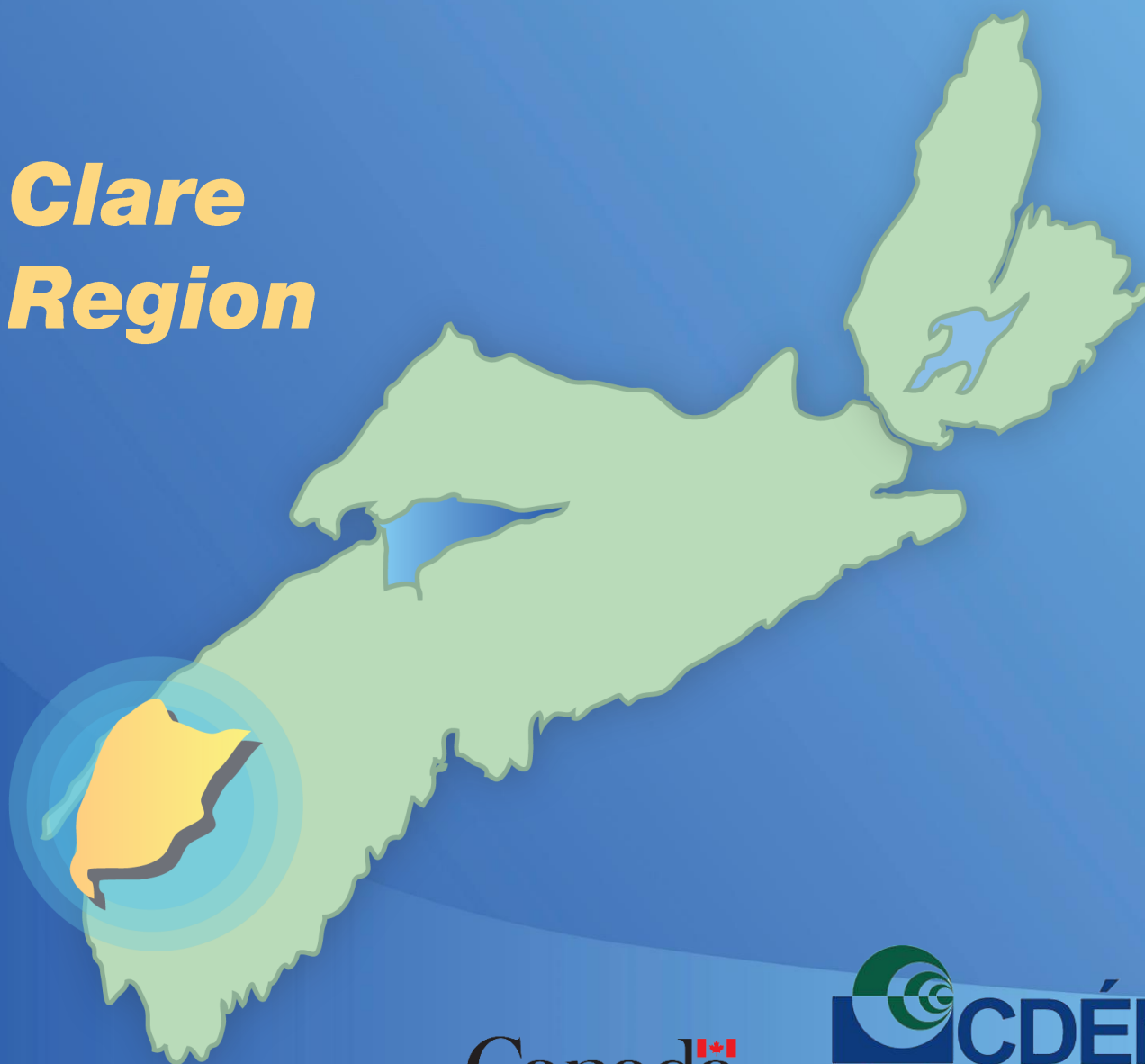




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Foreword

The 2018 *Clare Acadian and Francophone Community Profile* was made possible thanks to funding provided through the *Enabling Fund for Official Language Minority Communities*, offered by Employment and Social Development Canada. This funding initiative is exclusively directed toward Acadian and Francophone communities in Canada, as well as to the Anglophone minority population in Québec. The Enabling Fund serves to strengthen the capacity/potential of minority official language communities with respect to human resources, economic growth, and job creation.

The data presented in this fourth-generation community profile is divided into 13 sections, following the model of the previous version (2013). This profile is the initial step in the resource development process, targeting collaborative and consultative measures within Acadian and Francophone communities with the goal of creating francophone communities conducive to employment, community living, and healthy environments. The process employed by the *Community Economic Development, Employability, Services* (SDÉE) of the CDÉNÉ adheres to the model of community economic development (CED), a holistic model wherein economic, social, environmental, and cultural elements are intertwined. The CED approach accounts for all sectors of community living and seeks to align them in a common direction.

The data presented in this document are as accurate and up-to-date as possible. Quality control measures have been employed during the research and writing phases to ensure statistical accuracy. This being a human endeavor, we recognize that errors may have occurred. To that end, we wish to advise you, the reader, that the website of the *Conseil de développement économique de la Nouvelle-Écosse* (CDÉNÉ) (<http://www.cdene.ns.ca>) should be viewed as the most recent and accurate versions of this document, with modifications made possible in the electronic version available to the public.

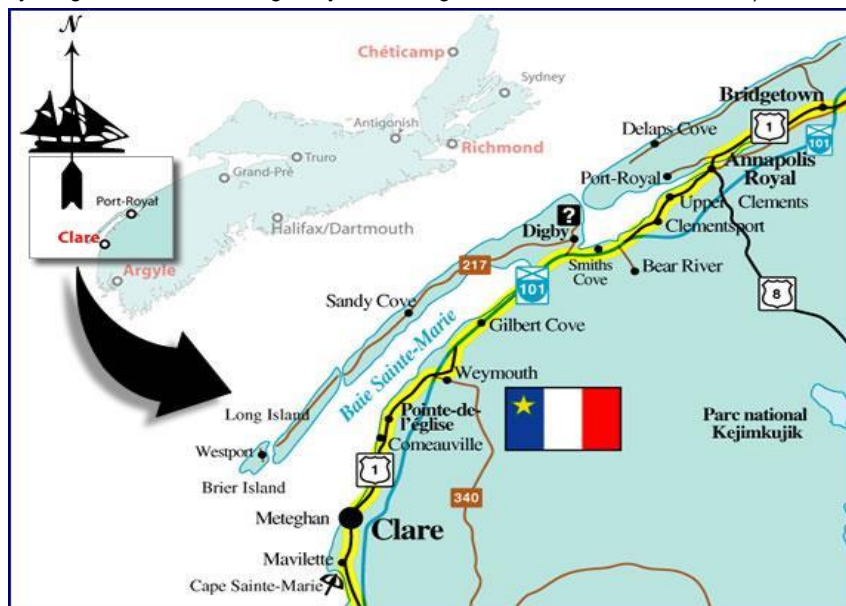
The *Economic Development, Employability, Services* (SDÉE) team wishes to express gratitude to the partners who were instrumental in supporting this initiative, more specifically by assisting the community economic development officers in their research and information gathering process. We also wish to recognize the contributions and express thanks to the individuals and public servants from all three levels of government in our efforts to collect information and validate data.

The team at the *Economic Development, Employability, Services* (SDÉE) of the CDÉNÉ invite Acadian and Francophone community organizations and public servants to use this profile as a means of conceiving, planning, and developing projects and initiatives which will foster economic growth and improved quality of life in our communities. We are confident that the information presented herein will allow leaders to effectively direct their efforts, thus contributing to job creation and human resource development across a broad range of sectors with an ideal objective of promoting economic vitality within Acadian and Francophone communities in Nova Scotia.

Section 1 – Geography

Located in Southwest Nova Scotia, between the ports of Yarmouth and Digby, the Municipality of Clare, a network of more than 25 villages, extends over a distance of more than 50 kilometres of coastline along St. Mary's Bay, covering an area of 852.8 km². It includes the following villages: Salmon River, Saint-Alphonse, Meteghan, La Butte, Saulnierville, Comeauville, Little Brook, Church Point, Grosses-Coques, Belliveau's Cove, Saint-Bernard, Bas-de-la-Rivière, Concessions, Hassetts, Corberrie, Maxwellton, and Hectanooga.

Travelling to the Clare region from Stanfield International Airport in Halifax requires following Highway 102 toward Halifax, and subsequently taking Highway 101 toward the Annapolis Valley and Yarmouth. (*It is also possible, although significantly longer, to do so via Highway 103 along Nova Scotia's South Shore.)



From Highway 101, Exits 28 (Saint-Bernard), 29 (Petit-Ruisseau), 31 (Meteghan) and 32 (Salmon River / Rivière-aux-Saumons) are the main exits to arrive in the Municipality of Clare. Route 1 within the Municipality of Clare is part of the Evangeline Trail, a provincial tourist route which also includes the Annapolis Valley. The Clare region is also part of the Yarmouth and Acadian Shores route, encompassing all communities from the extremities of Clare and Argyle, including the Town and County of Yarmouth. For further information, please visit <https://www.yarmouthandacadianshores.com/>.

An alternative route to St. Mary's Bay is by ferry crossings, travelling on the *Fundy Rose* from St. John, New Brunswick to Digby, Nova Scotia. There is also ferry service between Portland, Maine (U.S.A.) and Yarmouth. The *Cat* offers ferry service during the summer tourist season. More information on these services are available at the following websites:

<https://www.ferries.ca/nb-nb-ferries/schedule/>

<https://www.ferries.ca/thecat/>

Climate information is presented in the following table to offer a synopsis of typical conditions in the region. Data has been recorded at the weather station located at the Yarmouth Airport, approximately 30 kilometers from the Municipality of Clare.

Table 1.1 – Average Temperature, Clare (2016)

Month	Temperature		Rainfall		Snow		Sunshine
	Minimum	Maximum	Millimeters	Inches	Centimeters	Inches	Hours
January	- 9.6 °C	12.5 °C	65.5	2.6	67.2	26.5	74.7
April	- 6.4 °C	16.5 °C	76.6	3.0	11.5	4.5	179.9
July	10.9 °C	25.1 °C	36.4	1.4	0.0	0.0	221.6
October	5.0 °C	19.3 °C	93.0	3.6	5.8	2.3	159.7

Source: Environment Canada. *Monthly Climate Summaries*. Accessed October 24, 2017. http://climat.meteo.gc.ca/prods_servs/cdn_climate_summary_e.html

Historical Background

The development of the Municipality of the District of Clare followed a linear pattern, largely influenced by the network of roadways. The nature of this development is especially visible along Route 1 from Salmon River to Saint-Bernard, a stretch where 15 communities neighbor one another over a distance of 50 kilometers. The region is comprised of a mix of residential, institutional, recreational, commercial, and industrial developments. Travelling easterly along Route 1, several roads lead to Highway 101 and Route 340. Other roadways lead south toward Yarmouth County.

Meteghan, whose name is derived from the Mi'kmaw term meaning "blue rocks", was founded in 1785. It remains to this day the most populous village in the municipality. It also constitutes the commercial center of the region with its port facilities. The port of Meteghan is the busiest in the region, being home to numerous vessels in the herring, scallop, lobster, and cod fisheries. A wide array of businesses, financial services, and arts-related centers and businesses are part of the fabric of the community.

Also founded in 1785, Saulnierville is another significant commercial area with the Clare region. The fish plant and the headquarters of *Comeau's Sea Foods Limited* have been located here since 1946. In 1880, Sacred Heart church (Sacré-Cœur) was built. This church has become a significant tourist destination. Over the past two decades, Saulnierville has experienced economic growth resulting from the development of shopping centers (groceries, used clothing, electronics), a pharmacy, a gym, restaurants, and several other stores and services.

Saint Mary's church, located at Church Point, is renowned for its 56-meter high bell tower. Church Point is also home to Université Sainte-Anne, the only French language university in Nova Scotia. The university includes numerous educational and sporting facilities, in addition to a cultural center for the Clare region.

Inland, villages are further apart. The landscape is comprised of winding hills and numerous lakes, rivers, and streams. Mainly rural in nature, this region also included seasonal cottages. There are also churches and convenience stores, as well as industrial and agricultural facilities. Mink farms and forestry are the main economic engines of this region.

While the Acadian culture is very visible in the Municipality of the District of Clare, it is also home to a broad cultural diversity. Persons of Mi'kmaw, English, Québec, and francophone origins create a rich mix in the municipality. Arriving from all corners of the globe, professors and students at Université Sainte-Anne contribute significantly to this diversity. Université Sainte-Anne therefore plays a dual role in promoting diversity while simultaneously contributing to the preservation and promotion of the Acadian culture in the region, and the province as a whole. Despite the strong influence of the English language in the province and the Clare region, the French language and Acadian culture remain steadfast and strong, a source of pride, in this region.

Section 2 – Socio-linguistic and Economic Data

Statistical data presented in this section was accessed on the Statistics Canada website on December 2, 2017 for *Clare, MD (Census subdivision), Nova Scotia and Digby, CTY (Census division), Nova Scotia, (table), Census Profile, 2016 Census*, published November 29, 2017.

Socio-linguistic and economic data presented herein is derived from the web site of *Statistics Canada*, the federal government agency responsible for national statistics. This site includes statistical information from previous censuses from 1996, 2001, 2006, 2011, and 2016. Interested persons may access information on their web site by visiting www.statcan.gc.ca. It also contains community profiles Community statistical information and is available at <http://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/2016/dp-pd/prof/index.cfm?Lang=E&TABID=1> product n°98-316-X2016 (2016) product 98-316-XWF (2011), 92-591-XWF (2006), 93F0053XIF (2001), and 94F0048XWF (1996) in the Statistics Canada catalogues. Please note that some data are integral in nature, being based upon a sample size of 100 % of the population while other data reflect studies with sample sizes of between 20 % and/or 25 % of the total population.

This section offers 34 statistical tables for the Acadian region along the Bay St. Mary's coastline, spanning from Salmon River to Saint-Bernard. Certain villages situated along the interior (further from the coastline) are comprised of English-speaking residents. However, nearly 62 % of the population of this census subdivision identify as having French at their mother tongue.

As is the case in rural settings, the subdivision of the Municipality of the District of Clare, situated within Digby County, is challenged with the out-migration of residents to other areas within Nova Scotia, in addition to other provinces.

Population Data

Table 2.1 highlights a significant population decline of almost 1,300 residents between 1996 and 2016.

Table 2.1 – Population and Housing: Clare (1996 - 2016)

Population	1996	2001	2006	2011	2016	N.S. 2016
Total Population	9,300	9,065	8,815	8,320	8,018	923,600
Variation from previous census	- 3.7 %	- 2.5 %	- 2.8 %	- 5.6 %	- 3.6 %	0.2 %
Total – Private Households	3,585	4,551	4,558	4,478	4,681	458,568
Private households occupied by usual residents	3,585	3,680	3,699	3,641	3,691	401,990
Population density (per km ²)	10.7	10.6	10.3	9.8	9.4	17.4
Area (km ²)	845.9	852.8	852.8	852.82	852.55	52,942.27

Table 2.2 illustrates the characteristics of individual respondents according to their age for the period between 1996 and 2016. Data was compiled by asking residents their current age at the time of the survey. Median age is defined as age "x", dividing a population into two groups: one comprised of individuals older than age "x", and a second group who are younger than age "x". Data demonstrate an aging population and a declining birth rate in the Clare region.

Table 2.2 – Age Characteristics: Clare (1996 - 2016).

Age Groups	1996	2001	2006	2011	2016	N.S. 2016
Total Population	9,300	9,065	8,815	8,320	8,020	923,600
0-4 years	430	390	315	275	204	42,005
5-9 years	540	445	400	320	305	45,980
10-14 years	500	500	465	415	305	45,845
15-19 years	550	510	485	435	395	51,255
20-24 years	545	450	410	340	325	56,160
25-29 years	670	465	360	305	310	53,725
30-34 years	770	635	440	355	315	51,730
35-39 years	765	740	645	445	360	52,010
40-44 years	690	770	735	605	445	57,050
45-49 years	685	690	760	760	595	61,890
50-54 years	590	715	675	775	770	75,675
55-59 years	480	615	715	680	805	76,505
60-64 years	465	490	645	710	705	69,960
65-69 years	410	430	480	600	685	63,710
70-74 years	385	375	435	440	565	45,005
75-79 years	380	375	315	360	385	31,545
80-84 years	250	250	255	225	275	21,915
85 years +	195	225	280	275	270	21,645
Median Age	40.1	42.7	46.0	49.5	52.9	45.5
Average Age					49.3	43.5
Percentage of the population aged 15 years or older	84.2 %	85.3 %	86.6 %	87.8 %	89.8 %	85.5 %

Source: Statistics Canada, census from 1996, 2001, 2006, 2011, 2016 (sample data: 100 %).

Table 2.3 presents population distribution by broad age groups for the Clare region. From 1996 to 2016, data indicate a rate of population decline of 44.6 % in the category 0 - 14 years of age, and an increase of 35 % in the category of 65 years of age and older. It should be noted that during this same period, the median age increased from 40.1 years of age to 52.9 years of age.

There is a significant trend demonstrating a decline in birth rate and an increase in the percentage of the population aged 65+ years. The population aged between 15 and 64 years is gradually diminishing and finds itself below the provincial average.

Table 2.3 – Population Distribution by Broad Age Groups: Clare (1996 - 2016)

Age Groups	1996	2001	2006	2011	2016	N.S. 2016
Percentage of the population aged 0-14 years	15.9 %	14.7 %	13.5 %	12.1 %	10.2 %	14.5 %
Percentage of the population aged 15-64 years	66.8 %	67.2 %	66.7 %	65 %	62.7 %	65.6 %
Percentage of the population aged 65+ years	17.4 %	18.1 %	19.9 %	22.8 %	27.1 %	19.9 %
Ratio between 0-14-year-old age group and 65+ year-old age group	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.7

Source: Statistics Canada, census from 1996, 2001, 2006, 2011, and 2016 (sample data: 100 %).

In Nova Scotia (2016), 58,650 individuals were self-identified as a visible minority, a number representing approximately 6 % of the population. Visible minorities include persons who are not Caucasians, with the exception of First Nations Peoples. In Nova Scotia (2016), Afro-Nova Scotian, Chinese, Arab, and Southeast Asians represented nearly 80 % of all visible minorities. Please note that 21,915 Afro-Nova-Scotian citizens represent 37.4 % of the visible minority population.

In the Clare region, there have been changes in the population considered as visible minorities. According to Statistics Canada data, there has been a reduction in the number of Afro-Canadians and Arabs in the Clare region. The region remains largely homogeneous although recent arrivals, namely Filipino and Latin American individuals and families, having settled in the area.

Table 2.4 – Visible Minority Population: Clare (1996 - 2016)

Description	1996	2001	2006	2011	2016	N.S. 2016
Total Population	9,130	8,900	8,650	8,130	7,860	908,340
Total population of visible minorities	120	145	95	95	90	58,650
Chinese	0	15	0	0	0	6,400
South Asian	10	0	0	0	0	7,910
Afro-Canadian	110	95	85	85	60	21,915
Filipino	0	0	0	0	10	3,400
Latin American	0	15	10	0	10	1,685
Southeast Asian	0	0	0	0	0	1,195
Arab	0	20	0	10	0	8,110
West Asian	0	0	0	0	0	1,540
Korean	0	0	0	0	0	5,400
Japanese	0	0	0	0	0	695
Visible minority, n.i.e.*	0	0	0	0	0	630
Multiple visible minorities	0	0	0	0	0	1,385
Not a visible minority	9,010	8,755	8,555	8,010	7,770	849,690

* n.i.e. = not included elsewhere

Source: Statistics Canada, census from 1996, 2001, 2006, 2011, and 2016 (sample data: 25 %).

Aboriginal identity refers to whether the person identified with the Aboriginal peoples of Canada. These include those who are First Nations (North American Indian), Métis or Inuk (Inuit) and/or those who are Registered or Treaty Indians (that is, registered under the *Indian Act* of Canada) and/or those who have membership in a First Nation or Indian band. Aboriginal peoples of Canada are defined in the *Constitution Act, 1982*, section 35 (2) as including the Indian, Inuit and Métis peoples of Canada.

In the Clare region, there has been a significant increase in the number of persons self-identifying as 'Aboriginal' or belonging to an Aboriginal group. It is possible this may be the result of heightened awareness of Métis status within the community.

Table 2.5 – Aboriginal Population: Clare (1996 - 2016)

Description	1996	2001	2006	2011	2016	N.S. 2016
Total population in private households	9,130	8,900	8,650	8,130	7,860	923,600
Aboriginal Population	40	105	565	830	1,420	51,495
First Nations					68	25,830
Métis					1,320	23,315

Source: Statistics Canada, census from 1996, 2001, 2006, 2011, and 2016 (sample data: 25 %).

Linguistic Data

While the francophone population is in decline in the Clare region, it is important to note that the Acadian community represents 61.8 % of the total population.

Table 2.6 offers data related to resident's mother tongue, defined as the first language learned and spoken at home in childhood, and still understood at the time of the latest census. The statistics demonstrate a slight decrease in the number of residents indicating their mother tongue is French between 2011 and 2016; it should be noted there has been a continuous decrease since 2001.

Table 2.6 – Mother Tongue: Clare (1996 - 2016)

First language spoken and still understood	1996	2001	2006	2011	2016	N.S. 2016
Total population excluding institutional residents	9,130	8,900	8,650	8,160	7,885	912,295
Single responses	8,495	8,710	8,520	7,965	7,630	904,240
English	2,640	2,575	2,745	2,925	2,775	830,220
French	5,785	6,005	5,690	5,155	4,775	29,455
Non-official languages	70	130	85	35	85	44,550
Multiple responses	635	190	130	190	250	8,060
English and French	635	190	130	170	240	3,445
English and non-official language	0	0	0	15	10	4,180
French and non-official language	0	0	0	5	5	225
English, French, and non-official language					0	210
Percentage – French first language (mother tongue)	63.4 %	67.5 %	65.8 %	63.5 %	61.8 %	3.2 %

Source: Statistics Canada, census from 1996, 2001, 2006, (sample data: 20 %); 2011 and 2016 (sample data: 100 %).

Table 2.7 outlines data pertaining to official language (French and English) knowledge within the Clare region. Criteria served to determine the ability of an individual to maintain a conversation in French only, in English only, in English and in French, or if they have no knowledge of Canada's official languages.

Table 2.7 – Knowledge of Official Languages: Clare (1996 - 2016)

Description	1996	2001	2006	2011	2016	N.S. 2016
Total population excluding institutional residents	9,130	8,900	8,650	8,160	7,885	912,300
English only	1,605	1,925	1,930	1,985	2,075	813,480
French only	320	245	240	120	110	705
English and French	7,205	6,730	6,480	6,035	5,695	95,380
Neither English nor French	0	0	0	20	10	2,735

Source: Statistics Canada, census from 1996, 2001, and 2006 (sample data: 20 %); 2011 and 2016 (sample data: 100%).

Table 2.8 – First Official Language Spoken: Clare (2011 and 2016)

Description	2011	2016	N.S. 2016
Total population excluding institutional residents	8,160	7,885	912,295
English	2,925	2,970	879,465
French	5,155	4,835	28,490
English and French	65	70	1,760
Neither English nor French	15	5	2,585
Official language minority (number)	5,185	4,870	29,370
Official language minority (percentage)	63.5 %	61.8 %	3.2 %

Source: Statistics Canada, census from 2011 and 2016 (sample data: 100%).

Table 2.9 presents data regarding the language spoken by the respondent the most often at home at the time of the census. Data relative to other languages spoken at home on a regular basis have also been compiled. This table demonstrates a decline in the number of individuals who replied that French was the first language spoken at home in the Clare region.

Table 2.9 – Language Most Frequently Spoken at Home: Clare (1996 - 2016)

Description	1996	2001	2006	2011	2016	N.S. 2016
Total population excluding institutional residents	9,130	8,900	8,650	8,160	7,885	912,300
Single responses	8,905	8,710	8,545	7,970	7,670	900,755
English	2,395	2,905	3,090	3,225	3,350	863,550
French	6,480	5,770	5,430	4,710	4,300	14,460
Non-official language	30	35	25	35	20	22,740
Multiple responses	225	190	115	190	210	11,540
English and French	225	190	105	170	190	2,180
English and non-official language	0	0	0	15	20	8,970
French and non-official language	0	0	10	0	0	75
English, French, and non-official language	0	0	0	0	5	315

Source: Statistics Canada, census from 1996, 2001, and 2006 (sample data: 20 %); 2011 and 2016 (sample data: 100%).

Table 2.10 – Other Languages Regularly Spoken at Home: Clare (2011 and 2016)

Description	2011	2016	N.S. 2016
Total population excluding institutional residents	8,160	7,885	912,300
None	5,735	5,540	861,780
English	1,755	1,630	17,005
French	635	675	16,390
Non-official language	30	30	16,275
English and French	0	0	150
English and non-official language	5	5	220
French and non-official language	0	5	470
English, French, and non-official language	0	0	5

Source: Statistics Canada, census from 2011 and 2016 (sample data: 100 %).

Table 2.11 presents the language of census respondent utilized most often in the workplace at the time of the census.

Table 2.11 – Language Most Frequently Spoken in the Workplace: Clare (2001 - 2016)

Description	2001	2006	2011	2016	N.S. 2016
Population 15+ years of age having worked	4,955	4,925	4,560	4,420	514,080
English	2,015	2,340	2,115	2,160	502,960
French	2,475	2,280	2,165	1,890	6,135
English and French	455	295	275	360	2,295
Non-official language	10	10	0	0	1,705
English and non-official language	0	0	0	0	930
French and non-official language	0	0	0	0	0
English, French, and non-official language	0	0	0	0	40

Source: Statistics Canada, census from 2001, and 2006 (sample data: 20%); 2011 and 2016 (sample data: 25 %).

Table 2.12 illustrates language practices within the population. Data show an increase in English as a first language (mother tongue) while French first language is in decline. Over 72 % of residents in the Clare region have knowledge of both official languages.

Table 2.12 – Spoken Language: Clare (1996 - 2016)

Description	1996	2001	2006	2011	2016	N.S. 2016
Percentage of the population whose mother tongue is English only	26.2 %	28.8 %	31.7 %	36.2 %	35.2 %	91.1 %
Percentage of the population whose mother tongue is French only	70.9 %	67.5 %	65.8 %	63.58 %	61.5 %	3.2 %
Percentage of the population whose mother tongue is a non-official language only	0.3 %	0.9 %	0.9 %	0.4 %	1.0 %	4.9 %
Percentage of the population Speaking English and/or French most frequently at home	99.8 %	99.6 %	99.7 %	97.61 %	97.0 %	94.3 %
Percentage of the population who speak only a non-official language most frequently at home	0.2 %	0.4 %	0.3 %	0.4 %	0.2 %	2.5 %
Percentage of the population with knowledge of both official languages	78.9 %	76.8 %	74.9 %	73.96 %	72.2 %	10.5 %

Source: Statistics Canada, census from 1996, 2001, 2006, 2011 and 2016 (sample data: 20 %).

Marital Status, Family, Dwellings, and Household Data

The following section offers statistical information related to households, families, marital status, and housing. A census couple family consists of a couple living together (married or common-law, including same-sex couples) living at the same address with or without children. Beginning in 2001, same-sex couples reporting as couples are counted as couple families. Children may include grand-children living in the household of at least one grand-parent, in the absence of parents. Data from 2001 and 2006 with respect to the number of common-law family arrangements include both opposite- and same-sex couples living in common law households.

Table 2.13 – Characteristics of Families and Households: Clare (1996 - 2016)

Description	1996	2001	2006	2011	2016	N.S. 2016
Total number of families in census	2,720	2,800	2,715	2,545	2,545	270,965
Number of families with married couple	2,080	2,015	1,915	1,820	1,735	181,435
Number of families with common-law couple	375	425	410	385	460	42,630
Number of single-parent families	265	360	385	380	350	46,900
Number of single-parent families where parent is female	225	300	320	300	375	37,595
Number of single-parent families where parent is male	40	60	65	85	75	9,305
Median income for all census families	\$34,824	\$39,739	\$47,808	\$57,558	\$67,177	\$77,529
Median income for families with married couple	\$44,541	\$42,320	\$51,240	\$49,751	\$58,829	\$71,495
Median income for single-parent families one year prior to census	\$24,975	\$20,213	\$28,626	\$41,883	\$44,224	\$45,597

Source: Statistics Canada, census from 1996, 2001, 2006, 2011 and 2016 (sample data: 25 %).

Table 2.14 – Occupied Private Housing Characteristics: Clare (1996 - 2016)

Description	1996	2001	2006	2011	2016	N.S. 2016
Total – private dwellings occupied by usual residents	3,580	3,680	3,695	3,641	3,695	401,990
Single-detached dwelling – total dwelling percentage	94.4 %	94.4 %	93.6 %	94.5 %	94.8 %	65.5 %
Semi-detached dwelling – total occupied private dwelling percentage	0.5 %	0.5 %	0.5 %	0.8 %	0.3 %	5.0 %
Row house – total occupied private dwelling percentage	0.2 %	0.3 %	0.4 %	0.1 %	0.3 %	2.5 %
Apartment or flat in a duplex – total occupied private dwelling percentage	0.4 %	0.5 %	0.7 %	0.8 %	0.4 %	3.0 %
Apartment in a building that has fewer than five storeys – total occupied private dwelling percentage	3.2 %	3 %	3 %	2.7 %	2.1 %	14.5 %
Apartments in a building that has more than five storeys – total occupied private dwelling percentage	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	5.3 %
Other dwellings – total occupied private dwelling percentage	1.2 %	1.5 %	1.8 %	1.1 %	5.4 %	3.7 %
Dwellings with major repairs needed – total occupied private dwelling percentage	19.5 %	10 %	10 %	11.2 %	10.1 %	8.8 %
Average number of rooms per dwelling	6.9	6.9	7.3	6.8	6.9	6.5
Dwelling having more than 1 person per room – total occupied private dwelling percentage	0 %	0.7 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0.5 %
Average value of private, owned and occupied dwellings	\$63,564	\$72,111	\$141,332	\$134,988	\$146,953	\$230,441

Source: Statistics Canada, census from 1996, 2001, and 2006 (sample data: 20 %); 2011 and 2016 (sample data: 25 %).

