the Vets Club), 3 miles away and then completed a four year commercial course at N.B.C.I. & V.S. in 1955 and began working in North Bay. In 1958 she married Robert Milne of Feronia. They raised two sons in North Bay. Half of the property across the highway was sold to Ed Hassard and the rest, after Frank's death in 1963, to the Moulders. Thankfully we still see Ingrid at events in Redbridge.

Outwitting Squirrels - Bill Adler, Jr.

Bird loving people have a problem. We love to feed our wonderful birds but fast, greedy, fluffy tailed rodents eat a great deal of the food. This "manual" provides 101 cunning strategies, serious and hilarious, for outsmarting them - including perrier bottles, fishing line, vaseline, water bombs, cayenne pepper. They claim that more than one million squirrels have been outwitted! Do you think that's possible?

Step on a Crack - James Patterson

With New York's elite held hostage, only one man can save them - Detective Michael Bennett. Patterson's most terrifying thriller yet.

This is Now - Clara Giraghty

An ordinary bank on an ordinary Monday, in an ordinary town. There was no way of knowing what was about to happen. New beginnings have to start somewhere.

Cowboy Country - 2 stories

1. The Man from Blue River - Judith Bowen
He needed a companion - she wanted to be his wife.
2. To Lasso a Lady - Renee Roszel
She was gorgeous and ready to get married. Her future stepson had something to say about that!

Happy reading everyone and have a very happy New Year. See you at the library!!!

Bev Reynolds, C.E.O.



COMMUNITY LANDFILL

Hello Redbridge Residents and Landfill Users.

Firstly, thank you to Judy Wardell for generously volunteering your time at Phelps Non-Profit Landfill for the last 25+ years. Your willingness to give your time and service is greatly appreciated. Your hard work over the years allows us to continue to serve people in our community with the use of our Landfill.

I also would like to relay some information to ensure everyone is aware or to clear up any misinformation. **Please note, these are not changes but purely reminders of the guidelines of our Landfill.**

Phelps Landfill is open every Saturday year-round 8 am - 2 pm. We will also resume Wednesdays 6 pm - 9 pm in the summer months (May 15 - September 15)

Upon arrival at the landfill, check in with the volunteer to confirm permit and/or make payment for disposal and to say Hello!

Drive cautiously and courteously while on landfill property, please use the exit when leaving the landfill as the entry way is one-way.

All items disposed of at the landfill site have a charge to dump and vary in price depending on item and amount, aside from scrap metal and recyclables which are free. Dump permits for 2024-2025 have been increased to \$150.00 with an allowance of 2 bags per week/average. Bags are \$4.00 each without a pass. Please use clear/see through bags for all garbage.

If you bring items to dispose of, please throw items over the edge or place in designated area, wood, furniture, etc. **All** mixed loads must be sorted and dropped off in their designated areas.

Please always empty your bags of recycling into the bin. Breaking down cardboard is important to allow us to fill the bin efficiently to save unnecessary emptying.

What is Recyclable at the Phelps Landfill

- > Plastic Bottles and Containers
- > Food and Beverage Cans
- > Paper
- > Flattened Cardboard and Paperboard

What is NOT Recyclable at the Landfill

- > Glass
- > Tissue paper, paper towel and single-use wipes
- > Plastic wrap, waxed paper and zipper seal bags
- > Plastic bags
- > Absorbent pads from meat trays
- > Old plastic food storage containers
- > Food scraps
- > Plastic cutlery and disposable plates and cups
- > Take-out food containers and cups (Hortons/Starbucks)
- > Single-use coffee pods (even if they say recyclable)
- > Chip bags, cheese wrappers and drink pouches
- > Granola bar wrappers and candy wrappers
- > Hygiene products and diapers
- > Medication bottles
- > Light bulbs
- > Window glass
- > Mirror glass
- > Crystal
- > Drinking glasses
- > Ceramics (e.g. plates, mugs)
- > Styrofoam
- > Bubble wrap
- > Plastic planting trays
- > Plastic toys
- > Lawn furniture
- > Coat hangers
- > Binders
- > Lawn edging

PHELPS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

- > Aerosol cans
- > Appliances containing refrigerant/freon -
Refrigerators, Freezers, AC, Dehumidifiers,
Water Coolers, Heat Pump
- > Batteries/Battery acid
- > Cooking Oil
- > Dye
- > E-Waste - is any electronic/electric device
with a plug, cord, or battery
- > Gasoline
- > Lighter fluid
- > Light bulbs (CFLs) and tubes
- > Motor oil and waste oil
- > Oil filters
- > Paint/stain
- > Paint thinners
- > Pesticides
- > Pool chemicals
- > Propane tanks (big and small)

If you are unsure about an item, please ask a volunteer and we can confirm for you.

