

Town of Clarenville

Community Updates

2020/2021



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR MAYOR

Frazer Russell

On behalf of my family, my colleagues on Council and our senior management, I would like to extend to the residents of Clarenville my sincerest best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful holiday season. Christmas and the holidays are a time for families, friends and loved ones to come together, reflect on cherished moments, make new memories and look forward to the promise of hope and opportunity embodied in a new year. The eternal message of peace and goodwill so closely associated with this special time of the year has never been more relevant. While it may not be possible to be with some of our loved ones in person, we can still hold them in our thoughts and prayers. My fondest wish for you and your families is that you will experience peace, joy, happiness and good health throughout the Christmas season and in the coming New Year. I trust that you will pause briefly during your own celebration to remember the needy, the sick, the elderly, those in hospital and

those who live alone. Please reach out to them.

Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have had to cancel the Town's Christmas concert in aid of the Clarenville Area Food Bank. This event raised over \$8,000 last year. I have assured Major Bill Preston of the Salvation Army that as soon as suitable conditions return, the Town of Clarenville will organize another concert in support of this worthy cause.

As you will clearly see in other parts of this newsletter, despite changes in the manner in which we were required to conduct town business, a great deal was accomplished in 2020. I want to thank our senior management, employees and volunteers for these accomplishments.

The year 2021 will mark many milestones in our town's history. It will be the 70th anniversary of the Town's incorporation which took place on July 10, 1951. This year will also highlight the 70th anniversary of the opening of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 27 in Clarenville. Finally, it will also be the 60th of the formation of the Clarenville Volunteer Fire Department and the Clarenville Area Minor Hockey Association. Counsellor Paul Tilley will coordinate events to mark these significant happenings in our history, and I encourage you to participate.

The Town has applied once again for funding to assist in the construction of a new bridge on the Shoal Harbour causeway. Once a more equitable funding arrangement is found, it is our intention to proceed with the bridge replacement.

Fire Chief Cory Feltham and volunteer members of our fire department are elated with our new fire hall. This state of the art facility was completed on budget in July and will meet our needs well into the future. I want to thank our CAO, David Harris, for his leadership during all aspects of planning, financing and construction of this long overdue facility. As well, I want to thank our Fire Chief for his dedication and hard work in making the transition from the old fire hall to the new one so smooth and successful. We are anxiously looking forward to its official opening and public viewing next July.

Next year will again bring many uncertainties and challenges; however, be assured your Council will continue to work diligently to deal with them and continue to work together for more progress and development in the beautiful town we are proud to call home.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Frazer Russell, Mayor

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CLARENVILLE COVID-19 UPDATES
clarenville.ca/covid19/

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BUDGET 2021

Budget 2021 was presented by Councillor Paul Tilley, Chair of the Finance, Administration and Planning Committee of Council, on December 15th. Council is happy to report that we still maintain one of the lowest mill rates in the Province. To view Budget 2021 visit: <https://clareville.ca/town-hall/annual-budget>



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PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE



2020 was another busy year for the Town of Clareville's Public Works Department as works were completed on a number of projects. The combined investment in the Town's infrastructure upgrades over this past year was in excess of \$1,200,000. This past year saw the widening of Shoal Harbour Drive (between Sunset Drive and Bare Mountain Road), as well as road surface improvements completed on Harbour Drive, Balbo Drive, Cormack Drive and Municipal Square. In addition, drainage and road surface improvements were completed on Gladney Street and the entrance to the high/middle school. New sidewalk was installed along Tilley's Road and new Town of Clareville signage was erected on the TCH.

Looking forward, the 2021 Road Improvement Program will see approximately \$1,800,000 allocated to carry out work on more of our local roads and infrastructure. Specifically, Random Crescent will see a full road reconstruction, this includes new water, sanitary and storm sewers, new asphalt, curb/gutter and sidewalk. In addition, Drakes Head Road and Pleasant Street will see storm sewer upgrades and new surface asphalt.

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

2020 has been a challenging year for the Clareville Fire Department & its members. The Covid-19 pandemic has changed firefighting operations. In response to Covid-19 the Fire Department was shut down for all training and meetings, members were advised to avoid gathering at the Fire Hall and to try and maintain social distancing as much as possible when responding to emergency calls. When members respond to emergency's, all trucks and firefighting gear is sanitized after every call. This has added an increased workload & time commitment for our volunteer fire fighters. I would like to thank all of our volunteer fire fighters for their commitment and dedication to the Town of Clareville especially in dealing with the pandemic.