Table 2.15 – Housing Trends and Cost of Households: Clare (1996 - 2016)

Description	1996	2001	2006	2011	2016	N.S. 2016
Total private dwellings occupied by usual residents	3,580	3,680	3,700	3,640	3,695	401,990
Occupied and owned private dwelling percentage	86.2 %	87.1 %	85.3 %	87.6 %	86.8 %	58.6 %
Occupied and rented private dwellings	13.7 %	12.8 %	14.6 %	12.3 %	12.9 %	30.7 %
Occupied private band dwellings	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0.5 %
Occupied private dwellings with major repairs needed percentage	9.5 %	10.6 %	10 %	11.2 %	10.1 %	8.7 %
Private dwellings occupied for the last ten years	11.6 %	6.1 %	7.8 %	5 %	3.5 %	24.2 %
Occupied private dwellings with more than one person per room	0.4 %	0.7 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0.5 %

Source: Statistics Canada, census from 1996, 2001, 2006, (sample data: 20 %); 2011 and 2016 (sample data: 25 %).

The data in table 2.16 includes the people or group of people who occupy a private household and do not have any other housing outside of Canada.

Table 2.16 – Household Characteristics: Clare (1996 - 2016)

Description	1996	2001	2006	2011	2016	N.S. 2016
Total – Private households	3,585	3,680	3,695	3,641	3,695	401,990
Couple within a household (married or living common-law) with children	1,195 (33.3 %)	1,065 (28.9 %)	900 (24.4 %)	855 (23.2 %)	1,040 (28.1 %)	136,280 (32.9 %)
Couple within a household (married or living common-law) without children	1,205 (33.6 %)	1,330 (36.1 %)	1,395 (37.8 %)	1,295 (35.3 %)	1,420 (38.4 %)	124,000 (30.8 %)
Single-person households	740 (20.6 %)	850 (23.1 %)	900 (24.4 %)	995 (27 %)	1 190 (32.2 %)	118 675 (29.5 %)
Other types of households	445 (12.4 %)	435 (11.8 %)	500 (13.5 %)	540 (14.5 %)	150 (4.0 %)	23 035 (5.7 %)
Average household size	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.5	2.3
Median income per households	\$31,374	\$34,935	\$41,450	\$46,920	\$53,133	\$60,764
Median income of one-person household	\$14,031	\$15,533	\$16,316	\$21,201	\$26,224	\$30,377
Median income of two-or-more-person households	\$35,892	\$40,888	\$61,268	\$66,037	\$66,028	\$77,136

Source: Statistics Canada, census from 1996, 2001, 2006 and 2011 (sample data: 25 %); 2016 (sample data: 25 %).

Table 2.17 shows that the number of couples (married or living common-law) with children is declining and finds itself below the provincial trend.

Table 2.17 – Families and Household Trends: Clare (1996 - 2016)

Description	1996	2001	2006	2011	2016	N.S. 2016
Couples (married or living common-law) with children (from all ages) (percentage)	56 %	49.4 %	45.9 %	38.4 %	28.1 %	33.9 %
Couples (married or living common-law) with at least one or more children 25 years and younger	49.3 %	44.3 %	38.6 %	38.6 %	N/A	N/A
Single-person households (percentage)	20.6 %	23.1 %	24.4 %	27.3 %	29.2 %	29.5 %
Couple within a household with children (percentage)	33.3 %	29.1 %	24.4 %	22.2 %	28.1 %	23.8 %
Couple within a household without children percentage	33.6 %	36.1 %	37.6 %	34.5 %	38.4 %	31.8 %
Average household size	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.5	2.3

Source: Statistics Canada, census from 1996, 2001 and 2006 (sample data: 20 %); 2011 and 2016 (sample data: 100 %).

Table 2.18 offers statistical information related to the number of persons 15 years of age and older who are living together as a couple while not being legally married. Individuals may be in opposite- or same-sex relationships.

Table 2.18 –Common Law Living Characteristics: Clare (1996 - 2016)

Description	1996	2001	2006	2011	2016	N.S. 2016
Population 15 years of age and older	7,825	7,735	7,630	7,305	7,200	789,770
Not living common law	6,995	6,915	6,820	6,525	2,745	704,495
Living common law	830	820	810	780	920	85,275

Source: Statistics Canada, census from 1996, 2001, 2006 and 2011 (sample data: 25 %); 2016 (sample data: 100 %).

Tables 2.19 and 2.20 offer a snapshot of various possible living arrangements as defined by law. The term "single" represents an individual who has never been married or whose marriage has been annulled and has not remarried. "Legally married and not separated" refers to a married person whose partner is living, unless the couple has separated or divorced. Since 2006, legally married same-sex couples are included in this category. Individuals who are "separated but still legally married" are married, but no longer living together, not having obtained a divorce. The "divorced" group includes persons having obtained an official divorce and who have not remarried. "Widowed" represents persons whose partner has passed away and who have not since remarried.

Table 2.19 – Legal Marital Status: Clare (1996 - 2016)

Description	1996	2001	2006	2011	2016	N.S. 2016
Population 15 years of age and older	7,825	7,735	7,630	7,305	7,200	789,770
Single	2,340	2,235	2,225	1,615	1,550	209,455
Legally married and not separated	4,195	4,090	3,885	4,500	4,460	369,695
Separated but still legally married	215	275	280	215	210	23,105
Divorced	370	415	510	335	390	48,835
Widowed	705	710	725	635	590	52,405

Source: Statistics Canada, census from 1996, 2001, 2006, (sample data: 20 %); 2011 and 2016 (sample data: 25 %).

Table 2.20 – Marital Status Trends: Clare (1996 - 2016)

Description	1996	2001	2006	2011	2016	N.S. 2016
Percentage of population 15 years and over that are single – never legally married	56 %	49.4 %	45.9 %	22.1 %	21.5 %	26.5 %
Percentage of population 15 years and older couples – married or living common - law	62.9 %	63.4 %	61.6 %	61.6 %	61.9 %	57.6 %

Source: Statistics Canada, census from 1996, 2001, 2006, (sample data: 20 %); 2011 and 2016 (sample data: 25 %).

Immigration and Citizenship Data

Nova Scotia's Acadian and Francophone communities have become aware of the importance, even the necessity, of promoting French-speaking immigration to maintain its demographic importance. The tables herein present immigration and citizenship data. Table 2.21 employs the term "non-immigrant" to designate persons who are Canadian by birth. While the vast majority of Canadian citizens were born in Canada, a small number were born to Canadian parents outside our borders. Statistics for the larger geographic regions (census subdivisions and provinces), data include persons living on First Nations reserves.

Table 2.21 – Immigrant Status and Period of Immigration: Clare (1996 - 2016)

Description	1996	2001	2006	2011	2016	N.S. 2016
Total population	9,130	8,900	8,650	8,130	7,885	908,340
Non-immigrants	8,885	8,610	8,390	7,880	7,605	842,760
Immigrants	220	280	215	250	235	55,675
Before 1991	220	245	160	195	160	23,000
1991 to 2001	0	45	25	30	15	6,705
2001 to 2011	N / A	N / A	35	30	25	13,185
2011 to 2016	N / A	N / A	N / A	N / A	35	11,790
Non-permanent residents	25	10	45	0	25	9,900

Source: Statistics Canada, census from 1996, 2001, 2006, 2011 and 2016 (sample data: 25 %).

Table 2.22 reveals the legal citizenship of census respondents. Individuals holding multiple citizenships are required to specify the other country or countries where they hold citizenship.

Table 2.22 – Citizenship: Clare (1996 - 2016)

Description	1996	2001	2006	2011	2016	N.S. 2016
Total population	9,130	8,900	8,650	8,130	7,885	908,340
Canadian citizens	9,040	8,690	8,505	8,060	7,715	878,415
Canadian citizens aged under 18 years	1,675	1,600	1,575	1,315	1,040	159,440
Canadian citizens aged 18 years and over	7,365	7,090	6,930	6,745	6,675	718,970
Non-Canadian citizens	90	210	145	75	150	29,930

Source: Statistics Canada, census from 1996, 2001, 2006, 2011 and 2016 (sample data: 25 %).

Table 2.23 – Immigration and Citizenship Trends: Clare (1996 - 2016)

Description	1996	2001	2006	2011	2016	N.S. 2016
Percentage of immigrants	2.4 %	3.1 %	2.5 %	3.0 %	3.0 %	6.2 %
Percentage of recent immigrants (last five years)	0 %	0.3 %	0.4 %	0 %	0.4 %	1.3 %
Percentage of Canadian citizens	99 %	98.5 %	98.3 %	97 %	97.8 %	96.7 %

Source: Statistics Canada, census from 1996, 2001, 2006, 2011 et 2016 (sample data: 20 %).

Mobility Data (internal migration)

Internal migration represents all movements of people within Canada's geographical boundaries, involving a change in usual place of residence. It denotes movements of people from one province or territory to another (interprovincial migration) or from one region to another within the same province or territory (intra-provincial migration).

<http://www.statcan.gc.ca/pub/91-209-x/2016001/article/14650-eng.htm>

2.24 – Mobility: Clare (1996 - 2016)

Description	1996	2001	2006	2011	2016	N.S. 2016
Total population	9,130	8,900	8,650	8,130	7,825	906,450
Lived at same address one year ago	8,495	8,075	7,820	7,440	7,190	792,100
Lived at same address five years ago	6,885	6,865	6,650	6,500	6,160	582,705
Lived in same province one year ago – but has changed address, living in same census subdivision	350	40	470	205	270	33,720
Lived in same province five years ago – but has changed address, living in same census subdivision	1,340	1,390	1,130	845	745	114,150
Lived in another province one year ago	60	60	125	60	75	15,240
Lived in another province 5 years ago	220	215	170	165	280	44,553
Lived in another country one year ago	10	25	25	0	15	6,470
Lived in another country five years ago	20	40	100	20	85	19,270

Source: Statistics Canada, census from 1996, 2001, 2006, 2011 and 2016 (sample data: 25 %).

There is statistical evidence supporting weak internal migration within the Clare region. In 2016, 78.7 % of individuals resided at the same address as they had occupied five years earlier, a trend very similar to 2011 data when it was 80 %.

Table 2.25 – Mobility and Migration Trends: Clare (1996 - 2016)

Description	1996	2001	2006	2011	2016	N.S. 2016
Percentage who lived at same address five years earlier	79.1 %	80.7 %	79.7 %	79.9 %	80.6 %	67.2 %
Percentage who moved in same census subdivision	15.4 %	13.3 %	13.6 %	15.1 %	9.5 %	19.5 %
Percentage who moved in same province or to a different census subdivision	2.7 %	2.9 %	3.5 %	4.9 %	8.6 %	5.8 %
Percentage who moved in other province or territory	2.5 %	2.5 %	2 %	2.7 %	3.6 %	5.1 %
Percentage who lived outside of Canada	0.2 %	0.4 %	1.2 %	0.2 %	1.1 %	2.2 %

Source: Statistics Canada, census from 1996, 2001, 2006, (sample data: 20 %); 2011 and 2016 (sample data: 25 %).

Education Data

Statistics illustrate a decrease in the number of persons not having attained high school completion (see Table 2.26). Over the past 20 years, we have witnessed a decrease from nearly 48 % (1996) to approximately 30 % (in 2016). Despite this improvement, it must be pointed out that the provincial level is 19.8 %. Also, while 51.7 % of the population of Clare (2016) completed postsecondary studies, this remains inferior to the province as a whole (58.4 %).

Table 2.26 – Education: Clare (1996 - 2016)

Description	1996	2001	2006	2011	2016	N.S. 2016
Population aged 15 years and over	7,825	7,735	7,630	7,080	7,045	774,745
No secondary (high) school diploma or equivalency certificate	3,745	3,655	3,165	2,430	2,145	153,705
No secondary (high) school diploma or equivalency certificate percentage	47.9 %	47.3 %	41.5 %	34.3 %	30.4 %	19.8 %
Secondary (high) school diploma or equivalency certificate	485	850	1,190	1,175	1,250	195,900
University Certificate or diploma below bachelor level	1 075	390	300	250	225	18,380
Certificate or diploma from a trade school or from other non-university institutions	1,650	1,750	2,190	2,315	2,460	289,910
University certificate, diploma or degree at bachelor level or above	870	890	785	910	960	161,150
Percentage of postsecondary studies	45.9 %	39.2 %	42.9 %	45.5 %	51.7 %	58.4 %

Source: Statistics Canada, census from 1996, 2001, 2006, (sample data: 20 %); 2011 and 2016 (sample data: 25 %).

Among Clare residents aged 25 years and older, there has been a decrease in the number of persons not having completed their high school education (see Table). Over the past decade, the percentage has seen a decrease from nearly 32 % (2006) to approximately 20 % (2016). Despite this improvement, it must be stated that this figure remains below the provincial average of 12 %. Further, close to 80 % of this population category (25+ years) completed postsecondary studies (or higher). This is an improvement, but yet again, remains below the provincial average.

**Table 2.27 – Highest Level of Education, Population aged 25 years and older:
Clare (1996 - 2016)**

Description	1996	2001	2006	2011	2016	N.S. 2016
Percentage of the population aged 25 years and older with no secondary (high) school diploma or equivalency certificate	26.2 %	37 %	31.9 %	23.8 %	20.5 %	12.2 %
Percentage of the population aged 25 years and older with a secondary (high) school diploma or equivalency certificate or a diploma of higher degree	73.8 %	63 %	68.1 %	76.1 %	79.3 %	87.8 %
Percentage of the population aged 25 years and older with a certificate or diploma from a trade school or from other non-university institutions	37.2 %	31.6	41.2 %	39.7 %	41.6 %	36.4 %
Percentage of the population aged 25 years and older with a university degree	11.8 %	16 %	12.7 %	16 %	16.5 %	25.4 %

Source: Statistics Canada, census from 1996, 2001, 2006, (sample data: 20 %); 2011 and 2016 (sample data: 25 %).

Economic Activity Statistics

The following economic data includes statistics relative to the labour market, profits, revenue, and distribution of labour. Table 2.28 presents labour market information for persons aged 15 years and older during the week preceding census participation. Individuals included in the active labour force were at work or in receipt of employment insurance benefits the week prior to responding to the census. In previous censuses, this category was named "total active population". Those considered "inactive" were students, persons in care, retirees, seasonal workers who were not seeking employment during their off-season, and persons unable to work due to chronic illness or long-term disability. The participation rate alludes to the percentage of the population 15 years of age and older, excluding institutional residents.

Table 2.28 – Economic Activity: Clare (1996 - 2016)

Description	1996	2001	2006	2011	2016	N.S. 2016
Total population 15 years and over	7,660	7,545	7,470	7,080	7,045	774,750
In the labor force	3,775	3,875	4,445	4,170	4,000	474,595
Employed	2,925	3,240	3,870	3,665	3,545	427,310
Unemployed	850	635	575	505	450	47,280
Not in the labor force	3,885	3,670	3,025	2,905	3,050	300,155
Participation rate	60.4 %	59.7 %	59.5 %	58.9 %	56.8 %	61.3 %
Employment rate	49.3 %	51.3 %	51.7 %	51.8 %	50.3 %	55.2 %
Unemployment rate	18.4 %	14.1 %	12.9 %	12.1 %	11.2 %	10.0 %

Source: Statistics Canada, census from 1996, 2001, 2006, 2011 and 2016 (sample data: 25 %).

Data presented in Table 2.29 demonstrate a significant change in two categories over the past decade: an increase of 66.6 % in the area of "Arts, Culture, Sports and Recreation" (F), and a decrease of nearly 30 % in the area of "Sales and Services" (G). Other areas demonstrated slight changes, with the exception of "Natural and Applied Sciences and Related Occupations" (C) which has increased approximately 25 %.

Table 2.29 – Occupations: Clare (1996 - 2016)

Description	1996	2001	2006	2011	2016	N.S. 2016
Total labour force population aged 15 years by occupation	4,550	4,485	4,410	4,180	4,000	474,596
A – Management occupations	335	365	325	285	295	45,530
B – Business, finance and administration occupations	460	545	510	490	430	67,495
C – Natural and applied sciences and related occupations	70	70	85	145	105	27,450
D – Health occupations	245	180	265	330	310	37,600
E – Occupations in education, law and social, community and government services	275	320	375	430	370	58,165
F – Occupations in art, culture, recreation and sport	70	90	45	80	75	12,490
G – Sales and services	905	915	940	760	665	113,135
H – Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations	760	700	765	750	690	67,625
I – Natural resources, agriculture and related production occupations	645	685	675	550	590	18,380
J – Occupations in manufacturing and utilities	785	615	425	350	415	17,460

Source: Statistics Canada, census from 1996, 2001, 2006, 2011 and 2016 (sample data: 25 %).

Table 2.30 presents data pertaining to personal income for residents of the Clare region. It should be noted that the median income for individuals aged 15 years and older is relatively stable in this region. For a more comprehensive analysis of income, data related to family and household income from Tables 2.11 and 2.14 have been included in this section.

Table 2.30 – Personal Income: Clare (1995 - 2015)

Description	1995	2000	2005	2010	2015	N.S. 2015
Total population aged 15 years and over	4,800	4,850	4,960	4,180	4,600	774,750
Median income – population aged 15 years and over	\$18,662	\$20,607	\$18,765	\$22,733	\$26,092	\$31,813
Number of income recipients aged 15 years and over who worked a full year full time	1,575	2,030	2,040	3,230	1,880	245,425
Median income – population aged 15 years and over who worked a full year full time	\$31,815	\$30,319	\$29,060	\$35,175	\$39,927	\$47,665

Source: Statistics Canada, census from 1996, 2001 and 2006 (sample data: 20 %); 2011 and 2016 (sample data: 100 %).

The "Income" category includes the total pecuniary income received by a person 15-years-of-age and older during the calendar year preceding the census. The monetary receipts included are those that tend to be of a regular and recurring nature. Receipts that are included as income are employment income from wages, salaries, tips, commissions and net income from self-employment (for both unincorporated farm and non-farm activities); income from investment sources, such as dividends and interest on bonds, accounts, guaranteed investment certificates (GICs) and mutual funds; income from employer and personal pension sources, such as private pensions and payments from annuities and registered retirement income funds (RRIFs); other regular cash income, such as child support payments received, spousal support payments (alimony) received and scholarships; income from government sources, such as social assistance, child benefits, Employment Insurance benefits, Old Age Security benefits, Canada Pension Plan and Québec Pension Plan benefits and disability income.

<http://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/2016/ref/dict/pop123-eng.cfm>

Table 2.31 – Income: Clare (1995 - 2015)

Description	1995	2000	2005	2010	2015	N.S. 2015
Number of total income recipients aged 15 years and over	7,235	7,245	7,190	7,080	6,880	744,260
Median total income recipients aged 15 years and over	\$14,492	\$16,311	\$18,911	\$25,035	\$27,980	\$31,813
Income – percentage of total income	65.1 %	67 %	66.5 %	61.1 %	78.4 %	84.6 %
Government transfers – percentage of total income	27.2 %	22.7 %	20.5 %	24.3 %	21.6 %	15.4 %
Other income – percentage of total income	7.7 %	10.3 %	13.1 %	14.6 %	16.2 %	17.7 %

Source: Statistics Canada, census from 1996, 2001, 2006 and 2011 (sample data: 20 %); 2016 (sample data: 100%).

Table 2.32 – Distribution of Income: Clare (1996 - 2016)

Description	1996	2001	2006	2011	2016	N.S. 2016
Under \$20,000	4,865 (67.2 %)	4,350 (60 %)	3,672 (52.3 %)	2,930 (43.2 %)	2,400 (34.0 %)	229,010 (34.7 %)
\$20,000 to \$50,000	2,035 (28.1 %)	2,410 (33.2 %)	2,617 (37.3 %)	3,310 (48.8 %)	3,050 (43.3 %)	292,615 (37.4 %)
\$50,000 and over	335 (4.6 %)	490 (6.8 %)	730 (10.4 %)	545 (8.0 %)	1,640 (23.3 %)	253,125 (32.4 %)
\$150,000 and over					55 (0.7 %)	11,835 1.5 %
Total	7,235	7,250	7,019	6,785	7,045	774,750

Source: Statistics Canada, census from 1996, 2001, 2006 and 2011 (sample data: 20 %); 2016 (sample data: 100 %).

Table 2.33 – Self-employed: Clare (1996 - 2016)

Description	1996	2001	2006	2011	2016	N.S. 2016
Total population self-employed	480	415	455	370	410	44,585
Self-employed (incorporated)	110	155	179	N/A	N/A	N/A
Self-employed (unincorporated)	370	260	276	N/A	N/A	N/A

Source: Statistics Canada, census from 1996, 2001, 2006 and 2011 (sample data: 20 %); 2016 (sample data: 100 %).

Table 2.34 presents statistics related to workforce distribution according to economic sectors: primary, secondary, and tertiary (service industry). (Section 11 of this community profile offers definitions.)

In the Clare region, the primary, or resource-based, sector, has a decrease of 100 workers since 2011. This significant decline may be due in part to the closure of several mink farms in the area.

The secondary sector (manufacturing) experienced an increase of 120 workers since 2011. It is estimated that the increased number of contracts for boatbuilding and boat maintenance has had an impact in this area.

The service sector represents approximately 58 % of jobs in the Clare region, corresponding to a reduction of 340 workers. Details regarding the service sector are presented below according to industry category. It is worth noting that the category "Teaching/Education" decreased by 30 % since 2011, while "Wholesale and Retail Trade" saw a 25 % decline.

Table 2.34 – Number of Workers per Sector: Clare (1996 - 2016)

Description	1996	2001	2006	2011	2016
Sector	Workers	Workers	Workers	Workers	Workers
Primary resources	610 (13.4 %)	820 (18.3 %)	775 (17.6 %)	710 (17.0 %)	610 (17.2 %)
Secondary (manufacturing)	1,530 (33.6 %)	1,245 (27.8 %)	1,020 (23.2 %)	850 (20.4 %)	970 (24.5 %)
Tertiary (service)	2,410 (53 %)	2,420 (54 %)	2,610 (59.3 %)	2,610 (62.6 %)	2,270 (58.3 %)
TOTAL	4,550	4,485	4,405	4,170	3,955
Tertiary Sector (by industry)					
Wholesale and retail trade	815	585	685	625	470
Health care and social assistance	450	830	480	470	490
Education/Teaching	405	N / A	465	480	335
Commercial services	155	250	330	390	420
Finance and real estate	100	105	125	95	120
Other services	485	650	525	565	435
TOTAL	2,410	2,420	2,610	2,625	2,270

Source: Statistics Canada, census from 1996, 2001, 2006, 2011 and 2016 (sample data: 20 %).

The thirty-four tables presented above served to present comparative statistical evidence gathered between 1996 and 2016 to ascertain the socio-linguistic and economic realities for the Municipality of the District of Clare region. Statistics Canada data was instrumental in presenting variances over this period of two decades.

Section 3 – Education and Training

Early Years

(Please note that details in this section may not accurately reflect recent changes by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development with its Early Years initiative.)

Definitions

This section aims to clarify the various types of educational services and training opportunities available in the area of early years education in Nova Scotia.

Pre-primary (or pre-school) (Pré-maternelle)

A school for furthering the intellectual, physical, and social development of young children, usually five-year-olds, by means of games, creative activities, nature study, etc.

Pre-primary sites are responsible for the delivery of half-day programs for children aged three to five years of age. Source: *Day Care Act. Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia*, 1989 [c. 120, s. 1].

Day Care

Day care providers offer full-time education-based programs for children aged 18 months to five years of age and who have not yet entered formal schooling. Day care fees include lunch and snacks.

Prekindergarten (Pré-scolaire)

The term “prekindergarten” or “nursery school” is a concept developed to reinforce the educational component of early years services while eliminating the pejorative connotation of the term “day care”, often closely associated with “babysitting”.

“Grandir en français” pre-school program (CSAP)

“Grandir en français” welcomes pre-school-aged children who will have reached four years of age as of December 31st of the current year. This program constitutes an important component of the Conseil scolaire acadien provincial’s francization initiatives, encouraging families to enroll their children in francophone environments to better prepare to begin schooling in French in CSAP schools. “Grandir en français” is managed by the CSAP while other programs are under the jurisdiction of Nova Scotia’s Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

Daycares and Preschools (Clare)

Within the Municipality of the District of Clare, there are two pre-school programs and a network of family day cares. Each center offers day care services, with some offering pre-school programming. Each site is managed by a board of directors responsible for finances and facilities.

“La P’tite Académie”, located at École Joseph Dugas in Church Point, offers day care and educational services to francophone children aged three months to nine years (formerly 12 years), including CSAP students in the “Grandir en français” program. The site, managed by a board of directors, operates five days per week for pre-school children during the day time, and school-aged children after regular school hours. Service is offered during the academic year, as well as during summer months and March break. It is closed on weekends and holidays, including the period surrounding the Christmas holidays.

The preschool center “Notre Jardin d’Enfance”, located in Meteghan, offers French-language day care services to

children aged 18 months to school-age (4-6 years), in addition to children in the “Grandir en français” program offered by CSAP. This site no longer offers after school services for school-aged children. It is open five days per week on a year-round basis, including summer months and March break. It is closed on weekends and holidays, including the period surrounding the Christmas holidays. The center is overseen by a board of directors and managed by a director.

The network of day care sites known as “La Garderie familiale de Clare” is an authorized agency offering child care services in a family environment. This agency offers day care services for children aged two months to twelve years in individual registered and approved homes in the Clare region. The center is overseen by a board of directors and operated by a general manager. There are currently 13 households in the Clare/ Weymouth area offering services under this agency’s supervision and management.

Some of CSAP’s elementary school in the Clare region offer after-school child care services for school-aged (elementary) children including those in ‘Grandir en Français’ during weekdays. This service is not available during summer months, not during March break, holidays, or in instances of school closure (in-service days, storm days).

Table 3.1 – Daycare / Pre-school sites (Clare)

	La P’tite Académie	Notre Jardin d’Enfance	Family Daycare Clare
Location	Church Point	Meteghan	Households in Clare
Opening date	2007	1981	1984
Operation schedule	Year-round	Year-round	Year-round
Capacity	62	48	According to needs
Children registered in 2017	49	37	92
Staff	1 director/educator 6 educators 1 resource person 1 cook	1 director 7 educators 1 resource person 1 cook	1 director 1 family day care service consultant 13 care givers
Total staff	9	10	15
Contact Person / coordinates	Annette Comeau 902-769-3250	Denise Goulden 902-645-3490	Jennifer Gaudet 902-645-2673

Family Resource Center

La Pirouette is a family resource center serving Acadian and francophone children, youth, and their families in five regions of the province, including Clare. Its mission is to improve the quality of life for children and families in Acadian communities by offering information sessions, training, family activities, parental guidance, and supports in all areas related to child-rearing including the prenatal stage. For further information, contact Lisa Thimot, coordinator, at (902) 769-5854.

Provincial Pre-School Learning Resource Center (CPRPS)

Provincial Pre-School Learning Resource Center	Executive Director: Suzanne Saulnier
Address: P.O. Box 169 Université Sainte-Anne Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0	Phone: 902 769-5850 Toll free: 1-866-271-5682 Fax: 902 769-3059 E-mail: petiteenfance@cprps.ca Website: http://www.cprps.ca

The provincial pre-school learning resource center (CPRPS) is dedicated to the education and well-being of our youngest citizens. It supports the efforts of educators, day care sites, pre-schools, and Acadian/Francophone pre-school sites through a program of sharing/loaning educational resources, in addition to offering professional development sessions and consultation services. The CPRPS maintains a database of resource persons possessing expertise in a variety of areas of child care and early-years education.

The CPRPS is located in Church Point, in the Southwest corner of Nova Scotia. However, educators, early years directors/care givers, and other interested persons may access their services, including borrowing resources, through their website at <http://www.cprps.ca>. Material are shipped via postal/courier service.

Training Program – Early Years Education

There are two postsecondary institutions within/near the Municipality of the District of Clare: Université Sainte-Anne in Church Point, and *Nova Scotia Community College (NSCC) – Burr ridge Campus*, in Yarmouth.

The two-year early years program offered on-line by Université Sainte-Anne includes work placements which must be completed in accredited settings. This program prepares graduates for work in various pre-school environments (day care, pre-school), and school-based programs such as *Grandir en français* and after-school day care services. For further details regarding this college program, please visit the Université Sainte-Anne website at <http://www.usainteanne.ca/education-a-la-petite-enfance>.

Nova Scotia Community College also offers a two-year *Early Childhood Education* diploma program. More detailed information can be accessed on the NSCC website at <http://www.burridge.nsc.ca>.

Public Education**Conseil scolaire acadien provincial (CSAP)**

There are currently five Acadian (CSAP) schools in the Municipality of the District of Clare: four elementary schools, and one high school. These schools, under the jurisdiction of the CSAP, are responsible for offering quality French-language education to Acadian and Francophone students, while also delivering the same English programs as Anglophone schools beginning in grade 4.

In July 2017, following a school review process, it was determined that due to declining student population and the conditions of existing schools, the four elementary schools would close in two phases. The initial phase will see two elementary schools (École Saint-Albert and École Jean-Marie-Gay) close at the end of the 2017-2018 school year. Students from the two closing schools will be transferred to the remaining two elementary schools in the region. These two remaining schools (École Joseph-Dugas and École Stella-Maris) have a planned closure date of the autumn of

2022. The CSAP has submitted a request to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development for the construction of a new school to accommodate all elementary students in the region, to be operational in August, 2022.

CSAP curriculum promotes and values the cultural and linguistic identity of Acadian Nova Scotia and the Francophonie. The school board serves the province through its three administrative regions: Northeast, Central, and Southwest.

The Southwest regional office oversees the operation of nine schools, five of these located within the Municipality of the District of Clare, and the remaining four schools being in the Municipality of the District of Argyle. The regional office in Meteghan Centre employs 15 staff members. The Clare region is represented by three elected officials on the school board, these representatives being elected for four-year terms.