For anyone on Facebook who is not already a member, there is now a Public Group Page - ***Phelps Nonprofit Landfill***. Please look over the page for any information you may require and feel free to post a question or comment.

As always, volunteers are needed. Many hands make for light work. Our landfill is run completely by volunteers, as is most of the community. If you would like to volunteer, you can sign up in person at the dump or there is a link on the Facebook group and ***www.phelpstownship.ca*** website. You can also reach me directly (cell)705-492-4218.

Shifts:

Saturday 8 am - 11 am
Saturday 11 am - 2 pm

Students are welcome to volunteer, and hours would count for community involvement required for their OSSD.

Overall, users are following the guidelines, and we have been gaining additional

Happy Holidays everyone! What a year this has been. It never ceases to amaze us how supportive our community can be. With all of the fundraising that has been done for local groups, we couldn't be more proud of everyone.

With winter here and snow getting deeper, we would like to offer you some safety tips for the season.

- Make sure all outside exhaust pipes in your house are kept clear.
- Only use grills and generators outdoors and away from windows
- Don't use propane appliances to heat your home
- Test your carbon monoxide detector monthly (same time as smoke detector)
- If possible, avoid driving in winter weather. If you must, ensure your vehicle is properly equipped for the drive and have an emergency kit on hand with extra food, water, blankets, flashlights, a folding shovel, salt or sand, and gloves and hats
- Please keep your 911 signs clear at all times. Lack of a visible number may increase response times.

We hope you have a wonderful season and remember, Stay Fire Safe.

Melissa Moulder
Fire Chief



PHELPS UNITED CHURCH

Phelps United Church has been a very busy place lately. First there was the great apple pie making extravaganza.....which was exhausting, but a great success. The very last of the apple pies are finding their forever homes thanks to the best efforts of our devoted sales people - the pies are so good that they almost sell themselves, but somebody has to deliver them! All together the group made over six hundred pies this year, all lovingly crafted by hand from scratch.

Then there was the humungous clothing giveaway, which was appreciated by so many people in need. The group is planning to do it all again in the spring, and hope to repeat the process again in August just in time for back-to-school.

And finally, the group raffled off an amazing quilt donated by RuthAnne Drenth, along with three prize baskets and a beautiful photo of a stained glass hanging created by Gayle Stanley which graces a window in the church.

A weekly fellowship group has been meeting Thursday afternoons in the church for a couple of months now and is proving to be a great source of support and fun for all involved.

The finale for the year will be the Christmas Eve Service, held December 24th at 2 p.m. Appetizers will follow. Everyone is welcome to come, sing Christmas carols, and share in the fellowship.

Sunday services will resume on January 5, 2025, at 10 a.m. in the little yellow church on North River Road.

From all of us at Phelps United, a very merry and blessed Christmas and a happy New Year!



Sense takes its leave - it's all too common

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend by the name of Common Sense, who had been with us for many years.

No one knows for sure how old he was since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valued lessons as knowing when to come in out of the rain, why the early bird gets the worm and that life isn't always fair.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you earn), and reliable parenting strategies (adults, not kids, are in charge). His health began to rapidly deteriorate when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a six-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate, teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch, and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer aspirin to a student, but could not inform the parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Finally, Common Sense lost the will to live as the Ten Commandments became contraband, churches became businesses, and criminals received better treatment than their victims. Common Sense finally gave up the ghost after a person failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot, spilled a bit in her lap, and was awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents, Truth and Trust, his wife, Discretion, his daughter, Responsibility, and his son Reason. He is survived by two stepbrothers - My Rights and Ima Whiner.

Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone.



PHELPS COMMUNITY REC CENTRE

The Rec is ready for a season of holiday cheer, and we hope you are too! Here's everything that has been happening or happened at the Rec!

New Committee Business:

The committee has met for 1 out of 4 of our annual meetings.

Our budget for 2024/2025 was submitted and approved by the LSB. We're excited about a slight increase this year which we are planning to use to provide internet to the Facility! Having access to internet at the Rec allows us to better serve the community at events and make the park a more accessible place for residents.

As the committee takes a pause to embrace the holiday season, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the community for your support throughout this incredible year. Reflecting on 2024, we are filled with joy as we remember the vibrant softball tournaments, the enthusiasm of our new committee members, and the wonderful improvements made at the Centre. The laughter shared during spooky Halloween festivities, egg hunts, and community markets has truly brought us closer. It's your participation and spirit that makes our community shine, and for that, we are endlessly thankful. Here's to cherishing these moments and looking forward to even more in the coming year!

