

PROGRAMS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

WINTER CARNIVAL

Beat the winter blues with a weekend filled with exciting activities such as snowshoeing, sledding, skating, swimming and more! Check our social media pages and local newspapers for complete schedule.

When: January 24 - 26, 2020
Cost: Free!



JUMPSTART CHARITY BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Teams of 4 are invited to participate in the first annual Charity Bowling Tournament, sponsored by Cermaq. No experience necessary! Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 teams. In partnership with the Canadian Tire Jumpstart program, all proceeds will be used to assist children in Clare to participate in sports and recreational activities. No experience necessary! Join us for an afternoon of fun. Visit our website to find the registration page.

When: Saturday, February 29, 2020
Where: Seaside Bowling Lanes and Lounge
Cost: \$100.00 per team



VOLUNTEER FAIR

Do you wish to get more involved within your community, but don't know where to start? Come see us and meet various local organizations who would love to have you on their team.

Organizations who wish to reserve a table are asked to contact Josette at (902) 769-2031 prior to January 31, 2020.

When: Saturday, February 8, 2020
Time: 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Where: Clare Veterans Centre

GEOCACHING - FEBRUARY - MARCH 2020

Bring the whole family and participate in this outdoor treasure hunting game. Clare Recreation has hidden 5 caches throughout the municipality. Each cache contains a word. Collect all 5 words, complete the sentence and return your completed logs to the recreation services before the end of March for a chance to win a prize. As of February 1, you will be able to get the coordinates at Clare Recreation or on our website.

Participants may borrow a GPS through our Equipment Loan Program (a refundable \$25 deposit is required).

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

DROP-IN SPORT

Do you enjoy playing sports, but can't find anyone to play with? Then join us! All skill levels are welcome, and participation is always free! All participants are asked to wear clean, indoor sneakers. Please note, drop-in sports are cancelled when school is closed (in-service days, storm days and holidays).

PICKLEBALL

When: Wednesday evenings
Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Where: École secondaire de Clare



BADMINTON

When: Tuesday evenings
Time: 8:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Where: École secondaire de Clare



BASKETBALL

When: Monday evenings
Time: 8:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Where: École secondaire de Clare



WINTER ACTIVE CHALLENGE

January 1 to March 31, 2020.
Join in the fun by participating in our Winter Active Challenge and be eligible to win various prizes! Please contact Clare Recreation to receive your Winter Active Challenge tracking sheet, or download one from our website.

INDOOR WALKING PROGRAM

Escape the winter conditions and walk comfortably through the hallways of École secondaire de Clare.
Please wear clean indoor sneakers.

Walking program is cancelled when school is closed (storm days, in-service days, holidays)

When: Monday through Friday as of January 6, 2020
Time: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Where: École secondaire de Clare
Cost: Free!

ADULT SKATE

It's time to lace up your skates! Older adults & adults with STROLLERS welcome!

When: Tuesday mornings (RESUMES January 7, 2020)
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Where: Université Sainte-Anne's arena



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FREE FAMILY CURLING, SWIMMING, SKATING AND BOWLING

Bring the entire family to enjoy free access to the recreational facilities! Youth must be accompanied by at least one adult. Please note: At all swim times, children under 54" (137 cm) must be accompanied in the water by a responsible adult. At all curling times, youth 9 to 12 years must wear a helmet.

This program is funded in part by the Province of Nova Scotia.



CURLING

Clare Curling Centre

Time: 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

January 5

February 2

March 1

SWIMMING

Université Sainte-Anne

Time: 12:45 pm - 1:45 pm

January 12

February 9

March 8

SKATING

Université Sainte-Anne

Time: 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

January 18

February 15

March 21

BOWLING

Seaside Bowling Lanes

Time: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

January 26

February 23

March 22

April 26

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

Clare Recreation Services is accepting applications from students for the following summer employment opportunities:

- Team Supervisor – 16 weeks
- Advertising Specialist – 15 weeks
- Special Events Coordinator (2 positions) – 14 weeks

Successful applicants must possess a valid driver's license, have access to a vehicle and must be able to communicate in both official languages.

Application Deadline: Friday, March 27, 2020, 4:30 p.m. Please submit your resume along with the employment application form by mail, fax or email. (Employment application forms may be downloaded from our website). All positions are pending grant approval.

VOLUNTEER WEEK - APRIL 19 TO 25, 2020

Volunteer organizations throughout the Municipality of Clare will receive nomination forms to submit the name of a volunteer from their organization to be honoured at the annual volunteer recognition banquet to be held on Thursday, April 23, 2020.

