

PROGRAMS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Please be aware that COVID-19 rules and regulations apply to all programs and activities (mask wearing, physical distancing, hand hygiene, etc.) All programs and activities are subject to change. Please check our social media accounts or give us a call for any updates.

NATURE WALK

Give your child the opportunity to explore nature and discover the beauty it offers us. During this event, we will get up close with textures, colours and smells in different environments.

Age: 12 and under
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Cost: FREE!



When: Saturday, November 7, 2020 (Rain Date: November 8)
Where: Mavillette Beach (Parking lot civic 395)

When: November 21, 2020 (Rain Date November 28)
Where: Wentworth Park (Civic 1558 Highway 340)



NOVEMBER FALL CHALLENGE

We're challenging you to a month-long photo hunt! Every day during the month of November, we will post a riddle on our social media pages and you must take a photo of the answer! Gather your friends, or go solo. Submit your photos by Friday, December 4 at 4:00 p.m. for a chance to win! Those who do not have access to social media can request to receive daily riddles via e-mail or call Recreation Services at 902-769-2031.



MOVE IT OR LOSE IT!

Come join us for some fun recreational activities! This program is made possible in partnership with the Province of Nova Scotia, La société acadienne de Clare and Université Sainte-Anne. All programs are open to all ages and are suited for all levels of activity.

PICKLEBALL

Pickleball is a paddleball sport that combines elements of badminton, table tennis and tennis. All necessary equipment provided! Please wear clean indoor shoes.

When: Mondays
Time: 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Where: Clare Veterans Centre
Cost: FREE!



AQUAFIT

Join us for a fun water-based workout! Réanne Titus will lead a 30-minute class followed by stretching and water running. **Registration is required.**

When: Wednesdays and Fridays
Time: 10:50 a.m. - 11:35 a.m.
Where: Université Sainte-Anne
Cost: Call for details 902-769-2031

COVE TO CAPE HIKE

Join us for a scenic hike along the cliffs from Bear Cove to Cape St. Mary. This 7KM hike (one-way) takes you along the same route our ancestors followed. **Registration is required.** We will meet at the Lighthouse Park and be bused to Bear Cove. Please dress warm, wear appropriate footwear and bring water and snacks.

When: Saturday, November 28, 2020 (Rain Date November 29)
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Where: 59 Lighthouse Rd, Cape Saint Mary
Cost: FREE!

ADULT SKATE

It's time to lace up your skates! Older adults and parents/caregivers with infants or toddlers are welcome! Strollers may be used on the ice and skate trainers are provided on site or can be borrowed from Clare Recreation.

When: Tuesday mornings
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Where: Université Sainte-Anne's arena
Cost: \$3.00 or pay what you can



INDOOR WALKING PROGRAM

Escape the winter conditions and walk comfortably around the gymnasium of Université Sainte-Anne. **Registration is required.**

Please wear clean indoor shoes.

Walking program is cancelled when the campus is closed (storm days and holidays)

When: Tuesdays and Thursdays
Time: 11:50 a.m. to 12:50 p.m.
Where: Université Sainte-Anne
Cost: FREE!

LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE

You're invited to our annual lighting of the Christmas tree! This event will be held outdoors at the Municipal office. Enjoy lights, music, hot chocolate, cookies and a visit from Santa! Bring your Christmas wish list and drop it off in Santa's mailbox.

When: Friday, December 4, 2020
 (Rain date: December 5)
 Time: 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
 Where: Municipal office
 Cost: FREE!



CHRISTMAS IN HAVELOCK

Join us for some outdoor Christmas fun! Games, hot chocolate, cookies, music and more! Bring your Christmas wish list to drop in Santa's mailbox.

When: Saturday, December 5, 2020
 (Rain date: December 6)
 Time: 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 Where: Havelock Community Centre
 (Civic 4628 Highway 340)
 Cost: FREE!



RBC SKATE WITH SANTA

Santa will be lacing up his skates to make a special appearance at Université Sainte-Anne arena! A fun activity for the whole family. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, those who wish to participate **MUST REGISTER** for one of the time slots.



When: Saturday, December 12, 2020
 Time: 2:00 p.m. - 2:50 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. - 3:50 p.m.
 Where: Université Sainte-Anne's arena
 Cost: FREE!

COMMUNITY RECREATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Community Recreation Assistance Program is primarily designed to provide financial assistance to help offset the cost related to participating in recreation programs for the benefit of residents of the Municipality of Clare.

CANADIAN TIRE JUMPSTART PROGRAM

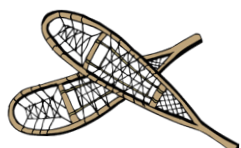
Canadian Tire believes all kids should have the chance to run, skate, play and grow. That's why they have created Canadian Tire JumpStart, a community based charitable program from the Canadian Tire Foundation for families to help kids in need participate in organized sport and recreational activities.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Clare Community Calendar is a great tool for discovering what is going on in your community or for announcing your community event. For more information, visit www.clarenovascotia.com/en/clare-community-calendar.

