

Striving to be a more environmentally conscious community

Municipal Council is striving to implement a more responsible waste management strategy, with an end result of making Clare a more environmentally conscious community.

Additions at the Municipal Transfer Station, located off Bonnie Road in Meteghan, will include a Household Hazardous Waste Depot, a wood grinder and a florescent bulb crusher.

Household Hazardous Waste Depot (HHWD)

Residents of Clare can soon be able to safely dispose of their waste paint, batteries, motor oil, and other hazardous household waste at the HHW depot. This residential service will be free. Hazardous products cannot be disposed of in regular garbage; they require special disposal. For a complete list of hazardous waste, you may contact Waste Check at 1-800-569-0039 or www.wastecheck.ca for on-line information.

Council is hopeful that this year-round, easily accessible depot will protect our environment from the improper disposal of hazardous waste.

Funding for the HHW Depot was provided by both Federal and Provincial Governments, and the Municipality of Clare.

Also part of this waste management plan is new equipment that is used at the Transfer Station to process problematic waste.

Wood Grinder/Chopper

A mobile diesel powered Rotochopper® grinder is now used to grind construction debris into small pieces. In fact, the chopper is capable of grinding not only wood, but asphalt, concrete, gyproc and shingles.

Since the closure of the former landfill, construction debris hauled at the site has been accumulating. With this state-of-the-art grinder, the piles of waste are processed into more 'friendly' and reusable by-products.

Florescent Bulb Crushing Machine

Also on site is a Bulb Eater®, a machine that crushes florescent bulbs into small fragments. Florescent bulbs contain dangerous mercury and cannot be disposed of in regular garbage. This safer disposal system greatly reduces storage needs, creates a safer, cleaner work environment, and cuts overall recycling costs.

Funding for the new equipment has been provided, in part, through a grant from the Province's Resource Recovery Fund Board.

New Clare Community Calendar up and running

Advertise your fundraiser, concert, benefit dance, penny sale or yard sale **FREE** of charge on the new municipal-wide *Clare Community Calendar*.

This service is available to volunteer and non-profit organizations, groups, clubs, associations, churches and individuals. The bilingual calendar lists your activities and events which can be viewed on-line and is posted on the "Rendez-vous de la Baie" community bulletin board for visitors, tourists and locals.

Participate by registering your event directly on the website at www.rendezvousdelabaie.com or by emailing Anne Downing at adowning@municipality.clare.ns.ca or by contacting her at 769-3655.



Be part of this exciting communication tool!



Community provides input for future generations of Clare in its Municipal Planning Strategy

The Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) is almost complete and Council is pleased with the input that the public has provided through-out the development process.

With the community feedback, Council has been working with members of the Planning Advisory Committee, Steering Committee, staff and Terrain Group to fine-tune the important document.

Once the process is completed, the planning strategy document will be available in a bilingual format at the Municipal office, as well as on-line.

This comprehensive planning strategy is a community-based plan with goals, policies, and a vision that focus on issues related to the municipality as a whole. It contains vital community input focusing on culture & language, the economy, population and social issues, as well as the environment.

Since August last year, sessions were held in Clare for the general public to share thoughts and concerns. As well, numerous consultations were held with representatives of community groups, non-profit and volunteer organizations, businesses, and key individuals living and working in the community.

The goal was to assess the needs and priorities of Clare, of today and for future generations. These have been incorporated in this municipal plan.

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New Coordinator to implement Municipal "Clare Energy Concept" Plan

Council is pleased to announce that the Municipality has hired a full-time Energy Coordinator, Pam Thibault. This position is fully funded by the Federal Gas Tax Program.

As coordinator, Pam Thibault is responsible for promoting and implementing initiatives related to energy conservation in Clare.

Pam will prepare a comprehensive inventory of energy usage within the Municipality; focus on the region's energy reduction plan; and develop projects that target the innovative use of renewable and green energy solutions.



