



Press Release
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The Municipality of Clare will create a Recycling facility for Digby County

Clare (Nova Scotia) – August 19th, 2011 – The Municipality of Clare is planning to open a *MRF* (Material Recovery Facility) in Meteghan in 2012. The proposed recycling facility will handle blue bag materials from the Municipality of Clare, the Municipality of the District of Digby and the Town of Digby.

The Municipality of Clare plans to use and retrofit an existing building on the site of its newly acquired industrial park (site of former Comeau Lumber Ltd.) in Meteghan for the recycling operations. Situated on Highway 1 in Meteghan, the proposed site is situated on land recently acquired by the Municipality at a May 2011 Municipal Tax Sale.

The new facility will process over one thousand metric tons of recyclable materials yearly. “Diverting these products from landfills is our responsibility as a municipality in Nova Scotia and the Municipality of Clare is excited to embark on this venture that fits very well into our plans to help grow our economy by supporting sustainable, environmentally friendly ventures”, stated Warden Jean Melanson.

An initial workforce of eight individuals will be needed to operate the facility that is slated to open in January 2012. In addition to the direct jobs created at the facility, the municipality is proud to support the talented and diverse manufacturers and trades people in our region by endeavoring to have the necessary equipment built locally.

The Municipality of Clare is continuing with its efforts to make ready the remainder of the site in order to be able to accommodate tenants in its industrial park. Negotiations are still underway with a company interested in modernizing and operating the lumber mill on site as well as with other prospective businesses looking to locate on site.

The creation of a plan for the site and power plant is also a priority for the Municipality of Clare. The Municipality ultimately envisions the on-site production of heat and power that could benefit the tenants of this future location aimed at industrial development.

Settled in 1768 and incorporated in 1879, **the Municipality of Clare** is the only municipality in the Province of Nova Scotia that conducts business and offers services in both official languages, French and English. With approximately 9,000 residents, the Municipality of Clare is located at the south-western tip of Nova Scotia.

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