

MUNICIPALITY
OF CLARE

Recreation
Services

NEWSLETTER
FALL 2023

GOODBYE AND BEST WISHES TO TORI!

The Municipality of Clare is sad to announce the departure of its Recreation Manager, Tori Comeau. We would like to thank Tori for her service and for always going above and beyond in her function. On behalf of staff and council for the Municipality of the District Clare, we wish Tori all the best in her future endeavors. For any questions regarding upcoming recreation activities, please communicate with a point of contact listed below.



From left to right, Sophie LeBlanc, Tori Comeau and Chase Comeau.



INTERESTED IN APPLYING FOR THE POSITION OF RECREATION MANAGER?

Visit the governance / employment opportunities section of the municipality's website or enter the following in your search engine:

www.clarenovascotia.com/en/governance/municipal-office/employment-opportunities

Applications must be submitted by Thursday, September 28, 2023.



A FUN-FILLED SUMMER AND A FAREWELL TO OUR STUDENTS



It's already time to say goodbye to our summer students pictured on the left: Sophie LeBlanc, Martine Boudreau, Tori Comeau (Recreation Manager), Zoe Deveau and Chase Comeau. The summer season was filled with so many fun recreational activities that it flew by! On behalf of the Council and staff of the Municipality of the District of Clare, we'd like to thank you for all your hard work. From outdoor movie nights to Canada Day celebrations to Slip n' Slides, you did it all! Once again, thank you for all your tremendous work this summer - you enabled an entire community to have a great time!



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EQUIPMENT LOAN PROGRAM

Did you know our recreation services has an equipment loan program? We offer a broad range of equipment for loan including kayaks, adult, and children size skates, play bags, bocce (pétanque) equipment sets, tennis rackets, life jackets, GPS devices, washer toss games, a variety of balls, and more. Contact the Recreation Manager by phone at 902-769-2031 or by e-mail at recreation@munclare.ca to borrow our equipment.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Have you seen our community calendar? Visit the recreation menu of the municipal website or scan the QR code to the right to check it out! It's the best way to keep up to date with community events.



UPCOMING RECREATIONAL PROGRAMMING

Seeing as our Recreation Manager position is currently vacant, most of our upcoming recreational programming is to be determined. Please visit our social media pages, our website, and the community calendar for more details on upcoming events. We appreciate your patience and understanding during this transitional period!



CJA IN MUNICIPAL HANDS FOR SUMMER 2023

This year, the *Colonie jeunesse acadienne* (CJA) day camp was run by the municipality of Clare's recreation services, offering eight weeks of fun for children aged 4 to 12.



Our summer instructors were successful in offering a variety of themed weeks including a welcome week, a sports week, a superhero week, an art week, an outdoor adventure week, an Olympics week, an Acadian week, and a kindness week.



We'd like to thank all this summer's campers, as well as our instructors Monica Richard (coordinator), Noëlle Gaudet, Adèle Comeau, Zack Comeau, Mia Gaudet and André Lombard. We look forward to seeing you again next year!



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RENOVATIONS AT THE CLARE VETERANS CENTER

On July 14, 2023, the Government of Canada and the Municipality of Clare announced a joint investment of over \$2.9 million to renovate the Clare Veterans Centre in Saulnierville. This investment will enable us to improve several aspects of the building, including its accessibility features, aesthetics, functionality, durability, and energy consumption. We're delighted that the residents of Clare will be able to enjoy a newly renovated community center!



A LOOK BACK AT BURGER D'LA BAIE 2023



The second edition of Burger d'la Baie ended on Sunday June 25, 2023. This year's popular event took place over ten days, with sixteen restaurants participating. Approximately 150 passports and votes were received by our recreation service. This year, Le Ptit Robicheau's Ptit Popper burger took the honors with a total of 42 votes. We can't wait for next year's edition!

A VISIT FROM OUR LOUISIANA PARTNERS

On Wednesday, August 2, 2023, representatives of Louisiana's Cajun Bayou paid a visit to the Municipality of Clare. They were welcomed by Warden Yvon LeBlanc, Deputy Warden Éric Pothier, Councillor Nadine Comeau and municipal employees. As part of the day's program, municipal representatives presented our Louisiana partners with a gift basket of local food and artisanal products. It was a pleasure to welcome these people to southwest Nova Scotia, and we look forward to welcoming them to the region again next year for the *Congrès mondial acadien (CMA) 2024*.



From left to right: Nadine Comeau (District 7 Councillor), Ian Wallis (Sales & Marketing Manager - Louisiana's Cajun Bayou), Yvon LeBlanc (Warden), Cody Gray (President & General Manager - Louisiana's Cajun Bayou), Éric Pothier (Deputy Warden).

INSTALLATION OF NEW AUDIOVISUAL EQUIPMENT IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

After several months of technical difficulties, a new audiovisual system has been installed in the council chambers. This means that regular council meetings are once again available online. To watch council meetings from the comfort of your own home, search the Municipality of Clare on YouTube.

COUNCIL MEETINGS: A reminder that municipal council meetings are held on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the council chambers at the municipal office. These meetings are open to the public and everyone is invited to attend.



A NEW COMMUNITY REFRIGERATOR OPENS ITS DOORS

Wednesday, July 26, 2023, marked the grand opening of the *Clare Share Fridge Communautaire*, located in the lobby of the Cultural Hub (795 Highway 1 Comeauville, Nova Scotia, B0W 2Z0). The "take what you need, leave what you can" style community fridge supports the Clare Food Bank. The community fridge is stocked with a variety of items including fresh produce, frozen foods, non-perishables, and other necessities such as hygiene products. *Clare Share Fridge Communautaire* operates largely thanks to the support of the community. The Municipality of Clare is proud to support this initiative. Businesses, organizations, and individuals who are able to support Clare Share are encouraged to do so.