Conseil scolaire acadien provincial – Head Office / Superintendent	
P.O. Box 88 9248 Route 1 La Butte, N.S. B0W 2L0	Superintendent: Michel Comeau Administrative assistant: Adrienne Blinn Phone: 902 769-5458 Toll free: 1 888 533-2727 Fax: 902 769-5459 E-mail: comeaum@csap.ca Website: http://www.csap.ednet.ns.ca
Conseil scolaire acadien provincial – Southwest Regional Office	
P.O. Box 88 9248 Route 1 La Butte N.S. B0W 2L0	Regional Director: Brent Surette Administrative assistant: Jocelyne Comeau Phone: 902 769-5480 Fax: 902 769-5481

In 2016-2017, there were 563 students attending CSAP schools in the Municipality of the District of Clare, distributed as presented below.

**Table 3.2 – Students attending CSAP schools
(Municipality of the District of Clare, 2012 - 2017)**

School	# Students 2012-2013	# Students 2013 -2014	# Students 2014-2015	# Students 2015-2016	# Students 2016-2017
École Jean-Marie-Gay	83	79	72	79	74
École Joseph-Dugas	95	86	84	79	81
École Saint-Albert	40	45	40	37	46
École secondaire de Clare	295	297	285	282	264
École Stella-Maris	85	69	73	63	64
Total	598	576	554	539	529
Variation on preceding year	N/A	-3.7 %	-3.9 %	-2.7 %	-1.9 %

Source: Conseil scolaire acadien provincial (2012).

During the 2016-2017 academic year, the five CSAP schools in the Clare region employed 90 staff members, including 50 teachers, twelve teacher aids, six secretaries, ten custodians, six cafeteria staff, four library staff, and one community/school development officer. There is also a list of fifty substitute teachers who replace on an as-needed basis.

**Table 3.3 – Number of Employees, Conseil scolaire acadien provincial
(Municipality of the District of Clare, 2017 - 2018)**

Staff	École Jean-Marie-Gay	École Joseph-Dugas	École Saint-Albert	École secondaire de Clare	École Stella-Maris	Total
Teachers	10	7	5	20	8	50
Teacher Aide	2	3	1	5	1	12
Secretaries	1	1	1	2	1	6
Custodians	2	2	1	4	1	10
Paid supervisors	1					1
Cafeteria staff	1	1	1	2	1	6
Library staff	1	1	0	1	1	4
Community/School Dev't Agent				1		1
Total*	18	15	9	35	13	90
Substitute teachers	50					

* The total does not include substitute teachers. Source: Conseil scolaire acadien provincial (2017).

École Jean-Marie-Gay (School)

École Jean-Marie-Gay	Principal: Victor Gaudet Secretary: Donna Comeau Phone: 902 769-5420 Fax: 902 769-5423 E-mail: ejmg@csap.ca Website: http://ejmg.ednet.ns.ca
9680 Route 1 Saulnierville, N.S. B0W 2Z0	

École Jean-Marie-Gay in Saulnierville offers French-language curriculum and instruction from grades primary to six. In 2016-2017, there were 74 students attending this school, with a staff of 18. Since 2008, there has been a minor decrease in the number of students registering annually. NOTE: this school will close its doors in September, 2018 and see its students attending École Joseph-Dugas in Church Point.

École Joseph-Dugas (School)

École Joseph-Dugas	Principal: Victor Gaudet Secretary: Satasha Deveau Phone: 902 769-5430 Fax: 902 769-5433 E-mail: ejd@csap.ca Website: http://joseph-dugas.ednet.ns.ca
450 Patrice Road Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0	

École Joseph-Dugas in Church Point offers French-language curriculum and instruction from grades primary to six, while also offering the pre-school "Grandir en français" program. In 2016-2017, there were 81 students and 18 members working at this school.

École Saint-Albert (School)

École Saint-Albert	Principal: Willi Guy
P.O. Box 26	Secretary: Lynette Saulnier
5155 Route 1	Phone: 902 649-5600
Salmon River (N.S.)	Fax: 902 649-5601
B0W 2Y0	E-mail: esa@csap.ca
	Website: http://esta.ednet.ns.ca

École Saint-Albert, a grade primary to six (6) school, is located in Salmon, near the Yarmouth County border. Some students attending this school are from Anglo-dominant households. In 2016-2017, 46 students attended this schools which was staffed with 11 employees. NOTE: upon closure at the end of the 2017-2018 school year, students from this school will attend École Stella-Maris in Meteghan.

École secondaire de Clare (School)

École secondaire de Clare	Principal: Marc Poirier
80 Placide Comeau Road	Vice-principal: Ian Comeau
La Butte (N.S.)	Secretaries: Rita Weaver and Rosalie Belliveau
B0W 2L0	Phone: 902 769-5400
	Fax: 902 769-5405
	E-mail: esdc@csap.ca
	Website: http://esdc.ednet.ns.ca

Students at École secondaire de Clare arrive from the four regional feeder schools within the Municipality of the District of Clare. It should be noted that this will become two feeder schools in September 2018 following the school review process. At École secondaire de Clare, courses are offered from grades 7 through 12. In 2016-2017, 264 students attended École secondaire de Clare (there were 297 in 2013-2014). Thirty-five (35) staff members are employed at this site. In addition, Roland LeBlanc, staff of the *Salmon River Salmon Association* has his office located and the school where he offers environmental science courses on a voluntary basis.

École Stella-Maris (School)

École Stella-Maris	Principal: Willi Guy
288 Peter Dugas Road	Secretary: Christine Thériault
Meteghan (N.S.)	Phone: 902 645-5500
B0W 2J0	Fax: 902 645-5505
	E-mail: esm2@csap.ca
	Website: http://stellamaris.ednet.ns.ca

École Stella-Maris in Meteghan offers French-first language education from grades primary to 6th grade. In 2016-2017, there were 64 students and 15 staff members at this school.

English-language Education

The Clare region is under the jurisdiction of the *Tri-County Regional Center for Education (TCRCE)*, the head office located in Yarmouth. This regional center for education oversees the education of 22 schools in Digby, Yarmouth, and Shelburne counties. (The Tri-County District School Board has ceased to exist since April 1, 2018.)

English-language schools

Two English-language schools, under the jurisdiction of the Tri-County Regional Center for Education (TCRCE), offer educational services to students from the Municipality of the District of Clare: one high school, *Saint Mary's Bay Academy* (4079, Route 1, Saint-Bernard), and one elementary school, *Weymouth Consolidated School* (4695, Route 1, Weymouth).

Saint Mary's Bay Academy is the lone high school option for English-language students in the Municipality of Clare, as well as Weymouth and Digby County, offering courses corresponding to grades 7 through 12. According to the TCRCE website, this school employs 29 individuals: 17 teachers, three custodians, two administrative staff members, one administrative assistant, two cafeteria staff, one teacher's aide, and one librarian. *Saint Mary's Bay Academy* is also a *SchoolsPlus* site.

Saint Mary's Bay Academy	Weymouth Consolidated School
Phone: 902 837-2340	Phone: 902 837-2310
Fax: 902 837-2345	Fax: 902 837-2320
E-mail: smba@tcrsb.ca	E-mail: wcs@tcrsb.ca
Website: https://sites.google.com/gnspes.ca/smba/home	Website: https://sites.google.com/a/gnspes.ca/weymouth-consolidated-elementary-school/

Centre provincial de ressources pédagogiques (CPRP)

(French-language Provincial Learning Resource Center)

Centre provincial de ressources pédagogiques (CPRP)	Coordinator: Guylaine Roy Head Librarian: Pauline Losier
Address – Head Office: P.O. Box 160 Université Sainte-Anne Church Point (N.S.) B0W 1M0	Phone: 902 769-5442 Centrex (CSAP): 5442 Fax.: 902 769-3398 E-mail: bpauline@csap.ca Internet: www.cprp.ca

Since 1979, the *Centre provincial de ressources pédagogiques* (CPRP), the French-language provincial learning resource center, offers learning support to French-language learning programs throughout the province. The CPRP grants access to more than 80,000 documents and learning/pedagogical resources to staff in French first language and immersion schools province-wide. Since August 1st, 2008, the *Conseil scolaire acadien provincial* (CSAP) manages and oversees the CPRP, offering the flexibility of developing its own learning resources and corresponding staff training, thus better supporting its curriculum.

In addition to its resource loan service, the staff of CPRP facilitates professional development sessions and offers consultative services to educators and students requiring support. It should be noted that the CPRP also regularly publishes its own learning resources.

While the main CPRP office is located at Church Point in Southwest Nova Scotia, francophone and immersion teachers province-wide, including Clare, can access the center's resources free of charge through postal delivery and/or in-person visits to the CPRP library on Université Sainte-Anne Campus.

Post-secondary Education

Université Sainte-Anne

Université Sainte-Anne, the only French language postsecondary institution in Nova Scotia offers a variety of collegiate and university programs from its five campuses around the province: Halifax, Petit-de-Grat, Church Point, Saint-Joseph-du-Moine, and Tusket. The main campus/head office is located in Church Point within the Municipality of the District of Clare.

Université Sainte-Anne – Church Point Campus	
Address: 1695, Route 1 Church Point (N.S.) B0W 1M0 E-mail: admission@usaintanne.ca Internet: http://www.usaintanne.ca	President: Allister Surette Phone: (902) 769-2114 Fax: (902) 769-2930

In 2016-2017, Université Sainte-Anne offered the following choices of college and university programs at its Church Point Campus.

Table 3.4 – Programs offered at Université Sainte-Anne, Church Point Campus

Administration	Length of Program
Government Office Administration	1 year (including work placement)
Bilingual Office Administration	1 year (including work placement)
Business Administration	2 years
Bachelor of Business Administration	4 years
Bachelor of Business Administration (cooperative education option)	4 years + 3 work placements
Arts	Length of Program
Bachelor of Arts, general	3 years
Bachelor of Arts, with Major	4 years
Bachelor of Arts, with Double Major	4 years
Bachelor of Arts, with Double Major in French and English (with translation certificate)	4 years
Bachelor of Arts with Specialization in French	4 years
Master of Arts, Culture and la <i>Francophonie</i>	2 years
Education – Bachelor of Education (B. Ed.)	Length of Program
Bachelor of Education, Elementary: French first-language	2 years
Bachelor of Education, Elementary: French second-language	2 years
Bachelor of Education, Junior/Senior High School	2 years
Education – Bachelor of Arts / Bachelor of Education (B.A./B. Ed.)	Length of Program
Bachelor of Education, Elementary: French first-language	5 years
Bachelor of Education, Elementary: French second-language	5 years
Bachelor of Education, Junior/Senior High School	5 years
Master of Education (part-time, on-line delivery)	2.5 years
Teacher Aide (on line)	1 year + stage
Early Years Education (on line)	2 years
Education – Bachelor of Science / Bachelor of Education (B.Sc./B. Ed.)	Length of Program
Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Education (Junior/Senior High School Option)	5 years
Bachelor of Science (Biology Major)/Bachelor of Education (High School Option)	6 years

Sciences	Length of Program
Bachelor of Science, general	3 years
Bachelor of Science, Biology Major	4 years
Pre-Veterinary Science Diploma	2 years
Medical Science Preparatory Program (D.S.S.)	2 years
Healthcare Professions	
Continuing Care Assistance	1 year
Nursing Assistant	2 years
Bachelor of Social Work (partnership with Laurentian University)	4 years
Occupational Therapy Assistant and Physiotherapy Assistant (on line)	2 years
Continuing Education (distance education)	Length of Program
Business Management Certificate	3 years (max)
Certificate in Tourism and Culture	
Business Foundations	
Marketing and Small/Medium Business	
Human Resource Management Foundations	
Customer Service for Small/Medium Business	
Tourism Management Foundations	
Language Training for Law Professionals	
Business Mathematics	
Not-for-Profit Organization Management	
Business French	
Succession Planning	
Specialized Training Programs	
Adults	Credits
Adult Learning Program (ALP) / Formation générale des adultes (FGA)	12 credits

During the 2017-2018 academic year (commencing September 2017), 478 students were registered at the Church Point Campus of Université Sainte-Anne:

- 363 full-time students
- 115 part-time students

The Church Point Campus of Université Sainte-Anne employs 200 individuals: 120 full-time and 80 part-time.

Dalhousie University School of Nursing – Yarmouth Campus

Dalhousie University offers the four-year *Bachelor of Science in Nursing* program at its Yarmouth Campus, allowing students to develop the skills and knowledge required to meet the challenges related to this area of the health care system. A three-year accelerated program makes it possible for students to fast-track their education, thus entering the workforce earlier. More information can be obtained by phoning (902) 494-2535 (toll-free at 1-800-500-0912) or by visiting the Dalhousie Nursing Program website for further details:

<https://www.dal.ca/faculty/health/nursing/programs.html>.

Nova Scotia Community College

The *Nova Scotia Community College (NSCC)* is comprised of a network of 13 English-language campuses managed by the Province of Nova Scotia. The NSCC offers a variety of collegiate programs, both full- and part-time, skilled trades programs, and adult learning programs. Burrigade Campus in Yarmouth is the nearest campus to the Municipality of the District of Clare.

Burridge has approximately 1,000 students (full- and part-time) and has approximately 90 full- and part-time staff. Interested persons can obtain further information via telephone at 1-866-679-6722 (toll free) or by e-mail at admissions@nsc.ca.

In 2017-2018, tuition fees for certificate and diploma college programs for Canadian residents varied between \$3,220 and \$4,930 (<http://www.nsc.ca>).

Équipe d'alphabétisation Nouvelle-Écosse ***(French-language provincial literacy network)***

Équipe d'alphabétisation Nouvelle-Écosse	Executive Director: Shirley Vigneault
Address: P.O. Box 59 1 Slocumb Road Tusket, N.S. B0W 3M0	Phone: 902 648-0501 Toll free: 1 888 648-0501 Fax: 902 648-3525 E-mail: Direction@eane.ca Website: http://www.eane.ca

The French-language provincial literacy network, *Équipe d'alphabétisation Nouvelle-Écosse* (ÉANÉ) allows Acadian and Francophones in Nova Scotia, aged 18 years and older, to participate in basic French-language learning with a community, learner-centered approach. Since 1992, this non-profit organization has offered free literacy services to Acadians seeking to improve their reading, writing, and numeracy skills.

Équipe d'alphabétisation Nouvelle-Écosse also offers family literacy programs to support parents in their role as a child's first educators. The literacy network coordinates the efforts of instructors for adult and family literacy interventions throughout Nova Scotia, including the Clare region. Further information can be obtained at <http://www.eane.ca>.

Centers for Individuals with Special Needs

L'Atelier de Clare et la Maison Jérôme

(Clare Workshop and Jerome House)

Located in Church Point, the *Atelier de Clare* and the *Maison Jérôme* are responsible for housing and workplace skills development for persons with intellectual development challenges. Both organizations focus on the specific needs of individual clients to assist them in achieving their full potential. The *Atelier de Clare* offers its 29 clients a place of employment and learning with its woodworking shop, home-made artefact manufacturing, carving, sewing, and retail sales. The *Atelier de Clare* focuses on occupational/vocational training and the development of fundamental skills. The *Maison Jérôme* is equipped with nine rooms for housing residents, with all units currently filled. Carolyn Sloan, director of both centers, can be reached at (902) 769-3253 and more information can be accessed on their website at <http://www.caclclare.ca>.

	Atelier de Clare (Workshop)	Maison Jérôme (House)
Address	P.O. Box 126 1711 Route 1 Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0	P.O. BOX 119 1724 Route 1 Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0
Number of clients	30 clients	9 residents
Number of full-time employees	1 director 1 supervisor 2 instructors of independent living 1 workplace instructor	1 supervisor 4 independent living counselors
Number of part-time employees	0	3 independent living counselors
Total # employees	5	8

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- Canadian Association for Community Living (CACL) – Clare Branch. Accessed October 20, 2017. <http://www.caclclare.ca/>

Section 4 – Community and Institutional Vitality

Community Information

If the sole measure of a community's vitality were the number of community groups and organizations, the Municipality of the District of Clare would most certainly be quantified as very vibrant. Over 100 groups and associations endeavor in various sectors of the community, economy, and social fabric of the region. The majority of groups operate in French, with their constitutions and by-laws being written in English; often times, meeting minutes are also written in English. Many of these groups operate with volunteers, although on occasion individual will be hired for short-term projects. An extensive list of community groups, including their contact information, is located in Appendix A of this document.

Arts and Culture

For many years, artists from within the Municipality of the District of Clare have created, produced, and delivered artistic and cultural works on local, provincial, national, and international levels. Several regional artists are trail blazers in the area of Acadian music and serve as ambassadors of l'Acadie. The region has an abundance of businesses and community groups supporting the arts: the Conseil des arts de la Baie (arts council), le Théâtre Marc-Lescarbot (theatre), community radio CIFA 104.1 FM (French-language radio station), and Musique Saint-Bernard. There are also numerous festivals such as the Clare Acadian Festival and the Bluegrass Festival, serving as catalysts for the arts and culture sector in the region (see Appendix A).

In the musical realm, there are musicians, singers, and groups/bands such as Cy, Blou, Radio, Grand Dérangement, and other who are bound to get the crowd dancing, singing, and in a festive mood during festivals and other activities (see Appendix A).

In the area of visual arts, a number of galleries and studios are dispersed throughout Clare. They offer original paintings, sculptures, and photography, amongst others. Whether contemporary, fine arts, folk art or crafts, Clare is well-known for its artists, both established and emerging (see Appendix A).

Amongst the film producers and screen writers from the region, Phil Comeau, his roots in Baie Sainte-Marie (Clare), is world-renowned for his numerous films such as *Le Secret de Jérôme* (1994), *Les Gossipeuses* (1978), and *La Cabane* (1977), and having earned numerous awards and accolades for his achievements. At the amateur level, a group spearheaded by David Saulnier and his son Michael has produced an English-language full-length feature film entitled "Havelock", which received much attention in 2015. The sequel, "Havelock II", is expected to be released in the near future.

With respect to drama productions and performances, several small groups and individuals perform in dinner theatres in the region. The "Théâtre de la Piquine" by author Marie-Colombe Robichaud serves as a prime example. The theater group "Les Araignées du Boui-Boui", founder in 1971 by Jean-Douglas Comeau, is well-known for its musical drama *Évangeline*, having received numerous awards and producing the show for many years. On an individual basis, actors Anne LeBlanc, Nicole Boudreau, and others are adept at entertaining audiences with their characters depicting Acadians (see Appendix A).

Clare also has several storytellers, some of whom are part of the "Storytellers of Canada". Regular activities in this realm take place throughout the year due to the efforts of community volunteers and groups such as the *Société acadienne de Clare* and the *Conseil des arts de la Baie* (arts council). These activities promote the oral traditions of the

Bay St. Mary's area, offering the gift of storytelling to both visitors and local residents.

Community Facilities and Institutions

In the Municipality of the District of Clare, there are a variety of meeting and conference spaces available to community groups and associations. Often managed and operated by non-profit groups, specific locations vary in size and types of available services.

Table 4.1 lists the options available in the Clare region.

Table 4.1 – Public Spaces and Available Services: Municipality of the District of Clare

Location	Capacity	Age	Internet	Kitchen	Sound system	Lighting system
Arena – Université Sainte-Anne 902 769-2114, extension 7171	800	1958	○		○	○
Cafeteria – Université Sainte-Anne 902 769-2114, extension 7131	300	1990	○		○	○
Clare Center (<i>Clare Curling Club</i>) 902 645-2875	1,000	1999			○	○
Veteran's Center (former Legion) 902-769-2031	400	N / D	○		○	○
Château Bar – Université Sainte-Anne 902 769-2114, extension 7227	350	1990		○		
Knights of Columbus 902 769-3145	300	1969	○		○	○
<i>Church Point Social Club</i> 902 769-2410	N / D	N / D	○	○	○	○
<i>Clare Golf & Country Club</i> 902 769-2124	200	1999	○		○	○
Meteghan Lion's Club 902 645-3416	200	1993			○	○
Club Richelieu (private) 902 769-3224	125	N / D				
Gymnasium – Université Sainte-Anne 902 769-2114, extension 7172	700	1974		○	○	○
Havelock Community Centre 4628 Route 340 Havelock 902-769-2031	50	n/d		○	○	○
Rendez-vous de la Baie Université Sainte-Anne 902-769-1234	12	2012			○	○
Théâtre Marc-Lescarbot Université Sainte-Anne 902-769-2114, extension 7157	263	1989		○		
LEGEND: = Service available ○ = Service unavailable N / D = undated (unknown)						

Community Activities

The presence of Université Sainte-Anne's campus in Church Point offers residents a multitude of programs and activities, in addition to important sports and cultural infrastructure. The theatre (*Théâtre Marc-Lescarbot*), gymnasium, arena, swimming pool, and fitness facilities are not only available to students, but also to members of the community. In addition, the Recreation Department of the Municipality and local/regional sports teams are able to utilize these facilities. Significant renovations of sports and recreation infrastructure were carried out in 2017.

In the Clare region, there are beach volleyball courts and a skate board park, in addition to ball fields, the latter owned by the «Caisse populaire de Clare ».

There are also indoor and outdoor facilities such as gymnasiums and soccer fields which are available to community groups outside of regular school hours in schools operated by the Conseil scolaire acadien provincial and the *Tri-County Regional Center for Education*,. These are regularly used for activities such as dance, aerobics, and other types of physical activities.

The *Clare Golf & Country Club* in Comeauville offers 18-hole golfing. Its convention center has a capacity of 200 persons, with a kitchen staff for banquets, meetings and other activities.

The *Clare Curling Club* in Meteghan allows residents to participate in the sport of curling during the winter months, and also offer meeting and conference space during the off-season.

There are two bowling lanes in the Clare region, one in Little Brook and the other in Saint-Bernard. Both are privately operated.

A community park in Meteghan is accessible for persons of all ages. The *Parc familial de Clare* (Meteghan Family Fun Park) is managed by community volunteers.

Sports and Recreational Activities

Municipality of the District of Clare – Recreation Department	Director: Reanne Titus
1185 Route 1 P.O. Box 458 Little Brook, N.S. B0W 1Z0	Phone: 902 769-2031 Fax: 902 769-3713 E-mail: rtitus@muncclare.ca Website: http://www.clarenovascotia.com

The parks, open spaces, libraries, and arenas are also valuable assets in the Clare region. For some time, the Municipality has been aiming to improve the quality of life and health of its residents by funding a recreation department which is responsible for offering recreational activities throughout the municipality. One full-time bilingual employee and several students working in summer employment positions ensure the year-round coordination of sporting and recreational activities. The management and maintenance of municipal parks, the Veteran's Centre, and sports fields fall under the jurisdiction of the municipal recreation department.

Numerous community organizations coordinate sporting events, competitions, leagues, workshops, and training sessions. Funding programs are in place to allow community groups and volunteer organizations to contribute to recreational opportunities in the region. The three existing programs are the Francophone grant program for the development of coaches and referees, the healthy and active children/youth fund, and the community recreation

assistance program. A financial assistance program, with a \$13,000 annual allocation, is also available for eligible projects initiated by community groups to assist in cost-sharing measures for coordinating recreational programs for residents of the Municipality of the District of Clare. Interested individuals or groups are invited to download the required form by accessing the recreation department's website at <http://www.clarenovascotia.com/rec/fr/index.cfm> and clicking "Financial Assistance".

The Clare region has a network of trails. A recreation association was created to transform the former railway lines into recreational trails for ATVs, bicycles, snowmobiles, cross-country skiing, and walking/hiking. Additionally, the campus of Université Sainte-Anne in Church Point is equipped with a series of trails, most leading to the shoreline, named *Le Petit Bois*. These trails are used by Clare residents as well as the university community. Trail development and maintenance are the responsibility of summer and spring students in participating in the immersion program on campus.

Youth

For a number of years, the Clare region, like others in the province, has been afflicted by the exodus of its youth heading to urban settings and other rural regions of the province. Although there is a variety of infrastructure and a wide array of activities in the Clare region, younger members of the population, especially adolescents and young adults, leave the region claiming there is a lack of interesting activities and engaging opportunities.

Conversely, several groups and associations, in schools and the community itself, offer sporting activities for children and youth. For example, École secondaire de Clare provides the opportunity to participate in volleyball, basketball, badminton, and soccer. There is also a minor hockey association, softball, racquet ball, karate, and other activities. The Clare region participates in the annual Acadian Games, and in 2018 will be the host region. Many children and youth also participate in dance lessons (tap, jig, and jazz), in swimming lessons offered at Université Sainte-Anne, in gymnastics programs, and in privately offered music lessons.

The Clare Recreation Department also organizes a host of other activities for youth including group trips, sports teams, family events, etc.

Summer camps offered by a youth corps, the *Colonie jeunesse de Clare* (CJC), allow Acadian and Francophone youth to take part in a wide variety of cultural, sporting, social, and artistic activities. Day camps are offered on the Université Sainte-Anne campus in Church Point. A special initiative in 2016 saw the la CJC obtain two modern yurts able to accommodate 18 persons, making overnight activities possible.

Conseil jeunesse provincial (CJP)

Conseil jeunesse provincial de la Nouvelle-Écosse	Executive Director: Vacant
Address: 54 Queen Street Dartmouth, N.S. B2Y 1G3	Phone: 902 433-2084 Toll free: 1 866 208-5160 Fax: 902 433-0066 E-mail: direction@cjpne.ns.ca Website: http://conseiljeunesse.ca/

The provincial Acadian youth council, *Conseil jeunesse provincial de la Nouvelle-Écosse* (CJP), is a non-profit organization operated by, and for, Acadian and Francophone youth in Nova Scotia. The CJP is comprised of young

community leaders aged 12 - 25 years of age who are actively involved in environmental, social, political, and cultural activities with the goal of achieving their potential while functioning in French. The CJP headquarters is located in Dartmouth and has a staff of two employees, one full- and one part-time.

Société acadienne de Clare

The *Société acadienne de Clare* (SAC), a non-profit organization operated by a board of directors, unites groups of persons, organizations, and associations dedicated to the promotion of Acadians in the Bay St. Mary's region and who are actively engaged in promoting the linguistic and cultural vitality of the region. The SAC implements projects and community events in collaboration with its members and partners, a few examples include the *Bête* project (youth composing French songs, having produced a CD) a speech festival, inter-provincial youth exchanges, information sessions related to electoral boundaries, and *Grouille ou rouille* (senior's activities). The Society is also spearheading efforts to establish a school-community center in the region.

Religious Services

Since the inception of the Municipality of the District of Clare, Roman Catholicism is the predominant religion in the area. The bell towers of the massive churches in the region constitute a major tourist attraction, as well as serving as a testament of the excellent workmanship of their Acadian ancestors.

A declining population, along with a reduction of faith members, has created significant financial challenges for catholic parishes. Over the past few years, three catholic churches have closed in the region: Saint-Jean-Baptiste church in Corberrie, Saint-Cléophas church in Hectanooga, and Saint-Vincent-de-Paul church in Salmon River (Rivière-aux-Saumons). There are currently six Roman Catholic churches and one Baptist church in operation in the region.

Table 4.2 – Church Locations (Clare Municipality)

Location	Denomination	Capacity	Coordinates
Baptist			
Emmanuel Baptist Church Belliveau's Cove	Baptist	140	Pernell Muise 902 837-5708
Roman Catholic			
Notre-Dame-du-Mont-Carmel Church Concessions Parish	Roman Catholic	240	Jeannette Doucet 902 769-3837
Sacré-Cœur Church Saulnierville Parish	Roman Catholic	524	Linda Comeau 902 769-2113
Saint-Alphonse de Ligouri Church Saint-Alphonse Parish	Roman Catholic	322	Simone Dugas 902 645-2412
Saint-Bernard Church Saint-Bernard Parish	Roman Catholic	1,000	Louise LeBlanc 902 837-5788
Sainte-Marie Church Church Point Parish	Roman Catholic	800	André Valotaire 902 769-2511
Stella-Maris Church Meteghan Parish	Roman Catholic	425	Simone Dugas 902 645-2412
SUB-TOTAL: Roman Catholic Church		3,311	
TOTAL		3,451	

Sources:

- Clare Trails Association. Accessed October 18, 2017.
- Municipality of the District of Clare. Recreation Department. Accessed October 18, 2017.
<http://www.clarenovascotia.com>
- Conseil jeunesse provincial. Accessed October 18, 2017 <http://conseiljeunesse.ca>
- Société acadienne de Clare. Accessed October 18, 2017. <http://saclare.com>

Section 5 – Health

Réseau santé – Nouvelle-Écosse

Réseau Santé – Nouvelle-Écosse	Provincial coordinator: Jeanne-Françoise Caillaud
Address: 2 Bluewater, Office 222 Bedford, N.S. B4B 1G7	Phone: 902-222-5871 E-mail: reseau@reseausantene.ca Website: www.reseausantene.ca
	Répertoire des services en français: http://www.reseausantene.ca/repertoire-des-professionnels-de-la-sante-parlant-francais/
Réseau Santé – Nouvelle-Écosse	Regional coordinator (South): Shawna Comeau
Address: RR #1 P.O. Box 1A Meteghan River, N.S. B0W 2L0	Phone: 902 778-1038 E-mail: shawna@reseausantene.ca Website: http://www.reseausantene.ca

The *Réseau Santé – Nouvelle-Écosse* (provincial francophone health network) came into existence under the umbrella of the *Fédération acadienne de la Nouvelle-Écosse* (FANE), in May 2003 following a series of province-wide consultations. In March, 2004 the *Réseau Santé* adopted its operational rules, its structure, and its regionally elected officials. At the provincial level, it developed its strategic plan, its action plan, and other relevant measures. The network became the advocate for French-language services in the area of health and wellness for the Acadian and Francophone community. The *Réseau Santé – Nouvelle-Écosse* was officially incorporated as a non-profit organization on November 25, 2008.

The main goals of the *Réseau Santé* are to:

- improve access to French-language primary health care services in Nova Scotia;
- focus the efforts of key stakeholders in the area of health and wellness, including regional representatives, to gain a more thorough understanding of the needs of the Acadian/Francophone community;
- establish a network of health care partners, especially in the five following areas: health care professionals, facility management, training and education institutions, government authorities, and communities;
- create heightened awareness with key partners;
- proceed with training and education initiatives for health care professionals;
- establish a list of existing French-language health care services in Nova Scotia; and
- co-operate to develop recruitment, training, and retention strategies for health care professionals.

