

MORELL MATTERS

REMEMBRANCE DAY

On November 11, Remembrance Day, we thank and honour Canadian men and women who served on our behalf—some sacrificing their lives, to protect Canada at home and abroad.

Lest We Forget

The Rural Municipality of Morell, in partnership with the Morell–St. Peter's Legion Branch 26, veterans community, active duty members of Canadian Forces and RCMP, invites everyone to a Remembrance Day ceremony on November 11, beginning with the parade and march past, at 10:45 a.m. at the Morell cenotaph.

RESCUE AT SEA

A joint operation by the Morell Fire Department and the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary resulted in the rescue of a solo sailor whose vessel capsized off Red Head Harbour on Sunday evening, October 19. Authorities received an SOS call from the Joint Rescue Coordination Centre (JRCC) in Halifax at approximately 8 p.m., reporting a vessel in distress. Morell Fire Department members—Gary MacAdam and Tyler MacLaren, manning a small rescue boat, arrived at the harbour simultaneously with Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary Captain David Sansom.

The two vessels immediately set off toward the incident site near the entrance into the harbour. They located the distressed sailboat, identified as the Hattori Hanzi, capsized on an eastern sandbar. Battling the surf firemen MacLaren and MacAdam navigated the rescue boat, taking a pounding from the waves as they approached the capsized sailboat. Captain Sansom positioned his auxiliary vessel on the windward side, using it as a crucial shield against the relentless surf.

Firefighter Gary MacAdam, who also happens to hold a public safety portfolio as a municipal councillor, recounted instructing the sailor to prepare to jump. The first attempt at a pickup was thwarted by strong wind and waves, which drove the rescue boat east of the target site. A second attempt, aided by expert maneuvering, was successful.

“I did not think anyone was coming,” Jonathan Langdale, who had sailed from Montreal, told his rescuers as they crossed the bar to safer waters. With Jonathan safely aboard, the rescue teams elected to use the waves to their advantage returning to Red Head Harbour. Upon their return to shore, multiple emergency agencies were on standby to assist, including the St. Peter's Fire Department, EMS, and RCMP.

First responders Dave Morris and Ross MacDonald ensured the rescued captain received an immediate medical check. The successful joint operation underscores the bravery and coordination of the local emergency services.

While Jonathan awaits for repairs of his sailboat to be completed, he enjoys Morell's hospitality and thanks all community members who welcomed and assisted him.



MORELL PUBLIC LIBRARY

Every Wednesday, at 10:30 a.m. we are hosting **Read, Sing, Play Storytimes**. (*recommended for ages 0–5*).

On Saturday, November 15, at 11 a.m., join us to create your own Labubu from paper at the **Kids' Labubu Craft!** (*recommended for ages 6–12*).

On Wednesday, November 12, at 11 a.m., Service Canada will hold an information session on **Canadian Disability Benefit and Dental Care Plan**. Participants will learn about this new benefit, how to apply and how it is linked with the Disability Tax Credit.

On Saturday, November 22, at 11 a.m., we will be hosting **Creative Calm: Neurographic Art Session** for adults. No art experience required!

The Morell library accepts non-perishable food donations for its **Community Cupboard**. Donations may be dropped off at the circulation desk. Library card is not required to access the Community Cupboard!

All Morell Public Library programs are free to attend. If you require more information, feel free to reach out or stop by the library. Our hours of operation are as follows:

Tuesday 2:30–6 p.m.

Wednesday 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Thursday 2:30–6 p.m.

Saturday 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

We hope to see you soon at 89 Red Head Rd. Sarah MacLeod, Branch Technician is also available via email at morell@gov.pe.ca or by phone at 902.961.3389.

ST. PETER'S CIRCLE CLUB SENIORS

The regular monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, November 20 at 1 p.m. The Club is selling raffle tickets for a Christmas basket valued at about \$300. Tickets are 3 for \$5, available from members. The draw will be on December 11 at the club's Christmas Dinner.

For more information or club rentals please call 902.961.2670. Regular weekly Club activities are:

Mondays, 1 p.m.–Games Day (\$2, tea/snack)

Tuesdays, 10 a.m.–Crokinole (\$4)

Wednesdays, 7 p.m.–Cards (\$5, progressive 45's)

Fridays, 7 p.m.–Ceilidh music and dance (\$5)

MORELL CO-OP

Morell Co-op would like to thank all participants of the 50/50 draw. The October draw winners are Christopher Acorn, Blaine Laybolt and Red MacKenzie. Morell Co-op will be closed on November 11, Remembrance Day. Winter hours are as follows:

Monday through Friday 8 a.m.–7 p.m.

Saturday 8 a.m.–6 p.m.

Sunday 12 p.m.–6 p.m.

INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE

The phase one of upgrades to the courts located at the Morell Regional High School has been completed. This phase included clearing of the vegetation around the fence line, and asphaltting and painting of the courts. Further upgrades will take place next summer.

MORELL LIONS JUNIOR C

Come out to cheer our Morell Lions Junior C team at their home games at the Morell Credit Union Rink. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 for adults. The November home games schedule is as follows:

- November 7 vs Pownal
- November 14 vs Tignish
- November 21 vs Sherwood

SAVE THE DATE

Morell Annual Christmas Dinner will be held on Saturday, December 13, at 6:30 p.m., at the Morell Fire Hall. All proceeds will go to the Morell Fire Truck Fund. Tickets are \$40 each.

Morell Children's Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 7, at 1 p.m., at the Morell Fire Hall.