

An aerial photograph showing a wide river flowing through a lush green landscape. A white truss bridge spans the river in the distance. On the left bank, there are several houses and a tall white tower. The right bank is densely forested with some buildings visible. The sky is clear and blue.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT,
COMMUNICATIONS & RECREATION**

MONTHLY REPORT

August 2026

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Rexton Sports & Recreation Centre

- **Programs**

Youth Fitness – The instructor is a personal trainer and holistic nutritionist with over 10 years of experience. This program will provide appropriate strength training, speed and agility drills, and help build confidence in our youth.

This schedule has now come to an end and the new schedule will begin on September 8.

Schedule – Tuesday 9am & 10am, Thursday 9am & 10am (registration required)

Jiu-Jitsu Kent County – This program will provide a comprehensive curriculum dedicated to empowering students of all skill levels through technical mastery, physical conditioning, and mental resilience.

Schedule – Wednesday 6pm-7pm (Youth) & 7pm-8:30pm (Adult), Saturday 9am-10am (Youth) & 10am-11:30am (Adult)

- **Kent Curling** – Meeting with Kent Curling regarding MOU. Final copy to be signed in September. Order placed with The Curling Store using funding through Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture – Regional Grant Program of \$5000. This equipment will be specifically for Little Rocks to help our youth stay active and ensure they can continue the sport.

- **Outdoor Rink**

CLOSE FOR THE SEASON

Jumpstart has recently approved funding of \$5149.00 to the Municipality of Five Rivers for the outdoor rink to help purchase nets, skates, training equipment and hockey accessories for a Learn to Skate program.

Created Annual Report of the Rexton Sports & Recreation Centre which will be presented by Rob at the KRSC Board of Directors Meeting on September 24.

Splash Pad

- **Hours of Operation 9:00am to 9:00pm Every Day**
Shutdown is due at the end of September.

Carson's Landing

- **Open for the season**
- Season pass and Day pass sells at the office of Municipality of Five Rivers during regular office hours.
- Season pass and Day pass sells at Richibucto River Museum every day 9am to 4pm until 28 of August.

Bonar Law Common

- **Bonar Law Common Summer Camp**

Week	Start (Mon)	End (Fri)	Themes	Fee
Week 1	Jun-29	Jul-03	Nature Explorers	\$60
Week 2	Jul-06	Jul-10	Art & Creativity	\$75
Week 3	Jul-13	Jul-17	Music & Dance	\$75
Week 4	Jul-20	Jul-24	Little Chefs	\$75
Week 5	Jul-27	Jul-31	Sports Olympics	\$75
Week 6	Aug-04	Aug-07	Water Fun	\$60
Week 7	Aug-10	Aug-14	Mystery Week	\$75
Week 8	Aug-17	Aug-21	Carnival	\$75
Week 9	Aug-24	Aug-28	Celebration Party	\$75

- **Weekly Activity at Bonar Law Common in August**

Monday – Yoga in the morning – 2 Sessions – \$10 per class

Tuesday – Weekly Painting – 2pm to 4pm – \$10 per class (With supplies and snacks)

Wednesday – Hand-made Crafting in the morning – 10am to 11:30am

Thursday – Tea Party in the barn with Rug Hooking – 1pm to 3pm

Friday – Yarn Spinner – 1pm to 3pm

Have recently been in touch with Anne Hamilton regarding approved contractors for the repairs at Bonar Law Common. A meeting is being scheduled with the province in the coming weeks to discuss the future of the site.

Rexton Ball Field

- **Open for the season**
- We have been accepting bookings for the ball field.
- **U 13 Baseball Team / U 11 Baseball Team**
- Successfully coordinated and managed the weekly practice and game schedules for both the U13 and U11 baseball teams to maximize field availability and prevent conflicts
- Have received the new youth ball equipment through a Jumpstart Grant. While there was not much availability this year at the Rexton Ballfield to schedule the sessions, we did have the summer camp try out the equipment. More details to come for the 2027 “Learn to Play” program.

Events

- History Storytelling Event with Richibucto River Historical Society – August 20 – Bonar Law Common
- Bark in the Park – August 22 – Bonar Law Common

Upcoming Event

- Greater Kent County Multicultural Day – September 19 – Marina de Cocagne
- Truth and Reconciliation Tree Planting Ceremony – September 30 – Location TBD
- Karaoke/Disco Curling Event – Month of October – Recreation Centre
- Kent Family Resource – Family Palooza – October 3 – Recreation Centre

- Trunk or Treat / Haunted Trail BLMS Grad Fundraiser – October 24 – Bonar Law Common
- Christmas Crafting One-day Class – December 12 – Recreation Centre

Communication

- Bonar Law Common Facebook Marketing Strategy
- Milestone: Achieve 1,000 followers
- Build an active and engaged Bonar Law Common Facebook page with residents and the community by encouraging interaction, communication and trust-building.
- Performance Highlights (August 1 – 31)
Total Views: 85,984 | New Followers: 40
*The data presented in this report was obtained from the Facebook Business Account Professional Dashboard (Meta Platforms, Inc.).
- Weekly Facebook Posts for Community Events, Activities, and Summer Camp.
- Weekly Summer Student Introduction Post (Meet Our Summer Student Project).
- Managed Weekly Facebook content to increase museum awareness and support marketing initiatives.
- Developed and produced Tik-Tok style marketing videos to support promotional Bonar Law Common and Richibucto River Museum.
- Designed the quarterly municipal newsletter – Fall 2026. To be distributed during the week of September 14.
- Regularly monitored and updated the website
- Replied to emails, messages and comments on social media.

