

THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF “RENDEZ-VOUS DE LA BAIE” IS A HUGE SUCCESS



The “Rendez-vous de la Baie” officially opened August 13th with over 250 people in attendance. This municipal project encompassed funding from: Canadian Heritage, Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency, the National Film Board of Canada, Nova Scotia Acadian Affairs, Nova Scotia Tourism, Culture and Heritage, NS Economic Development, *Université Sainte-Anne*, *Caisse populaire de Clare* and the Municipality of Clare.

Federal, Provincial, Municipal representatives, key partners,

numerous volunteers and staff that contributed towards this project since day one joined the crowd to celebrate this memorable event.

This Acadian cultural and interpretive centre houses Exhibit Halls depicting Acadian culture, a year-round Visitor Information Centre, an Internet Café, an Art Gallery, a Theatre with e-Cinema technology, a Souvenir-Gift Boutique and a Community Bulletin Board. The centre is located on the Church Point campus of *Université Sainte-Anne*. ♦



Concerns? Questions? CONTACT YOUR COUNCILLOR

Jean Melanson – Warden

(649-2661/home; 769-8732/cellular)
Beaver River, Woodvale, Salmon River,
Mavillette (west), Cedar Lake, Springdale, Lake
Doucette, Mayflower, Hectanooga, Briar Lake
(to the Yarmouth County line) – District 8.

Ronnie LeBlanc – Deputy Warden

(645-2687)
Cape Saint-Mary, Mavillette (east), Saint
Alphonse and Meteghan (south) – District 7.

Russell Comeau (645-3035)

Meteghan (north), St Martin, Meteghan Centre,
parts of Meteghan River, St Benoni, parts of
Meteghan Station and Maxwellton – District 6.

Brian Comeau (769-0715)

Parts of Meteghan River, Lower Saulnierville,
Saulnierville (south), Bangor, parts of Meteghan
Station and parts of Maxwellton – District 5.

Arnold LeBlanc (769-3744)

Saulnierville (north), Saulnierville Station,
Comeauville, Little Brook (south), Little Brook
Station (south), Concession (south), Lower
Concession and parts of St Joseph – District 4.

Simon LeBlanc (769-3459)

Little Brook (north), Little Brook Station,
Church Point, Church Point Station and
Grosses Coques – District 3.

Danny Hill (837-5888)

Concession (north), Saint Joseph, Moodys Corner,
Richfield (to Yarmouth County line), Corberrie,
Margo, New Tusket, Havelock, Hassett, Hilltown,
Easton, Southville and Weaver Settlement
(to the Digby Municipal line) – District 2.

Nil Doucet (837-4324)

Belliveau Cove, Saint Bernard, New Edinburgh,
Ohio and Weaver Settlement (to the Digby
Municipal line) – District 1. ♦

Community Emergencies or Disasters: It's Best To Be Prepared

Council would like to remind citizens that the Municipality continues to work on providing the first level of response to a community-wide disaster or emergency with the help of its volunteers and staff that make up the Emergency Measures Operation Committee.

The committee works at educating the public about dealing with disasters or emergencies, and improving the Municipality's readiness to react to them. The Municipality wishes to thank the current and previous volunteers of Clare Emergency Measures Operation.

The Emergency Operations Centre for Clare is located in the building known as the “old Comeauville school”, where CIFA Radio Station is located. The Centre is backed-up by a generator to be fully operational during a power outage. It is equipped with various electronic equipment, high speed Internet,

satellite television, and other technology to access information required during the state of a municipal emergency.

In the event of a community-wide disaster or emergency, CIFA Radio Station at **104.1 FM** will be the primary mode of communication to relay important information to the public. The messages will be bilingual.

