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# Good Times Guide



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# Something new in Shediac

In addition to the new municipal boundaries and the addition of new councillors around the municipal council table, the Town of Shediac is undergoing a major renewal of its administration.

After the arrival of Victor Boudreau as Chief Administrative Officer 6 months ago, due to vacancies in the Town's senior staff, we welcomed a new Director of Finance, Carole Laneuville, a Director of Community Life, Julie Bélanger, a new Clerk and Director of Communications, Sylvain Montreuil, not to mention our Director of Municipal Operations and Engineering, Robert McEwen, who has been in post for less than a year.

The entire municipal council is excited to have a team of professionals now in place, and we're confident that the administration of the Town of Shediac is in good hands.

In light of all these changes, with the support of the municipal council,

the administration has adopted the approach of ensuring that the municipality's files and activities are well managed before moving forward on them.

## Budget 2024

With this in mind, the administration is preparing its first budget with the new team this autumn, since it will include full administration of the budget for the new municipality. Council will adopt the 2024 budget in mid-fall.

## Long-term objectives

With all the changes the Town of Shediac has undergone in recent years in terms of demographics, territory and inside its team, it is now necessary for the municipality to embark on strategic planning. Even if all the stages are not yet fully defined, there will be a wide consultation with the entire population of the new Shediac, in



Roger Caissie, Mayor

addition to council members. Various means will be used to reach out to our citizens over the course of 2024.

As part of this process, we want your ideas! Whether it's more "concrete" things like adding facilities, or new perspectives or projects we haven't yet considered. We'll keep you posted when we're ready to get started.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at (506) 531-2232 or by email at [roger.caissie@shediac.ca](mailto:roger.caissie@shediac.ca).

## MUNICIPAL COUNCIL REGULAR MEETINGS



City Council meetings are held at 6 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Town Hall, 290 Main Street. The meetings are live on YouTube on the municipal website.

In addition, the agendas and minutes are available online at [www.shediac.ca](http://www.shediac.ca). Les Next meetings will be held on September 4 & 18, October 3 & 16, November 6 & 20 and December 4 & 18.

For more information: **506-532-7000** or by email at [info@shediac.ca](mailto:info@shediac.ca).



# Bicycle patrol provides a better presence on Shediac territory

Claude Maillet, the Town of Shediac’s by-law enforcement officer, patrols with an oversized bicycle during the months when the weather permits.

Over the course of the summer, Claude Maillet covered nearly 600 kilometers of trails. In recent months, the Town of Shediac has significantly reduced the fuel consumption of its patrol vehicle. As a result, in July 2023, instead of having to fill up three times, our vehicle only needed to fill up once.

A former RCMP officer, Claude Maillet’s first experience with bicycle patrol was at the Francophone Summit in Moncton in 1999.

“Traffic during the Summit was so heavy that we were able to move more quickly to assist the various departments during the event.”

Last winter, Claude Maillet

approached the Town of Shediac with the idea of having a presence on the town’s trails and at several other locations in the region.

Everyone thought it was a great idea,” says Maillet. Trail users, both citizens and tourists over the

summer, appreciated my presence on the trails.”

Claude Maillet says he enjoys interacting with trail users, and believes it gives the Town of Shediac a presence in a place that was previously less accessible.



# Vandalism in the municipality

Over the summer, the Town of Shediac’s facilities have all been affected by acts of vandalism.

These acts of vandalism have an impact on all citizens of the region, as the Town of Shediac has to spend additional sums of money to bring our facilities back into good condition. What’s more, our maintenance team is already working full-time to keep our facilities in order.

One of these acts of vandalism was perpetrated on the municipality’s main emblem, the “Shediac Giant Lobster”, but several other locations in the municipality have also been vandalized. For example, the Mgr-François-Bourgeois school was also hit by unsightly acts during the summer.

If you witness or have information about vandalism, please contact the Town of Shediac at **(506) 532-7000** or



by email at [info@shediac.ca](mailto:info@shediac.ca).



ACKNOWLEDGMENT

# Gala

DE RECONNAISSANCE

OCTOBER 21, 2023

Shediac Multipurpose Centre

Tickets: \$110 + HST + service charge

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR: **West-Wood Industries**

EMERGING BUSINESS OF THE YEAR: **Château Scoudouc**

ORGANISM OF THE YEAR: **Association Plein Air Shediac Outdoors Association**

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR CENTRE-VILLE SHEDIAC DOWNTOWN INC : **Brew Chez Nous**

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# Shediac sets another record year for building permits

For nearly four years, the Town of Shediac has been experiencing significant growth in residential and commercial construction. After three successive record-breaking years from 2020 to 2022, the municipality is on track to shatter all records set in recent years. In just six months, building permits have already surpassed the 2022 figure of over \$69.5 million, reaching \$76,526,485.