Current Events:

Community Yoga

Immerse yourself in tranquility with our upcoming Hatha Yoga session led by Julie Robinson. Beginning Tuesday, January 7th, this soothing class will run for 5 weeks, every Tuesday from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm at the school. For just \$60, you'll find a serene space perfect for all levels, from beginners to experienced practitioners. Reserve your spot today by emailing phelpsyoga@outlook.com or calling/texting Bev at 705-492-0029. Embrace the journey toward relaxation and wellness!

We believe that yoga should be accessible to everyone, regardless of financial constraints. If you're interested in joining our class but have concerns about affordability, we're here to help!

Phelps Committee Youth Liaison Position

We're looking for youth in our community to sit on the Rec committee board! We want MORE input and ideas from the next generation who will one day be caretakers of the Rec and our community. The Youth Leadership Liaison is a very important position on the Rec Committee. Your role is to attend committee meetings, provide input, help with events and work with other committee members on Rec projects.

We're looking for someone who is

- > Creative
- > Works well in a team
- > Is motivated
- > Ready to take on responsibilities
- > Is between the ages of 12 and 18
- > Lives in the community
- > Attend 2-4 committee meetings per year
- > Is able to volunteer at Rec events

If you have a youth that might be interested in this position, please contact us by email at phelpsrec@outlook.com. We have a short application we will send you to fill out and submit.

EarlyON Program

The EarlyON program will continue at Phelps Public School in the New Year. This is a FREE drop-in program every Thursday from 9 am till 11:30 am geared to families with children 6 and under. Each week there are fun and creative things for your children to do. For more information on the EarlyON program you can contact them by email at: eyc@communitylivingnorthbay.org

Past Events:

Halloween Spooktacular

We had a tremendous turnout at this year's Halloween Spooktacular Drive Thru! Based on feedback from previous years, we made the decision to change the event date, which allowed us to secure more volunteers and ample time for setup, which has been a struggle in previous years. This adjustment also enabled more residents to enjoy the event without feeling rushed or competing with larger events in town. We made every effort to inform the community

Phelps Community Tree Lighting

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for the community tree lighting! It was wonderful to see everyone come together for a jingle and mingle. The tree sparkled brightly, caroling filled the air with joy, and the kids did an amazing job decorating cookies and tree ornaments!

A heartfelt shoutout to the Phelps Fire Dept. for their hard work and for making the hall available for our community. We also appreciate the Woman's Institute for the delicious treats and a big thanks to AR Donuts as well! And of course, a special thanks to Santa for taking time out of his busy schedule to say hi! It was fantastic to have the Vets Club join us this year, and we look forward to continuing these delightful community events for everyone to enjoy!

Phelps Christmas Market

Merry was made at the Phelps Christmas Market! Thank you to everyone who came out and supported us and the vendors. The market was well attended, and of course, the vendors were all amazing. Thank you so much to AR Donuts, ALL our amazing vendors and the Phelps Farmers Market Committee for all their hard work planning.

As the Phelps Farmers Market continues to grow, a Phelps Farmers Market Committee has been formed taking on market operations this summer! If you're interested in being a part of the Phelps Farmers Market Committee as a market coordinator, please contact the Rec today and we will get you in touch!

Rec Reminders

Volunteer Opportunities:

We have MANY volunteer positions available right now! If you are interested in more information on any position below, you can see the Rec's Facebook page. We have a photo album with all the positions available and additional information about the jobs. If you don't have Facebook, please email phelpsrec@outlook.com and we will send the information to you. These positions will be updated as they become filled or available. We hope this will also help us communicate better with parents or students who need volunteer hours.

Breakfast Prep Crew - 3 to 4 hours, once a

Again, we can never thank our volunteers enough for everything they do! The Rec is a labour of love, and you all have shown how much you love our community through your service; we can't do this without you.

Resource Info Community

Where can you find information on events?

- Buzzer (comes out 4 times a year)
- Sign at the Redbridge store
- www.Phelpstownship.ca
- Facebook
- LSB Meeting (~~twice~~ a year)
- Email phelpsrec@outlook.com
[@phelpscommunityreccentre\(PCRC\)](mailto:@phelpscommunityreccentre(PCRC))

We want to wish everyone in the community a super safe and Happy Holidays and an even happier New Year! Remember to never drink and drive. Again, a huge thank you from all of us on the Rec Committee and our fantastic volunteers for your continued support! We can't wait to kick off the New Year with even bigger and better events! Can you believe it's almost 2025?! We can't wait to see you all in the new year - let's make it amazing!

Have Yourself
A Merry
Little Christmas

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