Nova Scotia Health Authority

Nova Scotia Health Authority	President and CEO: Janet Knox
60 Vancouver Road Yarmouth, N.S. B5A 2P5	Phone: 902-742-3541 Fax: 902-742-0369 E-mail: wearelistening@nshealth.ca
	Website: http://www.nshealth.ca

The Nova Scotia Health Authority ensures health care services for residents of the province, in addition to specific specialized services for Atlantic Canadians. The Health Authority manages hospitals, health centers, and community programs province-wide. Its team is comprised of doctors, researchers, students, and volunteers offering health care services.

The Yarmouth Regional Hospital employs 1,150 staff members, offering services to approximately 64,000 residents of the counties of Digby, Yarmouth, and Shelburne. This facility also ensures mental health, public health, and addiction services in the region.

The Nova Scotia Health Authority also offers French-language on-line services for patients and families. To learn more, please visit <https://library.nshealth.ca/Pamphlets/FF>.

Conseil de santé de Clare

Conseil de santé de Clare	President: Shawna Comeau
P.O. Box 83 8559 Route 1, Office 112 Meteghan Centre, N.S. B0W 2K0	Phone: 902 645-3533 Fax: 902 645-3532 E-mail: chbswh@nshealth.ca

The *Clare Health Council* (CSC) was awarded special status to ensure effective representation of the Municipality of the District of Clare as an Acadian community where French has been the dominant language since 1769. The Clare Health Council was founded on September 29, 1996 to engage the community in identifying its needs with respect to health and wellness. The CSC is comprised of volunteers working in collaboration with other individuals and community groups to improve the quality of life for area residents. The Clare Health Council also aims to promote the emotional, physical, and social well-being of Acadians and Francophones throughout the region.

Amongst its priorities, the recruitment and retention of francophone health professionals is at the forefront, as are the delivery of French-language services, access to medical specialists, mental health, addiction services, and social services. The CSC also organizes information sessions and workshops to promote physical activity, health and well-being, and disease prevention.

Community Health Centre

Centre de santé de Clare	Manager: Janice Bilodeau
Address: 8559 Route 1 P.O. Box 128 Meteghan Centre, N.S. B0W 2K0	Phone: 902 645-2777 Fax: 902 645-2854 E-mail: jbilodeau@clarehealthcentre.ca

The Clare Community Health Centre opened its doors in May, 2008. This municipally-owned complex includes examination rooms and office space to accommodate six doctors, each one having access to two examination rooms. There is also a nurse-practitioner, a room for minor surgeries, a conference room, and general office space. Provincial public health, mental health, and addictions services staff of the Department of Health and Wellness are also located on site. The Clare Health Centre is operated by the Municipality of Clare, overseen by a manager. Additional employees include three administrative support staff and 1.5 patient care assistants.

The Clare Health Centre accommodates external medical professionals who come into the community to offer services for the residents of Clare and Weymouth for diabetic patients and those afflicted with cardiovascular conditions. It is also possible to arrange appointments with an optometrist, a pediatrician, and consultations with a dietician.

Hospitals

Yarmouth Regional Hospital

Yarmouth Regional Hospital	Administrative Assistant: Amy Deveau Medical Lead: Brian Moses
60 Vancouver Street Yarmouth, N.S. B5A 2P5	Phone: 902 742-3541 Fax: 902 742-0369 E-mail: wearelistening@nshealth.ca
	Website: http://www.nshealth.ca

With more than 1,150 employees and 124 available bed, the Yarmouth Regional Hospital is the largest medical centre in Southwest Nova Scotia. This hospital serves the needs of residents of Digby, Yarmouth, and Shelburne Counties and offers specialized services such as anesthetics, internal medicine, ophthalmology, otorhinolaryngology (ears, nose, and mouth), obstetrics, pathology, pediatrics, psychiatry, radiology, and surgery. Emergency services are available 24 hours per day, seven days per week. Service-delivery is in English for the most part.

Digby Regional Hospital

Digby Regional Hospital	Manager: Hubert d'Entremont
75 Warwick Street Digby, N.S. B0V 1A0	Phone: 902 245-2501 Fax: 902 245-2803
http://www.nshealth.ca/locations-details/Digby%20General%20Hospital	

The Digby General Hospital is located approximately 40 kilometers from the Municipality of Clare. This facility houses 20 beds for medical care, and 13 more beds for rehabilitation. The hospital has a complement of 150 staff, several being bilingual. Digby General offers emergency services, primary care, short-term hospital services, and day surgery, in addition to pediatric clinics, internal medicine, ophthalmology, and orthopedics.

Clinics

While the majority of specialized services are offered in Yarmouth, some clinics such as the *Well Woman's Clinic* are at times organized by doctors in the Clare region. There is also a mobile clinic of the Yarmouth Regional Hospital, for specialized consultations and breast screening clinics. Influenza immunization vaccinations for students, and pre-natal courses are also offered by Public Health nurses. Public Health nurses may be reached at (902) 645-2325. For all other services in the areas, please contact the Yarmouth Regional Hospital at (902) 742-3541.

Family doctors in the Clare region are not currently taking on new patients, however, an emergency physician is on call and can be accessed without an appointment. For further information related to the emergency physician's schedule, contact the Clare Health Centre's INFO line at (902) 645-2829.

Ambulance Service

Emergency Health Services (EHS) manages 2 paramedic/ambulance centers in the Clare region: one is located in Meteghan, the other in Saint-Bernard. Both are staffed with a team operating 24 hours per day, seven days per week.

The Meteghan site has two vehicles (ambulances) and is staffed with 10 paramedics, all bilingual. The Saint-Bernard site has one ambulance and a staff of six bilingual paramedics.

While there is no formal requirement for paramedics to be bilingual, all 16 in the region meet that criteria. Jay Walker serves as regional ambulance service manager.

Table 5.1 – Ambulance Service (Clare)

Centre	# Paramedics	Primary care paramedic	Intermediate paramedic care	Advanced paramedic care
Meteghan	10	5	1	4
Saint-Bernard	8	5	2	1
TOTAL	18	10	3	5

Source: Emergency Health Services Contact person, January, 2018.

Heliports

There are currently no heliports within the Municipality of the District of Clare. Heliports are divided into three categories: hospital heliports, airport heliports, and community heliports. The nearest heliports to the Municipality of the District of Clare are located at the Yarmouth Regional Hospital, the Yarmouth International Airport, the Digby General Hospital, and one private landing space. For additional information, visit the *LifeFlight* service website of *Emergency Health Services*: <http://www.ehslifeflight.ca/Pages/home.aspx>.

Home Care

The Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness ensures home care and continuing care services for residents within the Municipality of the District of Clare. Two organizations are responsible for the assessment of client needs and subsequent home health care services. Information on each is provided below:

Victorian Order of Nurses of Canada (VON)

Victorian Order of Nurses of Canada (VON)	Manager: Karen Marr
Address: 55 Starrs Road Yarmouth, N.S. B5A 2T2	Phone: 902 742-4512 Fax: 902 742-8962 E-mail: Karen.marr@von.ca Website: http://www.von.ca

Source: Karen Marr

17 nurses of the Victorian Order of Canada (VON), with seven being bilingual, (either registered nurses or licenses practical nurses) serve clients in the counties of Clare, Digby, Yarmouth, and Shelburne. This team of nurses, complemented by the continuing care staff of the Department of Health and Wellness, offer nursing care, palliative care, services for children, and preventive care such as learning sessions related to disease management. The nurses of the Victoria Order, through a community support program, offer additional services such as an adult day program with a natural/family caregiver offering respite care, a family caregiver support service, home visitations, a cardiovascular health program, and a frozen-food home delivery program.

Additional information about the Victoria Order of Nurses can be accessed at <http://www.von.ca>, subsequently filtering/searching under "Tri-County" within the Atlantic Region.

Clare Home Support Agency

Clare Home Support Agency	Director: Tonya Boudreau
Address: P.O. Box 100 4459 Route 1 Weymouth, N.S. B0W 3T0	Phone: 902 837-4444 Fax: 902 837-4447 E-mail: tonya@dchsa.ca

The *Clare Home Support Agency* (1983) offer home services including personal care, respite care, palliative care, meal service, and housekeeping services.

Health Care Related Human Resources

Table 5.2 – Health Professionals

Health Care Professionals	Total Number	Number: Francophone or Bilingual
Chiropractors	0	0
Counsellors (well-being, medication advice, diabetes and cholesterol management, foot care, prosthetics, mastectomy, home care) Christine Gaudet, <i>Pharmasave</i> , Clare 902 645-2219 Vickie LeBlanc, <i>PharmaChoice</i> , Saulnierville 902 769-0983	2	2
Dentists D ^{re} Jillian Moore 902 769-3127 South West Dental 902 645-3011	3	1
Dieticians Lianne Boudreau Maltais 902 774-3967 Carina Mazier 902 278-2033	2	2
Occupational therapists	0	0
Dental Hygienists Denise Saulnier 902 769-3153 Denise Flynn 902 645-3011	2	2
Family physicians D ^r Jean Luc Dugas 902 645-2777 D ^{re} Giselle Dugas 902 645-2777 D ^{re} Michelle Dow 902 645-2777 D ^r Alain Blinn 902 645-2777 D ^r Alban Comeau 902 769-3888 D ^r Erica Lasher Coates 902 645-2777 D ^r Courtney Mazeroll 902 645-2777	7	7
Optometrists Dr Guy Rholland 902 769-2615	1	1
Nurse practitioners Terrilee O'Connell 902 645-2777	1	1
Orthodontists	0	0
Orthopedists	0	0
Pharmacists <i>Pharmasave</i> , Clare (3 pharmacists) 902 645-2219 <i>PharmaChoice</i> , Saulnierville (4 pharmacists) 902 769-0893	7	7
Physiotherapists Clare Physiotherapy Clinic 902 769-2421	1	1
Psychotherapists Madeleine Deveau 902-769-0123 Yvonne Lombard 902 837-7342	2	2
Alternative therapies Thelma Comeau (massage therapist) 902 645-2665 Denise Sabean (massage therapist) 902 278-2023 (ang) June Comeau-Blinn (various therapies) 902 769-0286 Clare Acupuncture (acupuncture) 902 645-3165 Mar-É-Tarre (Reiki and therapeutic touch) 902 769-2160 <i>Teflex at Ease</i> (reflexology) 902 645-2704	6	5
Other health-related services: Public Health 902 645-2325 Denise Leblanc (registered nurse)	4	4

Jennifer Thériault (licensed practical nurse) Breast feeding help line	902 645-2325		
Health Professionals		Total #	# Francophone # Bilingual
TOTAL		38	35

Source: Clare Health Council.

Independent Senior Housing

Western Regional Housing Authority	Karen Brown
10 Starrs Road Yarmouth, N.S. B5A 2T1	Phone: 902 742-4369 Toll free: 1-800-306-3331 Fax: 902 749-1258
https://housing.novascotia.ca/housing-authorities	

There are four independent living facilities for seniors in Clare, all under the auspices of the *Western Regional Housing Authority*:

- Le foyer acadien, located in Church Point (20 apartments);
- Le foyer Gabriel, located in Saulnierville (15 apartments);
- Le foyer Évangeline, located in Meteghan (15 apartments);
- Le foyer Sigogne, location in Salmon River (Rivière-aux-Saumons) (15 apartments).

Long-Term Care Housing

Villa acadienne	Manager: Lucille Maillet
P.O. Box 248 8403 Route 1 Meteghan, N.S. B0W 2J0	Phone: 902 645-2065 Fax: 902 645-3899 E-mail: lucillemaillet@villaacadienne.ca

Seniors represent a significant proportion of the population in this region. It is therefore imperative that appropriate resources, including infrastructure and professional, be allocated to meet the health care needs, while ensuring French-language services.

La Villa acadienne, funded by the Department of Health and Wellness, is a long-term facility for seniors and adults with specific needs. Its operations are overseen by a board of governors composed of members of the community and municipal council. 150 bilingual employees, mostly women, meet the needs of the residents of the 85 bed-facility. There is also one respite care bed at the *Villa acadienne*, one of the prominent employers in the region.

The board of directors has, for several years, been planning the construction of a new facility due to the high cost of repairs to the existing building. Such a new facility would better accommodate community needs due to an aging population. This is especially important in this Acadian region where residents wish to remain in their community to receive French-language services.

Other senior care facilities (private) in the region include: “Cottage Céleste” home, “Au logis de Meteghan” home, and “Su’ Martha Au Bord d’la Mer” home. All three are located in Meteghan.

Cottage Céleste Home	Kathy MacDonald
P.O. Box 314 8064 Route 1 Meteghan, N.S. B0W 2J0	Phone: 902 645-2248 Fax: 902 645-3231 E-mail: foyerceleste@bellaliant.net
16 employees 19 beds	

Au logis de Meteghan	Joanne Dugas
P.O. Box 128 8405 Route 1 Meteghan, N.S. B0W 2J0	Phone: 902 645-3594 Fax: 902 645-2429 E-mail: auglogis@eastlink.ca
17 employees 22 beds	

Su’ Martha au Bord d’la Mer	Anne-Marie Walsh
8318 Route 1 Meteghan, N.S. B0W 2J0	Phone: 902-278-2010 E-mail: awalsh1967@outlook.com
2 employees 7 beds	

Special Needs Adult Housing

In the Clare region, there are two housing options for special needs adults. The *Maison au coucher du soleil* in Saulnierville, and the *Maison Jérôme* in Church Point offer housing for adults with special needs, whether cognitive and/or physical challenges.

La Maison au coucher du soleil	Christopher Banks
9671 Route 1 Saulnierville, N.S. B0W 2Z0	Phone: 902 769-2270 Fax: 902 769-3850 E-mail: nicami@ns.sympatico.ca
28 employees 32 residents	

Maison Jérôme	Carolyn Sloan
P.O. Box 126 Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0	Phone: 902 769-3202 Fax: 902 769-0002 E-mail: caclclare@eastlink.ca
13 employees 9 beds	

Women's Services

In the Southwest region, services are available to ensure women's safety and well-being. There are also groups which work to assist vulnerable, at-risk, or victimized women (see Appendix D).

Services for Women and Children in Transition

Juniper House	Director: Lisa Newell-Bain <i>South West Nova Transition House Association</i>
Address remains confidential at the request of management.	Phone: 902 742-4473 Emergency Line: 902 742-8689 24-hour service: 1-800-266-4087 E-mail: juniperhouse@eastlink.ca Local staff (Digby): 902 245-4789 E-mail: juniperhouse@eastlink.ca Website: http://www.juniperhouse.ca

Established in 1985 by the *South West Nova Transition House Association*, *Juniper House* offers services to women and children in transition. Serving the counties of Digby, Yarmouth, and Shelburne this refuge center for women and children who are at risk or victims of domestic abuse has a staff of 13, three who are bilingual. There are currently two English-speaking staff based in Digby, while one bilingual employee is available on an on-call basis to work with students in schools.

Juniper House constantly seeks to increase and improve services offered to Acadian and Francophone women who are victims of abuse. This aligns with the obstacles identified in a study conducted in Clare and Argyle (*Pyra Management Consulting Services Inc.*, 2009). For further information, visit <http://www.juniperhouse.ca/>.

Tri-County Women's Center

Tri-County Women's Center	Director: Bernadette MacDonald
Address: 12 Cumberland Street Yarmouth, N.S. B5A 3K3	Phone: 902 742-0085 Fax: 902 742-6068 Toll free: 1-877-742-0085 E-mail: bernadette@tricitywomenscenter.org Website: http://www.tricitywomenscentre.org

The *Tri-County Women's Center* in Yarmouth offers counselling, resources, and programs to assist women in need. A team of 22 employees (4 full- and 18 part-time; none bilingual) deliver services such as employability skills workshops, healthy living, and self-care. On request, the Center coordinates and facilitates French-language workshops for children and women in the Clare region. The *Tri-County Women's Center* has all intentions of continuing to deliver services in the Municipality of the District of Clare.

Services Available for At-Risk Women and Victims of Violence

Royal Canadian Mounted Police – Meteghan Detachment	
Address: 60 Connector Road Meteghan, N.S. B3W2J0	Emergency Service: 9-1-1 Phone: 902 645-2326 French-language service: 1-800-272-9569 Website: http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca

Services for at-risk and victimized women are available through *Juniper House* and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP).

Section 6 – Natural Resources

Mining

Overview

There has been no metallurgical extraction in the Municipality of the District of Clare. All extraction remains in the industrial mineral sector including sand, gravel and rock aggregate as well as a few stone quarries.

Mineral Resources in the Region

Aggregate

The Municipality of the District of Clare has an abundance of aggregate, the most widely used construction material. Although it is widely believed that any type of rock product is sufficient as building material, this is not the case. To ensure the durability and safety of construction aggregate, rigorous standards are enforced. The high cost of transportation of aggregate from the mines and the construction sites is one of the restrictive elements of mineral extraction, also influencing the total cost of the product. The quality and location of the raw aggregate product has an influence on the cost and the safety of highways and bridges.

In the Municipality of the District of Clare, aggregate has been extracted for decades. Because of quality standards, a major part of the gravel cannot be used for high caliber construction projects. Nevertheless, that gravel can be used for other high-quality jobs (for example, alleys and backfilling around foundations). The majority of the deposits are already well known by the operators. However, recent studies conducted by the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources indicate the presence of untapped aggregate deposits which could result in significant economic impact in the region.

With respect to high quality rock extractions, the existing rock quarries remain the primary choice of the rock industry. Several types of rocks available in the Municipality of Clare meet the established criteria for roadway asphalt and concrete. This includes quartzite sandstone and granite rock that can be found underground in inland areas. It is important to stress that the quality of rocks dictates the amount of rocks that will meet the needs of construction. It is therefore necessary to identify the rocks of acceptable quality closest to the sites where they will be used. It would be ideal to legally protect specific and significant rock deposits to ensure future availability.

Stone

In the past, black granite was mined in Mavillette. The product of this quarry was jet black and without deleterious minerals (such as pyrite) that can cause rusty plates. However, the rock had a tendency to break during extraction, resulting in significant waste. The product from this quarry, as well as surrounding quarries, are excellent for rock-fill to minimize bank erosions.

Another resource with potential benefits are rock deposits. Dating back to the ice ages, these deposits include an amalgam of materials having the quality of large rocks intermixed with finer materials (such as sand and clay). These deposits appear like mounds and are easy to distinguish. The rocks present in these deposits have been used in the region to build walls with high structural and esthetic quality. With good material sorting systems and a good marketing strategy, it may be possible, and feasible, to extract and sort the product in order to attract clients in local markets (Halifax, Dartmouth), as well as regional (Maritime Provinces) and international (east coast of the United States). Some

companies in the United States produce and distribute similar products. Certain stones in the region, such rock blocks, could be extracted for making block stones.

Potential Ecotourism on Geological Sites

The Municipality of Clare has significant attractions and geologic history that could be incorporated in tourist brochures or guided tours. Indeed, seashells dating back more than 100,000 years, high beaches, a rock dating from the ice age, "roche berçante" from New France and the bone (esker) at Boar's Back (*Moody's Corner*) on which a road crosses are all interesting attractions in the region.

Fishing Industry

Ports

Port of Meteghan (major port in the region)			
Managed by: Meteghan Port Authority		Contact person: Gerald Robichaud	
Address: P.O. Box 105, Meteghan, N.S. B0W 2J0		Phone: 902 645-3151	
Docking charges: \$1.10 per meter per day	Anchorage fee: N/A		Security Deposit: \$3.60 per day
Depth: approx. 3 meters at low tide		Surface area of wharf: 29,000 square feet (1,000 x 29 feet)	
# Workers: Approx. 225	# Vessels: 80 - 115 (dependent upon season)		Live wells: 31 permits
Major projects since 2013:	1) Dredging on inside area of wharf 2) Addition of electricity to floating docks		
Major projects for next 3 - 5 years:	1) Repairs to posts on floating docks		
	2) Breakwater development		
	3) Construction of new breakwater to control currents		
	4) Dredging		
Fish buyers: In 2012, approximately 40 enterprises possessed licenses for offering services at the Meteghan Wharf (buyers, water, fuel, electronics, repairs, etc.)			

Port of Saulnierville			
Managed by: Saulnierville Port Authority		Contact persons: Gerald Robichaud and Noël Déprés (president)	
Address: P.O. Box 435, Meteghan, N.S. B0W 2J0		Phone: 902 645-3151	
Docking fees: \$20.00 per meter	Anchorage fees: n/a		Security Deposit: \$135.00 annually
Depth: Approx. 2.5 meters at low tide		Surface area of wharf: 1,328.6 square meters (9.1 x 146 meters)	
# Workers: Approx. 50	# Vessels: Approx. 25		# Live wells: 4 permits
Major projects since 2013	Extending breakwater		
Projects planned for next 3 - 5 years	1) Construction of floating docks		
	2) Dredging		
	3) Widening end of wharf		

Port of Cap Sainte-Marie			
Managed by: Meteghan Port Authority		Contact person: Gerald Robichaud	
Address: P.O. Box 435, Meteghan, N.S. B0W 2J0		Phone: (902) 645-3151	
Docking fee: \$400 annually	Anchorage fee: n/a		Security deposit: n/a
Depth: Approx. 1.5 meters at low tide		Surface area of wharf: 2,250 square meters (18 x 125 m)	
# Workers: Approx. 60	# Vessels: 18		# Live wells: 1 permit
Major projects since 2013	1) Extending breakwater		
	2) Construction of floating docks		
	3) Construction of new breakwater to control currents		
Major projects for next 3 - 5 years:	1) Dredging		
	2) Complete parking area		

Value of landings (catch from fisheries)

The monetary value of natural resources such as the fisheries depends upon availability (catch) and resource management, with quotas and permits granted by Fisheries and Oceans Canada. The following tables reflect the landings, in both kilograms and dollar value, by fishing port as reported in Statistics Canada data. Some data remains confidential to protect involved parties from their competition, these figures hence are not shared by DFO for inclusion in this report.

Table 6.1 – Landings and Total Value from Commercial Fishery, Clare Region

Table 6.1 quantifies landings and dollar values for commercial fisheries in the Municipality of the District of Clare. In the interest of maintaining confidentiality, some data are not broken down by port within the Clare region.

Species / Year Clare Region	2016 (preliminary)		2015 (preliminary)		2014		2013		2012	
	KG	\$	KG	\$	KG	\$	KG	\$	KG	\$
Ground fish	2,332,177	4,579,179	1,818,903	3,062,496	1,406,513	2,240,281	1,433,795	2,563,330	1,344,691	2,213,412
Lobster	2,285,665	33,504,622	2,125,021	30,794,273	2,256,518	26,866,563	1,899,731	20,733,006	2,493,028	22,364,795
Mollusks, crustaceans, and plants (excluding lobster)	890,485	2,583,850	793,444	2,333,898	845,864	2,081,816	928,194	2,257,719	546,166	1,191,829
Pelagic and estuaries	1,399,869	583,667	702,280	271,819	980,475	462,029	2,919,198	12,308,39	1,478,735	427,626
Total	6,908,196	41,251,318	5,439,648	36,462,486	5,489,370	31,650,689	5,862,620	26,197,662	9,154,558	21,435,075
Variation on previous year	Preliminary	Preliminary								
LEGEND / NOTE: KG = Mass in kilograms \$ = Dollar value Given that data regarding the quantity and total value of landings for the commercial fishery in 2015 and 2016 remain preliminary, it is not possible to make accurate comparisons.										

Aquaculture

Confidentiality is required in the aquaculture industry due to the limited number of operations in the region. It is worth mentioning that *Innovative Fishery Products* in Saint-Bernard is involved in clam cultivation.

Agriculture

Farming in Clare is mainly focused on animal production rather than fruits and vegetables. The 30 mink farms in the region signifies a reduction of farms since the publication of the previous version of this community profile due, in large part, to the decreasing value of this product over the past 50 years.

Of the remaining 30 mink farms, it is difficult to establish precisely how many remain in operation because owner/operators are not required to be members of the *Nova Scotia Mink Breeders Association*. Further, some data remain confidential under protection of privacy laws and were thus not shared by the *Nova Scotia Mink Breeders Association*.

Despite the closure of mink farms in recent years, it is worth noting that the true measure of economic development in this sector is not the number of farms, but rather the number of female mink on existing farms.

The vast majority of these farms are in the communities of Havelock, Hilltown, Hassetts, New Tusket, and Weaver

Settlement. Others can be found in Concessions, Mayflower, Saint-Joseph, and Saulnierville.

Table 6.2 – Gross Income from Farming, Farm Area, and Farm Products, Clare (2016)

Gross Revenue										
Income	Less than \$10,000	\$10,000 - \$24,999	\$25,000 - \$49,999	\$50,000 - \$99,999	\$100,000 - \$249,999	\$250,000 - \$499,999	\$500,000 - \$999,999	\$1,000,000 - \$1,999,999	\$2,000,000 and over	
2016 (61 farms)	25	8	0	1	7	6	7	3	4	
Farm Area (acres)										
Farm Area	Less than 10	10 - 69	70 - 129	130 - 179	180 - 239	240 - 399	400 - 559	560 - 759	760 - 1,119	1,120 - 1,599
2016 (61 farms)	17	27	6	5	2	1	3	0	0	0
Farms Products										
Products	Livestock and bovines	Pigs	Poultry and eggs	Sheep and goats	Other animals	Oil seeds and et cereals	Fruits and nuts	Greenhouse and floriculture	Vegetable s and melons	Other harvest s
2016 (61 farms)	8	0	1	1	27	1	12	5	2	1

Source: Statistics Canada (2016).

Lakes, Waterways, and Wildlife

Numerous lakes are interlinked by a series of rivers, creating a haven for outdoor enthusiasts, recreational fisher persons, and ecologists. Surrounding properties have significantly increased in value due to the popularity of this area for new home and cottage construction. Swimming, fishing, canoeing, and other water-related activities are a regular part of the region's lifestyle.

No lakes are currently designated by the Municipality of the District of Clare as a source of drinking water. Climate change and water/air pollution appear to be posing risks to drinking water, as well as animal and fish health and sustainability. In some areas, waterways have become polluted with the result of the disappearance of some fish species. Some drinking water wells have become contaminated and community groups such as the *Salmon River Salmon Association* are conducting research in an effort to solve these issues and protect local waterways.

Forest Industry

Historically, the forest industry in the Clare region played a significant role in the local economy. In the 19th century, no less than ten lumber mills relied upon Meteghan River, the longest river in the municipality, to power turbines for wood cutting. This is no longer the case. The low cost of lumber in markets resulted in mill closures and the industry was significantly impacted in the province. Provincial data reveals that 6.5 million square meters of lumber were harvested in 2000, while 3.7 million square meters were harvested in 2016. The largest mill in the area, *E.M. Comeau Lumber* (est. 1905) closed its doors in 2009, eliminating 60 jobs in the process.

The lone remaining mill in Clare is *AFT Sawmill Ltd*. This operation harvests hardwood for sales and export to areas as far away as Québec. A few private mills remain in the area as demonstrated in 2016 statistics from the Department of Natural Resources. Five small mills produce a total of 1 - 1,000 square meters of lumber while *AFT Sawmill Ltd* manufactures between 3,001 and 10,000 square meters of lumber. The lumber transportation industry is also an

economic generator in the region.

2016 harvest figures, as reported by the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources are collected by county, therefore specific data are not available for the Clare region. These statistics offer that Digby County produces 6 % of Nova Scotia's lumber, compared with 1 % for Yarmouth County, 2 % for Richmond County, and 4 % for Inverness County. These figures, as presented in table 6.3 (below) are consistent with 2011 data.

Table 6.3 – Harvests from Forest Industry (Digby County, 2016)

Owner	Type	Harvest for use within Nova Scotia (m ³)	Harvest for Export (m ³)	Total (m ³)
Owners of Provincial property	S	200,405	0	200,405
	H	9,597	0	9,597
Industrial owners	S	23,928	0	23,928
	H	540	0	540
Individual & Private Owners	S	167,349	0	167,349
	H	4,958	0	4,958
Total	S	391,682	0	391,682
	H	15,095	0	15,095

* S = Softwood; H = Hardwood. Source: N.S. Department of Natural Resources (2016, published in 2017).

Sources of Information for Section 6:

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- Statistics Canada: *Données sur les exploitants et les exploitations agricoles* (consulté le 22 août 2017), <http://www29.statcan.gc.ca>.
- Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources, Forest Industry: *Registry of Buyers Annual Report* https://novascotia.ca/natr/forestry/registry/ann_report.asp and Data (2016, published 2017) <https://novascotia.ca/natr/forestry/registry/annual/2017/Registry-of-Buyers-2016.pdf>
- La Forêt acadienne, Ltée; Arcade Comeau, Owner (February 26, 2018).

Section 7 – Infrastructure and Environmental Resources

Sustainable development and green technologies are growing priorities for Canadians, from both environmental and economic perspectives. Stakeholders and leaders are becoming increasingly conscious of the required balance between quality of life and economic development. While it is imperative to create green spaces where individuals and families can flourish, it is also important to provide economic opportunities with access to resources and services to establish and maintain competitive businesses. In addition, it is very important to promote and protect the Acadian/Francophone historical identity of this community.

Drinking Water (Potable Water)

There is currently no centralized water supply system within the Municipality of the District of Clare. Home and business owners are required to drill their own wells and ensure the quality of their water. *Nova Ouest Laboratory*, a subsidiary of *Comeau's Sea Foods*, conducts environmental analyses and water quality testing in the region.

<i>Nova West Laboratory</i>	Adam Hankinson
Address: 77 C. Saulnier Road Saulnierville, N.S. B0W 2Z0	Phone: 902 769-2102 Fax: 902 769-2104 E-mail: novawest@comeausea.com Website: http://comeausea.com/novawest/

Wastewater Treatment

The Municipality of the District of Clare manages three underground sewage systems over a distance of several kilometers through the communities of Meteghan, Meteghan Center, La Butte, Church Point (including Université Sainte-Anne), and Belliveau's Cove.

