



The Municipality is consulting the people of Clare for their input for the Municipal Strategic Plan

The Municipality is in the process of developing of an Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP) and a Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS). Many people have been contacted by the Planners of Terrain Group, hired by the Municipality, to discuss issues related to the greater community and its long-term vision.

In addition, a series of community discussions were held throughout Clare in August with over 65 people attending to talk about the important issues for Clare. The key questions that were asked focused on: the vision of a sustainable Clare; key strengths of the community; future developments and their locations; preservation of key natural areas; the best things about living in Clare; and Council's priorities for the next 5 to 10 years.

Categorized under 4 topics, the main community issues evident throughout the discussions are listed below under 'Themes'. As well, core community beliefs identified are listed under 'Values'.

Environment	Economy	Social	Culture
THEMES			
Public transportation; Protecting environment; Climate change.	Industrial development; Tourism & marketing; Eco/Environmental industry; Infrastructure to attract businesses.	Seniors' housing and care; Zoning; Better municipal communication; Promote community vibrancy.	Acadian culture is our strength; French Acadian language is essential to survival of culture.
VALUES			
Stewardship and connection to nature.	Entrepreneurship and creation of local economic solutions; Leadership.	Sense of community; Quality of life.	Importance of Acadian Culture and French Acadian language.

The August sessions were the first in a series of community discussions to be held until March 2010.

On Tuesday, October 27, a Supper Buffet and Group Discussion Sessions will be held at the Saulnierville Legion. The Supper Buffet (at no charge) will start at 5:30 pm, followed by group discussions. Everyone is welcome. Bring your appetite and your ideas!

At this Session, we will discuss what people have shared so far and look for ideas on what you feel are the greatest priorities for the Municipality. ♦

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The "Rendez-vous de la Baie" Art Gallery and Café will open its doors on Saturday October 31, 2009



An Art Gallery and Café (two segments of an exciting six-part municipal project), located within the "Rendez-vous de la Baie" complex in Church Point, will be opening its doors to the public for the very first time on Saturday, October 31 at 12 noon. Check local papers for more details regarding this exciting community event. Everyone is invited to attend.

The "Rendez-vous de la Baie" is a multi-faceted cultural centre and destination attraction for tourists and locals alike. The Art Gallery and Café will open

on October 31st and the remaining features of the centre, consisting of Acadian Interpretive Exhibits, Visitor Information Centre, Cinema, Craft Boutique and Meeting Room, are scheduled to be completed by next spring (May 2010).

Such a centre was identified as the number one priority in the Tourism sector for Clare. For almost ten years now, this Municipal Project has been in the planning and development stages and Municipality of Clare Councillors have supported the work of the Steering Committee made up of municipal, tourism, community, cultural, and business leaders.

Located at the Church Point campus of *Université Sainte-Anne*, in the Louis-R.-Comeau Library building, the Acadian Cultural Centre will become a key anchor attraction in Clare.

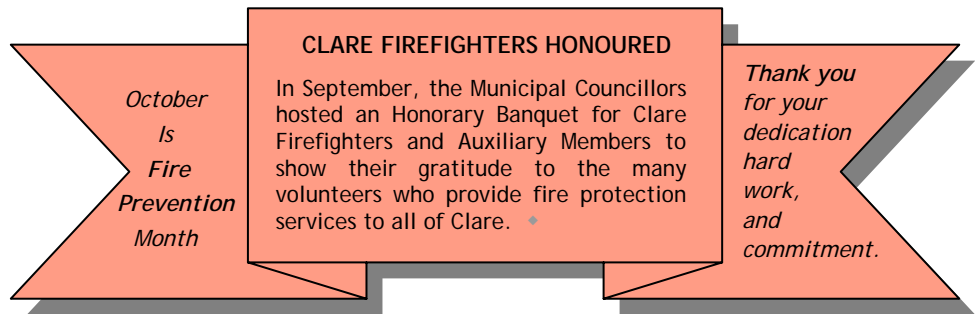
With the purpose of being visible from the road and easy to find amongst the similar-looking campus buildings, the "Rendez-vous de la Baie" has a distinctive bright red roof, topped by a unique hand-crafted weathervane in the shape of an Acadian flag. ♦



Community Emergencies or Disasters

Clare Emergency Measures Operation (EMO) would like to remind all citizens that in the event of a community emergency or disaster, CIFA Radio Station at **104.1 FM** will be the number one mode of communication it will use to communicate with the public. Messages broadcasted by EMO will be bilingual.