Shediac Mayor Roger Caissie is delighted with the results expected for 2023.

“It’s true that we can count on a considerable building permit for the new nursing home currently under construction in Shediac,” explains Roger Caissie. “However, we must take into consideration that all types

of permits are up in the first six months of the year compared to last year.”

In 2022, the Town of Shediac granted a total of 182 building permits. According to Mayor Roger Caissie, if the year continues on the same trend as the first six months of 2023, the lobster capital of the world could easily surpass the number of permits granted.

“From January to June 2023, already 116 building permits have been granted compared to 92 last year for the same period,” explains Mr. Caissie. With six months left in the year, we’re only 66 building permits short of last year’s total.”

The month of June 2023 was

exemplary for the Town of Shediac, with a total value of almost \$5.4 million in building permits. In residential permits alone, the municipality doubled the number of permits granted, with 38 for a total value of \$3,881,363.

According to the mayor, the development of the Town of Shediac continues to ensure a balance of all aspects, such as the environment and the economy.

“Our municipality is experiencing significant growth, and we must continue on this path, while focusing on the aspects that make Shediac one of the best places to live,” said Roger Caissie. Our municipality must retain its unique character that sets it apart from the rest.”



# Shediac Solar Farm Inaugurated



NB Power's first solar farm is now online and is providing clean energy to help two public buildings in Shediac become among the first net-zero energy buildings in the country.

Partners in the Shediac Smart Energy Community Project came together this Summer for an event to celebrate the project's successes to date, including the solar farm recently coming online and plans for the future.

"Today marks an important milestone for not only the Shediac Smart Energy Community Project with the solar farm coming online, but also shows how renewable energy technology can be integrated with the provincial electricity grid in a way that brings value to all New Brunswickers," said Lori Clark, president and CEO of NB Power. "Our recent launch of NB Power's new strategic plan, Energizing our Future, outlines

additional steps we plan to take to invest in cleaner, greener energy and transition to a stronger, smarter grid while becoming a more financially viable utility."

Since 2018, NB Power has been working with the Town of Shediac to bring solar energy to the community as part of the Shediac Smart Energy Community Project. Another aspect of the project involves a residential energy study that's engaging hundreds of local homeowners. The project involves the testing of smart devices, time of day rates and Distributed Energy Resources. These devices allow the utility to control when and how much energy is used both in large commercial buildings and homes, which could be crucial to meeting provincial energy demand on peak energy days in the winter. Technology partner Siemens Canada is currently testing an Energy Systems Platform in

Shediac which will help utilities around the world solve similar grid problems.

As part of the Shediac Smart Energy Community Project, NB Power established a new grid-connected, 1.63 MW solar farm within Shediac town limits that sits on just over four hectares of land. The farm provides clean energy to the grid which serves two public buildings in Shediac, the Shediac Multipurpose Centre and the Government of Canada Pension Centre, which are both being converted to achieve net-zero energy status. Excess energy is flowing into the community.

Partners for the Shediac Smart Energy Community Project include: NB Power; the Town of Shediac; and the Government of Canada through Natural Resources Canada, Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada, and the National Research Council of Canada. The project is also part of Smart Grid Atlantic, a four-year, federally funded initiative supporting energy technology projects in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

For more information, visit <https://www.nbpower.com/en/grid-modernization/smart-grid-atlantic/shediac-smart-energy-community-project/>

## ORGANIZATIONS

The start of the new school year also means the launch of a new season of extracurricular activities. Here are a few ideas to get you involved.