While not currently operating at full capacity, the Meteghan sewage system is 10 kilometers in length, and serves 505 households and businesses. In 2015, this system (Meteghan) was extended an additional kilometer to include the village of La Butte, adding 55 additional households in the process. A sewage lift station was built to pump wastewater across the river. In 2005, the Meteghan sewage system was extended across the bridge at La Butte to provide service to A. F. Thériault and Sons Boatbuilders and nearby households. The Church Point system spans 0.6 kilometers and includes Université Sainte-Anne and 43 additional buildings in the village. The 1.5-kilometer system in Belliveau's Cove offers sewage service to 75 customers, having had an extension up to Bellevue Road in 2008, allowing 10 more households to connect to the system. All other households and businesses in the Municipality of the District of Clare have their own septic systems with a local company offering septic pumping services.

Annual fees for residential sewage in Church Point and Meteghan are \$175, while the cost is \$200 in Meteghan Center, subject to change annually in April of any given year. For further information, contact Jody Comeau at (902) 769-2031.

Waste Management and Recycling

The Municipality of the District of Clare, in demonstrating its environmental stewardship, collects, stores, and recycles its waste products. Municipal public works collects household waste (recyclables, non-recyclables, and compostable

materials) weekly, transporting them to a transfer station in Meteghan. Waste materials are then sorted and transported to appropriate locations in lien with provincial guidelines.

At the transfer station, staff of the Municipality of the District of Clare accepts waste, at a pre-determined cost per tonnage, from construction and demolition projects, as well as other garbage from residential and commercial sources. Further details can be found on the *Waste Check* website at: <http://www.wastecheck.com> under "Municipality of Clare" or on the Municipality of Clare website at www.clarenovascotia.com.

Residents are required to sort their household recyclables in accordance with regulations (glass bottles, aluminum cans, plastics, cardboard, and paper) by placing them in appropriately coloured recycling bags. Recyclables are collected every two weeks at the same time as regular waste pick up. Compost (food and kitchen waste) must be placed in municipally-provided green bins, its contents to be collected weekly. More details are available on the *Waste Check* website at <http://www.wastecheck.com> under "Municipality of Clare" or on the Municipality of Clare website at www.clarenovascotia.com.

The local Enviro-Depot collects eligible bottle and containers for refunds in accordance with provincial regulations. The site also collects computers, televisions, cellular phones, and other electronic devices for recycling. *Comeau's Bottle Exchange* accepts recyclables and electronics.

Comeau's Bottle Exchange Enviro Depot 8659 Route 1 P.O. Box 122 Meteghan Center, N.S. B0W 2K0	Michel Comeau Phone: 902-645-2324 Fax: 902-645-3512
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Pollution

Acid rain caused by air pollution originating in the United States, Québec, and Ontario is among the largest sources of pollution in the region. Local citizens contribute to pollution levels by burning materials, defective septic systems, consumable items, automobiles, and waste from vessels/boats (oil, garbage, plastic products, fishing equipment), all negatively impacting the environment.

Climate change, air pollution, and acid precipitation pose risks to sources of water for human consumption, in addition to their impact on wildlife and fish species.

Some waterways have become acidic to the point where some species, most notably Atlantic Salmon, have completely disappeared in the region. In an effort to combat this challenge, the *Salmon River Salmon Association* (Clare) plans and implements projects to repopulate the area's rivers, streams, and lakes. This association has also collaborated with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (federal) and the Department of Natural Resources (provincial) to counter the negative impacts of air and water pollution. The *Salmon River Salmon Association* also works with the École secondaire de Clare, researching waterways, eco-systems, parasites, and fish anomalies. To learn more, contact Roland LeBlanc at (902) 769-8134 or by e-mail at saumon@scolaire.ednet.ns.ca.

Electricity and Public Utilities

Three phase electricity is available along Route 1 in the Municipality of the District of Clare, in addition to some secondary routes including Maxwellton and Little Brook (Petit-Ruisseau). Route 1 is mainly residential in composition.

Nova Scotia Power

Nova Scotia Power (NS Power), in operation for over 85 years, is the main provider of electricity in Nova Scotia.

Provincial regulations outlined in *Nova Scotia's Renewable Energy Standard*, developed in 2007 and updated in 2010, had a significant impact on the manner in which *NS Power* generates and manages its electrical resources. New sources of electricity are being developed and implemented in collaboration with *NS Power*, government, and the private sector. As of 2016, approximately 28 % of electricity consumed by Nova Scotians was provided by renewable sources, with *NS Power* stating its intent to produce 40 % of its electricity from renewable sources by 2020.

In Southwest Nova Scotia, wind farms and windmills provide electricity to residents and businesses in the counties of Digby and Yarmouth, including Argyle. Approximately 14 % of Nova Scotia's electricity is currently generated by wind power. To view the locations of these sites, please visit the *Nova Scotia Power* website at: www.nspower.ca.

Nova Scotia Power has office locations throughout the province. To inquire about obtaining electrical service, to report power outages, or to obtain customer service, interested persons may contact NSP at the following numbers: Power outages (1-877-428-6004); Customer service (1-800-428-6230); TTD (1-800-565-6051).

Green Energy

Université Sainte-Anne consumes energy from three renewable sources at its Church Point campus: a solar-powered water heating system, two biomass bio gasification furnaces, and two 50 kW windmills.

The wood chip fueled furnaces operate in tandem with 118 solar panels spread across the campus to heat buildings and water. This green energy project also produces employment in the community to harvest, collect, treat, and transport biofuels.

Since 2010, the university aims to reduce fossil fuel emissions while serving as a model for clean energy alternatives in the community. The university is proud of its achievements, having reduced its CO₂ emissions by approximately 90 % over the past few years.

Protected Areas

Within the Municipality of the District of Clare, the only sites considered restricted and protected are the two provincial parks (Mavillette Beach and Le Fourneau/Smuggler's Cove park). According to the *Nova Scotia Public Lands Coalition*, trapping, fishing, mining, and other types of activities are forbidden in national parks managed by Parks Canada and provincial parks under the jurisdiction of the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources. National and provincial parks offer opportunities for outdoor recreation while prohibiting the operation of motor vehicles within their territory.

Conservation Efforts

Zoning

Land use and zoning are classified as "General Development" within the Municipality of the District of Clare (by-law 27 regarding land-use; August 16, 2012). Land use by-laws regulate commercial farming, hobby farms, subdivisions, and protected areas surrounding waterways, wetlands, and coastal developments.

Municipal Industrial Park

In 2011, the Municipality of the District of Clare invested a portion of its Gas Tax Fund to establish a biomass facility on the site of the former Comeau Lumber Ltd mill site. In doing so, the municipality appropriated lands, buildings, and assets of the former lumber mill. The 50-acre site, equipped with three phase power, is also serviced by the municipal sewer system. Interested individuals may obtain more detailed information by contacting municipal staff at (902) 769-2031.

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Section 8 – Communications Technology

Print Media

The Courier de la Nouvelle-Écosse

Le Courier de la Nouvelle-Écosse	Executive Director: Francis Robichaud
Address: 795 Route 1 Comeauville, N.S. B0W 2Z0	Phone: 902 769-3078 Toll free: 1-800-951-9119 Fax: 902 769-3869 E-mail: administration@lecourrier.com Website: http://www.lecourrier.com

The *Courier de la Nouvelle-Écosse*, whose four staff members are located at its office in Comeauville (Clare), is the only weekly French-language newspaper in Nova Scotia. For over 80 years, it has played an important role in keeping Acadians and Francophones abreast of news, events, and developments within the local area, the province, and beyond. Freelance journalists in communities around the province provide articles to ensure local content.

Regulated by the *Société de presse acadienne*, Lescarbot Printing offers a host of services including formatting, translation, graphic design, printing, marketing, books, newspapers, in addition to producing the *Courier de la Nouvelle-Écosse*.

In the local area, *Le Courier de la Nouvelle-Écosse* can be purchased at the following locations:

- Church Point: Campus Store, Université Sainte-Anne
- Comeauville: *Freshmart and Le Courier office*
- Concessions: *La Shoppe Verte Ltée*
- Saulnierville: Clarence Shopping Mart
- Meteghan Center: *Pharmasave*
- Meteghan: Robichaud's *SaveEasy*

Clare Shopper / Lobster Bay

Clare Shopper / Lobster B	Contact person: Marc Graff
Address: 1813, Route 1 P.O. Box 98 Church Point (N.S.) B0W 1M0	Phone: 902 769-3267 Toll free: 1-800-515-3080 Fax: 902 769-0877 E-mail: sales@clareshopper.com Website: http://www.clareshopper.com

Since 1984, the *Clare Shopper / Lobster Bay* is distributed every two weeks, free of charge, to over 16,250 households and businesses in Southwest Nova Scotia. It serves as an effective means of advertising for sales purposes, in addition to publicizing special events, services, etc. While it is largely an English-language publication, some public service announcements and job postings are published in French or in bilingual format. Source: website www.clareshopper.com (accessed January 2018).

Other Publications

There are three other printed weekly or daily publications for residents of the Clare region, both being published in English: *The Chronicle Herald*, *The Digby County Courier*, and *The Yarmouth County Vanguard*. These newspapers have a provincial coverage with focus on larger centers such as Yarmouth, Digby, Halifax, and Sydney.

Telecommunications

Telephone Service

Telephone service in the Municipality of the District of Clare are generally offered by two companies: *Bell Aliant* (<http://www.bellaliant.ca>) and *EastLink* (<http://www.eastlink.ca>). Each offers a variety of services and personalized packages according to the needs of their clients. There are currently other options including Internet telephone via high speed internet service providers, with new companies emerging to offer such services in the area.

Mobile Telephone Service

Mobile telephone service is mainly offered by *Bell Mobility* (formerly *Aliant Mobility* - <http://www.bell.ca/Mobility>), *Rogers Wireless* (<http://www.rogers.com>), *Eastlink cellular* (<http://www.eastlink.ca/wireless.aspx>), and *Telus Mobility* (<http://www.telusmobility.com>). For more detailed information, please visit the respective websites of the aforementioned companies.

In 2007, the Clare Chamber of Commerce worked in close collaboration with local businesses, especially those between Petit-Ruisseau (Little Brook) and Church Point, as well as the interior communities, to improve cellular service/reception for mobile/cellular devices in this area of the province. Their efforts lead to the construction of a new cellular tower in Church Point, thus enhancing cellular service in the region.

Radio

Association Radio-Clare (Radio CIFA 104.1 FM)

Association Radio-CIFA 104.1 FM	General Manager: Karolyn Aucoin Phone: 902-769-2432 Fax: 902-769-3101 E-mail: dq@cifafm.com
P.O. Box 8 Saulnierville, N.S. B0W 2Z0 Studio satellite 1, Slocomb Drive Tusket, N.S. B0W 3M0	Phone: 902 648-2432 Fax: 902 648-3525 E-mail: dq@cifafm.com

Having been on air since September 28, 1990 Radio CIFA is the sole Francophone community radio station in the Southwest region of Nova Scotia.

Since its inception, several local artists have had the opportunity to have their talents recognized. Due in large part to the numerous volunteers and the six full-time staff members, CIFA broadcasts various community-based programs, in addition to featuring Acadian and francophone recording artists, including well-known traditional songs, jazz, and

classical music.

Located in the former Comeauville School, CIFA studios have been utilized by numerous local and regional artists for recording their albums. Furthermore, several talk shows and educational radio programs for children and adults constitute part of this station's programming.

Radio de la Société Radio-Canada

Société Radio-Canada – Première Chaîne (radio)	Broadcast Manager (N.S. and Nfld.): Jacques Giguère jacques.giguere@radio-canada.ca
Address: 6940, Mumford Road Suite 100 Halifax, N.S. B3L 0B7	<u>Le réveil Nouvelle-Écosse et Terre-Neuve</u> lereveilne@radio-canada.ca Nova Scotia link http://ici.radiocanada.ca/acadie/nouvelle-ecosse

Société Radio-Canada (SRC) (CBC Radio, French) is Canada's nation-wide public broadcaster. In Atlantic Canada, the French-language production centers are located in Moncton (N.B.), Charlottetown (P.E.I.), and Halifax (N.S.) which, in addition to their national programming, also produce regionally-based radio broadcasts originating in the Atlantic Provinces.

The *Première Chaîne de la radio de Radio-Canada* (French CBC broadcast) is available in the Clare region on the following frequencies: 104.7 FM – Digby; 100.9 FM – Weymouth; and 107.3 FM – Yarmouth. The morning shows *Le réveil* and *Ça se passe ici* are produced and aired from Halifax. With three regional and national news updates and a team of journalists covering the Atlantic Provinces and beyond, *Le réveil* offers the most comprehensive French news coverage in Nova Scotia.

Radio stations, Clare region:

AVR 94.9 FM (Digby)

53 Sydney Street, Digby, N.S. B0V 1A0
Phone: 902 245-2111 Fax: 902 678-9720
Website: <http://www.avrnetwork.com>

CJLS 95.5 FM (Radio CJLS Limited)

328 Main Street, Yarmouth, N.S. B5A 1E4
Phone: 902 742-7175 Fax: 902 742-3143
Website: <http://www.cjls.com>

Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) Radio One 92.1 FM in Yarmouth

Télévision de la Société Radio-Canada

Société Radio-Canada (SRC) is the French-language public broadcasting system (English equivalent is CBC). In Atlantic Canada, the daily news broadcast *Le Téléjournal Acadie* is aired 7 days per week, at 6:00 p.m., from its Moncton production center.

Cable and Satellite Television

A variety of service providers are available in the Clare region. *EastLink*, which offers several French-language stations, is the lone provider of cable service in the area. *Shaw Direct* and *Bell ExpressVu* offer satellite television. For information regarding French-language programming, view the sites below:

Bell ExpressVu - 33 French stations ([http://www.bell.ca/Bell Tele](http://www.bell.ca/Bell_Tele))

Shaw Direct - over 60 French stations (<http://www.shawdirect.ca/francais/apprentissage/programmation/default.asp>)

(Former cable provider *Rush Communications* was purchased by *EastLink* in 2007.)

Satellite radio, offering in excess of 100 specialized stations, is growing in popularity. Interested customers may obtain the equipment and service required to access *SIRIUS* and/or *XM Radio*.

Internet

There are two internet service providers in the region: *Bell Aliant* (<http://www.bellaliant.ca>) and *EastLink* (<http://www.eastlink.ca>). Additional information is available on their respective websites, including details related to the geographic limitations of the service provision. For residents who are in more remote areas (inland), satellite internet options are available, although at a higher premium.

Teleconferencing Centers

Université Sainte-Anne offers teleconference networking opportunities from its five locations province-wide: Halifax, Petit-de-Grat, Church Point, Saint-Joseph-du-Moine (near Chéticamp), and Tusket. Linked by dedicated T1 telecommunications lines, this network allows students to participate in high quality distance education service in real-time. Community organizations who wish to take advantage of this service, may communicate with service technicians at Université Sainte-Anne at (902) 769-2114 (extension 7142).

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Section 9 – Government

There are three levels of government in Canada:

- Federal;
- Provincial; and
- Municipal.

Provincial and Federal governments have established constitutional obligations, while municipalities are under the management of the provincial government.

Municipal Government

The Municipality of the District of Clare has a staff of 20 employees in various sectors, most notably management, building inspections, recreation, tourism, and public works. The municipality is comprised of 44 communities, divided into eight electoral districts. The Municipality of the District of Clare is the only one in Nova Scotia which operates in both official languages.

Table 9.1 – Municipal Councillors: Municipality of the District of Clare

Municipality of the District of Clare Warden: Ronnie LeBlanc P.O. Box 458 Petit-Ruisseau (N.S.) B0W 1Z0 Phone: 902 769-2031 Fax: 902 769-3773	
DISTRICT 1 Deputy Warden: Councillor Nil Doucet Phone: 902 837-4324 Cellular: 902 769-8621; Office: 902 769-2114 (ext. 147) Rural route 1, P.O. Box 8, site 8, Weymouth (N.S.) B0W 3T0 ndoucet@municipality.clare.ns.ca	DISTRICT 2 Councillor Daniel Hill Cellular: 902 837-6194 Phone: 902 837-5888 Rural route 2, Weymouth, N.S. B0W 3T0 dhill@municipality.clare.ns.ca
DISTRICT 3 Councillor Hector Thibault Phone: 902 769-2466 P.O. Box 88, Church Point (N.S.) B0W 1M0 hthibault@municipality.clare.ns.ca	DISTRICT 4 Councillor: Carl Deveau Phone: 902 769-3560 Mobile: 902 769-8678 2500S Second Division Road, Saulnierville, N.S. B0W 2Z0 cdeveau@municipality.clare.ns.ca
DISTRICT 5 Councillor Brian Comeau Phone: 902 769-0715 Cellular: 902 769-7895; Office: 902 742-5619 Rural route 1, P.O. Box 203 Saulnierville (N.S.) B0W 2Z0 bcomeau@municipality.clare.ns.ca	DISTRICT 6 Councillor Eric Pothier Phone: 902 645-3727 Cellular: 902 769-7544 86 Meteghan Connector Rd., Meteghan (N.S.) B0W 2J0 epothier@municipality.clare.ns.ca
DISTRICT 7 Warden Ronnie LeBlanc Cellular: 902 769-8006 Phone: 902 645-2687 P.O. Box 23, Meteghan (N.S.) B0W 2J0 rleblanc@municipality.clare.ns.ca	DISTRICT 8 Councillor: Yvon LeBlanc Cellular: 902 778-0653 ldoucet@municipality.clare.ns.ca

Property Tax

Property tax rates in the Municipality of the District of Clare are \$1.04 per \$100 of assessment value for residential properties with a commercial rate of \$2.07 per \$100 of assessed value.

**Table 9.2 – Property Tax: Municipality of the District of Clare 2017
(Per \$100 of assessment value)**

Category	Rate
Residential and resources	\$1.04
Commercial	\$2.07

There are several categories of municipal taxation. In Table 9.3, the column "residential taxes" includes residential taxes and resources while the column for "commercial taxes" includes commercial and business taxes.

Tableau 9.3 – Revenues from Property Taxation: Municipality of the District of Clare (2013-2016)

Year	Residential taxes	Commercial taxes	Total
2013	\$409,712,200	\$59,852,200	\$469,564,400
2014	\$413,951,100	\$56,793,600	\$470,744,700
2015	\$431,599,500	\$58,921,800	\$490,521,300
2016	\$452,114,900	\$58,954,300	\$511,069,200

Source: Municipality of the District of Clare (2017).

Provincial Government

The Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly and headquarters of provincial government departments and agencies are located in Halifax. The Legislative Assembly has 51 elected members. The May 30, 2017 election resulted in a majority Liberal government in Nova Scotia with victories in 27 of 51 ridings. The Progressive Conservative Party forms the official opposition with 16 seats. The NDP hold seven (7) seats, while one seat is vacant (as of April 27, 2018). Details on MLA's can be obtained at <https://nslegislature.ca/members/profiles>.

Since 2003, Gordon Wilson (Liberal), has represented the Clare-Digby riding, including communities between Digby and Salmon River.

Gordon Wilson (Liberal)	
Regional Office	Provincial Office
Address: 1287 Route 1 Little Brook, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902 769-6683 Fax: (902) 769-2576 E-mail: info@claredigby.ca Web site: http://nslegislature.ca/index.php/en/people/members/gordon_l_wilson	Address: 5151 George Street, Office 1402 Halifax, N.S. B3J 2T3 Phone: 902 424-8637 / Toll free 1-877-778-1917 Fax: 902 424-0539

French-language Services – Nova Scotia Governmental Departments and Agencies

Office of Acadian Affairs, a division of the Department of Communities, Culture, and Heritage	Minister: Honorable Lena Metlege Diab Executive Director: Mark Bannerman
Address: 1741 Brunswick Street, 3 rd Floor P.O. Box 682 Halifax, N.S. Canada B3J 2T3	Phone: 902 424-0497 Toll free: 1-866-382-5811 Fax: 902 428-0124 E-mail: bonjour@gov.ns.ca Website: https://acadien.novascotia.ca/en

With the adoption of the French-language Services Act (2004), the Office of Acadian Affairs cooperates with government departments and agencies, as well as Acadian/Francophone communities, to improve French language services. In 2011, this Law was amended to reflect administrative changes resulting from the creation of the Department of Communities, Culture, and Heritage. <https://nslegislature.ca/sites/default/files/legc/statutes/frenchla.htm>

The Regulations regarding French-language services lists the departments, boards, and organizations which are required to develop an annual action plan. Since January 2007, an inter-departmental committee for French-language services coordination has created a framework for enhancing the delivery of these services in our province. The regulation is available in the Acadian Affairs website at: <https://acadien.novascotia.ca/fr>.

In 2017, the Office of Acadian Affairs has a complement of six employees, a reduction of four staff since 2012.

Department of Community Services

Nova Scotia Department of Community Services	Minister: Honorable Kelly Regan Deputy Minister: Lynn Hartwell Coordinator of French-language services: Nancy Dow
Address: 5675 Spring Garden Road 8 th Floor, Nelson Place Halifax, N.S. B3J 2T7 Regional Office Listing: http://www.novascotia.ca/coms/departement/contact/index.html (English only)	Toll free: 1-877-424-1177 Phone: 902 424-3287 E-mail: DCSMIN@novascotia.ca Website: http://www.novascotia.ca/coms/fr/

The Nova Scotia Department of Community Services offers a wide array of social services to Nova Scotians. The various divisions, sectors, and programs within the Department include family/community supports, youth initiatives, services for individual with special needs, financial support, employment counselling, the Housing Commission, management of policies and information, general management, finances, human resources, and information technology. From its Halifax main office, the Department of Community Services manages 30 regional offices throughout the province.

Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal

Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (Head Office)	Minister: Honorable Lloyd Hines Deputy Minister: Paul T. Laflèche Coordinator of French-language services: Jessica Smucker
Address: P.O. Box 186 Johnston Building, 2 nd Floor 1672 Granville Street Halifax, N.S. B3J 2N2	Phone: 902 424-5875 Toll free: 888 432 3233 Fax: 902 424-0171 E-mail: TIRMIN@novascotia.ca Website: http://www.novascotia.ca/tran/

The Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal is responsible for ensuring quality public infrastructure within Nova Scotia while meeting the provincial government infrastructure needs of other departments, agencies, organizations, councils, and commissions. More specifically, the Department oversees the maintenance of 4,100 bridges and approximately 23,000 kilometers of provincial roadways, including 1,199 kilometers of TransCanada Highway. The Department also coordinates the province's position on matters of air, sea, and rail transportation in partnership with the Federal government. Transportation infrastructure services are managed from four district offices located in Sydney, Truro, Bridgewater, and Bedford, with headquarters in Halifax.

Section 10 of this document, "Transportation", presents the coordinates of the Clare regional office while also offering details regarding available public travel information.

Nova Scotia Liquor Corporation

Since 1930, the Nova Scotia Liquor Commission was responsible for regulating the sales and distribution of alcoholic beverages. Initially, the commission was in charge of all aspects of the distribution and sales throughout the province. However, the granting of liquor licenses for bars, restaurants, and other sites selling alcohol was transferred to another government entity, the Nova Scotia Alcohol and Gaming Authority. In 2001, the Nova Scotia Liquor Commission became a corporation, with a focus on becoming a modern and efficient retailer.

The Nova Scotia Liquor Corporation outlet in Meteghan has a staff of six bilingual employees. Located at 8714 Route 1 in Meteghan, the store is open six days per week. To contact the local NSLC outlet, phone (902) 645-2432. There are also two independent distributors in the area: *DJ's Corner Store* in Salmon River and *La Shoppe Verte* in Concessions. For more in-depth information related to the Nova Scotia Liquor Corporation, interested individuals may consult the website at <http://www.thenslc.com>.

Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations

Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations	Minister: Honorable Derek Mombourquette Deputy Minister: Kelliann Dean Coordinator of French-language services: Michelle Saulnier Phone: 902 424-5200 Toll free: 1-800-670-4357 Fax: 902 424-0720 E-mail: askus@novascotia.ca Website: https://novascotia.ca/sns/default-fr.asp
Address: Maritime Center, 14 North 1505 Barrington Street Halifax, N.S. B3J 3K5	Provincial Building 10 Starrs Road, Office 127 Yarmouth, N.S. B5A 2T1 1-800-670-4357 Written driver's license testing is available in French in all 19 Motor Vehicle locations.
Access Nova Scotia Center (with service in French) – Yarmouth	

Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations is responsible for the delivery and management of services to businesses, municipalities, and individual citizens. The Department issues and manages a variety of permits, licenses, and certificates such as:

- Registry of Joint Stocks;
- Motor Vehicles branch (licenses and license plates, including Acadian license plates);
- Registry of Births and Deaths (permits, licenses, and certificates);
For example: Birth certificates, marriage certificates, death certificates;
- Provincial Tax Commission (permits, certificates, and agreements).

Some French-language services are readily available from the departmental website, for example: license plate renewal and requests for birth, marriage, and death certificates. Individuals interested in obtaining information related to starting or operating a business in Nova Scotia can do so on the department's website.

Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness

Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness	Minister: Honorable Randy Delorey Deputy Minister: Denise Perret Coordinator of French-language services: Joëlle Désy Phone: 902 424-3377 Toll free: 1-800-387-6665 Fax: 902 424-0559 E-mail: health.minister@novascotia.ca Website: http://www.novascotia.ca/dhw/
Address: Barrington Tower 1894 Barrington Street P.O. Box 488 Halifax, N.S. B3J 2R8	Directory of Francophone primary health care service providers https://novascotia.ca/dhw/repertoire-sante/

The *Réseau Santé – Nouvelle-Écosse*, in collaboration with the Department of Health and Wellness, developed a directory of primary Francophone health care providers. This resource offers a list of Francophone health care professionals who are available to offer primary health care services in French. The list is accessible at <https://novascotia.ca/dhw/repertoire-sante/>.

On April 1st, 2015 the Department of Health and Wellness created the Nova Scotia Health Authority, combining the nine regional health authorities into a single entity. The new health authority and the IWK Hospital continue working with individuals, families, and communities to promote, enhance, and maintain the health and well-being of Nova Scotians. To obtain additional information pertaining to hospitals, clinics, and health care professionals in the Clare region, please refer to the fifth section of this document.

Since the implementation of the French-language Services Act (2004), the Department of Health and Wellness is committed to offering additional services in French to Acadians and Francophones in the province. The French-language Service Plan can be viewed at: <https://novascotia.ca/dhw/fr/documents/FLS-DHW-plan-2016-2017-FR.pdf>.

In the Clare region, the Department of Health and Wellness employs several individuals in the area of public health. There are, for example, nurses and optometrists, amongst others, at the new Clare Health Center (902-645-2777) located at 8559 Route 1, Meteghan, as well as at the addiction center. Other health care specialists are based out of the Yarmouth Regional Hospital. For additional details, consult the section 5 of this community profile.

Federal Government

The Member of Parliament (MP) for the Clare region is Colin Fraser (Liberal; Southwest-Nova Riding). Mr. Fraser, whose riding encompasses Yarmouth, Digby, and Annapolis Counties, as well as a portion of Kings County, was elected on October 19th, 2015.

MP: Colin Fraser (Liberal Party of Canada)	
Regional Office	National Office
396 Main Street, Office 220 Yarmouth, N.S. B5A 1E9 Phone: 902 742-6808 Fax: 902 742-6815 E-mail: colin.fraser@parl.gc.ca	House of Commons Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6 Phone: 613 995-5711 Fax: 613 996-9857 E-mail: colin.fraser@parl.gc.ca

Royal Canadian Mounted Police (Police Services)

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) offers policing services to the municipal, provincial, and federal jurisdictions, under the auspices of Public Safety Canada. The RCMP throughout Canada, enforces the laws established by the Parliament of Canada. This organization is divided into four regions: Pacific, Northwest, Central, and Atlantic. Eight deputy commissioners manage the detachments in these regions. Strategic priorities of the RCMP include organized crime, terrorism, youth, First Nations communities, and economic integrity. RCMP Nova Scotia falls under Division H.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police is responsible for policing services in the Clare region, the local detachment situated near Exit 31 off Highway 101. Postings in the Clare region have a bilingual designation. Persons looking to contact the Meteghan RCMP detachment may do so by phoning (902) 645-2326.

Since 2005, the *Seniors en sécurité* (Seniors in Safety) initiative has a full-time coordinator who is responsible for the safety-related education of seniors in the region. The coordinator, whose office is located at the Meteghan RCMP detachment, collaborates with police officers to provide important information to seniors in the region by offering information sessions, home visitations, and presentations on topics such as fraud, medications, personal safety, violence, etc. Persons seeking further information can communicate with the coordinator, Hélène Comeau, at (902) 645-2326.

Table 9.4 – Police Services (Municipality of the District of Clare)

Location	Staffing	Language competency
Police officers in Meteghan	Total de 7: 1 sergeant + 1 corporal + 5 police officers	7 bilingual staff
Public Servants	1 receptionist/customer service	1 bilingual
TOTAL human resources	8 employees	8 bilingual staff (100 %)
Temporary detention cells	2 cells (for 24 hours or less)	

Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Fisheries and Oceans – Maritimes Region	
Main Address: Executive Director of Communications 13 th Floor, 13E228 200 Kent Street Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0E6 Local Address: 7949 Route 1 Meteghan, N.S. B0W 2J0	Phone – Dartmouth Office (902) 426-3760 Phone – Clare District Office: (902) 645-2045 http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) is responsible to ensure for Canadians:

- safe and accessible and accessible waterways;
- safe and productive aquatic ecosystems;
- sustainable fisheries and aquaculture.

DFO is also responsible for developing and implementing policies and programs beneficial to the scientific, environmental, social, and economic interests of oceans and inland waterways within Canadian borders. In Nova Scotia, there are two regions administered by DFO: the Gulf Region and the Maritime Region. The Municipality of the District of Clare is located within the latter.

The Clare DFO office is located on Route 1 in Meteghan. This Department employs eight (8) staff in the region: seven fisheries officers and one administrative assistant with all positions having a bilingual designation.

