



March 2026

## M.B. Council AGM

Thank you to everyone who attended the Marion Bridge Council Annual General Meeting on Sunday, February 22 at the Community Hall. The by-laws state that all board members must resign, followed by an election of a new board; however, Board members are eligible to be re-elected for additional terms. At the September 2025 Council meeting, a nominating/recruitment committee was formed to search for potential Board candidates. Several Board members did not reoffer, and we thank them for their time and dedication over the past number of years. A new board position, past president, was added to the Board to provide continuity. Scott MacLeod, president since 2023, will assume this role. In addition to Scott, we thank Adam Young, Patsy MacQueen, and Bernie MacInnis for their contributions, and although they are no longer serving on the Board, they all indicated that they would continue to lend a hand when possible. We also thank the 2026 Marion Bridge Council Board for stepping forward.

President - Delia MacDonald  
Vice President - Kenneth MacKeigan  
Treasurer - Robert Cunningham  
Secretary - Debi Walker  
Past President - Scott MacLeod  
Directors - Jo-Anne Gillis, Eddie Niedzielski, Marilynn Zisseron (representing Mira Gala), Warren Zisseron  
If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know. Email: MBcouncil2022@hotmail.com

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## Neighbourhood Watch

Earlier this year, several residents indicated interest in a Neighborhood Watch program for the area. District 7 Councillor Steve Parsons initiated the process along with Const. Gary Fraser. A meeting is scheduled for **6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 22**, at the Marion Bridge Community Hall where Steve and Const. Fraser will discuss the program and offer guidance and support. We encourage everyone to attend as we work together toward a safer community.

## Community Events

- **Tarabish** - Tuesdays @ 7:00p -Marion Bridge Community Hall & Thursdays @ 7:30pm-St. Margaret Community Hall, Grand Mira
- **Guitar Circle** - Every Friday @ 7:00pm - Marion Bridge Community Hall (19&over)
- **Ladies Pickleball** - Every Sunday @ 1:00pm - Marion Bridge Community Hall
- **Yoga with Christa Trainer:** Chair 6-7pm; Gentle Mat 7:15-8:15 \* 6 weeks beg. March 25. \$50 or \$12/class \* Mira Centre \* To register, phone: 902-322-9096
- **TLC Bottle Drive**- April 3 10am-12noon @ MB School
- **Fish Cake & Beans** - April 3 from 4pm-6pm \* Grand Mira Community Hall \* Adults \$18, Children \$10
- **Easter Weekend at Two Rivers Wildlife Park** - April 4-6
- **The Turnbull Brothers** - April 11 @ 7pm - Marion Bridge Community Hall. Tickets: 902-304-1798
- **Story Telling (Home Remedies)** \* April 19 @ 2pm - Mira Centre
- **Grand Mira Chase the Ace** returns in April - info to follow.

Together we can make a difference.

## History Lesson

Did you know that it's **50 years** since the Marion Bridge Community Hall was built? The official sod turning took place in December 1975 with construction getting underway the following spring. The project was overseen by the Marion Bridge Recreation Association and was a welcome addition to our growing community. The federal, provincial, and municipal governments provided funding/in-kind support, and many local tradespeople were involved with the construction. Fund raisers helped to offset costs—dances, concerts, ticket draws, and a litter-a-thon, to name a few. Since then, there were several additions and renovations - the stage was added, washroom upgrades, a side access area was constructed, sound improvements, and most recently, the kitchen renovation.

The Marion Bridge Council was originally called the Marion Bridge Recreation Association, formed in May 1975, with a main executive as well as a youth executive.

President: Herb Shannon  
Vice President: Vacant  
Secretary: Marlene MacDonald  
Treasurer: Rev. Blake Caldwell  
Fundraising Chair: Wells Woodill  
Directors: Archie MacPhee, Phyllis Keating, Donnie MacLeod, John R. MacKinnon, Archie Gillis, Rannie MacLean

### Youth Executive

President: Debi MacDonald (Walker)  
Vice President: Lynn MacLeod (Fillmore)  
Treasurer: Keith Woodill  
Secretary: Buddy MacKeigan

Karen Huntington took over as Association president in 1977. In addition to the executive, many Marion Bridge and area families supported and played an active role in the Association's endeavors. Membership was \$5.00 per family yearly. Working together, several projects were successfully completed.

- Rink area paved, boards repaired/replaced
- Rink house was painted
- Youth activities and teen dances organized
- Building committee formed to initiate construction of a community hall
- Community surveyed re programs/concerns
- Tennis courts readied for use
- Official opening planned
- Mira Gala named and became an annual event. The Mira Gala 1976 chair was Wilma Huntington.

## Mira Gala 2026 Sneak Peak

We're excited to announce that plans are well underway for **Mira Gala 2026!** Mark your calendars for June 7 at 6:00 pm and join us at the annual Kick-off Party



where we'll announce this year's sponsors and unveil the 2026 program. As usual, there will be basket draws (donated by area residents), tea, coffee and treats. It's also your chance to donate and/or sign up to volunteer to help with this year's events. And most importantly, it's a great time to get together with your neighbours and share in the excitement.

In other Gala news, we're thrilled that the **Guitar Circle** will be back again this year (Friday, June 26) and **KitchenFest** will also be returning (Saturday, June 27) with an impressive line-up of entertainers - Evans & Doherty, Allie Bennett, Kenneth MacKenzie, and Adam Young. Tickets for KitchenFest Marion Bridge Concert now available through Eventbrite and after April 12<sup>th</sup> at community events or by calling 902-727-2430.



*Evans & Doherty - a lively blend of traditional, original and contemporary songs, with a liberal sprinkling of stories and humor.*

## Mira Gala 2026 Supports Molly's Mission

Each year Mira Gala chooses a charity to sponsor. This year we are raising funds for Molly's Mission. Molly's Dad, Jeff Wadden, is a regular at the Marion Bridge Guitar Circle - "Molly's desire to 'Make a Difference' in lives of other critically ill children is **MOLLY'S MISSION.**" The Gala Committee purchased \$500 worth of gift certificates from local businesses. Watch for tickets to go on sale at local events soon. Jeff will draw the winning ticket at our closing concert at Two Rivers Wildlife Park on July 5<sup>th</sup> and he may even play a few tunes!