Community Garden

- Met with representatives from Kent Regional Service Commission to finalize purchases for equipment. Five Rivers has received a grant from the Youth Community Mobilization Grant - Kurdyak Family Foundation in the amount of \$3000. The goal of this funding is to purchase the tools and equipment needed to run and maintain the community garden. The vegetables grown will also be used for workshops on planting, growing, harvesting, blanching, preserving, and canning.
- KRSC will help lead workshops at Bonar Law Common, as well as in local schools or with students visiting the garden.
- The garden will be volunteer run with support from KRSC and myself. We plan to harvest approximately once a month. Some of the produce will go to volunteers, some will be used for workshops, and the rest will be donated to the Kent County Food Bank. This project will provide hands-on learning opportunities while also providing fresh produce to the community.
- Food workshops will be held in the kitchen at the Rexton Sports & Recreation Centre.

Summer Students

- Summer Student Employment: Managed an initial team of 8 summer students. Following the mid-season departure of one student due to personal reasons, operations and workloads were successfully reallocated among the remaining 7 team members to ensure minimal disruption to daily tasks.
- We have 1 museum interpreter, 2 Summer camp leaders, 4 recreational/summer camp assistant in August
- They continued working through August 28.

- Richibucto River Museum & Gift shop: The facility is closed for the season on August 28 due to the conclusion of summer student employment.
- Implement an anonymous Exit Survey for departing summer students to gather actionable insights, evaluate program effectiveness, and refine operational plans for future summer students' program.
- **Improvement**
- Establishing clear rules, a structured framework, and a dedicated training session with first-day orientation for summer students in 2027.
- To set many summer students up for success, the Recreation Coordinator would like to request enrollment in a foundational leadership or management training course tailored for first-time supervisors.
- Potential Annual Summer Camper Recognition & Free Week Giveaway Program.
- During July and August, the Recreation Coordinator experienced a high workload driven by summer camp operations, summer student supervision, weekly activities, Facebook marketing postings for the Bonar Law Common, and daily responsibilities. To ensure operational efficiency and support, we are seeking to hire a summer student assistant for her.
- Created an EXIT survey for the students allowing them to give anonymous, truthful feedback.

Other

- **Summer Camp Collaboration**
 - **August 14**
- We hosted a special collaboration with Kent RSN where campers sampled four diverse culinary dishes: Fricot (Traditional Acadian), three varieties of Korean snacks, Belgian chocolate mousse, and Filipino stir-fried noodles.
- Kent RSN (Rural Settlement Network) is the local Kent County chapter of a province-wide initiative led by the New Brunswick Multicultural Council (NBMC). The goal is to support, connect, and improve settlement services for newcomers living in rural and Francophone areas like Kent County.
 - **August 27**
- Campers experienced a dynamic youth fitness initiative featuring targeted strength and agility training, where over a decade of personal training and holistic nutrition expertise helped them build both athletic skills and self-assurance.
- **Richibucto River Museum & Gift Shop**
- We Successfully recruited 16 local vendors to sell their handmade products in the museum.
- Final sales reports and vendor payouts are scheduled for September.
- This provided a wonderful opportunity to showcase local artisans within the Richibucto River Museum.
- Total sales of \$1,859.50, with a 10% commission of \$185.95 and \$1,673.55, will be paid out separately to individual gift shop vendors.
- **Greater Kent County Multicultural Day**
- Kent County Multicultural Committee: Actively participated in committee meetings, contributing strategic ideas and recommendations for cultural initiatives.

- Youth Dance Team Leadership: Founded and currently serve as the Director of the newly established youth dance team for opening ceremony on Greater Kent Multicultural day, overseeing training, development, and upcoming performance coordination.

Other

- Collaborated with Paul LeBlanc to host a babysitting course at the Rexton Sports & Recreation Centre on September 26. Registration is now open. This session will be for a max of 24 participants.
- Currently working with Mike Dawson's team to set a date for a community BBQ at Bonar Law Common.
- Currently working with the Regional Cultural Development Committee to hold an engagement session in Five Rivers for feedback on the Cultural Policy draft.

Minseong - Attended

Tuesday, August 11

- Wednesday Crafting Activity Meeting – Bonar Law Common

Wednesday, August 12

- Réunion comité journée multiculturelle / Multicultural day committee meeting – Kent Regional Service Commission in Richibucto

Thursday, August 13

- Summer Camp Collaboration Meeting – Richibucto Public Library

Friday, August 14

- Summer Camp Collaboration Event with Kent RSN – Bonar Law Common

Monday, August 17

- 2027 Weekly Activity Meeting – Richibucto River Museum

Wednesday, August 19

- Upcoming Fall Activities Meeting with Kent RSN – Richibucto River Museum

Tuesday, August 25

- Summer Students Appreciation Meal – Bonar Law Common

Marley – Attended

*****Vacation from July 27 – August 10**

Tuesday, August 18

- Community Garden Meeting – Five Rivers Office

Thursday, August 20

- Old Photos and Stories – An event by the Richibucto Historical Society – Bonar Law Common

Monday, August 24

- Meeting with Kent Curling – MOU – Five Rivers Office

Tuesday, August 25

- Meeting with Kent Curling – Follow-up MOU – Five Rivers Office