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada is responsible for all agriculture-related matters. More specifically, it holds mandate to foster productivity and agricultural productivity, to stabilize agriculture-based revenues, to stimulate research and development, and to inspect and regulate all forms of plant and animal life. Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada also coordinates rural development and the improvement of quality of life in rural communities.

Canadian Food Inspection Agency

The local office of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA), situated at 404 Meteghan Connector Road (off Exit 31 on Highway 101), has three inspectors specialized in food processing, a food inspection laboratory, and a fish specialist. Administrative duties are assumed by the Yarmouth office as only fish plant inspections are done in the Clare region. Inspectors in the Meteghan region are designated bilingual. Those individuals seeking information may contact Janice Comeau at the Meteghan office (902 645-3432) or visit the website at <http://www.inspection.gc.ca>.

Canada Post

Canada Post – Eastern Region
Address: Customer Service 35 Hughes Street Fredericton, N.B. E3A 2W0 Phone: 1-800-267-1177 https://www.canadapost.ca

In accordance with the Canada Post Corporation Act and its regulations, Canada Post holds the exclusive rights to transport and distribute letters under 500 grams to their rightful recipients. Canada Post is constantly seeking new ways to effectively and efficiently deliver physical and electronic messages for the betterment of the lives of Canadian citizens.

This crown corporation is divided into two regions: Eastern region (Québec, N.B., N.S., N.L., and P.E.I.) and Central/West Region (Ont., Man., Sask., Alb., B.C., Yukon., N.W.T., and Nunavut.). Nova Scotia is within the Eastern region whose regional office is located in Fredericton, New Brunswick.

Table 9.5 – Canada Post: Human Resources (Municipality of the District of Clare)

Village	Permanent Staff	Contract Employees
Belliveau's Cove	1 bilingual employee	0
Meteghan Center (<i>Pharmasave</i>)	0	Bilingual employees of the pharmacy
Mavillette	1 bilingual employee	0
Meteghan	2 bilingual employees	0
Little Brook (La Bouquetière)	0	1 bilingual employee
Church Point	3 bilingual employees	0
Salmon River	2 bilingual employees	0
Saulnierville	3 bilingual employees	0
TOTAL	12 bilingual / 12 employees	1 bilingual employee, in addition to employees of the pharmacy

First Nations

There is no First Nations reserve within the Municipality of the District of Clare.

Sources:

- Municipality of the District of Clare. *Council Members*. Site accessed on October 20, 2017. <http://www.clarenovascotia.com>
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Section 10 – Transportation

Roadways and Road Conditions

From Halifax, two main highways lead to the Municipality of the District of Clare. Highway 101 passes through the Annapolis Valley by way of Hants, Kings, Annapolis, and Digby counties. Highway 103 follows the South Shore, passing through Lunenburg, Queens, Shelburne, and Yarmouth counties. There are approximately 550 kilometers of roadways throughout the Municipality of the District of Clare, with over 200 kilometers of roadways being gravel-covered (unpaved). Road conditions are generally good, with certain section requiring maintenance and improvements.

Table 10.1 – Roadways (Municipality of Clare)

Roadway	Kilometers
Highway 101	63.3
Route 1	53.4
Route 340	36.7
Other paved roadways	184.4
Other gravel (unpaved) roadways (maintained)	204.2
Parallel access roadways	27.2
TOTAL	558.1 kilometers

Weight Restrictions (Mass, in kilograms)

Along Route 1 and Highway 101 (including exits), a maximum mass of 50,000 kilograms is imposed on vehicles on a year-round basis. Vehicles with a total mass not exceeding 38,500 kilograms are permitted along all other routes, both paved and unpaved, within the Municipality of the District of Clare.

Restrictions during Spring Thawing Season

Route 1 and Highway 101 do not have seasonal weight restrictions. Along other routes, both paved and unpaved, a vehicle's maximum allowable weight (mass) during the spring thawing season is 30,500 kilograms.

Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal

Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal Clare District Office	
Municipality of the District of Clare	Director: Tony Hall Phone: 902 769-2192 Fax: 902 769-3396
Traveller Information	
Road Conditions: http://511.novascotia.ca/en/index.html (available in French)	
Bilingual service for road report conditions: 511 (from any telephone in Nova Scotia, both cellular and land line.)	
Nova Scotia Highway Web Cameras: http://novascotia.ca/trans/cameras/ (available in French)	

Bridges

Several bridges are located within Clare and surrounding areas, none requiring a user fee (toll). Bridges with weight restrictions are most often found along secondary roadways, and all bridges are clearly indicated by highways signage.

Heliports

There are currently no heliports within the Municipality of the District of Clare. Heliports are divided into three categories: hospital heliports, airport heliports, and community heliports. The nearest heliports to the Municipality of the District of Clare are located at the Yarmouth Regional Hospital, the Yarmouth International Airport, the Digby General Hospital, and one private landing space.

Table 10.2 – Heliports (near the Municipality of the District of Clare)

Location	Managed by	Telephone	Latitude	Longitude
Digby Airport	<i>Municipality of the District of Digby</i>	902 245-5885	44° 32' 44" N	65° 47' 20" O.
Yarmouth International Airport	<i>Yarmouth Airport Corporation</i>	902 742-6484	43° 49' 37" N	66° 05' 17" O.

Railways

Due to its weak economic viability, the railway was abandoned in the region. The Clare Trails Association (*Association Sentier de Clare*) endeavours to transform the former rail line into a 45-kilometer-long recreational trail under the leadership of association president Robert Thériault (902-769-0268).

The *Ocean Line* of *Via Rail Canada* links Halifax, N.S. to Montréal, Québec. The trip takes approximately one and a half days. Train schedules and rates can be found on the Via Rail website at <http://www.viarail.ca>. The nearest train station to the Municipality of the District of Clare is located at 1161 Hollis Street in Halifax.

Public Transportation

Table 10.3 – Public Transportation
(Municipality of the District of Clare)

Service Area	Company
Yarmouth – Halifax Shuttle	<i>Mariner Shuttle</i>
Yarmouth – Halifax Shuttle	<i>Cloud Nine Shuttle Service</i>
Weymouth to Annapolis Valley Bus Service	<i>King's Transit</i>

Bus Service

Kings Transit provides daily transportation service for passengers travelling between Weymouth and the Annapolis Valley. For further information, please consult their website at: <http://www.kingstransit.ns.ca>. They may also be reached via telephone at (902) 678-7310 or toll free at 1-888-546-4442.

Shuttle Service

Shuttle services link communities between Yarmouth and Halifax, with planned stop locations along the route (for example, at the Université Sainte-Anne campus at Church Point.). Prospective travelers may specify their pick-up location when making their reservation. Shuttle companies are listed below.

Cloud Nine Shuttle offers daily service between Yarmouth and Halifax along Routes 1 and 3, as well as Highways 101 and 103. Services are mainly provided in English, with partial service offered in German and French. Interested persons may make reservations by dialing (902) 742-3992 or toll free at 1-888-805-3335. Information is also provided on their website at <http://thecloudnineshuttle.com/>.

Mariner Shuttle Service provides daily shuttle service between Yarmouth and Halifax along Highway 101. For reservations, please phone (902) 586-8302 or toll free at 1-855-586-6140. Further information is provided on their website at <http://www.marinershuttle.co/>.

Other Means of Transportation

Transport de Clare

Transport de Clare has been providing accessible and affordable transportation services since 1996. This organization offers door-to-door service for residents of Digby County, as well as chartered rides for groups, teams, and special events. Their fleet includes two buses, each having 18-passenger capacity, two buses with a 14-person capacity, three nine-passenger vans, a seven-passenger van, a five-passenger van, in addition to privately owned vehicles operated by volunteers. *Transport de Clare* had an annual ridership of approximately 21,000 passengers annually (2015-2016 figures). For further information, please phone (902) 769-2477.

Vehicle Rentals

Clare Dodge Chrysler Jeep offers vehicle rentals at their dealership located at 3640 Route 1 in Saint-Bernard. Interested customers can reach them at (902) 837-5953). *Avis Car & Truck Rental* and *Enterprise Rent-A-Car* also offer rentals cars at their locations in Yarmouth and Digby.

Taxi Service

The lone taxi service in the Clare region is provided by *La Taxi à Shelly* (902-308-0158).

Ferry Service

Two ferry terminals are located in proximity to the Municipality of the District of Clare: one offering service between Yarmouth and Portland, Maine (U.S.A), the other between Digby, N.S. and Saint John, N.B. These ferry services have a significant impact on the economy and tourism in the Southwest region of Nova Scotia.

Table 10.4 – Ferry Service (near Clare region)

Service Details	<i>Bay Ferries (MV Fundy Rose)</i> Digby, N.S. to St John, N.B.	<i>Bay Ferries (The Cat)</i> Yarmouth, NS to Portland, Maine
Capacity – passengers	774	700
Capacity – vehicles	165	200
Commerce (cargo or not)	Yes	No
Crossing schedule	Year-round	June-October
Website	https://www.ferries.ca/nb-ns-ferry/	https://www.ferries.ca/thecat/

Airports / Air Travel

Located between two airports – one located in Yarmouth, the other in Digby – the Municipality of the District of Clare does not have commercial flight services in the municipality. The nearest commercial airport is Halifax's Robert L. Stanfield International Airport. The Yarmouth and Digby airports are working to provide air services by collaborating with local municipal units to determine prospective business opportunities.

Table 10.5 – Airports (Clare region)

Description	Digby Airport (YID)	Yarmouth International Airport (YQI)
Distance from Clare	60 km	50 km
Length of runway	3,950 feet	6,000 feet
Airline service provider	None	None

Sources:

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- Yarmouth International Airport. Website accessed on April 4, 2017. <http://www.yarmouthairport.ca>

Section 11 – Economic Activity and Employment

Business Support and Assistance Services

Conseil de développement économique de la Nouvelle-Écosse (CDÉNÉ)

Le Conseil de développement économique de la Nouvelle-Écosse	
Address: 1809 Barrington Street, Office 902 CIBC Building Halifax, N.S. B3J 3K8	Executive Director: Julie Oliver Phone: 902 424-3970 Fax: 902 424-6002 E-mail: info@cdene.ns.ca Website: http://www.cdene.ns.ca

The *Conseil de développement économique de la Nouvelle-Écosse* (CDÉNÉ) is a French not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving the economic well-being and quality of life for Acadians and Francophones throughout Nova Scotia. The CDÉNÉ takes pride in marketing businesses, as well as supporting them in expanding their markets through trade missions and events recognizing entrepreneurial achievements. The structure of the CDÉNÉ includes:

- a head office located in Halifax from where operations are managed, including immigration and promoting businesses in provincial, national, and international markets;
- business and entrepreneurship services;
- economic and community development services;
- employment assistance services.

Community Economic Development Services

Services en développement économique communautaire	
Address: P.O. Box 130 3435 Route 206, Office 125 Petit-de-Grat, N.S. B0E 2L0	Manager: Yvon Samson Phone: (902) 226-0064 Fax: (902) 226-0064 E-mail: gestionrdee@cdene.ns.ca Website: http://www.cdene.ns.ca
Address: 1649 Route 1 Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0	Community Economic Development Officer – Clare Region: Colette Deveau Phone: (902) 769-0043 Fax: (902) 769-0163 E-mail: agentclare@cdene.ns.ca Website: http://www.cdene.ns.ca

Staff of the Community Economic Development Services of the CDÉNÉ, is under the leadership of manager Yvon Samson, and comprised of five economic development officers, with offices in each of the five main Acadian/Francophone regions of the province: Argyle, Clare, Chéticamp, Isle Madame, and Halifax).

The service acts as a catalyst for economic development for Acadian and Francophone Nova Scotians by offering the resources required to diversify and grow the economy. Their services also included job creation initiatives and contributing to community capacity building by developing skills and human resources.

Services en affaires et en entrepreneuriat	Manager: André LeBlanc
Address: Centre de l'entrepreneuriat 1649 Route 1, P.O. Box 9 Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0	Phone: 902 769-3265 Fax: 902 769-0163 E-mail: gestionsae@cdene.ns.ca Website: http://www.cdene.ns.ca

The main objective of the Business and Entrepreneurship Services is to positively impact the economy of Acadian and Francophone regions of Nova Scotia by offering a variety of high quality business services to local businesses, organizations, and non-profit organizations. Their services include:

- consultation for prospective entrepreneurs, in addition to entrepreneurs seeking to expand or improve their business;
- business advice;
- business-related training opportunities.

CDÉNÉ - Nova Scotia Works

CDÉNÉ - (Nova Scotia Works)	Manager: Francine Thimot
Address: Centre de l'entrepreneuriat 1649 Route 1, P.O. Box 8 Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0	Phone: 902 769-3284 Fax: 902 769-3294 E-mail: ftimot@cdene.ns.ca Website: http://www.cdene.ns.ca

The employment services offered by the CDÉNÉ are to assist Nova Scotians in better understanding employment opportunities, as well as helping them prepare for identifying, hiring, training, and managing individuals by becoming competitive in a global market place. Service delivery in the area of employment assistance contributes to the advancement of Nova Scotia residents by improving workforce skills to ensure current and future qualified employees. The ultimate goal is to increase opportunities for job seekers while improving conditions of recruitment and retention for employers.

Community Business Development Corporations

Corporations au bénéfice du développement communautaire (CBDC)	Regional officer: Rose Madden
Address: Centre de l'entrepreneuriat 1649 Route 1 Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0	Phone: 902 769-2916 Toll free: 1-888-287-9244 Fax: 902 769-3770 E-mail: rose.madden@cbdc.ca Website: http://www.cbdc.ca

Community Business Development Corporations (CBDCs) endeavour to foster the creation and expansion of small and medium-sized businesses by offering technical and financial support. The 13 CBDCs in Atlantic Canada are managed by Boards of Directors comprised volunteers with expertise in entrepreneurship, finance, and community living. CBDCs offer guaranteed loans and grants which are generally unavailable through financial institutions. Consultation services, training, and business guidance are also available.

Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA)

ACOA	Account Manager: Mike Comeau Phone: 902-742-0809 Toll free: 1-877-456-6500 Fax: 902 260-3591 E-mail: mike.comeau@canada.ca Website: http://www.acoa-apec.gc.ca
Address: 103 Water Street P.O. Box 607 Yarmouth, N.S. B5A 4P4	
Address: 1649 Route 1 P.O. Box 12 Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0	Regional Operations Manager, Southern Area: Lisa Richard Phone: 902 260-3090 Toll free: 1-800-565-1228 Fax: 902 260-3391 E-mail: Lisa.Richard@canada.ca
Address: 1649 Route P.O. Box 12 Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0	Regional Operations Manager: Brianne Lombard Phone: 902 260-3590 Toll free: 1-877-456-6500 E-mail: Brianne.lombard@canada.ca

The Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA) is a federal government agency whose aim is to improve the economy of the Atlantic Canadian region. Its mandate is to cooperate with individuals, local - provincial leaders and businesses to promote job creation and stimulate the economy. ACOA also offers guidance, access to funding, information/research assistance, and access to technological resources require to establish, maintain, and grow business. ACOA, was founded in 1987 and has its head office in Moncton, N.B.

Economic Activity – Industries

Industries

Primary, secondary, and tertiary industries are herein presented. Please note that statistics are approximations, especially with respect to the number of employees. Information was gathered from a variety of sources and represents the most recent data available.

Primary Industries

This sector includes all businesses which collect and distribute raw primary resources (for example, fish, seafood, and lumber).

Table 11.1 – Primary Sector: Employers and Number of Persons Employed (Clare)

Business / Organization	Address – Contact Information – Internet	# Employees
BCD Fisheries Ltd., Eric Comeau	22 Little Brook Station Road, P.O. Box 539, Petit-Ruisseau, N.S. B0W 1Z0 Phone: 902 769-3114 Fax: 902 769-3114	18
BMC Seafoods Ltd., Cédric Robicheau	50, Shore Road, Site 3, P.O. BOX 6, Meteghan, N.S. B0W 2J0 Phone: 902 645-2597 Fax: 902 645-2936	30
Clare Fisheries Ltd. John Littlewood	4 Comeauville Wharf Road, P.O. Box 144A, Rural route 1, Saulnierville, N.S. B0W 2Z0 Phone: 902 769-2510 Fax: 902 769-0835	20
Comeau's Seafoods Ltd. Noël Després	60 Saulnierville Road, P.O. Box 39, Saulnierville, N.S. B0W 2Z0 Phone: 902 769-2101 Fax: 902 769-3594 http://comeausea.com/	421
Comeauville Seafood Products Ltd. Gilles Comeau	803 Route 1, P.O. Box 149, Saulnierville, N.S. B0W 2Z0 Phone: 902 769-2266 Fax: 902 769-0117	28
Coastal Organics Melvin Deveau	16 Meteghan Shore Road, P.O. Box 250, Meteghan, N.S. B0W 2J0 Phone: 902 645-2728 Fax: 902 645-2728	1
Ferme L. Boudreau et Fils Stanley Boudreau	4015 Second Division Road, Concessions, Rural route 1, Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902 769-3005	2
Frankland Canning Co. Louis Doucet	20 Patrick Wharf Road, P.O. Box 27, Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902 769-2313 Fax: 902 769-0047	20
Houmar Acadie Ltée Aurel Comeau	8408 Route 1, P.O. Box 407, Meteghan, N.S. B0W 2J0 Phone: 902 645-2133	28
I. Deveau Fisheries Ltd. Berton German	90 Peter Dugas Road, P.O. Box 118, Meteghan, N.S. B0W 2J0 Phone: 902 645-3036 Fax: 902 645-2211	10
Innovative Fishery Products Marc Blinn	3569 Route 1, Saint-Bernard, P.O. BOX 125, Belliveau's Cove, N.S. B0W 1J0 Phone: 902 837-5163 Fax: 902 837-5165	50
La Forêt Acadienne Ltée Arcade Comeau	3594 Second Division Road, Concessions, P.O. Box 119-b, Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902 769-3112 Fax: 902 769-3112	2
Lapointe Sea Foods Inc. Lobster Pound Pierre Boissonnault	3272 Route 1, Belliveau's Cove, P.O. Box 6, Site 8, Church Point, N.S. B0W 1J0 Phone: 902 837-7520 Fax: 902 586-3003	1
Riverside Lobster & Sea-food Inc. David Deveau	9089 Route 1, P.O. Box 147, La Butte, N.S. B0W 2L0 Phone: 902 769-3340 Fax: 902 769-0106 Website: http://www.riversidelobster.com	10
Yarmouth Sea Products Gerald Doucet	34 Peter Dugas Road, P.O. Box 160, Meteghan, N.S. B0W 2J0 Phone: 902 645-2417 Fax: 902 645-2141	15
Sea Crest Fisheries Ltd. Brian Saulnier	30 Comeauville Wharf Road, P.O. Box 94, Saulnierville, N.S. B0W 2Z0 Phone: 902 769-2816 Fax: 902 769-0866	41
West Nova Silva Ltd. Arcade Comeau	3594 Second Division Road, P.O. Box 119-b, Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902 769-3112 Fax: 902 769-3112	2
TOTAL (Primary Industries)		699

Secondary Sector

The secondary sector also deals with natural resources, but in this category, the products are processed/transformed thus adding value prior to its offer to consumers. Within the secondary sector are industries such as the construction and agri-food sectors.

Table 11.2 – Secondary Sector: Employers and Number of Persons Employed (Clare)

Business / organization	Address – Contact Information – Internet	# employees
Agri-food Industry		
Le Pain de la Baie (Bakery) Marc Cottreau	10201 Route 1, P.O. Box 40, Saulnierville, N.S. B0W 2Z0 Phone: 902 769-2003	2
Nova Feeds Thérèse Saulnier	P.O. Box 359, Meteghan, N.S. B0W 2J0 Phone: 902 645- 2485 Fax: 902 645- 2160	15 - 27
Râpure Acadienne Ltée Curtis Gaudet	1443 Route 1, P.O. Box 233, Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902 769-2172 Fax: 902 769-2413	4
Robichaud's Meat Market Rickie Robichaud	113 Peter Dugas Road, P.O. Box 87, Meteghan, N.S. B0W 2J0 Phone: 902 645-2424 Fax: 902 645-3093	22
SUB-TOTAL		43 - 55
Business / organization	Address – Contact Information – Internet	# employees
Manufacturing and wood processing		
A.F. Thériault & Fils Ltée. (Boatbuilders) Gilles Thériault	9027 Route 1, P.O. Box 10, La Butte, N.S. B0W 2L0, Phone: 902 645-2327 Fax: 902 645-2174, http://www.afteriault.com	125
AFT Sawmill Ltd. Brian Lombard	75 F. Comeau Road, Saint-Joseph, P.O. Box 10, La Butte, N.S. B0W 2L0 Phone: 902 769-3368 Fax: 902 769-3678	16
Cape Saint Mary's Boatbuilders Ltd. Dave LeBlanc / Jeanne LeBlanc	515 Cape Saint Mary Road, site 3, comp. 9, Rural route 1, Yarmouth, N.S. B5A 4A5 Phone: 902 645-2451 Fax: 902 645-2296	11
Clare Machine Works Ltd. Vince Stuart	8661 Route 1, P.O. Box 146, Meteghan Center, N.S. B0W 2K0 Phone: 902 645-2216 Fax: 902 645-2994, http://www.claremachineworks.com	8
Roy Doucette Boatbuilders Ltd. Paul Doucette	529 Cape Saint Mary Road, site 3, comp. 5, Rural route 1, Yarmouth, N.S. B5A 4A5 Phone: 902 645-3445 Fax: 902 645-3669	8
Tim's Woodworkers Ltd. Timmy Comeau	7415 Route 1, P.O. Box 45H, Meteghan, N.S. B0W 2J0 Phone: 902 769-8141	3
SUB-TOTAL		171
General Repair and Construction		
B & G Lombard Ltd. Jeannette LeBlanc	397 Thimot Road, Rural route 1, P.O. Box 179-D, Saulnierville, N.S. B0W 2Z0 Phone: 902 769-3427 Fax: 902 769-3428	4
Belliveau Cove Wood Products Ltd. Donna Beatty	38 Belliveau Road, P.O. Box 113, Belliveau's Cove, N.S. B0W 1J0 Phone: 902 837-7779 Fax: 902 837-7779	2
Coggins Refrigeration Ltd. Marc Coggins	9472 Route 1, Saulnierville, P.O. Box 82, Lower Saulnierville, N.S. B0W 2Z0 Phone: 902 769-2993 Fax: 902 769-3673	5
Comeau Marine Railway Noël Després	13 Peter Dugas Road, Meteghan, N.S. P.O. Box 39, Saulnierville, N.S. B0W 2Z0 Phone: 902 645-2029 Fax: 902 645-3631	27
Gary Belliveau Construction & Excavation Gary Belliveau	387 Saulnierville Road, P.O. Box 522, Petit-Ruisseau, N.S. B0W 1Z0 Phone: 902 769-3752 Fax: 902 769-3752 http://www.gbconstruction.ca	20
Jacques Deveau Construction	7427 Route 1, Saint-Alphonse, Rural route 1, P.O. Box 45E, Meteghan, N.S. B0W 2J0 Phone: 902 645-3225 Fax: 902 769-3271	3
J.R. Belliveau Excavation & Truck Repairs Junior Belliveau	15 S. F. Comeau Road, P.O. Box 339, Petit-Ruisseau, N.S. B0W 1Z0 Phone: 902 769-2758 Fax: 902 769-0737	2

General Repair and Construction (cont'd)		
Keizer Excavating and Trucking Calvin Keizer	263 Meteghan Connector Road, P.O. Box 122, Meteghan, N.S. B0W 2J0 Phone: 902 645-3880 Fax: 902 645-3880	1
L & L LeBlanc Contracting Ltd. Leonard LeBlanc	2597 Route 1, Grosses Coques, Site 2, P.O. Box 0, Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902 837-5384 Fax: 902 837-4048	6
Louco Contracting Inc. Louis Comeau	334 Eustache Comeau Road, Saulnierville, N.S. B0W 2Z0 Phone: 902 769-5025 Fax: 902 769-5027	10
N. Melanson Contractors Ltd. Brian Melanson	2776 Second Division Road, Concessions, P.O. Box 45, Rural route 1, Saulnierville, N.S. B0W 2Z0, Phone: 902 769-2933	6
Phillip LeBlanc Diesel Repairs Danny LeBlanc	19 Comeauville Wharf Road, P.O. Box 153A, Saulnierville, N.S. B0W 2Z0 Phone: 902 769-3030 Fax: 902 769-3200	5
Reddick Brothers Masonry Michelle Reddick	1431 Patrice Road, Concessions, N.S. B0W 1M0, Phone: 902 769-3152 Fax: 902 769-2857	25 - 45
Saint Mary's Bay Construction (2002) Ltd. Eric Mombourquette	633 Placide Comeau Road, P.O. Box 44A, La Butte, N.S. B0W 2L0 Phone: 902 769-2037 Fax: 902 769-2326	8
Seascape Construction Ltd. Michel Comeau	8659 Route 1, P.O. Box 122, Meteghan Center, N.S. B0W 2K0 Phone: 902 645-2324	1
Spec Resources Inc. Hubert LeBlanc	1777 Patrice Road, Concessions P.O. Box 149, Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902 769-2777 Fax: 902 769-0906 http://www.specresources.ca	29
SUB-TOTAL		154 - 174
TOTAL (SECONDARY SECTOR)		368 - 400

Service Industry

The service industry includes all businesses and shops offering services, with retail sales included in this category.

Within the service industry are the following:

- Communications-related services (television, newspapers, telephone service, Internet, and radio stations);
- Tourism industry (lodging and restaurants);
- Health services (health care, analysis, etc.);
- Financial services (banks, credit unions, accountants, insurance brokers, etc.);
- Beauty salons and esthetics;
- Service stations (fuel, oil, repairs, etc.);
- Seafaring vessel services (repairs, retail sales, etc.);
- Day care services;
- Professional services (attorneys, plumbers, etc.);
- Transportation and delivery;
- Positions within all three levels of government;
- Services within the community (associations, organizations, etc.).