While Covid-19 brought a great deal of work and changes to firefighting, 2020 was also a exciting year for our department. In July of 2020, the Fire Department moved to a new fire station and new location. This was exciting times for the members of our department. With the opening of our new Fire Hall, we were able to put our ladder truck into service for the first time since it was purchased in 2019. We look forward to hosting a Grand Opening ceremony as soon as Covid-19 restrictions will allow us to host a community event! We look forward to opening the doors of our new Fire Hall to the public for viewing. On behalf of all Fire Department members we look forward to serving the residents of Clareville in 2021 and wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

RECREATION UPDATE

2020 has been a challenging year for the Recreation Department. In March of 2020, all recreation facilities were forced to close due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Slowly but surely, as provincial restrictions were relaxed, outdoor and indoor facilities began to open with sanitization protocols in place. Many community events and activities were cancelled or altered to run virtual alternatives including Clareville Days, CARA summer program, and many more. We were very pleased to have the opportunity to open the Lions Splash Pad at Elizabeth Swan Park and four of our six community playgrounds during the summer months for our youth to enjoy.

While COVID-19 obviously brought many challenges, there has been some great things happening the Clareville Trail Network. The Trails Advisory Committee has led a tremendous effort in upgrading the Rotary and Bare Mountain Trails. The upgrades include a much-needed accurate mapping system, featuring new trail head Kiosks at the entrance of each trail. More trail signage will be added in the coming months. A special Thank-you to the Trails Advisory committee for their efforts.

In September, the Eastlink Events Centre opened its doors for private ice rentals and walking track users. While no spectators are permitted inside the arena, the theatre has opened at a 100-person capacity. Check out some of the events coming up at the EEC Theatre in December at eastlinkeventscentre.com. For more information related to Recreation in Clareville, please contact Brandon Reardon, Recreation Manager at 466-4105 ext 225 or email brandon@clareville.net

SNOW CLEARING

Reminder to residents that vehicles are not permitted to be parked on the roadway during the winter season as they may hinder or impede the ploughing and/or removal of snow or ice from the streets. All such vehicles are subject to towing and/or ticketing. Also, residents and businesses removing snow from their property must do so such that it does not impede traffic or neighbouring properties. The Town of Clareville wishes to thank residents for their attention and cooperation to this matter.

GARBAGE COLLECTION

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:

Monday, Dec 21st - Clareville
Tuesday, Dec 22nd - Shoal Harbour
Monday, Dec 28th - No Pick Up
Tuesday, Dec 29th - Clareville
Wednesday, Dec 30th - Shoal Harbour
Monday, Jan 4th - Clareville
Tuesday, Jan 5th - Shoal Harbour

To view our Garbage Collection Schedule visit:
<https://clareville.ca/residents/waste-collection/>

TOWN HALL

Due to renovations, our Town Hall is currently located at the Bill Davis Chalet on Tilley's Rd.

HOLIDAY HOURS:

Thursday, Dec 24th - Closed
Friday, Dec 25th - Closed
Monday, Dec 28th - Closed
Thursday, Dec 31st - Closed
Friday, Jan 1st - Closed

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CALL 425-4911

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2021



Seniors Housing: Council approved two seniors housing projects in 2020. These include 52 seniors rental units on Russell Place (near Prince Street) and 60 seniors rental units just off Shoal Harbour Drive. We were also pleased to see a 44 bed expansion to the Cozy Quarters retirement home in 2020. Council is also in discussions with another developer proposing a new Seniors retirement living facility in Clareville. We hope to have more info on that project in the coming months. These projects will help address the need for affordable seniors living and help promote Clareville as an age-friendly community.

Town Hall: The renovations to the Town Hall started in August 2020 and is anticipated to be completed by Spring 2021. The renovation was necessary to address a number of building health & safety issues along with increased space requirements. The new Town Hall will provide improved access for the general public as well as provide adequate administrative space for the coming decades.

Shoal Harbour Causeway: Council has filed a funding application in the amount of \$3.8 million under the "Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program". Council is continuing discussions with both the Federal & Provincial Governments regarding a fair cost shared arrangement. Council expects to receive confirmation early in 2021 regarding the funding application. If funding is approved at a fair cost shared ratio, we expect construction to start in 2021.

ATV Trails: Council has provided support to the ATV trail association for trail upgrades around Town in 2020. We will continue this support in 2021 as we improve trail access and safety around Town. Council would like to remind ATV users to ride responsibly and safely.

Vehicle Speeding: Council has met with the RCMP on a number of occasions in 2020 to discuss various enforcement concerns. One issue that seems to be consistent across Town is vehicle speeding on our roadways. Council & the RCMP urge drivers to be cognisant of the posted speed limits. If you are in doubt of the posted speed limit please use the general rule of 40km/hr in subdivisions/residential areas and 50/km/hr max on the major throughfares. Drivers are encouraged to drive responsibly and obey posted speed limits.

Traffic Calming Policy: Council will adopt a new Traffic Calming policy early in 2021. This policy will provide the traffic data, procedures and guidelines for various traffic issues & requests including cross-walk locations, speed limits, signage requirements, speed bumps and so on. More information will soon be released regarding this new and long awaited policy.