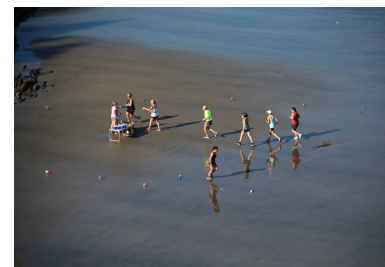


CANADA DAY FIREWORKS BUDGET REALLOCATED TO WE RISE AGAIN FUND

The Council of the Municipality of the District of Clare passed a motion to reallocate its Canada Day fireworks budget in the amount of \$3,500 to the We Rise Again Fund. By contributing to this fund, the Municipality of Clare is supporting a wide range of rebuilding and resilience efforts for those affected by the wildfires in the neighboring communities of Shelburne and Barrington. Our thoughts are with those affected by the forest fires.

THE FOURTH EDITION OF THE CAPE TO CLIFF BEACH RUN

Around fifty runners gathered on Sunday August 6, 2023, to conquer the Cape to Cliff beach run. After having to postpone the race for a day, the runners were able to take advantage of a sunny morning to complete their treks. Runners could choose between a 4 km, 6 km, 8 km, or 10 km course.



PARKING LOT AND TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS AT WENTWORTH LAKE PARK

Improvements are underway at Wentworth Lake Municipal Park. Project elements include composite washrooms, boat launch improvements, a floating dock with access to the parking lot, an accessible boardwalk, picnic tables, hammocks, and a playground.

PRIDE CELEBRATIONS

This year, the Municipality of Clare happily raised the Pride flag on the community flagpole for the month of June. We also attended the Pride Tintamarre and the screening of the film "Y'a une étoile" at Université Sainte-Anne on June 27, 2023. It was a great way to celebrate Pride Month 2023!



FROM BELGIUM TO ST. MARY'S BAY

It all began when Marie and Tanguy, a couple originally from Belgium, took a family vacation to Canada. Amazed by Canadian hospitality, the idea of moving to Canada was still on their minds a few years later. It was then that Marie attended an information session entitled "Destination Acadie", where she met a representative from the *Conseil scolaire acadien provincial* (CSAP). Intrigued by the possibility of employment in such a welcoming new country, the couple decided to begin the immigration process. A few months later, Marie received confirmation that her position would be in the Acadian region of St. Mary's Bay.

However, it wasn't as simple as booking a plane ticket and flying to Canada. The family encountered several obstacles along the way. Fortunately, settling into their new community became much easier when the family met Marcel, manager of the Rendez-vous de la Baie Visitor Centre and responsible for welcoming services as part of the Welcoming Francophone Community (WFC) initiative. The WFC initiative represents 14 Canadian communities, including Clare, and aims to support French-speaking newcomers so that they feel welcome in their new community. Thanks to the WFC initiative, Marcel was able to facilitate this family's arrival, notably by helping them find accommodation, providing them with tools and resources to familiarize themselves with their new community, and establishing their first contacts with locals.



For Marie and Tanguy, it was important to settle in a rural, French-speaking community. Firstly, so that they could continue to flourish in French, but also because this path could lead to a wider range of permanent immigration options. The Municipality of Clare was as welcoming as Marie and Tanguy had hoped, perhaps even more so. The couple said that everyone has been very welcoming since their arrival, from individuals to organizations and businesses. Marie and Tanguy confessed that they felt so welcome here that they didn't feel any sense of loss. Marie attests that "immigration isn't always easy [...] so being welcomed changes everything". Marie and Tanguy's story is a testament to our unique and welcoming culture, and we look forward to sharing it with newcomers in the future.



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THIRD COMMUNITY SWAP

Clare's third community swap took place May 26-28, 2023, at the Clare Curling Club. A community swap is an event where people can drop off household items they no longer need. The goal is to recycle these items by giving them a second life in someone else's home. Thanks to this initiative, thousands of household items have been given a second life and kept out of landfill sites - for free!



HAITIAN COMMUNITY MEAL

On Sunday, August 27, CFA de Clare organized a free Haitian community meal. The community enjoyed a traditional dish of white rice, mashed peas, and vegetables. Our chefs of the day received many compliments on their dish!



MULTICULTURAL DAYS

Clare's Multicultural Days took place from Saturday, June 26 to Monday, June 28. Several events took place over the course of the days, all with the common goal of making Clare a welcoming and inclusive community for French-speaking newcomers. The programming offered a community soccer game on the new Université Sainte-Anne field and a



Gyu-Na Park de Seoul Food et Chris Mazeroll.

community meal featuring a South Korean dish, japchae, served by Gyu-Na Park of Seoul Food. Following the community meal, the public was invited to move in a dance workshop with Wontanara. To conclude the multicultural days, a film was shown on Sunday evening, and a conference on the journey of an immigrant, Nazaire Joinville from Haiti, took place on Monday.

UPCOMING EVENT

We're organizing a free printing press art workshop and you're all invited! On Saturday, September 23 (time TBD), participants will collect materials in *Le Petit Bois* to press together create a collage. All works of art will then be stored for an exhibition to be held during the National Francophone Immigration Week (NFIW), from November 5 to 11. Stay tuned to our social media channels for more NFIW events!



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