

# MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF CLARE Recreation Services

## PROGRAMS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

We have made the switch to online registration for our programs and events! To access the registration form, simply go to our Community Calendar on the Municipal website and click on the program you wish to register for. Please note, not all of our events require registration in advance. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call us at (902) 769-2031.

### PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT GROUPS

These workshops are offered in person, in French, with time for activities, reflection and sharing. The goal of these workshops is to help participants rethink their values and personal lives, set goals, while being in an inspiring and supportive group.

WHEN: One morning a month, from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**Sunday, March 6**

**Sunday, April 24**

**Sunday, May 15**

**Sunday, June 5**



LOCATION: Clare Veterans Centre

COST: Free for all women in the region, thanks to the collaboration of the *Fédération des Femmes Acadiennes de la Nouvelle-Écosse (FFANE)* and the Municipality of Clare. There are 12 places available per workshop.

REGISTRATION: [stephanie.theriault94@gmail.com](mailto:stephanie.theriault94@gmail.com)

### SUMMER ACTIVE CHALLENGE

We invite you to participate in our Summer Active Challenge from June 6 until August 26. Do at least 30 minutes of physical activity 5 times per week and contact Clare Recreation Services by phone or by e-mail at [recreation@munclare.ca](mailto:recreation@munclare.ca) before 4:00 p.m. every Tuesday starting June 14 to be included in the weekly draw. Each week that you contact us, your name will also be entered in the grand prize draw to be won at the end of the summer. Visit our website or come to the Municipal Office to get your copy of the tracking sheet.

### KAYAKING

Join us for a fun kayaking adventure, for all levels of ability! This activity will take place at Seth Lake in Meteghan on June 22 at 10 a.m. and at Wentworth Boat Launch on June 27 at 6 p.m. Participants may bring their own kayaks or borrow ours. Registration required to borrow our kayaks.

### YOGA ON THE BEACH

Bring your yoga mat and join Clare Recreation and Corbeau Yoga Studio for outdoor yoga sessions below the second staircase at Mavillette Beach Provincial Park. In case of inclement weather, the event will be rescheduled to the following day. The last session will be on Tuesday, August 23.

WHEN: Every second Tuesday, starting June 28 at 6:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Mavillette Beach, second staircase (civic 336)

COST: Free



### SIDEWALK CHALK GAMES

We want you to get out and enjoy the fresh spring weather. At the end of May and for the month of June, sidewalk chalk games will be installed on different sidewalks around Clare. These activities will be added throughout the summer for the entire family to enjoy. Do not forget to send us photos of all the fun!



### BEGINNER GARDENING WORKSHOP

Is seed starting a mystery? This beginner course with Master Gardener Lisa Doucette will help demystify seed starting. You'll learn when to start your seeds, why should you start your own seeds, how to care for your seedlings, and more!

WHEN: Tuesday March 22 at 6:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Virtually, Zoom

COST: Free

REGISTRATION: Community Calendar



### SUCCULENT WORKSHOP

Bring a pot from home and enjoy an educational opportunity presented by succulent expert Terry Sherwood. Each person will receive 2 or 3 succulents, soil and other supplies to add to their creative arrangement.

WHEN: Saturday, April 9, at 2 p.m.

LOCATION: Clare Veterans Centre

COST: \$15

REGISTRATION: Community Calendar



### DROP-IN SPORTS

To check the drop-in schedule for the following sports, please visit the Community Calendar on the Municipal website.

- Pickleball
- Line dancing
- Basketball
- Badminton
- Soccer

### NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

National Volunteer Week will take place April 24-30, 2022. The Municipality of Clare extends its appreciation to each and every volunteer who devotes valuable time and energy helping those in need and towards the betterment of our unique community.

Please be sure to check our website and social media channels for any event cancellations or postponements due to COVID-19 restrictions. Stay active and stay safe!



## NEW ROLES, NEW FACES

Following a special election in District 7 resulting from the election of Warden Ronnie LeBlanc to the Nova Scotia Legislature in August 2021, the Municipality of Clare has seen some changes in council chambers. Nadine Comeau was welcomed as the new Councillor for District 7. Eric Pothier, from District 6, was appointed Deputy Warden. Meanwhile, Yvon LeBlanc has been appointed Warden of the Municipality of Clare.



## PLAYBOXES FOR THE COMMUNITY OF CLARE

This spring, Clare Recreation services will install two community playboxes in public spaces within the municipality. These are containers filled with a variety of outdoor play equipment for community members to enjoy; it's as simple as play, return, donate!