TCH Intersection Safety: Council has requested a meeting with the Department of Transportation to discuss the safety of the two entrances to Clareville from the TCH. We have requested some safety improvements including better signage at both TCH intersections.

2020-2030 MUNICIPAL PLAN REVIEW

The Clareville Municipal Plan is a legal document that guides physical development and land use in the community.

It contains planning policies that guide:

- What our commercial areas or town centre should look like in the future
- How our neighbourhoods evolve over time (e.g. homes, shops, parks, schools...)
- Cultural and social qualities of the town
- Open space areas that should be protected
- The type of Town facilities that are required
- How Town land is used
- The type of infrastructure services the Town provides (e.g. water, sewer, roads)



An important component of the Municipal Plan Review is public engagement. Opportunities for public involvement are planned for the early spring of 2021 and will be posted on the town's website and social media at that time. For more information on our Municipal Plan Review please visit:

<https://clareville.ca/2020-to-2030-municipal-plan/>

2020 HIGHLIGHTS



Touch the Star Hike - Winter Carnival



Shoal Hr. Cooperative Sliding Hill



Yellow Bag Campaign



ATV Trail Upgrades



Clareville Days Virtual Concert



Clareville High Drive-in Grad



Virtual Remembrance Day Ceremony

CLARENVILLE ACTIVE LIVING



ACTIVE LIVING CLARENVILLE

What a fantastic year we have had! Yes, there have been some pauses, bumps, hurdles but we always stayed connected, active and positive! This year has brought us some challenges but in true Clareville style, we have adapted and pulled together like never before.

Programs such as Chair Yoga, Aerobics with Hubert, Yoga, Limited Mobility Fitness, Seniors Craft and Tea, Youth Activities with Noah and Leah, Learn to Run and Rug Hooking were all well attended and gave the opportunity for unity in light of restrictions posed by the pandemic. We are all grateful for the opportunity to regain some normalcy in our lives. This year opened our minds to new opportunities to work together. The Community Sewing Project was a smashing success, community members worked together to create hundreds of masks and scrub bags (with donated material from a local business and community members) for local essential workers and community members. This was a magnificent display of kindness, resilience and community spirit!

We are looking forward to 2021 but when you really look around, 2020 had much to be grateful for! Here's to good health, activity and time together in 2021! To find out more about Clareville Active Living programs, visit Clareville Active Living on Facebook, email stacy.sheppard@clareville.net or visit:

<https://studiobookingsonline.com/clarevilleactiveliving/classes.html>



eastlink events centre CLARENVILLE

eastlinkeventscentre.com

Public Skating Schedule

Wed. & Fri. 9:00am - Free Senior Skating

Mon., Wed. & Fri. 10:00 am - Free Parent N' Tot Skating

Mon. 9:00 am - Free Skating for Adults

Sat. - 6:30pm - Family Skating

Fri. - 8:15pm - General Skating

THIS IS WHERE MEMORIES ARE MADE



The safest place to be this winter is outside. Luckily, that's where all the fun happens! White Hills Resort has got something for everyone: Downhill ski, snowboard, cross country ski or snowshoe. Our friendly, experienced staff will get you suited up and on the slopes with full equipment rentals and lessons. Our diverse terrain is suitable for all skill levels.

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BE A RESPONSIBLE RIDER

ATV SAFETY TIPS

- ✓ ALWAYS WEAR A HELMET. HELMETS ARE MANDATORY FOR FOUR WHEELED ATV'S. FOR SIDE-BY-SIDES IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOU AND YOUR PASSENGERS WEAR A HELMET - IT IS MANDATORY TO WEAR YOUR SEATBELT.
- ✓ IF YOU OPERATE ACROSS TOWN OR PROVINCIAL ROADS YOU MUST DO IT SAFELY AND YOU ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A VALID DRIVERS LICENCE AND CARRY INSURANCE ON YOUR ATV.
- ✓ YOU ARE NOT PERMITTED TO CARRY MORE PASSENGERS THAN THE NUMBER FOR WHICH THE VEHICLE WAS DESIGNED TO CARRY.
- ✓ YOU NEED TO BE AT LEAST 16 YEARS OF AGE TO OPERATE AN ADULT SIZED ATV (PARENTS ARE LEGALLY LIABLE FOR OPERATORS UNDER 18).
- ✓ OPERATE YOUR ATV WITH DUE CARE AND ATTENTION ENSURING THE MACHINE IS IN PROPER WORKING ORDER, OPERATED AT A SAFE SPEED WITH REASONABLE CONSIDERATION FOR OTHER PERSONS AND PROPERTY.
- ✓ YOU ARE REQUIRED TO OBEY ALL TRAIL SIGNAGE.
- ✓ NEVER OPERATE AN ATV UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS.
- ✓ REGISTER YOUR ATV WITH THE MOTOR REGISTRATION DIVISION OF SERVICE NL AND HAVE PLATES AFFIXED TO THE VEHICLE WHICH ARE CLEARLY VISIBLE