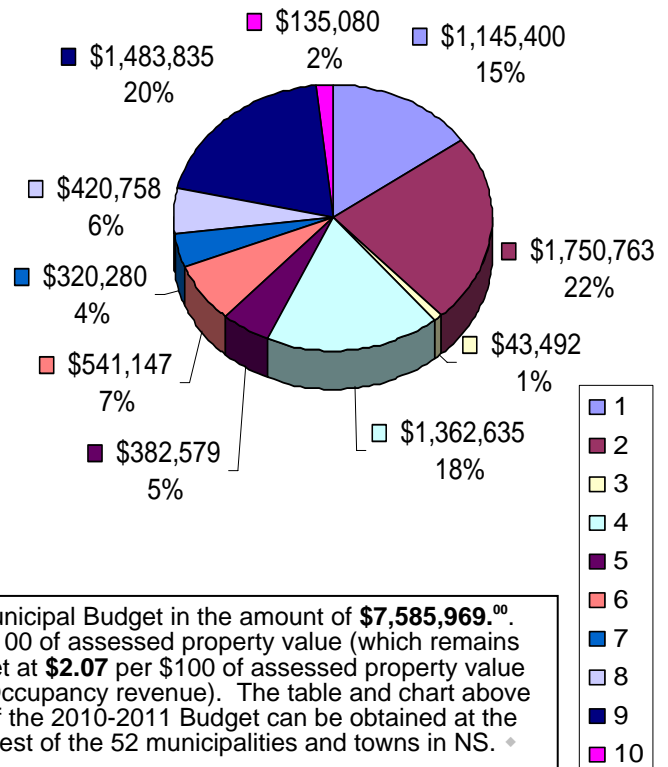
With several years experience in project management on various energy-related projects, Pam has been involved with the Clare energy plan initiative since its inception in 2005.

Her former role with the region's RDA as Development Officer has prepared her well for this challenge. She brings with her the experience and enthusiasm required to move this exciting energy project forward.

Pam Thibault can be reached at the Municipal Office at 769-3655 or pthibault@municipality.clare.ns.ca

2010 - 2011 BUDGET FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF CLARE

1	General Government Services \$1,145,400 (Grants to Organizations; Low Income Exemptions; Office Administration; Tax Appeals & Write-Offs; Provincial Tax Assessment Services)	
2	Protective Services \$1,750,763 (Animal Control; By-Law Enforcement; EMO; Fire Departments; RCMP; Seniors Security)	
3	Transportation Services \$ 43,492 (Public Transportation; Sidewalks; Street Lights)	
4	Environmental Health Services \$1,362,635 (Sewer Collection, Treatment & Disposal; Garbage/Recycling)	
5	Debt Charges \$ 382,579 (Transfer Station; Clare Health Centre)	
6	Public Health and Welfare \$ 541,147 (Clare Health Centre; Low Income Seniors' Housing)	
7	Environmental Development Services \$ 320,280 (Community Development; Planning; Tourism)	
8	Recreation and Cultural Services, Buildings other than Municipal Office \$ 420,758	
9	Education (School Board) \$1,483,835	
10	General Capital Fund (Various Capital Projects).... \$ 135,080	
TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENDITURES		\$7,585,969



Members of Council recently approved the 2010-2011 Clare Municipal Budget in the amount of **\$7,585,969.00**. The Tax Rate for **Residential Property** was set at **\$1.02** per \$100 of assessed property value (which remains the same rate as last year). The **Commercial** Tax Rate was set at **\$2.07** per \$100 of assessed property value (an increase of 11¢ from last year to recover loss in Business Occupancy revenue). The table and chart above give a general breakdown of budgeted expenditures. Copies of the 2010-2011 Budget can be obtained at the Municipal Office. Note: our Residential Tax Rate is the 14th lowest of the 52 municipalities and towns in NS. ♦



Dog Catcher



The Municipality has appointed a new Municipal Dog Catcher: Shawna Comeau. The new number to contact the Dog Catcher is **769-2388**.



Coyote sightings close to homes reported in Clare

Recently residents from various areas in Clare have reported seeing coyotes and the sightings were close to homes.

Staff from the Municipal Office has been in touch with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) regarding these sightings.

Natural Resources recommend that in the event you encounter a coyote, do not approach it; never run – it is best to walk away slowly; make noise to scare it off. If making noise does not scare off a coyote lingering near your home, contact DNR to report it.

If a coyote or any other wildlife animal becomes a nuisance, you may contact the Digby Field Office at **902-245-2164**.

Other tips suggested: ensure garbage or compost is not left lying around; remove any pet food from outside your doorstep at night; and do not feed wild animals. ♦

FROM THE TOURISM DEPARTMENT

Rendez-vous de la Baie (RVB)

www.rendezvousdelabaie.com



Clare Community Calendar
Anne Downing **769-3655**
Internet Café **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**

Rose Madden has been hired to take on the development of regional tourism projects. This is a shared position between Clare and Argyle in conjunction with Yarmouth and Acadian Shores Tourism Association (YASTA). Her email address is Rmadden@yasta.ca ♦

FROM THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The staff and volunteers in the Recreation Dept have organized a ton of fun activities & exciting events for all ages this summer.

Check out the "Recreation" section on our municipal website where you can download the bilingual 4-page flyer listing summer activities, www.clarenovascotia.com. You can also call Andrea or Johann of the Recreation Department at 769-3655. ♦

INVITATION

**Official Opening of
"Rendez-vous de la Baie"
Acadian Interpretive Centre
Church Point,
Friday August 13th**

Check local papers for more details regarding this exciting community event.

Everyone is invited to attend.

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