

IMPORTANT COMMUNITY NOTICE

August 7, 2025

We were very fortunate the recent fire that started in Morganville was extinguished quickly. This fire was very close to our community, and had it continued, could have had devastating effects for BRFN.

While BRFN Community is Federal, we will be following the province's guidelines as forest fires know no boundaries.

Here is a breakdown of some of the details regarding the most recent release:

- The ban applies to open fires such as campfires, bonfires, brush fires, fires in chimeneas and any other fire that is not enclosed and uses wood as the fuel (Unlike gas or charcoal fires, sparks could escape from an open wood fire and cause a wildfire). Non-woodburning devices like charcoal and gas barbeques and gas stoves are allowed to be used, following manufacturer's instructions.
- Public: Hiking, camping, fishing, & the use of vehicles* in the woods are not permitted. Trail systems through woods are off limits. Camping is allowed only in campgrounds. While the restrictions are in place, people can still access beaches and parks, but not the trail systems. Private landowners are free to use their own properties but cannot host others to use wooded areas of their properties.
- Industry: Forestry, mining and any commercial activity on provincial Crown lands are also restricted.

***vehicles - also refers to ATVs, Dirt Bikes, and any other recreational vehicle**

If you have questions or require further information, you can contact the Department of Natural Resources to clarify – 902-245-2164

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our community as safe as possible.

If there is a change the Chief and Council will update; otherwise, please follow the Provincial Burn restrictions.

Website: www.novascotia/burnsafe/

BRFN P-12 SCHOOL UPDATE

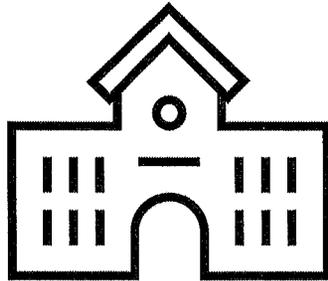
We are pleased to announce construction on the new school has begun.

Dora Construction has been working very quickly to complete the initial stages.

They will be working with tight deadlines to get as much work done as possible before winter. This will allow for continued progress through the colder months with minimal disruption.

Our goal remains for the students to start their school year in their new building in September of 2026.

Reminder, the area is now considered a construction site and is not open to public.



POTENTIAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Throughout the course of construction of the new school, there will be many contractors and trades people working for Dora Construction.

If you are interested in working for one of these contractors or trades people, please submit your name, contact information, capabilities and availability to: The Band Administrator, who will pass on your information to Dora Construction.

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WILDFIRE UPDATES

With the surrounding wildfires, this is a good opportunity for our community members to think about and prepare a list of items that you would possibly need in the event of an evacuation.

The Chief and Council have an emergency measures plan and have been working on a more in-depth evacuation plan.

Below, is an example list to pack, should you receive an alert or word from the EMO team to prepare for evacuation:

- All medication
- Medical equipment, batteries
- Wallet/Purse
- Personal clothing for three days
- Cell phone and chargers
- Personal papers – birth certificates, passports, etc.
- Don't forget about your Pets and their needs such as food and water.

If you are planning to leave the Community for an outing (vacation, trip) please let a member of Council, Band Admin or a reliable family member know so in case of an emergency we can account for your household.

AIR QUALITY

If air quality starts to decline, please stay inside if you can, keep doors and windows closed and turn off your air exchanger.

Thank you for your cooperation. Please continue to be mindful and safe.

The Chief and Council have activated EMO and will send out more information as necessary.

When you have time to think you have time to determine what is important

Mental Health Awareness



Staying Mentally Strong During Burn and Woods Bans in Atlantic Canada

Image: Shelburne County,
Nova Scotia wildfires in 2023

Where to Go for Help



Hope for Wellness Helpline

For all Indigenous Peoples
1-855-242-3310



Suicide Crisis Helpline

Call or text 9-8-8 anytime



Kids Help Phone

1-800-668--6868
Text CONNECT to 686868



Canada.ca/mental-health

Find free, national and local mental
health and substance use resources

Understand What You're Feeling

RECOGNIZE normal
emotions and reactions:

- uncertainty
- helplessness
- excessive anxiety
- irritability or anger

Tips:

Maintain normal routines -
eat well, stay hydrated,
keep moving!



Maintain links to
community, family &
cultural supports.

