



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

WELCOME TO THE FIRST NEWSLETTER OF 2018

We thank everyone for the support through 2017 as changes were made at the hall and the council.

Changes continue to develop at the Marion Bridge Community Hall as installation of the new bathrooms continues; as well we have had new volunteers join the council.

Thank you Alice Ross and Stella Webber for volunteering your services to act on the council. I would also like to thank Alice for the wonderful article that she wrote on the Hall and Council and was published in the Cape Breton Post.

READY, STEADY, GO!

We have started off the New Year with a great event with the Seniors Social held on 29 Jan. The Ukulele Strummers are always a treat to listen to and of course the Bingo was a fabulous hit as well. Thank you to CBRM Parks & Recreation representative Cindy Hynes for her coordination efforts and the Louisburg community hall for the loan of the bingo machine.

Moving forward it is the councils intent to have a monthly event at the hall and the reason of which are two fold:

1. Bring the community together with an opportunity to socialize, and
 2. continue to raise revenue to further improvements at the hall.
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UPDATES

Bathroom Project – as many of you have likely noticed the shell for the addition is complete with the exception of the concrete wheel chair ramp and pad leading in from the back door.

We may have to wait for more accommodating weather to pour the pad. The in floor portion of the plumbing is complete which allowed for the pouring of the concrete floor. Plumbing and electrical continues and once complete we will be able to progress with installing the oor covering, plumbing, drywall, painting and electrical accessories. Pending availability of supplies and volunteer work we hope to have the bathroom functional by the end of February.

Of course none of this would be possible it wasn't for the nancial contributions from local residences, businesses, CBRM and the Provincial Government. All of the financial details will be available at the AGM. In addition to the bathroom project we are looking towards providing a **water filtration system** to clean up the water, providing drinkable potable water. The goal is to have the system installed and operating by the end of February, funding dependant. We are also looking at replacing the orescent tube lighting with new LED lights, as the current light system is no longer supported, we have been informed that parts no longer available. Upon completion of the bathroom project the old bathrooms will be decommissioned, the men's washroom will be converted to a cleaning/storagecloset while the space from the ladies bathroom will serve to accommodate an expanded and **modernized kitchen**.

As a reminder the Community Hall has been granted a **permanent liquor licence** and bar service is available for all functions. Underage attendance at these functions is allowed for under the terms of the license with some exceptions. If you are interested in booking the hall (with or with out Bar Service) then please see the Council website for details or contact Debbie MacLeod.

The Department of Transportation and Infrastructure has committed to replacing the **Marion Bridge sign** at the bridge. However no update is available from them.

THANK YOU!

We would like to close the January letter by thanking everyone who has donated to the hall, more specically to the bathroom project. It is very encouraging to see the community pulling together to support such a valuable community asset.

TEAM SPIRIT - together we are strong and successful!

Please find more information on www.marion-bridge.ca/council