If you have any questions, contact the Clare EMO Coordinator André Valotaire at 769-2511 or the EMO Manager, CAO Connie Saulnier, at 769-2031. ♦



Cajun Cousins from Louisiana reconnect with their roots



Early August, a large group of Cajuns from Louisiana visited their Acadian cousins in Clare. Councillors and staff were pleased to welcome them at the Municipal Office. A long-time returning visitor from Louisiana, Mr. AJ LeBlanc (in photo above), was among the group. On this trip AJ brought with him 78-year old Vin Bruce for his first, long-awaited trip to Clare. Well know Cajun musician,



Vin Bruce (at right in photo above) is said to be the first musician to cut Cajun music on a major record label, the first to record Cajun music in Nashville and was inducted into the "Country Music Hall of Fame" in Nashville. On behalf of Council, Warden Melanson presented Mr. Vin Bruce with a Certificate of Citizenship, as well as a 'key' to the Municipality. Also in the photo above, Mr. Loyman Melançon of Louisiana. ♦

Security and peace of mind for seniors living at home

"Security for Seniors" is an interactive safety and information program for the elderly population of Clare, created in partnership with the Municipality and the Meteghan RCMP Detachment. For over five years H el ene Comeau has been the bilingual Coordinator for the Seniors Safety Program. She provides a wealth of information on personal safety and well-being, consumer frauds and scams, elder abuse, crime prevention methods, the Vial of Life™ program and more.

"This program enables seniors to feel safer in their own homes, offering them a peace of mind" says Sergeant Holmes of

the Meteghan RCMP. "Seniors and their families can benefit from these services by having their concerns addressed and questions answered."

Program Coordinator H el ene Comeau offers home visits, various educational workshops and public presentations. Ms. Comeau may be reached at the Meteghan RCMP office Monday to Friday (8 am to 4 pm) via email at helene.comeau@rcmp-grc.gc.ca or **645-2326**. The program is free to all seniors 55 and over. ♦



TOURISM DEPARTMENT

Rendez-vous de la Baie (RVB)
www.rendezvousdelabaie.com



Clare Community Calendar
Anne Downing **769-3655**
Internet Caf e **769-3674**
Tourism Development Officer:
Nicole Boudreau **769-1234**

Visitor Information Centre (VIC)

The VIC has been relocated to the RVB.
The new phone number is **769-2345**

Regional Tourism **1-902-742-8130**

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Participate and feel great!

Summer may be over but lots of exciting activities are planned for fall and winter. Check out the "Recreation" section on the Municipal Website where you can download the bilingual newsletter listing seasonal activities. Find out details about the upcoming Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, Skating with Santa, and free after-school activities by visiting:

www.clarenovascotia.com

Garbage, Recyclables and Compost

The Municipality is asking residents who were combining all recyclables in one bag to now separate paper recyclables from other items. Please bag your recyclable paper products (newspapers, flyers, envelopes, paper egg cartons, etc.) together in a blue bag, and your plastic, metal and glass (containers, bottles, jars, bags, food cans, aluminum plates, etc.) in another blue bag. This sorting method has been encouraged for a long time, but is now being enforced by Waste Check.

A reminder: bad weather, severe winds and poor road conditions can slow down garbage collection service. Please keep this in mind if garbage pick-up runs late. Important updates or changes in the pick-up schedule will be announced on CIFA Radio 104.1 FM.



During cold weather, contents of green carts can freeze to the inside of the cart, making it difficult for the machine to empty all the contents during dumping process. Wrapping food waste in newspaper & placing balled up paper on the bottom grate of the cart can help prevent the organic material from freezing to the cart. ♦

'Green' Conference planned for Clare

As part of the Municipality's master plan for community energy, an informative 'green', energy focused conference is planned for **December 1st** in Church Point. Check local newspapers for more information or contact Pam Thibault, Municipal Energy Coordinator, **769-3655**.

Clare Community Calendar

IT'S FREE

Non-profit organizations, groups, clubs, associations, as well as churches and individuals can advertise fundraisers, concerts, benefit dances, penny sales and yard sales free of charge on the *Clare Community Calendar*.

Register your events directly at www.rendezvousdelabaie.com or contact Anne Downing, **769-3655**. ♦

Toll Free Number for Assessments

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your upcoming 2011 property assessment please contact the PVSC Property Valuation Services Corporation assessment office at their toll free number, **1-800-532-8880**.

Please note that property assessments originate from the Province and do not come from the Municipal Office. Be sure to read the document for all the details regarding the deadline for assessment appeals. ♦

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