Table 11.3 – Service Sector: Employers and Number of Persons Employed (Clare)

Business / Organization	Address – Contact Information – Internet	# Employees
Arts, crafts, music, and writing		
Angéline Comeau, artist/painter	728 Rural route 1, Comeauville, N.S. B0W 2Z0 Phone: 902 769-2278	1
Denise Comeau, artist/painter	761 Route 1, Comeauville, N.S. B0W 2Z0 Phone: 902 778-0422 Fax: 902 769-3016 http://www.lagaleriecomeau.com	1
Kevin P. Comeau, artist/sculptor	Meteghan, N.S. B0W 2K0 B0W 2K0 Phone 902-778-0948 http://kevincomeau.ca/	1
Galerie Art et Minéraux Claude Chaloux, artist/sculptor	3271 Route 1, P.O. Box 70, Belliveau Cove, N.S. B0W 1J0 Phone: 902 837-7145 http://chalouxsculpture.wordpress.com	1
Galerie Belliveau Nadine Belliveau, artist/painter	82 Point Road, Belliveau Cove, Rural route, site 17, Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902 837-4772 http://www.galeriebelliveau.com	1
Galerie La rose au vent Nora Robicheau, artist/painter	9319 Route 1, P.O. Box 149, La Butte, N.S. B0W 2L0 Phone: 902 769-3455	1
Galerie Studio June Deveau June Deveau, artist/painter	7236 Route 1, Saint Alphonse P.O. Box 54C, 7236, Route 1, Meteghan, N.S. B0W 2J0 Phone: 902 645-3106 http://www.junedeveau.com	1
Studio Écllosion Jay LeBlanc, artist	131 Cottreau Road, P.O. Box 423, Petit-Ruisseau, N.S. B0W 1Z0 Phone: 902 769-0861 http://www.jayleblanc.ca	1
Les Araignées du boui-boui	Université Sainte-Anne, Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902 769-2114	-
Les Éditions de la Piquine Marie Robichaud	146 Maxwellton Road, P.O. Box 33 Meteghan Center, N.S. B0W 2K0 Phone: 902 645-2889	2
Les productions Grand Dérangement Daniel LeBlanc	9534 Route 1, Saulnierville, N.S. B0W 2Z0 Phone 902 769-2399	3
Unisson Sébastien Dol	C. P. 212, Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902 769-0814 http://www.myspace.com/GroupeUnisson	4
SUB-TOTAL		17
Communications Technology		
Association Radio-Clare Karolyn Aucoin	795 Route 1, P.O. Box 8, Comeauville, N.S. B0W 1Z0 Phone: 902 769-2432 Fax: 902 769-3101 http://www.cifafm.ca	5
Clare Shopper Marc et Reine Graff	1813 Route 1, P.O. Box 98, Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902 769-3267 Fax: 902 769-0877 http://www.clareshopper.com	8
Ed's Print Shop Victor Comeau	P.O. Box 453 963 Route 1, Petit-Ruisseau, N.S. B0W 1Z0 Phone: 902 769-2518 Fax: 902 769-2518	1
Imprimerie Lescarbot Ltée (Print Shop) Francis Robichaud	795 Route 1, Comeauville, N.S. B0W 2Z0 Phone: 902 769-3078 Fax: 902 769-3869 http://www.lecourrier.com	5
James Crombie	P.O. Box 220 1912 Route 1, Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902 769-3354 Fax: 902 769-0124	1

Communications Technology (cont'd)		
Les Ordinateurs Marmich Computers Larry Blinn	P.O. Box 1900 2430 Darling Lake, Yarmouth, N.S. B5A 4A5 Phone: 902 749-2720 Fax: 902 749-2720	1
Productions PC	10002 Route 1, Saulnierville, N.S. B0W 2Z0 Phone: 1-888-352-2696	1
Richard Landry (Translation and Interpretation Services)	51 Comeauville Wharf Road, Comeauville Rural route 1, Saulnierville, N.S. B0W 2Z0 Phone: 902 769-2805	1
SaulTech Computers Marcel Saulnier	8433 Route 1, Meteghan, N.S. B0W 2J0 Phone: 902 645-2125 Fax: 902 645-2126 http://www.saultech.com	3
Seashore Electronics / The Source Danny Stuart	9847 Route 1, P.O. Box 35-E, Saulnierville, N.S. B0W 2Z0 Phone: 902 769-2610 Fax: 902 645-2126	6
SUB-TOTAL		32
Heating Oil Companies		
Acadian Fuels Steven Comeau	8323 Route 1, P.O. Box 127, Meteghan Center, N.S. B0W 2K0 Phone: 902 645-3380 Fax: 902 645-1880	5
Comeau Fuels Aaron Dunn	10017 Route 1, P.O. Box 38, Saulnierville, N.S. B0W 2Z0 Phone: 902 769-2744 Fax: 902 769-2761	6
SUB-TOTAL		11
Education		
Conseil scolaire acadien provincial – Clare (Acadian School Board) Brent Surette	P.O. Box 88 9248 Route 1, La Butte, N.S. B0W 2L0 Phone: 902 769-5458 Fax: 902 769-5459 www.csap.ca	160
La P'tite Académie Annette Comeau	450 Patrice Road, Site 18, Box 4, Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902 769-3250 Fax 902 769-2833	10
Notre Jardin d'Enfance Denise Goulden	8423 Route 1, P.O. Box 361, Meteghan, N.S. B0W 2J0 Phone: 902 645-3490	10
Tri County Regional School Board Lois Hamilton	79 Water Street, Yarmouth, N.S. Phone: 902 749-5696 http://tcrsb.ca/default.aspx	44
Université Sainte-Anne Donna Maillet Mullen	1695 Route 1, Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902 769-2114 Fax: 902 769-2930 https://www.usaintanne.ca	211
SUB-TOTAL		435
Government of Nova Scotia		
Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal - Clare	9908 Route 1, Saulnierville, N.S. B0W 2Z0 Phone: 902 769-2192 Fax 902 769-3396	20 à 30
Nova Scotia Liquor Corporation Store N° 02572	8714 Route 1, P.O. Box 75, Meteghan Center, N.S. B0W 2K0 Phone: 902 645-2432	5
SUB-TOTAL		25 - 35
Government of Canada		
Canadian Food Inspection Agency	P.O. Box 148 404 Meteghan Connector Road, N.S. B0W 2J0 Phone: 902 645-3432 Fax: 902 645-4000	4
Royal Canadian Mounted Police (Meteghan)	60 Connector Road, P.O. Box 178, Meteghan, N.S. B0W 2J0 Phone: 902 645-2326 Fax: 902 645-2751	8
Fisheries and Oceans (Meteghan)	P.O. Box 8 7949 Route 1, Meteghan, N.S. B0W 2J0 Phone: 902 645-2045 Fax: 902 645-3858	8

Government of Canada (cont'd)		
Canada Post – Belliveau's Cove Anita Dugas	3258 Route 1, Belliveau's Cove, N.S. B0W 1J0 Phone: 902 837-1042	1
Canada Post – Mavillette Jenny Deveau	6118 Route 1, Mavillette, N.S. B0W 2H0 Phone: 902 645-2457	1
Canada Post – Meteghan Angela Barkhouse	8198 Route 1, Meteghan, N.S. B0W 2J0 Phone: 902 645-3057	2
Canada Post – Church Point Louise Melanson	1807 Route 1, Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902 769-769-2245	3
Canada Post – Rivière-aux-Saumons (Salmon River) Edith Ryan	4889 Route 1, Rivière-aux-Saumons, N.S. B0W 2Y0 Phone: 902 649-2680	2
Canada Post – Saulnierville Suzanne Amirault	10067 Route 1, Saulnierville, N.S. B0W 2Z0 Phone: 902 769-0087	3
SUB-TOTAL		32
Skilled Trades (electricians, mechanics, plumbers, etc.)		
Big Jay's Plumbing & Heating Jason Melanson	525 Peter Dugas Road, P.O. Box 241, Meteghan, N.S. B0W 2J0 Phone: 902 645-2039 Fax: 902 645-2834	1
Blue Bay Construction Ltd. Hubert Gaudet	2283 Route 1, Grosses-Coques, Rural route, Box 18B Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902 769-2940 Fax: 902 769-3548	4
Clare Appliance Service Delbert Comeau	P.O. Box 5B, Rural route 1, La Butte, N.S. B0W 2L0 Phone: 902 645-3088 Fax: 902 645-2402	1
Comeau Twins Machine Shop Jean J. Comeau	32 Moulin Road, Box 37, Meteghan, N.S. B0W 2J0 Phone: 902 769-8968	3
Jedco Construction Ltd. Norbert Jeddry	7213 Route 1, Saint-Alphonse, Rural route, P.O. Box 548, Meteghan, N.S. B0W 2J0 Phone: 902 645-3020 Fax: 902 645-3020	6
Lone Wolf Motorcycle & ATV Repair Julien Amirault	223 Bonenfant Road, Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902-769-0204	1
Louco Contracting Inc. Louis Comeau	334 Eustache Comeau Road, Saulnierville, N.S. B0W 2Z0 Phone: 902 769-5025 Fax: 902 769-5027	10
Paul J. Deveau Electrical Paul Deveau	66 Sandy's Way, Saint-Joseph, site 22, Rural route 1, P.O. Box 2, Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902 769-0123 Fax: 902 769-0114	1
Roland Boudreau Electrical & Plumbing Roland Boudreau	3487 Second Division Road, Concessions, Rural route 1, P.O. Box 170, Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902 769-2710 Fax: 902 769-2851	1
Shep-Com Construction Stephen Comeau	264 Meteghan Connector Road, Meteghan, N.S. B0W 2J0 Phone: 902 645-2460	10
US-TWO Construction Richard Wright et Gilles Gaudet	8598 Route 1, P.O. Box 27, Meteghan Center, N.S. B0W 2K0 Phone: 902 778-1951	2
Walt's Electrical Service Walter Comeau	4127 Second Division Road, Rural route 1, P.O. Box 138E, Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902 769-3844 Mobile: 902 769-7890	1
SUB-TOTAL		41
Beauty Salons		
Salon Alison Alison Reddick	37 Stuart Road, P.O. Box 75, Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902 769-0992	1
Boyd's Hair Studio Stephen Boyd	473 Patrice Road, Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902 769-3732	1

Beauty Salons (cont'd)		
Mèche Salon and Spa	967 Route 1, Petit Ruisseau, N.S. Phone: 902 769-2626	2
Modern Reflections Hair Design Cécile McCaughey	574 Eustache Road, P.O. Box 67-C, Saulnierville, N.S. B0W 2Z0 Phone: 902 769-3860	1
Nouvelle Coiffure Renette Boissonnault	3104 Route 1, Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902 837-7422 Fax: 902 837-7422	1
Odette's Hair Design	P.O. Box 27, 233 Connector Road, Meteghan, N.S. B0W 2J0 Phone: 902 645-3052	1
Salon 7252 Donna Deveau	7252 Route 1, Saint Alphonse Rural route 1, P.O. Box 54, Meteghan, N.S. B0W 2J0 Phone: 902 645-2199	1
Salon de Coiffure par Judy Walsh	P.O. Box 9, site 2 8419 Rural route 1, Meteghan, N.S. B0W 2J0 Phone: 902 645-2079	1
Salon Judy Judy Comeau	84 Comeau Branch, Box 6 1/2 La Butte, N.S. B0W 2L0 Phone: 902 645-2531	1
Simon's Barber Shop	P.O. Box 134 9367 Route 1, La Butte, N.S. B0W 2L0 Phone: 902 769-2331	1
Styles in Motion Hair Design Donna Hiltz	159 Grosses-Coques Road P.O. Box 2, site 14, Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902 837-7733 Fax: 902 837-5212	1
Su' Lise Lise Melanson	252 Placide Comeau Road Rural route 1, P.O. Box 8, La Butte, N.S. B0W 2L0 Phone: 902 769-0222	1
The Hair Spa Joan Melanson	8216 Route 1, P.O. Box 392, Meteghan, N.S. B0W 2J0 Phone: 902 645-2904	2
Yvon Comeau Hair Stylists	P.O. Box 24, Meteghan, N.S. B0W 2J0 Phone: 902 645-3373	1
Wendy's Hair Design	9613 Route 1, P.O. Box 7, site 8, Saulnierville, N.S. B0W 2Z0 Phone: 902 769-0200	1
SUB-TOTAL		17
Health and Wellness		
Agence de soutien à domicile (Home Care) Tonya Boudreau	P.O. Box 100, 4459 Route 1, Weymouth, N.S. B0W 3T0 Phone: 902 837-4444 Fax: 902 837-4447	13
Au Logis de Meteghan Joanne Deveau	8405 Route 1, P.O. Box 128, Meteghan, N.S. B0W 2J0 Phone: 902 645-3594 Fax: 902 645-2429	17
Clare Pharmacy Limited Nathan Hanna	8693 Route 1, P.O. Box 220, Meteghan Center, N.S. B0W 2K0 Phone: 902 645-2219 Fax: 902 645-3001	25
Clare Physiotherapy Clinic Miguel Lefort	512 P.F. Comeau Road, Comeauville, P.O. Box 234, Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902 769-2421 Fax: 902 769-0264	2
Cottage Céleste Kathy MacDonald	P.O. Box 314, 8064, route 1, Meteghan, N.S. B0W 2J0 Phone: 902 645-2248 Fax: 902 645-3231	16
Dr Alain Blinn	P.O. Box 97, 8559 Route 1, Meteghan Center, N.S. B0W 2J0 Phone: 902 645-2777 Fax: 902 645-2854	1
Dr Alban Comeau	9999 Route 1, Saulnierville, N.S. B0W 2Z0 Phone: 902 769-3888 Fax: 902 769-3868	2
Dr Jillian Moore (dentist)	77 Placide Comeau Road, P.O. Box 141, Saulnierville B0W 2Z0 Phone: 902 769-3127 Fax: 902 769-3127	5
Dr Jean Luc Dugas	P.O. Box 97, 8559 Route 1, Meteghan Center, N.S. B0W 2J0 Phone: 902 645-2777 Fax: 902 645-2854	1

Health and Wellness (Cont'd)		
D ^{re} Michelle Dow	P.O. Box 97, 8559 Route 1, Meteghan Center, N.S. B0W 2J0 Phone: 902 645-2777 Fax: 902 645-2854	1
D ^{re} Gisèle Dugas	P.O. Box 97, 8559 Route 1, Meteghan Center, N.S. B0W 2J0 Phone: 902 645-2777 Fax: 902 645-2854	1
D ^{re} Erica Lasher-Coats	P.O. Box 97, 8559 Route 1, Meteghan Center, N.S. B0W 2J0 Phone: 902 645-2777 Fax: 902 645-2854	2
Emergency Health Services Greg Bayres	130 Haley Road, Yarmouth, N.S. B5A 3B7 Phone: 902 740-7510 Fax: 902 742-8167	20
La Maison au coucher du soleil Christopher Banks	9671 Route 1, Saulnierville, N.S. B0W 2Z0 Phone: 902 769-2270 Fax: 902 769-3850	28
Victorian Order of Nurses Canada (VON), Karen Marr	4459 Route 1, P.O. Box 220, Weymouth, N.S. B0W 3T0 Phone: 902 837-5116 Fax: 902 837-4183	22
Reflex at Ease Delia Smith	319 Second Division Road, Rural route 1, P.O. Box 152A, La Butte, N.S. B0W 2L0 Phone: 902 769-2704	2
Southwest Dental Dr. Michel Comeau	8174 Route 1, Meteghan, N.S. B0W 2J0 Phone: 902 645-3011 Fax: 902 645-2245	4
Saulnierville Pharmacy Rick Theriault	P.O. Box 25, 9999 Route 1, Saulnierville, N.S. B0W 2Z0 Phone: 902 769-0893 Fax: 902 769-0894 http://www.saulniervillepharmacy.com	24
Tender Touch Home and Health Care Brenda Amirault	7427 Route 1, Saint-Alphonse, Rural route 1, P.O. Box 45E, Meteghan, N.S. B0W 2J0 Phone: 902 645-3225 Cellular: 902 769-8658 Fax: 902 645-3271	9
Villa acadienne Lucille Maillet	8403 Route 1, P.O. Box 248, Meteghan, N.S. B0W 2J0 Phone: 902 645-2065 Fax: 902 645-3899	150+
SUB-TOTAL		345+
Community Sector		
Atelier de Clare Carolyn Sloan	P.O. Box 126, Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902 769-3202 Fax: 902 769-0002 http://www.swwd.ca/atelier	6
Clare Library <i>Western Counties Regional Library</i> Glenda Comeau	29 Haché Road, P.O. Box 265, Meteghan, N.S. B0W 2J0 Phone: 902 645-3350 http://www.westerncounties.ca	3
Centre de Clare (Clare Curling Club) Peter Comeau	P.O. Box 288, 32 Connector Road, Meteghan, N.S. B0W 2J0 Phone: 902 645-2875 Fax: 902 645-2617	3
Club social de la Church Point Donny Deveau	1838 Route 1, P.O. Box 228, Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902 769-3862 Fax: 902 769-2410	6
Conseil de développement économique de la Nouvelle-Écosse	1649 Route 1, Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902 769-3902 or 902-769-0043 Fax: 902 769-0163	7
Festival acadien de Clare Daniel LeBlanc	795 Route 1, Placide Comeau Road P.O. Box 458, Comeauville, N.S. B0W 1Z0 Phone: 902 769-0832 Fax: 902 769-5405 http://festivalacadiendeclare.ca	5
La Pirouette Lisa Thimot	450 Patrice Road, P.O. Box 169, Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902 769-5854 Fax: 902 769-3059 http://www.lapirouette.ca	2
Le Transport de Clare Cathy Theriault	9250 Route 1, La Butte, N.S. B0W 2L0 Phone: 902 769-2474	9
Maison Jérôme Carolyn Sloan	1724 Route 1, Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902 769-3251 http://www.swwd.ca/atelier/fr/jerome.htm	9

Community Sector (Cont'd)		
Société acadienne de Clare Natalie Robichaud	795 Route 1, Comeauville, N.S. B0W 2Z0 Phone/Fax: 902 769-0955 http://www.saclare.com	1
SUB-TOTAL		51
Financial Services, Accountants, Lawyers, Insurance Brokers		
Assurances Vaughne Glenna Boudreau Normand Cormier	P.O. Box 69, 1786 Route 1, Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902 769-3000 Fax: 902 769-3742 http://www.vaughne.com	4
Caisse populaire de Clare (Credit Union) Rennel Doucet	P.O. Box 99, 1726 Route 1, Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902 769-5312 Fax: 902 769-5500 https://www.caissepopclare.com	33
CDB Business Services Dawn Bennett	291 Meteghan Connector Road, P.O. Box 108A, Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902-645-3012 Fax: 902-645-3013	1
Clare Mutual Insurance Co. Janice Belliveau	3300 Route 1, P.O. Box 39, Belliveau's Cove, N.S. B0W 1J0 Phone: 902 837-4597 Fax: 902 837-7745 http://www.claremutual.com	8
Gérard Pothier Avocat (Attorney) Gérard Pothier	1786 Route 1, P.O. Box 57, Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902 769-2733 Fax: 902 769-0334	3
Hugh Robichaud Avocat et Notaire (Attorney) Hugh Robichaud	P.O. Box 40, 8314 Route 1, Meteghan, N.S. B0W 2J0 Phone: 902 645-2520 Fax: 902 645-3737	4
J.H. Deveau (1964) Ltd. Jean-Guy Comeau	9256 Route 1, La Butte, P.O. Box 9 Meteghan, N.S. B0W 2J0 Phone: 902 769-3366	5
Maurice LeBlanc Assurances (Insurance) Maurice LeBlanc	10047-1 Route 1, P.O. Box 33, Saulnierville, N.S. B0W 2Z0 Phone: 902 769-2152 Fax: 902 769-3817	2
Muise Law Inc. Lynette M. Muise	P.O. Box 60, 9267 Route 1, La Butte, N.S. B0W 2L0 Phone: 902-260-8888 Fax: 902-260-3040	2
On Location Bookkeeping Arlene Deveau	16 Meteghan Shore Road, P.O. Box 250, Meteghan, N.S. B0W 2J0 Phone: 902 645-2728	1
Law office of David S. P. Dow of Pink Starr Barro	1551 Route 1, P.O. Box 130, Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902 769-3335 Fax: 902 769-3336	3
RBC (Royal Bank) (Meteghan and Church Point) Angéline Thimot	8249 Route 1, P.O. Box 129, Meteghan, N.S. B0W 2J0 Phone: 902 645-2410 Fax: 902 645-3824	13
Scotiabank	10027 Route 1, P.O. Box 28, Saulnierville, N.S. B0W 2Z0 Phone: 902 769-3234 Fax: 902 769-0176	6
SUB-TOTAL		85
Service Stations (fuel/oil sales, automotive repair)		
Bayview Auto Parts Elaine LeBlanc	4 Belliveau's Cove Road, P.O. Box 4, Belliveau's Cove, N.S. B0W 1J0 Phone: 902 837-7360 Fax: 902 837-7423	5
Belliveau Motors Ltd. Claude Belliveau	1484 Route 1, P.O. Box 190, Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902 769-0706 Fax: 902 769-0841 http://belliveau.dealerconnection.com	38
Briggs Power Equipment & Hobbies Lowell Briggs	36 Comeauville Wharf Road, Comeauville P.O. Box 181, Rural route 1, Saulnierville, N.S. B0W 2Z0 Phone: 902 769-2277	1
Clare Dodge Chrysler Jeep Sales, Parts, Service and Rentals Roger & Louise Mullen	3640 Route 1, Saint-Bernard, N.S. B0W 1J0 Phone: 902 837-5171 Fax: 902 837-5946, http://www.claredodge.com	20
Clayt's Off-road and Auto Clayton Saulnier	999 Route 1, P.O. Box 502, Petit-Ruisseau, N.S. B0W 1Z0 Phone: 902 769-3522	5

Service Stations (fuel/oil sales, automotive repair) (Cont'd)		
D. Thimot Service Center – Esso Daniel Thimot	8762 Route 1, P.O. Box 56, Meteghan Center, N.S. B0W 2K0 Phone: 902 645-2270	15
Dan Muise Auto Repair Shop Dan Muise	2895 Route 1, Grosses Coques, Site 13, P.O. Box 2, Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902 837-4231	1
Dugas's Auto Recyclers and Rebuilders Hebert Dugas	476 Little Brook Station Road, Rural route 1, P.O. Box 211A, Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902 769-2509 Fax: 902 769-0860 http://www.dugasautorecyclers.com	6
Joey Muise's Small Engine Repair Joey Muise	2189 Patrice Road, Rural route 1 Church Point, N.S., Phone: 902 769-0266	1
J P Radiator & Automotive Repair Jean-Paul Arsenault	1461 Route 1, site 30, P.O. Box 1, Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902 769-2194	1
Leonard C. Comeau Daniel Comeau	467 Route 1, Comeauville, site 1, P.O. Box 6, Rural route 1, Saulnierville, N.S. B0W 2Z0, Phone: 902 769-2425 Fax: 902 769-3161 http://www.comeauhonda.com	8
Lone Wolf Motorcycle & ATV Repair Julien Amirault	223 Bonnenfant, P.O. Box 215, Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902 769-0204	1
Phillip LeBlanc Diesel Repairs Ltd. Danny LeBlanc	19 Comeauville Wharf Road, P.O. Box 153A, Saulnierville, N.S. B0W 2Z0 Phone: 902 769-3030 Fax: 902 769-3200	5
SUB-TOTAL		107
Tourism, Lodging, and Restaurants		
À la Maison d'Amitié B&B Carol et Bill Fenstermaker	197 Baseline Road, P.O. Box 3674, Mavillette, N.S. B0W 2Y0 Phone: 902 645-2601 http://www.houseoffriendship.ca	2
Seaside Bowling Lanes & Alley Cat Saloon Pat Wright	960 Route 1, P.O. Box 445, Petit-Ruisseau, N.S. B0W 1Z0 Phone: 902 769-2217 Fax: 902 769-0061	4
Alley 4 Bowling Center Claudette Gavel	3682 Route 1 Saint-Bernard, 1029 Riverside Road, Bas-de-la-Rivière, N.S. B0W 3T0 Phone: 902 837-2516 or 902 837-7384	1
Anchor Inn Bed & Breakfast Marie and Hans deMan	8755 Route 1, P.O. Box 19, Meteghan Center, N.S. B0W 2K0, Phone: 902 645-3390	2
Around the Bend Shirlee Kennedy	8837 Route 1, La Butte P.O. Box 111 Meteghan Center, N.S. B0W 2K0 Phone: 902 645-3313 Fax: 902 645-3064	7
L'Auberge au Havre du Capitaine Louise Comeau	9118 Route 1, P.O. Box 127, Meteghan, N.S. B0W 2J0 Phone: 902 769-2001 Fax: 902 769-2001 http://www.acadianshorehotels.com	4
Baie Sainte-Marie Ocean Front Cottages Anna d'Allesio-Doucet et Jacques Doucet	1029 Riverside Road, Bas-de-la-Rivière P.O. Box 142, Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902 769-0797 Fax: 902 769-0750 http://www.nsoceanfrontcottages.com	2
Bamboo Garden (restaurant) Hung Ngyen	8690 Route 1, P.O. Box 118, Meteghan Center, N.S. B0W 2K0 Phone: 902 645-2716 Fax: 902 645-3185	6
Belle-Baie Park Alvina Stuart	2135 Route 1, Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902 769-3160 Fax: 902 769-0065 http://www.bellebaiepark.ca	2

Tourism, Lodging, and Restaurants (Cont'd)		
Cape View Motel & Cottages Carol et Russell Wiebe	124 John Doucette Road, P.O. Box 9 Rivière-aux-Saumons, N.S. B0W 2Y0 Phone: 902 645-2258 http://www.capeviewmotel.ca	2
Chartwells Cindy LeBlanc	Université Sainte-Anne, Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902 769-2114, extension 7131	10
Château Sainte-Marie Chris Mazeroll et Gina Park	959 Route 1, Petit-Ruisseau, N.S. B0W 1Z0 Phone: 902 769-8346 http://www.chateausaintemarie.ca/about_us	2
Chez Jean Dairy Twirl Jean LeBlanc	3139 Route 1, P.O. Box 5, Belliveau's Cova, N.S. B0W 1J0 Phone: 902 837-5750 http://www.chezjean.com	8
Chez l'Ami Crème Glacée Aldric Comeau	1730 Route 1, P.O. Box 100, Church Point, N.S. B0W 2Z0 Phone: 902 769-0001 Fax: 902 769-3769	3
DJ's Corner Café Jeanne LeBlanc	4910 Route 1, P.O. Box 47, Rivière-aux-Saumons, N.S., B0W 2Y0 Phone: 902 649-2176 Fax: 902 649-2819	9
Josie's Place Eatery Rhonda Bartlett	19 Meteghan Connector Road, P.O. Box 6, site 10, Rural route 1, 82 Middlesex Road, Bear River, N.S. B0S 1B0 Phone: 902 645-3663	8
La Taverne Acadienne Gaston LeBlanc	P.O. Box 29, 946 Route 1, La Butte, N.S. B0W 2L0 Phone: 902 645-3660	4
Le Petit Havre Mark Foggoa and Danielle Cotteau	663 Route 1, Comeauville, N.S. B0W 2Z0 Phone: 902 406-5480	4
Palais de la Glace Molle Felix d'Entremont	9115 Route 1, La Butte, N.S. B0W 2L0 Phone: 902 769-3500	2
Pizza Delight – Saulnierville Josée LeBlanc	9881 Route 1, P.O. Box 87, Saulnierville, N.S. B0W 2Z0 Phone: 902 769-0820	8
Râpure Acadienne Ltd. Curtis Gaudet	1443, Route 1, P.O. Box 233, Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902 769-2172 Fax: 902 769-2413	8
Rendez-vous de la Baie, Interpretation and Cultural Center and Internet Café Larry Peach	23 Lighthouse Road, Unit 1, Université Sainte-Anne, Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902 769-1234 (admin.) Fax: 902 769-3713 Phone: 902 769-3674 (Café) Phone: 902 769-2345 (tourist information center)	5
Roadside Grill & Cabins Ltd. David Dugas	3334 Route 1, P.O. Box 69, Belliveau's Cove, N.S. B0W 1J0 Phone: 902 837-5047 Fax: 902 837-5576	8
Robichaud's Take-Out & Ice Cream Ricky Robichaud	P.O. Box 87, Meteghan, N.S. B0W 2J0 Phone: 902 645-2424 Fax: 902 645-3093	3
Seashore Restaurant / Blue Rock Lounge Denise LeBlanc	8467 Route 1, P.O. Box 116, La Butte, N.S. B0W 2L0 Phone: 902 645-3453 Fax: 902 645-3708	5
Sissiboo Guest House Susan and Nick Knutson	926 Riverside Road, New Edinburgh, N.S. Phone: 902 837-5977	1
Su Ben Bed & Breakfast Renette Cornier	890 Route 1, Petit-Ruisseau, N.S. B0W 1Z0 Phone: 902 769-2879	2
Tim Horton's Tina Deveau	8226 Route 1, P.O. Box 442, Meteghan, N.S. B0W 2J0 Phone: 902 645-2919 Fax: 902 645-2200	27
SUB-TOTAL		149
Merchandise Sales (food, clothing, other)		
Al's Paint & More Ltd. Castle Building Supplies Alain Melanson	671 Route 1, Comeauville, P.O. Box 457, Petit-Ruisseau, N.S. B0W 1Z0 Phone: 902 769-3878 Fax: 902 769-3793	3

Merchandise Sales (food, clothing, other) (Cont'd)		
Andy's Bargain Centre Michel McCauley	826 Route 1, P.O. Box 446, Meteghan, N.S. B0W 2J0 Phone: 902 645-3266	1
Clarence Enterprises Ltd. Aline Comeau	10029 Route 1, P.O. Box 27, Saulnierville, N.S. B0W 2Z0 Phone: 902 769-3458 Fax: 902 769-0115	39
Comeau Farm Market Alain Comeau	8711 Route 1, P.O. Box 146, Meteghan Center, N.S. B0W 2L0 Phone: 902 645-2342 Fax: 902 645-3486 http://www.comeausfarmmarket.com	16
# 1 Discount Outlet Alain LeBlanc	159 Grosses Coques Road, Rural route 1, site 14, P.O. Box 2, Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902 837-5228 Fax: 902 837-5212	3
DJ's Corner Café Jeanne LeBlanc	4910 Route 1, Rivière-aux-Saumons, N.S. B0W 2Y0 Phone: 902 649-2176 Fax: 902 649-2819	9
Frenchy's (Meteghan) Helen Deveau	182 Maxwellton Road, P.O. Box 41 Meteghan Center, N.S. B0W 2K0 Phone: 902 645-2788 Fax: 902 645-5344 http://www.scotiawipers.com	30
Frenchy's (Saulnierville) Gary Saulnier	P.O. Box 186, 9947 Route 1, Saulnierville, N.S. B0W 2Z0 Phone: 902 769-3389 Fax: 902 769-3515 http://www.scotiawipers.com	19
J & R Comeau Greenhouses Remi Comeau	1471 Mazza Road, P.O. Box 56, Saulnierville, N.S. B0W 2Z0 Phone: 902 769-3241	5
Dave Coggins R.V. Sales Ltd. Dave Coggins	9865 Route 1, Saulnierville, P.O. Box 73, Rural route, La Butte, N.S. B0W 2Z0 Phone: 902 769-2500 Fax: 902 769-0168 http://www.cogginsrvsales.com	9
La Cachette Yvonne Mombourquette	9976 Route 1, Saulnierville, N.S. B0W 2Z0 Phone: 902 769-0131 Fax: 902 769-0131	4
La Shoppe Verte Ltée Lise Tardif and Daniel Lewis	1474 Patrice Road, Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902 260-3810	4
Le Jardin de la Baie Sainte-Marie Nabil Abboud	90 Riverview Promenade, Bas-de-la-Rivière, P.O. Box 27-B, Rural route 1, Weymouth, N.S. B0W 3T0 Phone: 902 837-7413 Fax: 902 837-2930	2
Magasin Campus	1695 Route 1, Université Sainte-Anne Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902 769-3562 Fax: 902 769-2930	2
Meteghan Home Hardware Building Centre Rob Lawrie	8240 Route 1, P.O. Box 3, Meteghan, N.S. B0W 2J0 Phone: 902 645-2315 Fax: 902 645-3060 http://meteghanhomehardware.ca	13
Panier d'Art Anne Comeau	464 Route 1, Comeauville, Site 1, P.O. Box 8, Saulnierville, N.S. B0W 2Z0 Phone: 902 769-3457 Fax: 902 769-2890 http://www.panierdart.com	1
Prestige Home Sales Irvin Sullivan	8124 Route 1, P.O. Box 387, Meteghan, N.S. B0W 2J0 Phone: 902 645-3175 Fax: 902 645-2819	1
Robichaud Foods Ltd. Joey Robichaud	645 Route 1, Comeauville, P.O. Box 30 Petit-Ruisseau, N.S. B0W 1Z0 Phone: 902 769-2242 Fax: 902 769-2848	18
Saulnierville Discount Centre Inc. Suzanne Smith	P.O. Box 193, 9487 Route 1, Saulnierville, N.S. B0W 2Z0 Phone: 902 769-2581 Fax: 902 769-6683	5
Saulnierville Kwikway Ernest Thibault	703 Saulnierville Road, N.S. B0W 2Z0 Phone: 902 769-3762 Fax: 902 769-3762	3

Merchandise Sales (food, clothing, other) (Cont'd)		
Stan Doucet's Flower Shop (Clare Pharmasave)	8693 Route 1, Meteghan Center, N.S. B0W 2K0 Phone: 902 645-2785	1
Supernutrition Mildred Comeau	9976 Route 1, Saulnierville, N.S. B0W 2Z0 Phone: 902 769-3199 Fax: 902 769-2622	1
The Rug Shack Inc. Daniel Tufts	1002 Route 1, Petit-Ruisseau, P.O. Box 109, Saulnierville, N.S. B0W 2Z0 Phone: 902 769-3233 Fax: 902 769-3435	5
Tim's Woodworks Timmy Comeau	7615 Route 1, Meteghan, N.S. B0W 2J0 Phone: 902 645-3641	3
Velo Baie Sainte-Marie Louanne Doucet et Alain Blinn	9976 Route 1, Saulnierville, N.S. B0W 2Z0 Phone: 902 769-0221	3
Vic's Second Hand Store Gérald Richard	8374 Route 1, P.O. Box 298, Meteghan, N.S. B0W 2J0 Phone: 902 645-2730 Fax: 902 645-2730	2
SUB-TOTAL		202
Sales & Service		
Acadie Fit Nancy Comeau	9976 Route 1, P.O. Box 27, Saulnierville, N.S. B0W 2Z0 Phone: 902 769-0275	4
Clare Animal Hospital	Route 1, Saulnierville, N.S. B0W 2L0 Phone: 902 769-3809 Fax: 902 742-6442	5
Clare Dumpsters Ltd. Melissa Deveau	1671 Patrice Road, Concessions, Rural route 1, Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902 769-8699	2
Clare Golf & Country Club Ltd. Mark Comeau	423 P.F. Comeau Road, Rural route 1, Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902 769-2124 Fax: 902 769-0228 http://claregolf.ca	20
Comeau's Bottle Exchange Michel Comeau	8659 Route 1, P.O. Box 122, Meteghan Center, N.S. B0W 2K0 Phone: 902 645-2324 Fax: 902 645-3512	6
D & G East Coast Surveillance Danny Barkhouse	8583 Route 1, P.O. Box 124, Meteghan Center, N.S. B0W 2K0 Phone: 902 645-3484 Fax: 902 645-2165	1
Deveau Denture Clinic Raquel Deveau	233 Eustache Road, P.O. Box 75-B, Saulnierville, N.S. B0W 2Z0 Phone: 902 778-0678	1
Evangeline Animal Hospital Ltd	9528 Route 1, Saulnierville-le-Bas, N.S. B0W 2Z0 Phone: 902-260-VETS / 902-260-8387 Fax: 902-260-8388	4
Future Group Realty Ltd. Gerald Comeau	Phone: 902-769-2212 Cellular: 902-769-7597	1
Jackie's Pampered Pooch Jackie Robichaud	453 Maxwellton Road, P.O. Box 135, Meteghan Center, N.S. B0W 2K0 Phone: 902 645-2455	1
Nova West Laboratory Ltd (Comeau's Sea Foods)	77, C. Saulnier Road, Saulnierville, N.S. B0W 2Z0 Phone: 902 769-2102 Fax: 902 769-2104 http://www.comeauseafood.com	4
Laser Hair Professionals Ltd. Donna Larrymore and Darlene Stuart	9613 Route 1, Saulnierville, N.S. B0W 2Z0 Rural route 1, Box 7, site 8 Phone: 902 769-3249	2
9 Hole Par 3 Family Golf Course Lowell Briggs	22 Zack Road, Comeauville Box 181 Rural route 1, Saulnierville, N.S. B0W 2Z0 Phone: 902 769-2277 Cellular: 769-8330	2
Meteghan Funeral Services Roland Deveau	P.O. Box 28, 8348 Route 1, Meteghan, N.S. B0W 2J0 Phone: 902 645-2142 Fax: 902 645-3876 http://www.meteghanfuneralhome.ca	4

Sales & Service (Cont'd)		
Nova West Valuations Ltd. Paul Wade	2369 Patrice Road, Saint-Joseph P.O. Box, 8 Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902-778-1017	1
Robert Long Real Estate (2009) Ltd. Lester Doucet, Team Re/Max	8910 Route 1, P.O. Box 69, La Butte, N.S. B0W 2L0 Cell: 902 769-8722	1
Tradewinds Realty Sheila Deveau	8144 Route 1, Meteghan, N.S. B0W 2Z0 Cell: 902-740-3051	1
SUB-TOTAL		60
TOTAL (SERVICE INDUSTRY): 1,609 - 1,619		
GRAND TOTAL (3 SECTORS): 2,676 - 2,718		

Section 12 – Housing and Construction

Construction Permits

According to the *Nova Scotia Building Code Act* and its regulations, all building plans and renovation projects must be approved by the local building inspector, in compliance with the building code. In the event a plan does not meet the prescribed criteria, the inspector must inform the owner of any and all infractions, while offering solutions to remedy the situation. Building permits may be obtained from the local building inspectors, Gary Sullivan and Daniel Gaudet at (902) 769-3655 or in person at their office location at 1185 Route 1, Petit-Ruisseau.