While the Municipality will be purchasing some equipment, donations of gently used equipment, such as sport balls, lawn games, skipping ropes or pilons, would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Tori Comeau, Recreation Manager for the Municipality of Clare, at (902) 769-2031 or recreation@munclare.ca.



## NEW OFFICE SPACES FOR CONGRÈS MONDIAL ACADIEN 2024

As plans ramp up for the 2024 edition of the Congrès mondial acadien, Executive Director Vaughne Madden has secured physical office spaces in the two host communities of Clare and Argyle. The headquarters in Clare are located at the business park in Meteghan, site of the former Ecoparc. The Argyle office is located at 4111 Highway 308 in Tusket, near Highway 103.

The Clare community calendar displays events and activities offered in the Municipality of Clare. For event organizers, this is a great tool to assist in the planning and coordination of events. To add an event, or to view the calendar, visit the website: [www.clarenovascotia.com](http://www.clarenovascotia.com)

## APPLICATIONS FOR MUNICIPAL GRANTS FOR NON-PROFIT GROUPS

To help build a stronger community, the Municipality of Clare offers funding to non-profit groups and organizations in the form of grants. Candidates seeking financial assistance from the Municipality for the 2022-2023 fiscal year are asked to complete the required application form, which can be picked up at the Municipal Office during business hours or downloaded at [www.clarenovascotia.com](http://www.clarenovascotia.com).

Applications must be received by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 18, 2022.

## UPDATE: MAINLAND TELECOM INTERNET INSTALLATION

Since late 2020, Mainland Telecom and partnering crews have worked to build the infrastructure for a fibre-optic Internet backbone in Clare. Residences and businesses in certain areas of Clare (mainly parts of Clare from St. Bernard towards Mavillette and inland to Highway 340) are now connected to high-speed Internet.

In addition to providing fiber optic Internet services, Mainland also offers television and landline telephone options. The public is invited to visit [www.mainlandtelecom.com](http://www.mainlandtelecom.com) to learn more about Mainland Telecom's options for Internet, television and telephone services.

## SEASON OF GIVING 2021

The Municipality of Clare would like to thank all those who participated in the 2021 Season of Giving campaign either by making a donation or by organizing a donation drive. It brought us great joy to drop off food donations as well as cash donations in the amount of \$850 to the Clare Food Bank. Toy donations were also made to Les papas Noël de Clare. A reminder that the season of giving continues throughout the year. Thank you to the community for your generosity!

Left to right: Donald Thimot, Agnes Thimot, Marion Comeau, Amy Paradis of the Municipality of Clare, Brielle Saulnier, Odette Comeau, Zoe Saulnier, Marie Saulnier, Warden Yvon LeBlanc, Councillor Nadine Comeau, Deputy Warden Eric Pothier, Marilyn Comeau and Melbourne Saulnier.







### DON'T HESITATE, VACCINATE

The Clare Health Centre would like to remind you that vaccines reduce the likelihood of severe illness, such as COVID-19. When you get vaccinated, you also reduce the risk of passing on COVID-19 to your community. You can get a COVID-19 vaccine if you're 5 or older. You can book an appointment for yourself or someone else (like a parent, grandparent or child). You can also book an appointment if you're eligible for an additional dose or booster dose.

Maintaining good hygiene helps prevent the spread of COVID-19. This includes washing your hands often, coughing and sneezing into your elbow, and cleaning surfaces. Wearing a mask can help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses.

If you feel sick, stay home and watch for COVID-19 symptoms. If you have symptoms, you need to self-isolate and book a COVID-19 test. By getting tested, you help keep your community safe.

For more information or to book an appointment, please visit [www.novascotia.ca/coronavirus](http://www.novascotia.ca/coronavirus).

### TOURISM PUBLIC SPACES

Several parts of Municipality of Clare's Tourism Public Spaces project have moved on to the detailed design phase. Architecture firm Jost + Architects Ltd. is working closely with a focus group on the revitalization of Joseph-and-Marie-Dugas Municipal Park in Belliveau Cove. Denise Saulnier Design has been contracted to produce options for a wayfinding and gateway signage system within the municipality, as well as the design of the Cape Saint Mary Lighthouse Experience Centre. Meanwhile, detailed design plans are underway for viewing platform options at the Cape Saint Mary Lighthouse Park.