Be sure to return your nomination form by no later than Friday, January 31, 2020 so your volunteer may be recognized for his/her valuable work. Please contact Clare Recreation Services to ensure that your volunteer organization is listed.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

This electronic 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



Email: recreation@munclare.ca
Telephone : (902) 769-2031

www.clarenovascotia.ca
www.facebook.com/loisirsclare
[clarerecservices](https://www.instagram.com/clarerecservices)

ACTIVE SENIORS PROGRAM

Come join us with fun recreational activities! This program is made possible in partnership with the Province of Nova Scotia, La Société Acadienne de Clare and l'Université Sainte-Anne. As of January 6 the schedule will be as follows.

CHAIR YOGA

When: Every Monday

Time: 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Where: Clare Veterans Centre

Cost: FREE!

POOL

When: Every Wednesday

Time: 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Where: Université Sainte-Anne

Cost: FREE!

PICKLEBALL/FREE GYM

When: Every Friday

Time: 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Where: Université Sainte-Anne

Cost: FREE!

EQUIPMENT LOAN PROGRAM

The Equipment Loan Program provides individuals or groups the opportunity to experience a new sport or activity without making a financial investment in equipment. Equipment loans include:

- GPS (a refundable \$25 deposit is required)
- Variety of balls
- Tennis racquets
- Children's skating helmets
- Lifejackets
- Nordic walking poles
- Snowshoes
- Children's skates
- Ice skating trainers



Hours of operation:
8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and
1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.





GRAN FONDO BAIÉ SAINTE-MARIE



Photo : Marc d'Entremont

The Municipality welcomed the fifth edition of Gran Fondo Baie Sainte-Marie on September 21 and 22. In all, 992 cyclists took part in the event, 250 of which were out of province and 155 of which were from the Clare area. More than 220 volunteers also gave their time to Gran Fondo. Registration is now open for the sixth edition of Gran Fondo Baie Sainte-Marie, which will take place on September 19 and 20, 2020. Go to www.granfondobaiesaintemarie.com for more information.

AN EVENING OF BILINGUISM AT UNIVERSITÉ SAINTE-ANNE



Professors Andrea Burke-Saulnier and Roger Gervais, along with the Municipality of Clare's CAO Stéphane Cyr, talk about the challenges of bilingualism at Université Sainte-Anne.

On October 30 at Le Trécarré art gallery, the Municipality's Chief Administrative Officer Stéphane Cyr took part in *Les 5 à 7 de la Recherche*, the first in this year's series of community discussions organized by Université Sainte-Anne's Centre Acadien. The discussion, which focused on the challenges of bilingualism, also featured professors Andrea Burke-Saulnier and Roger Gervais of Université Sainte-Anne.

"The Municipality of Clare fully supports the promotion of the English and French languages within our community," noted Mr. Cyr of the event. "It was interesting to hear about the issues related to bilingualism in the fields of education and health, and how they mirror the advantages and the challenges of offering bilingual services in a municipal context."

The Centre Acadien is planning on offering more community discussions in 2020.

COMMUNITY FLAG POLE



A new community flag pole was installed in the fall on the grounds of the municipal office. This special purpose flag pole is available for community organizations wishing to fly a flag in honour of an event or a special cause. All requests must be approved by Municipal Council.

Community groups and organizations interested in having a flag flown are invited to consult the Municipality's Flag Flying Policy, which can be found at the municipal office or on the municipal web site: www.clarenovascotia.com.

STUDENTS CHAMPIONING BILINGUAL STOP SIGNS IN CLARE



Left to right: Hon. Lloyd Hines, Hon. Gordon Wilson, Crystal Madden, Gaétan Deveau, Hon. Stephen McNeil, Blake Theriault, Nicole Thibodeau, Hon. Lena Metlege Diab, Philip Meuse and Natalie Robichaud

Congratulations to the students of École Secondaire de Clare who, with their teacher Philip Meuse and Natalie Robichaud of La Société Acadienne de Clare, have asked the Nova Scotia government for the right to install bilingual stop signs in Clare. They had the chance to discuss their project in Halifax at Province House on October 29, when they met with the Honourable Stephen McNeil, the Honourable Gordon Wilson, the Honourable Lena Metlege Diab and the Honourable Lloyd Hines. The Municipality is proud to support La Société Acadienne de Clare through its initiative *Engageons nos citoyens*.

Residents can follow Communauté Bilingue's progress by liking their Facebook page.