EQUIPMENT LOAN PROGRAM

The Equipment Loan Program provides individuals or groups the opportunity to experience a new sport or activity without making a financial investment in equipment. Equipment loans include:



- GPS (a refundable \$25 deposit is required)
- Variety of balls
- Tennis racquets
- Children's skating helmets
- Lifejackets
- Nordic walking poles
- Snowshoes
- Children's skates
- Ice skating trainers



DECEMBER ADVENT CALENDAR

Keep the entire family entertained while counting down the days to the holidays with crafts, activities, recipes, and more! Follow along for daily posts on our social media or get your calendar in advance at the Municipal office (available as of November 23). Want to make sure you're prepared? All activities can be completed with common household items or you can register to receive a fully stocked kit. All kits must be picked up between November 23 and December 4.

JANUARY WINTER CHALLENGE

Let's start 2021 on the right foot! Collect your challenge sheet from the Municipal office or print it off at home. The challenge will include various wellness activities to fulfill your physical and mental health. Challenge sheets will be available as of December 14. Prizes to be won!

MULTISPORT

Did you know that children who engage regularly in sports tend to sleep better, maintain focus at school and have generally better behaviour? We want to help your child reach their potential through sport! 5 months, 5 sports, 1 registration. **Contact Recreation Services for more information at 902-769-2031.**

When: January 2021 - May 2021
 Cost: \$100



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

LEADERSHIP TRAINING GRANT PROGRAM

(Formerly known as the Francophone Coaching & Officiating Development Program)
 This funding program's objective is to increase the opportunity to support coaches, officials, community sport groups and individual leaders in their pursuit in NCCP and non NCCP training and professional development.

KIDSPORT

KidSport is a national children's program that helps them overcome financial barriers that prevent or limit their participation in organized sport. They will provide up to \$300 per child for sports registration and/or equipment.



RONNIE LEBLANC APPOINTED WARDEN, COUNCILLORS SWORN IN, AT CEREMONY AT MUNICIPALITY OF CLARE

The official swearing in ceremony on Wednesday, October 28, Ronnie LeBlanc of District 7 was unanimously appointed Warden of the Municipality of Clare for a third mandate. The year 2020 marks 20 years in municipal politics for Mr. LeBlanc. He has held the position of Warden since 2012.

"It has been my honour to work for the residents of Clare over these last 20 years," says Mr. LeBlanc. "I look forward to sitting at the table with Council, municipal staff and business and community stakeholders to continue to find solutions to our challenges and to promote and celebrate our achievements."

Yvon LeBlanc of District 8, who is serving his second term on Council, was appointed Deputy Warden. Councillors Nil Doucet (District 1), Danny Hill (District 2), Carl Deveau (District 4), Brian Comeau (District 5) Eric Pothier (District 6) and newly elected Councillor Philippe Gaudet (District 3) were also sworn in.

Priorities for Council for the Municipality of Clare include the completion of a high-speed rural Internet project, overseeing a study

on low-income housing, improving accessibility in Clare's public spaces, encouraging a healthy economy through tourism, business opportunities and immigration, ongoing doctor recruitment and preparing for the 2024 *Congrès mondial acadien*.



(left to right): Councillor Ni Doucet (district 1), Councillor Philippe Gaudet (district 3), Councillor Carl Deveau (district 4), Councillor Danny Hill (district 2), Warden Ronnie LeBlanc (district 7), Councillor Eric Pothier (district 6), Councillor Brian Comeau (district 5) and Deputy Warden Yvon LeBlanc (district 8)

OFFICIAL RESULTS FOR 2020 MUNICIPAL AND CSAP ELECTIONS IN CLARE

The official results for the 2020 municipal and CSAP elections in Clare are as follows (* Incumbent):

DISTRICT 1

- Blerina BERBERI – 78 votes
- Nil DOUCET* – 443 votes

Total votes: 521; participation rate: 55.5 percent

DISTRICT 2

- Danny HILL – ACCLAIMED

DISTRICT 3

- Félix (à Innocent) COMEAU – 145 votes
- Lisa DOUCETTE – 116 votes
- Philippe GAUDET – 244 votes
- Philip MEUSE – 30 votes

Total votes: 535; participation rate: 64.5 percent

DISTRICT 4

- Carl DEVEAU – ACCLAIMED

DISTRICT 5

- Brian COMEAU – ACCLAIMED

DISTRICT 6

- Kevin COMEAU – 220 votes
- Shawna COMEAU – 134 votes
- Eric POTHIER* – 248 votes

Total votes: 602; participation rate: 73.2 percent

DISTRICT 7

- Ronnie LEBLANC – ACCLAIMED

DISTRICT 8

- Yvon LEBLANC – ACCLAIMED

CSAP

- Michel (à Earl) COMEAU – 1145 votes
- Marcel COTTREAU* – 1380 votes
- Leon DUGAS – 610 votes
- Rachelle LEBLANC – 1408 votes

Voter turnout in contested districts remained unchanged compared to the 2016 municipal and school board election at 64 percent.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, polling locations for the 2020 municipal and CSAP elections on October 17 were reduced to two—the Meteghan Fire Hall and the Municipal Office. A number of public health protocols were implemented to ensure the safety of voters and of election workers, including required social distancing, the wearing of face masks and frequent sanitizing of surfaces.