### FEDERAL FUNDING FOR WENTWORTH LAKE MUNICIPAL PARK

Through the federal government's Canada Community Revitalization Fund (CCRF) and in line with the Municipality of the District of Clare's Tourism Public Spaces Master Plan, Wentworth Lake Municipal Park will receive a \$200,000 investment to improve accessibility and enhance the visitor experience. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$271,154, the remainder of which will be funded by the Municipality of Clare.

"Wentworth Lake Municipal Park, although beautiful and pristine, is further inland compared to most of our municipal infrastructure," stated Stéphane Cyr, Chief Administrative Officer for the Municipality of Clare. "We see this project as a meaningful opportunity to counter this trend and to invest in public spaces further away from the shore."

In addition to being green and environmentally friendly, all new construction, amenities and improvements contained in this project will be viewed through an accessibility lens so as to promote greater inclusivity. Accessible washrooms, trail resurfacing and the addition of inclusive playground equipment are three tangible examples of this commitment.



### CLARE ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

With the goal of respecting Nova Scotia's objective of being an accessible province by 2030, the Municipality of Clare has formed an Accessibility Advisory Committee. It will advise Council on identifying, preventing and eliminating barriers to people with disabilities in municipal programs, services, initiatives and facilities while meeting its obligations under Nova Scotia's Accessibility Act.

Members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee are community members Trudy Bengivenni, Edwin Deveau and Lonnie McNeill, councillors Nadine Comeau and Brian Comeau, Deputy Warden Eric Pothier and the Municipality's Accessibility Coordinator Tori Comeau. Their first mandate is to produce an Accessibility Plan for the Municipality of Clare.

**COUNCIL MEETINGS:** A reminder that municipal council meetings take place on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. In order to respect the measures put in place to limit the spread of COVID-19, we ask that members of the public please wear a mask.

# Ma hallo!

## Spring 2022 Newsletter

### WHAT IS CFA DE CLARE?

Did you know that Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) has designated the Municipality of Clare as one of 14 Welcoming Francophone Communities (CFAs) in Canada? This four-year pilot project (2020-2024) aims to help make the community of Clare more welcoming to all and to ensure that all community members have a positive attitude towards new immigrants, including those who wish to settle in French.

A partnership between the Municipality of Clare and la Société acadienne de Clare, CFA de Clare aims to promote inclusive leadership, equitable access to reception and settlement services, economic and employment opportunities and community involvement through a variety of special activities and services.

### FEBRUARY ART CHALLENGE

CFA de Clare teamed up with le Conseil des Arts de la Baie to present the Févri-Art 2022 art challenge. From February 1 to 28, artists of all levels were encouraged to make a work of art every day, every week or at their leisure, and to share their creations online on the Févri-Art 2022 Facebook group.

This year, CFA de Clare gave away two types of art kits to people who are new to Clare and who are curious about art. Kit 1 contained supplies for at-home printmaking and clay sculpting, while Kit 2 included acrylic painting supplies.



### AFRICAN HERITAGE MONTH

CFA de Clare partnered with community and provincial stakeholders to offer informative and thought-provoking content for African Heritage Month. Activities included an exhibit on African Canadian changemakers, an online evening of film celebrating black women, as well as a community meal. Many thanks to our partners, the Government of Canada, Réseau en immigration francophone de la Nouvelle-Écosse, Africadie, Fédération des femmes acadiennes de la Nouvelle-Écosse and Inclusion Clare.

### A TASTE OF HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

CFA de Clare wishes to thank the community group Africadie for generously preparing a holiday meal on December 25 for 16 Université Sainte-Anne students—mainly from the international community—who remained on campus during the winter break. The members of the group, consisting of folks who were once newcomers to the area, made an array of local and international dishes for the students to sample.



### CFA DE CLARE HOUSING BANK

Are you a property owner in Clare who is interested in renting accommodations to newly arrived residents? CFA de Clare would love to hear from you. We are currently developing a housing bank for newcomers who have moved to Clare, whether for work, school or a new adventure. If you would like to be added to our confidential housing bank, please contact Jean-Paul at [bienvenue@munclare.ca](mailto:bienvenue@munclare.ca).



### LES RENDEZ-VOUS DE LA FRANCOPHONIE 2022

From March 1 to 31, 2022, CFA de Clare will be participating in the 24<sup>th</sup> edition of Les Rendez-vous de la Francophonie, a celebration that highlights la Francophonie, its culture, diversity and inclusiveness across Canada! This year's theme is: These Traditions That Forge Identities. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for programming and special events.