FOUR EXECUTIVE MEMBERS APPOINTED TO THE CONGRÈS MONDIAL ACADIEN 2024 ORGANIZING COMMITTEE



The municipalities of Clare and Argyle are proud to announce the appointment of the four executive members of the Congrès Mondial Acadien 2024 Organizing Committee:

Chair: Allister Surette; Vice-Chair (Clare): Natalie Robichaud; Vice-Chair (Argyle): Chris Frotten; Secretary-Treasurer: Nadine Comeau.

The committee is responsible for the good governance of the organization, which includes adopting budgets and auditing financial statements, as well as ensuring compliance with internal policies. In the upcoming months, the executive members will be responsible for filling the remaining eight positions on the organizing committee. A selection committee will soon be hiring an Executive Director for the Congrès Mondial Acadien 2024 Organizing Committee.

For more information on the Congrès Mondial Acadien 2024, visit www.cma2024.ca.

REDUCING SINGLE-USE ITEMS



Waste Check's Anne LeBlanc discusses reducing single-use items at a workshop at the municipal office.

The Municipality had the pleasure of cohosting a workshop on reducing single-use materials with Waste Check and la Chambre de Commerce de Clare at the municipal office on November 21. Thank you to all who attended, and special thanks to Anne and Amy from Waste Check for the useful information. We hope to offer more information sessions on the topic of waste reduction in the new year.



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THE SEASON OF GIVING



For the second year in a row, the Municipality launched its Season of Giving campaign, encouraging residents to drop off donations for local charitable organizations at the municipal office during work hours. Food donations and toiletries will go to the Clare Food Bank at the Sacré Cœur Parish Hall in Saunierville, while toy donations will go to Les papas Noël de Clare. Many thanks to the residents of Clare for their generosity!

CELEBRATING THE HOLIDAYS IN CLARE



The Municipality's Recreation Services Department have put together three fun-filled holiday activities for December.

Lighting of the Christmas Tree: Sunday, December 1, at the Clare Veterans Centre

RBC Skate with Santa: Saturday, December 7, at Université Sainte-Anne's arena

Christmas in Havelock: Saturday, December 14, at the Havelock Community Centre

Season's Greetings from Warden Ronnie LeBlanc, Councillors and Staff of 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 the Council chambers at the municipal office. These meetings are public, and everyone is welcome to attend.



Dear Municipality of Clare resident,

Following a lengthy consultation process with the public and with representatives of the Municipality's volunteer fire services, Council for the Municipality of the District of Clare voted unanimously to close the Richfield Fire Department at its Regular Council Meeting on November 20, 2019.

Earlier this year at the request of the Municipality, the consulting firm Emergency Management & Training Inc. of Barrie, Ont., undertook a vehicle assessment of the volunteer fire services in Clare. It recommended that, due to the historically low volume of service calls in the area, the limited number of volunteer firefighters and the condition of its sole fire truck, it would be in the best interest of the residents of Richfield that the department close its doors and that an alternate service delivery model be implemented.

I am pleased to announce that, in cooperation with the Clare Fire Fighters Association (CFFA), the Havelock and Hectanooga Fire Departments have agreed to absorb Richfield into their fire service areas. New mutual aid agreements have also been put in place between the Havelock, Hectanooga and Carleton Fire Departments. These arrangements are now in effect. Please consult the municipal website (www.clarenovascotia.com) or contact the municipal office for the revised fire service coverage map.

I would like to take a moment to thank Richfield residents, the CFFA and the Havelock, Hectanooga and Carleton Fire Departments for their participation and cooperation throughout this process. Thank you, as well, to the Richfield Fire Department and to its chief Eldon White for the many years of dedicated service to the residents of Richfield.

Shutting down a volunteer fire department is not a decision that we have taken lightly. Fortunately, with this new agreement the Municipality of Clare is confident that the residents of Richfield remain well covered in case of an emergency.

You will find below the contact information for each volunteer fire department in Clare. The Municipality also wishes to remind all residents that it is important to have your civic address number plainly displayed at the end of your driveway so that emergency services can find you.

Thank you for helping us keep our community safe.

Sincerely,

Stéphane Cyr
Chief Administrative Officer
Municipality of Clare

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF CLARE

Havelock: 902-841-1289

Hectanooga: 902-649-2739

Little Brook: 902-769-2480

Meteghan: 902-769-7568

St. Bernard: 902-841-0413

Salmon River: 902-307-9451

Southville: 902-308-2258

In case of an emergency, residents are encouraged to dial 911.