Electronic voting was also made available to voters in the 2020 election. Of all votes cast, 86 percent were submitted online and by telephone, compared to 67 percent of electronic votes in 2016.

Thank you to all who participated in the 2020 municipal and school board elections, and congratulations to the winning candidates!

VIRTUAL CEREMONY HELD IN HONOUR OF VOLUNTEERS IN CLARE

On October 6, the Municipality of Clare's Recreation Services Department thanked all nominees for the 2020 Volunteer of the Year award. In lieu of the traditional banquet supper, a virtual ceremony was broadcast on the department's Facebook page. The names and photos of the 2020 volunteer nominees were also featured on the LED sign at the Clare Veterans Centre. Congratulations to all volunteers!

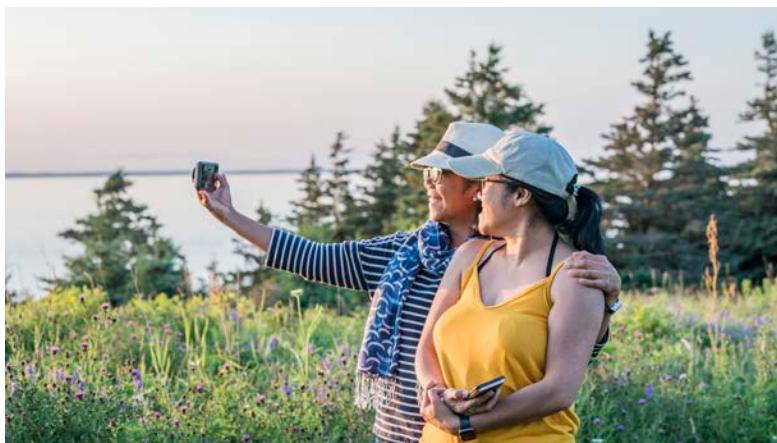
RONNIE LEBLANC HONOURED WITH LONG SERVICE AWARD FOR 20 YEARS IN MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT



(left to right): Warden Ronnie LeBlanc and Chief Administrative Officer Stéphane Cyr

In 2020, Ronnie LeBlanc, Warden for the Municipality of Clare and Councillor for District 7, received a long service award from the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities for his 20 years of service. During the Regular Council Meeting on October 28, 2020, Chief Administrative Officer Stéphane Cyr presented him with a scroll of recognition.

WELCOMING FRANCOPHONE COMMUNITIES PILOT PROJECT KICKS OFF ON NATIONAL FRANCOPHONE IMMIGRATION WEEK



Coinciding with National Francophone Immigration Week from November 1 to 7, the Municipality of Clare and la Société acadienne de Clare proudly announced the signature of an agreement with the Department of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) that will promote the region as a welcoming Francophone community thanks to a three-year pilot project.

The IRCC will fund \$697,887 for projects and activities in Clare for 2020–2023, the duration of the project.

The goal of Communauté francophone accueillante (CFA) de Clare is to help make the community more welcoming for all and

to ensure that all members of the community (including employers, the host community, community leaders and local authorities) have a positive attitude towards newcomers, notably those who wish to settle in French.

“This project is designed to be driven by and for the community,” states Natalie Robichaud, Executive Director of la Société acadienne de Clare. “The more we share our stories with newcomers, the more we discover our commonalities, and the more we value the benefits of diversity.”

For more information, visit facebook.com/CFAclare/.

VAUGHNE MADDEN APPOINTED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE 7TH CONGRÈS MONDIAL ACADIEN



Vaughne Madden, Executive Director of the Congrès mondial acadien 2024.

The Congrès mondial acadien 2024 Organizing Committee (COC-MA 2024) is proud to announce that Vaughne Madden took office on September 14 as Executive Director of the CMA 2024.

As Director of the 2004 and 2019 CMAs, Ms. Madden brings much experience directly related to the organization of the next CMA in addition to her achievements in the management and promotion of organizations.

Ms. Madden affirms, “The years of preparation are as important as the event itself in terms of the impact of the CMA at all levels. I am proud to return to work in my home community.”

PREPARING YOUR WASTE FOR PICKUP

It is provincial law that certain waste items be kept out of landfills and be disposed of properly. To avoid having your garbage, recycling or compost rejected on collection day, make sure to follow these sorting tips:

- Garbage must be placed in clear bags (no colour). One solid black or green bag is allowed per household if necessary.
- Recyclables must be separated into two blue transparent bags: one for paper products and one for glass, plastic and metal.
- Only use paper or cardboard liners in your green cart. No biodegradable “plastic” liners.

For more information, contact the Municipality of Clare at 902-769-2031 or visit wastecheck.ca