Are you new to Clare? We'd love to hear from you! Please contact Jean-Paul Kalwahali, Manager of the Rendez-vous de la Baie Welcome Centre, at [bienvenue@munclare.ca](mailto:bienvenue@munclare.ca) or 902-769-2345.

[www.clarenovascotia.com/CFAclare](http://www.clarenovascotia.com/CFAclare) • [www.facebook.com/CFAclare](https://www.facebook.com/CFAclare)



### A NEW WELCOMING PUBLIC SPACE

December 2021 marked the grand opening of the Clare community skating rink, an initiative funded by the Municipality of Clare and CFA de Clare. Located next to the Clare Veterans Centre in Saulnierville and consisting of a system of interlocking synthetic ice panels, the 12 x 24 metre (40 x 80 feet) rink is designed for year-round use. This will allow families who have immigrated to Clare to skate without necessarily having to adapt to our winter climate.

The municipality and CFA de Clare have set up a loan program for children's and adult skates, as well as skate aids, field hockey sticks and helmets. CFA de Clare also offers a learn-to-skate program for newcomers to the community.



### COMMUNITY MEALS IN 2022

It's a New Year, and we are delighted to offer new international meals to the community of Clare! On January 23, chefs Chadain Campbell and Patsy Hicks prepared a delicious Jamaican chicken curry take-out lunch. A grand total of 60 meals were sold, despite the snowy weather. All sales went to our friends at Inclusion Clare, who have supported this initiative since Day One. Keep an eye out on our Facebook page for future community meal events!



### NOMINATE A NEWCOMER VOLUNTEER

To celebrate National Volunteer Week (April 24-30, 2022) and in conjunction with the Municipality of Clare's volunteer appreciation initiative, CFA de Clare is accepting nominations for an **outstanding newcomer volunteer in Clare**. Your nominee must be an individual, a group (individuals volunteering actively together) or a couple who is presently active in your organization, and who has immigrated to Clare from another country. This individual, group or couple will be invited to attend the Municipality of Clare's volunteer banquet in April (depending on the Public Health Guidelines in place at that time due to the COVID-19 pandemic).

A selection committee will evaluate all submitted nominations and will select one outstanding newcomer volunteer to receive this first-time award. Please visit our website or Facebook page to get a copy of the nomination form. All forms must be returned to CFA de Clare by no later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, March 21, 2022.



### FREE LANGUAGE COURSES IN CLARE

Are you thinking of taking language classes? CFA de Clare has two FREE opportunities!

In partnership with the French as a second language department at Université Sainte-Anne, CFA de Clare offers the Cours de Langue pour Immigrants Canada (CLIC) program to permanent residents and refugees in Southwest Nova Scotia. These courses are designed for people who wish to improve their language skills and employability in order to better integrate into Canadian society and obtain Canadian citizenship. For more information, please contact Oriane Le Falher, CLIC Program Coordinator, at [oriane.lefalher@usainteanne.ca](mailto:oriane.lefalher@usainteanne.ca).

New to Clare and looking to learn English while making connections in the area? On Thursday evenings, representatives from CFA de Clare and YREACH Settlement Services look forward to welcoming you to the Rendez-vous de la Baie Welcome Centre from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. for a friendly chat and good cup of coffee. Families are welcome! Please reserve by contacting Marc-Alexandre at [projet@saclare.com](mailto:projet@saclare.com).



Immigration, Réfugiés  
et Citoyenneté Canada

Immigration, Refugees  
and Citizenship Canada



**Clare**  
Communauté francophone  
accueillante

Municipality of Clare  
1185 Highway 1  
Little Brook, NS B0W 1M0  
[communications@munclare.ca](mailto:communications@munclare.ca)  
902-769-2031

La société acadienne de Clare  
795 Highway 1  
Comeauville, NS B0W 2Z0  
[projet@saclare.com](mailto:projet@saclare.com)  
902-210-3697

Rendez-vous de la Baie  
23 Lighthouse Road  
Church Point, NS B0W 1M0  
[bienvenue@munclare.ca](mailto:bienvenue@munclare.ca)  
902-769-2345

[www.clarenovascotia.com/en/CFAClare](http://www.clarenovascotia.com/en/CFAClare) • [www.facebook.com/CFAClare](https://www.facebook.com/CFAClare)