From April 2015 to March 2016, 233 building permits were issued in the Municipality of the District of Clare with a total monetary value of \$13,306,598. Table 12.1 offers an overview of the construction industry within the Municipality for the fiscal years from 2012-2013 to 2015-2016.

Table 12.1 – Construction Permits in the Municipality of the District of Clare (2012 - 2016)

Description	2012- 2013	2013- 2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
Number of residential permits (including renovations and additions)	107	110	97	84
Value of residential permits (including renovations and additions)	\$3,193,495	\$3,605,801	\$6,260,620	\$9,214,494
Number of commercial permits (including renovations and additions)	36	39	31	18
Value of commercial permits (including renovations and additions)	\$5,045,472	\$4,649,408	\$2,460,806	\$3,023,668
Number of permits for garages and small structures	77	106	76	77
Value of permits for garages and small structures	\$803,628	\$1,369,276	\$913,380	\$1,068,427
Number of permits for farms	0	0	0	0
Value of permits for farms	0 \$	0 \$	0 \$	0 \$
Total number of permits	220	255	204	179
Total value of permits	\$9,042,595	\$9,624,485	\$9,634,806	\$13,306,589

Source: Clare Municipality (2017).

Zoning

For all new construction and renovation projects, both residential and commercial, the Municipality of the District of Clare adheres to Land Use By-Law 27 (established August 16, 2012) with respect to zoning and land use. Clare currently has only one zone, categorized as "general zoning". Consult Section 7 of this community profile, under "Zoning" for further information.

Section 13 – Assets, Monuments, and Festivities

Tourist Attractions

Musique de la Baie (Music of "la Baie")

Initiated by the late Paul Comeau of the former *Chez Christophe* restaurant, the concept of entertaining diners with free music during meals has been adopted by other restaurants in the region due to its resounding success amongst local residents and visitors alike. Visit <https://baiesaintemarie.com/en/> for further details, including a list of participating restaurants.

Bay St. Mary's Market

Located in the village of Belliveau's Cove, on the property of Joseph and Marie Dugas, a market is open on Saturdays, typically from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. from the end of May until late September. Vendors sell a variety of locally-prepared food products, works of arts, crafts, and other local products. For further information, visit the web site *Rendez-vous de la Baie* (<https://rendezvousdelabaie.ca/en/>).

Acadian Open Summer Spiel

The Clare Curling Club, located in Meteghan, coordinates a four-day curling and golf event each summer, offering the novelty of participating in a winter sport during the summer months. The organizing committee extends an open invitation to all interested participants. Those wishing to obtain further information may contact Jimmy Doucet at (902) 769-3550.

Golf

There are two golf courses within the Municipality of the District of Clare: the Clare Golf & Country Club (18-hole course) and the 9-hole Par-3 Family Golf Course. Both golf courses are located in Comeauville, in proximity to one another.

Rendez-vous de la Baie Interpretive and Cultural Center

The *Rendez-vous de la Baie Interpretive and Cultural Center*, on the campus of Université Sainte-Anne in Church Point, offers a staffed/guided setting where local residents, students, and visitors are invited to meet and interact. The center includes the "Trécarré" (a contemporary art gallery), a tourist bureau, a gift shop, a theater, and an internet café where various events are hosted. The interpretive center and Acadian museum depict Acadian culture in the Clare region through the lens of their history, language, music, and other traditions. More information is available on their web site at <http://rendezvousdelabaie.ca>.

Gran Fondo Baie Sainte-Marie

The *Gran Fondo Baie Sainte-Marie* has developed into the largest cycling event east of Québec. The annual event, is hosted on the final weekend of September, and offers four race alternatives to competitors: 35 km, 67 km, 120 km, and 160 km. Besides the competition, participants/locals/visitors are also able to take part in cultural events such as a kitchen party, locally-prepared meals, a traditional dance, and a lobster feast. For additional information, visit their web site at www.grandfondobaiesaintemarie.ca.

Churches

Since the founding of the Municipality of the District of Clare, Roman Catholicism has played an important role. Large, impressive bell towers, while serving as a testament to the high-quality workmanship of earlier local residents, are a significant tourist attraction. Further information regarding these structures can be found at: <http://rendezvousdelabaie.ca/visitez-la-region/attraits>. The following offers a brief description of the most frequently visited tourist attractions in the region:

Sacred Heart Church (Église Sacré-Cœur)

Built in 1879 upon one of the highest hills in the village of Saulnierville, Sacred Heart Church is a prominent site in the community. With its massive pillars, its ornamental glass windows, and its art work, this church is amongst the most visited in the area. Visitors are welcome, with a guide on hand during the summer months to provide relevant historical details. Entry is free; donations are accepted.

Église Saint-Alphonse Church

One of the smaller churches in the region, Église Saint-Alphonse Church, attracts visitors from far and wide with its painted murals, the fruits of the labour of a local artist, and its cave-like wooden sculpture from which spews a fountain. The alleged miracle water, taken from the sacred site of Lourdes, flows incessantly. Visitors are welcome, with a guide on hand during the summer months to provide relevant historical details. Entry is free; donations are accepted.

Église Saint-Bernard Church

Église Saint-Bernard Church, a structure in excess of one million cubic feet, is one of the largest churches in eastern Canada. Built with 8,000 hand-carved stone blocks, construction was conducted over a 20-year period. This site welcomes thousands of tourists annually who marvel at its stone walls, its pipe organ comprised of over 2,000 pipes, and its ornamental glass windows. Entry is free; donations are accepted.

Église Sainte-Marie Church

Erected between 1903 and 1905, Église Sainte-Marie Church, with its 185-foot high bell tower, is well-known not only as a feat of engineering, but also as the largest wooden church in North America. This church, now a museum, is one of the prominent tourist attractions in the Clare region being highly recommended by travel organizers. Bilingual guided tours allow visitors to learn more about the church's history and view the religious artifacts contained therein. (<http://www.museeeglisesaintemariamuseum.ca>).

Historic Sites

Pointe-à-Major

Major's Point (Acadian cemetery and Chapel)

The first Acadian cemetery of St. Mary's Bay and The Little Chapel in Major's Bay commemorates the arrival of hundreds of Acadians fleeing the expulsion in 1755.

Jerome Monument

Located in the Stella Maris cemetery in Meteghan rests a large stone marker bearing the name *Jerome* where a mysterious individual was buried in 1912. In 1862, a young man with both legs freshly amputated was found on the coast of Sandy Cove (village located on the peninsula across Baie Ste Marie). The man, unable or unwilling to speak, lived in the Municipality of Clare until he passed away in 1912 without ever disclosing his origins, his reasons for maintaining his silence, nor the reasons that lead him to Baie Ste Marie in the first place.

Bangor Sawmill

The 19th century Bangor Sawmill was restored in 1993. A major industry in this region's past and a reminder of the importance that lumber production had on this region's economy. The Bangor Development Commission, a volunteer board responsible for the management of the mill, operates and maintains the museum. The fully operational turbine (summer months) is powered by the water currents of the Meteghan River as a means of demonstrating its past use and importance to development in the area.

Sainte-Marie Church Museum

Sainte-Marie Church, now a museum, is located in Church Point. This museum offers bilingual guided tours and houses two exhibit rooms displaying various historic artifacts and religious objects (<http://www.museeeglisesaintemariemuseum.ca>).

Centre Acadien

The Centre Acadien, located on the Université Sainte-Anne campus in Church Point, plays an important role in preserving and classifying all matters of Acadian history and culture. The center has collections of old photographs, archives, newspaper clippings and geological data. Open year-round, the center offers valuable information to Acadians and tourists who wish to explore their roots and their history. For more information, visit their website at: <https://www.usainteanne.ca/centre-acadien>.

Acadian Odyssey Monument

Since 2015, The Clare region has an Odyssey Monument thanks to the Société Acadienne de Clare, the Clare municipality and the Université Sainte-Anne. This important monument is located on the Université Sainte-Anne Campus in Church Point, in front of the Rendez-vous de la Baie Visitor Center. The Odyssey Monument commemorates the great upheaval of 1755 (Expulsion of the Acadians) to offer a permanent and tangible means of depicting and relating the historical challenges, realities, and successes of the Acadian people in Canada, North America and elsewhere in the World.

Festivals

Festival Acadien de Clare

The Festival Acadien de Clare (the oldest Acadian festival in the world) has always been a celebration of Acadian culture and heritage. Among the festival activities (end of July, early August) there are a variety of shows, activities, parades and competitions. The festival offers music (Acadian and bluegrass) concerts as well as art exhibitions and quilted blanket workshops. These activities are offered in every corner of the region. In 2015, the Festival Acadien de Clare celebrated 60 years. You can visit their website: <http://www.festivalacadiendeclare.ca>.

Festival Joseph and Marie Dugas

The third Sunday of July, the annual Festival Joseph and Marie Dugas takes place in the municipal park in Belliveau's Cove. The events mark the arrival of the first Acadian couple in the region in 1768. There are plenty of local craft shops and music. Residents and visitors can participate in various activities and workshops. For more information, please contact Jean LeBlanc at 902-837-5750.

Clare Bluegrass Festival

The Clare Bluegrass Festival has been held in Meteghan during a full summer weekend since 2000. The festival presents local and nonlocal musicians with a variety of workshops and shows offered during the week-long event. Participants are invited to camp on site. For more information call 902-649- 2703 or visit: <http://www.clarebluegrass.org/>.

Social and Cultural Programming

Les Productions Le Moulin

L'Association Le Moulin de la Baie Sainte-Marie (more commonly known as Les Productions Le Moulin) is a non-profit organization whose goal is to present a wide range of quality concerts for the population of Clare and surrounding areas. In the past, artists such as Squid, Les Tireux d'Roche, Lina Boudreau, Guy Davis and Marie-Jo Thériot have been featured performers. For more information, visit: <http://www.lemoulin.ca>.

La Société acadienne de Clare and La Fédération régionale des arts et du Patrimoine de la Baie Sainte-Marie

Working collaboratively, the Société acadienne de Clare (SAC) and the Fédération régionale des arts et du patrimoine (FRAP) offer cultural and artistic programming to residents of the region. The projects vary depending on available funding. Examples of their different activities are: Festival de Clare-té, Rendez-Vous de la Francophonie, recognition dinner, intergenerational projects (Patimoni'art), as well as all programs offered by FANE and FéCANE (Festival Stella, movie broadcasts, and several provincial projects). For more information visit:

www.lafrapdelabaie.com and www.saclare.com.

Municipal, Provincial and National Parks

Parks Canada

Parks Canada Agency, under the purview of Environment Canada, protects and insures the conservation of the natural and cultural heritage of Canada. The Agency's responsibilities are: National parks, National historic sites and National marine conservation areas. In Nova Scotia, there are two National parks: the Kejimikujik National Park and The Cape Breton Highlands National Park as well as 23 National historic sites. The National Parks and National

historic sites offer opportunities for recreation, education and ecotourism for residents and visitors. There are no such parks or sites within the Municipality of the District of Clare, however there are two provincial parks and two municipal parks in the region.

Mavillette Beach Provincial Park

The Mavillette Provincial Park has a total area of 101 hectares, including a beach considered one of the most beautiful and busiest in the region. Wooden walking paths cross the dunes and leads to a two-kilometer long sandy beach which includes picnic areas, restrooms and access to fresh water (non-potable). The Clare Municipality offers lifeguard service on weekends during the summer season.

From the beach, it is possible to see Cape Saint Mary's Lighthouse, the port facilities and the fishing boats of Mavillette. The park is a good place for birdwatching and physical activities. The 132-hectare saltwater marsh behind the beach is very popular with ornithologists observing a variety of bird species.

Smugglers Cove Provincial Park

Located in Meteghan, Smugglers Cove Provincial Park (also known under the former name Anse-aux-Hirondelles) has a picnic area, restrooms and an 80-step stairway leading to a rocky beach. The main attraction of this park is without question the cave measuring 15 feet high by 60 feet deep. There are also interpretative panels that explain the history of the area and the role Smugglers Cove played during prohibition in the 1920's.

Joseph and Marie-Dugas Municipal Park

Located in the village of Belliveau's Cove, the Joseph and Marie-Dugas Park has a trail along the wharf, a recreational trail, a lighthouse, an outdoor stage, picnic tables and tide observation platforms. Some heritage buildings (for example, the old post office) are on site. The park also hosts a Farmer's Market on Saturdays from May through September.

Wentworth Municipal Park

In the village of Corberrie (on Route 340), 25 acres of land have been transferred to the Clare Municipality by the Bowater Mersey Paper Company to establish a municipal park. The Wentworth Park offers a pedestrian trail along Wentworth Lake, nature interpretive areas and picnic tables. The Park is open all year long, but it is important to note that there is no water service nor electricity on site.

Appendix A – Organizations and Associations

Recreation and Leisure Activities	Contact Information
Clare Minor Hockey Jonathan Ettinger	P.O. Box 46, Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902 645-2567
Clare Trails Association Robert Theriault	P.O. Box 458 Petit-Ruisseau, N.S. B0W 1Z0 Phone: 902 769-0268
Bushinoki Karate Club Anna Bartlett	P.O. Box 106115 Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902 645-2065
South West Nova ATV Association Ken Piggott	4578 Route 1, Beaver River Rural route 1, Yarmouth, N.S. B5A 4A5 Phone: 902 742-5957
Clare Curling Association Peter Comeau	32 Connector Road, Box 288, Meteghan, N.S. B0W 2J0 Phone: 902 645-2875 Fax: 902 645-2617
Arts and culture	Contact Information
Clare Bluegrass Association Anne-Marie Melanson	7 Salmon River Wharf Road, P.O. Box 103, Meteghan Center, N.S. B0W 2K0 Phone: 902 649-2708
Conseil des arts de la Baie et La Manivelle (Clare Arts Council) Diane Nadon	Université Sainte-Anne, Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902 769-2114, poste 7262
St. Mary's Bay Regional Arts and Heritage Federation (FRAP) Jocelyne Comeau	759 Route 1 Comeauville, N.S. Phone: 902 769-0955
Clare Acadian Festival Daniel LeBlanc	759 Route 1, Comeauville P.O. Box 458, Petit-Ruisseau, N.S. B0W 1Z0 Phone: 902 769-0832
Les Araignées du boui-boui Sébastien Dol	1695 Route 1, Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902 769-2114
La Guilde acadienne Joan Tufts	557 Saulnierville Road, P.O. Box 4F Saulnierville, N.S. B0W 2Z0 Phone: 902 769- 3823
Maison la Bouche Rouverte Jocelyne Comeau	759 Route 1, Comeauville P.O. Box 167, Saulnierville, N.S. B0W 2Z0 Phone: 902 769-0955
Société pour la promotion et la préservation de la langue et de la culture acadienne (Acadian Promotion and Preservation Society) Patrick Duffy	352, C. Saulnier Road, P.O. Box 54, Saulnierville, N.S. B0W 2Z0 Phone: 902 769-2969
Théâtre de la Piquine Marie-Colombe Robichaud	146 Maxwellton Road, Meteghan Center, N.S. B0W 2K0 Phone: 902 645-2889
Special Needs	Contact Information
Angels' Stitches Anne LeBlanc	175 Patrice Road, Concessions, Box 145F, Rural route 1, Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902 769-2183
Atelier de Clare (Clare Workshop) Terry Thibodeau	P.O. Box 119, Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902 769-3202
Banque alimentaire de Clare (Food Bank) Marion Comeau	554 Peter Dugas Road Meteghan, N.S. B0W 2J0 Phone: 902 645-2988

Special Needs (continued)	Contact Information
Clare Special Olympics Bobby Comeau	173 Henry Hicks Road, Saulnierville, N.S. B0W 2Z0 Phone: 902 769-0096
C.O.R.D. Monette Robichaud	1649 Route 1, P.O. Box 6, Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902 778-0521
Clare Christmas Daddies / Papa Noël Diane Bezanson	Rural route 1, site 26, P.O. Box 2, Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902 769-0951
La Maison Jérôme Terry Thibodeau	1724 Route 1, P.O. Box 119, Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902 769-3251
Le Transport de Clare (Clare Transportation) Cathy Theriault	Site 6, P.O. Box 0, Saulnierville, N.S. B0W 2Z0 Phone: 902 769-2333
Social Clubs	Contact Information
Club social de la Church Point Russell Comeau	1838 Route 1, P.O. Box 228, Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902 769-3862 Fax: 902 769-2410
Royal Canadian Legion – Branch 52	9938 Route 1, P.O. Box 68, Saulnierville, N.S. B0W 2Z0 Phone: 902 837-1124
Communications and technology	Contact Information
Association Radio-Clare – CIFA	795 Route 1 Comeauville, P.O. Box 8, Saulnierville, N.S. B0W 2Z0 Phone: 902 769-2432 Fax: 902 769-3101
Le Courrier de la Nouvelle-Écosse (French language weekly newspaper) Francis Robichaud	795 Route 1, Comeauville, N.S. B0W 2Z0 Phone: 902 769-3078 Fax: 902 76-3869
Community Development	Contact Information
Belliveau's Cove Development Commission Christiane Thériault	Route 1, P.O. Box 110, Belliveau's Cove, N.S. B0W 1J0 Phone: 902 837-4902
Clare Chamber of Commerce Marcel Saulnier	1726 Route 1, P.O. Box 35, Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902 769-5312
Knights of Columbus / Conseil Sigogne Reginald Blinn	720 Highway 1, Saulnierville, N.S. B0W 2L0 Phone: 902 769-2275
Lion's Club Robert Maillet	P.O. Box 348, 313, Maxwellton Road, Meteghan Center, N.S. B0W 2K0 Phone: 902 645-3416
Conseil de développement économique de la Nouvelle-Écosse (CDÉNÉ)	1649 Route 1, Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902-769-3265; 902-769-3284; 902 769-0043
Clare Acadian Society Natalie Robichaud	795 Route 1, Comeauville P.O. Box 167, Saulnierville, N.S. B0W 2Z0 Phone: 902 769-0955 Fax: 902 769-0955
Museum Management	Contact Information
Bangor Development Commission Lawrence Theriault	9297 Route 1, P.O. Box 127, La Butte, N.S. B0W 2L0 Phone: 902 769-0262
Centre acadien et archives – Université Sainte- Anne, Carmen d'Entremont (Acadian Centre and Archives)	1695 Route 1, Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902 769-2114, extension 7204 Fax: 902 769-2930
St. Mary's Church Museum André Valotaire	1713 Route 1, Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902 769-2378
Pro-Life Blanche Comeau	10134 Route 1, P.O. Box 233, Saulnierville, N.S. B0W 2Z0 Phone: 902 769-0974
Religious Services	Contact Information
Parish Council – Mont-Carmel	3734 Second Division Road, Concessions, Rural route,

	P.O. Box 132C, Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902 769-3006
Parish Council – Saint-Alphonse	7236 Route 1, Saint-Alphonse, Rural route 1, Box 54C, Meteghan, N.S. B0W 2J0 Phone: 902 645-3106
Parish Council – Saint-Bernard	3146 Route 1, P.O. Box 8, Belliveau's Cove, N.S. B0W 1J0 Phone: 902 837-5338
Parish Council – Sainte-Marie	RR #1 P.O. Box 104 B, Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902 645-3077
Parish Council – Saulnierville	P.O. Box 72, Saulnierville, N.S. B0W 2Z0 Phone: 902 769-2303
Parish Council – Stella-Maris	P.O. Box 159, Meteghan, N.S. B0W 2J0 Phone: 902 645-3077
Emmanuel Baptist Church	2944 Route 1, Belliveau's Cove P.O. Box 54, Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902 837-5708
Health	Contact Information
Arthritis Society Pius LeBlanc	P.O. Box 186, Rural route 1, Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902 769-2953
Conseil de santé de Clare (Clare Health Council)	8559 Route 1, Meteghan Center, N.S. B0W 2J0 Phone: 902 645-3533
Diabetes Society Marianne Byzewski	3487 Second Division Road P.O. Box 170, Rural route 1, Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902 769-3404
VON Volunteer Coordinator Derrick Babin	55 Starr's Road, Yarmouth, N.S. B5A 2T2 Phone: 902 742-4512
Historical Societies	Contact Information
Société historique de la Baie Sainte-Marie (St. Mary's Bay Historical Society)	Alain LeBlanc 8296 Route 1, Meteghan, N.S. B0W 1J0
Other	Contact Information
SPCA Gail Melanson	P.O. Box 159 Saulnierville, N.S. B0W 2Z0 Phone: 902 770-0099
Clare Feral Friends Glenda Deveau	P.O. Box 331, Meteghan, N.S. B0W 2J0 Phone: 902 645 3843
Clare Search & Rescue Yvon Thibodeau	655 Route 1, Comeauville P.O. Box 182, Saulnierville, N.S. B0W 2Z0 Phone: 902 649-3121

Appendix B – Fire Departments

Hectanooga Fire Department			
Address	Rural route 1, Box 69A, Salmon River, N.S. B0W 2Y0		
Contact person	Ralph Saulnier	Telephone	902 649-2739
Service area	Hectanooga, Maxwellton, Norwood, Lake George, Boars Back	Fire Station	Hectanooga
		Number of firefighters	13
Number of fire trucks	Two (2)	Number of squad trucks	Zero (0)

Meteghan Fire Department			
Address	C. P. 58 Meteghan, N.S. B0W 2J0		
Contact person	Paul Pothier	Telephone	902 645-3522
Service area	Cape Saint Mary's to Saulnierville	Fire Stations	Meteghan and La Butte
		Number of firefighters	40+
Number of fire trucks	Four (4)	Number of squad trucks	Three (3)

Little Brook Fire Department			
Address	Box 186, Rural route 1, Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0		
Contact person	Michel LeBlanc	Telephone	902 769-2480
Service area	Saulnierville to Grosses Coques to Corberrie	Fire Stations	Little Brook
		Number of firefighters	27
Number of fire trucks	Three (3)	Number of squad trucks	One (1)
Ladies Auxiliary – Little Brook Fire Department: Doris Dugas		Box 211A, Rural route 1, Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0; Phone: 902 769-2509	

Salmon River Fire Department			
Address	Box 64D, Salmon River, N.S. B0W 2Y0		
Contact person	Ken Saulnier	Telephone	902 645-2844
Service area	Border of Digby County to Cape Saint Mary's	Fire Station	Salmon River
		Number of firefighters	20 +
Number of fire trucks	Three (3)	Number of squad trucks	One (1)

Saint-Bernard Fire Department			
Address	P.O. Box 109, Belliveau's Cove, N.S. B0W 1J0		
Contact person	Daniel Gaudet	Telephone	902 837-7680
Service area	Grosses-Coques to Bas-de-la-Rivière to Route 340	Fire Station	Saint-Bernard
		Number of firefighters	17
Number of fire trucks	Two (2)	Number of squad trucks	One (1)
Ladies Auxiliary – Saint-Bernard Fire Department: Clothilde Bourque		P.O. Box 10, Belliveau's Cove, N.S. B0W 1J0 Phone: 902 837-5905	

Richfield Fire Department			
Address	Rural route 1, Carleton, N.S. B0W 1L0		
Contact person	Nicolas Maillet	Telephone	902 761-2140
Service area	Richfield Wentworth Lake Barr Lake	Fire Station	Richfield
		Number of firefighters	4
Number of fire trucks	One (1)	Number of squad trucks	One (1)
Lady's Auxiliary – Richfield Fire Department Florence Maillet		Rural route 1, Carleton, N.S. B0W 1L0 Telephone: (902) 837-5905	

Southville Fire Department			
Address	440 Langford Road, Southville, N.S. B0W 3T0		
Contact person	Doug Cromwell	Telephone	902 837-5434
Service area	Old Yarmouth Corner to Southville Road; Southville to Riverdale Danvers	Fire Station	Southville
		Number of firefighters	21
Number of fire trucks	Three (3)	Number of squad trucks	One (1)

Havelock Fire Department			
Address	2547 Route 340, Rural route 2, Weymouth, N.S. B0W 3T0		
Contact person	Laurie Moses	Telephone	N/A
Service area	N/A	Fire Station	Havelock
		Number of firefighters	17
Number of fire trucks	N/A	Number of squad trucks	N/A

Appendix C – Youth

Association/Group	Contact Information
1st Salmon River Sparks 1st Salmon River Brownies 1st Salmon River Girl Guides 1st Salmon River Pathfinders	Emilda Deveau P.O. Box 124, Arcadia NS B0W 1B0 Phone: 902 742-9366
Clare-Digby Minor Hockey Association Jonathan Ettinger	P.O. Box 46 Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902 645-2567
Colonie Jeunesse Acadienne (CJA) (Youth Corps) Francois Bélanger	P.O. Box 97, Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902 769-0748
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Ladies Auxiliary – Little Brook Fire Department Doris Dugas	P.O. Box 211A, rural route 1, Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902 769-2509
Ladies Auxiliary – Saint-Bernard Fire Department Clothilde Bourque	P.O. Box 10, Belliveau's Cove, N.S. B0W 1J0 Phone: 902 837-5905
Ladies Auxiliary – Saulnierville Legion Lucy Melanson	P.O. Box 578, Port Maitland, N.S. B0W 2V0 Phone: 902 649-2527
Red Hat Society Clara Robichaud	P.O. Box 1, Meteghan Centre, N.S. B0W 2K0 Phone: 902 645-2035

Appendix E – Seniors Groups

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Clare Senior Citizens Club Louise Turbide	P.O. Box 67 Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902 769-3006
Club d'âge d'or (senior's club) – Saint-Bernard Jacqueline Mullen	P.O. Box 1219 Rural route 1 Weymouth, N.S. B0W 3T0, Phone: 902 837-4672
Clare Seniors Games Committee Diane Bezanson	Rural route 1 Church Point, N.S. B0W 1M0 Phone: 902 769-0951
Mavillette Seniors' Club Lorette Thibodeau	P.O. Box 51 Meteghan, N.S. B0W 2J0 Phone: 902 645-2466
New Horizons Club of Meteghan Cécile Robichaud	Rural route 1 P.O. Box 122 Meteghan, N.S. B0W 2J0 Phone: 902 645-2591
New Horizons Club of Concessions Denis Lombard	Rural route 2 Weymouth, N.S. B0W 3T0 Phone: 902 837-4879
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