For more information, contact Clare EMO Coordinator André Valotaire at 769-2511 or the Emergency Operations Centre Manager and CAO Connie Saulnier at 769-2031. ♦



FROM THE TOURISM DEPARTMENT

The summer flew by for the busy staff and committee members of the Clare Tourism Department. Numbers for the overall tourism season are up with certain members of the local tourism industry, such as the *Musée Église Ste-Marie Church Museum* reporting much higher than average numbers and record participation at the *Festival acadien de Clare*.

A popular event this summer was "Les Beaux Jeudis" (Goodtime Thursdays). The Tourism Committee, with various industry and community partners, put on steamed lobster and clam suppers at the *Joseph et Marie Dugas Park* in Belliveau Cove on Thursday evenings. Part of the proceeds went to the *Belliveau Cove Development Commission*. The response to this 'pilot project' was phenomenal and the crowds of visitors and locals alike grew each week as the word spread. Due to its great success, this event will be organized again next season. Thanks to the local community for supporting this initiative!



For 2010, we are currently working on a revised Clare tourism webpage on www.clarenovascotia.com. Another experience that we're developing are House Tours that will allow visitors to experience Baie Sainte-Marie like never before. Around kitchen tables they'll meet local people, hear their stories and local legends, taste secret family recipes and experience true Acadian hospitality at its best. If you are interested in offering your home as a stop on the Tour please contact us at the coordinates below.

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FROM THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

It was a busy summer for the regular staff, summer staff and committee members of the Clare Recreation Department.

Activities were numerous and well attended. The most popular events were the "Clare Physiotherapy Fun Run", "Trivia and Photo Hunt", and "Children's Acadian Parade". The youth really enjoyed the "Acadian Amazing Race" and the "Crazy 8 All-Nighter". As for the older population, the "Washer Tournament" and "Card Games" were a favourite.

The fall and winter activities & programs promise to be exciting and fun. The Recreation Department is again planning the annual "Haunted House" on October 30. This event will provide a fun opportunity for volunteers to help decorate it or dress up in costumes. The Haunted House is enjoyed by all who come out to tour it.

Groups who would like to decorate a section of the Haunted House in a theme of their choice are welcomed. Simply contact Andrea or Johann at the Municipal Office, 769-3655, or via email at agaudet@municipality.clare.ns.ca.



We invite you to keep watch on the new and improved Municipal Website for all the details of the Recreation Department's activities and programs. Check them out at www.clarenovascotia.com. ♦



Toll Free Number for Assessments

In January, when you receive your Property Assessment from the Assessment Office (Property Valuation Services Corporation – PVSC), if you have any questions regarding the assessed value of your property, feel free to contact their office toll free at **1-800-532-8880**.

Property assessments are provincial and do not come from the Municipal Office. Please note: there is a deadline if you wish to appeal the assessed value. ♦

Staff changes at the Municipal Office

There have been a few staff changes at the Municipal Office recently.

⇒ Johann Robicheau, who has been working at the Municipal Office since 1971, has changed Departments. Johann is now working with Andrea Gaudet as the Clare Recreation Department's Administrative Assistant.

⇒ Taking over Johann's former position as the Secretary/Receptionist for the Building and Tourism Departments, Anne Downing has assumed these duties. Anne had been working as the Municipality's Tax Clerk since November 2006.

⇒ Susan O'Connell has been hired as the new Tax Clerk. Welcome aboard.

Best of success to all 3 employees with their new duties at the Municipal Office!

⇒ Médard Comeau, the Municipal Civic Numbering Coordinator, has just retired. He had been working for the Municipality of Clare on various projects since 1988. We wish to thank Médard for all his hard work!

⇒ Clarence Thériault retired last April. He had been working at the Landfill and Transfer Station since 1997. We wish to thank Clarence for all his hard work!

⇒ Claude LeBlanc has been hired as Scale House Attendant at the Transfer Station. Welcome aboard Claude. ♦

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