### Shediac Cap-Pelé Minor Hockey

<https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/389746>

### Shediac Cap-Pelé Ringuette

<https://sccpringette.ca/article/75944>

### West Kent Female Hockey Association

[register.hockeycanada.ca](http://register.hockeycanada.ca)

### Cadet

[andrea.peters@cadets.gc.ca](mailto:andrea.peters@cadets.gc.ca)

### Dance ENVY

<https://danceenvyshediac.com>

### Shediac Acadian Golden Age

- line dancing
- yoga
- exercises
- ... and more)

506-532-3493

## PICKLEBALL

Support the Breast Cancer cause by attending dynamic duels, on October 14 between 8 am and 3:30 pm, at the LJR school. All proceeds from the day will go to the Breast Cancer Foundation. We encourage you to wear pink for the occasion. For further information, please contact: [shediacpickleball1@gmail.com](mailto:shediacpickleball1@gmail.com)



## AWARDS CEREMONY



From Left to right: Shediac Mayor Roger Caissie, Jolyne Hebert (Environment), Carole Boucher (Animation & Leadership), Teresa Tugo (Art & Culture), Jacob Brown (Sport), Dominique Richard (Sport), Clara Richard (Sport), Harry Brown (Volunteer), Karine Boudreau and François Poirier (Business), Ron Cormier (Community Involvement)

At the 2023 Provincial Holiday, the Town of Shediac followed its tradition of celebrating the individuals, organizations and businesses in the municipality that have shone over the past year. Here are the happy recipients:

ENVIRONMENT: **Shediac Bay Watershed Association**

BUSINESS: **Viva Shediack**

ARTS & CULTURE: **Shediac Philipines Community Organization**

SPORTS: **Jacob Brown, Clara Richard and Dominique Richard**

ANIMATION & LEADERSHIP: **Garderie Beauséjour**

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR: **Harry Brown**

COMMUNITY SERVICE: **Pépère Boîte à lunch**



# New exhibit by Mireille Godin at Galerie Corrid'Art

A self-taught artist, Mireille Godin is originally from Bertrand New Brunswick and lives in Shediac. Creative since childhood, currently she divides her time between her art and her work as a psychotherapist. While working towards her master's degree in Counseling and Spirituality in Ottawa, she undertook studies in Art therapy at Université du Québec. To satisfy her interest in sculpture she studied at the Ottawa School of Art with sculptor Rose-Marie Breault-Landry. Locally she has studied drawing and oil painting with Jules Landry and a few acrylic workshops.

## Artist's Approach

Enjoying the freedom to create intuitively and spontaneously, she allows herself to be inspired by the colors of the moment. Confident that her hands know before thinking, she simply allows the movement to be guided by the unconscious. Her inclination for free imagination led her increasingly to abstract painting, and to a world of possibilities thus avoiding the nesting of colors in defined shapes. This approach allows for a non-judgmental creative process free from analysis. Her goal is to embrace the unconscious, allowing colors to meet, mingle and blend. The viewer meanwhile is invited to listen to what the art awakens as emotion or sensation and is encouraged



to experience the present moment. This could describe as a triangular relationship between the viewer-art-artist where imagination precedes knowledge.

The art exhibit opening will take place on Sunday, October 29, 2023 between 3 and 5 pm at the Shediac Multipurpose Centre.

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## ATV use within Town of Shediac boundaries

The Shediac RCMP detachment recently informed the Shediac Town Council and administration that they are seeking the assistance of the local population with regard to the use of ATVs by young people.

Over the past few months, the Shediac RCMP detachment has received nearly a dozen complaints concerning this type of vehicle. A few of these complaints

were for a presence on the roads, and according to police authorities, what is more worrying is that there have been two collisions between vehicles and ATVs driven by minors under the age of 16 who were not wearing helmets. Both events resulted in serious injuries.

The RCMP would like to warn parents that since January, 47 complaints have been recorded concerning ATVs,

eight of which involved collisions with injuries.

These young people are the responsibility of their parents, and they should be aware of their whereabouts, in addition to the fact that they are riding without helmets or seatbelts.

For more information on off-road vehicle best practices visit the QuadNB website <http://quadnb.ca/safety/>.

## Safety on bike

Shediac has a magnificent network of trails covering more than 12 km. Many of you have used the trails over the past year, and we've noticed an increase in ridership following the success of the electric bikes. The Town's administration would like to share with you the type of behavior to be employed for each type of user.

Mandatory by-law for the use of Town of Shediac trails for cyclist :

- Proper use of a helmet.
- Bicycles and electric bikes only, no motorized vehicles allowed
- Lights and reflectors: at dusk, it's mandatory to have a white headlight visible from a distance of 150 meters ahead and a red headlight visible from at least 100 meters behind.

- Ride in a straight line and on the right-hand side of the road (in the same direction as the vehicle) when travelling on paths.

Correct etiquette while using our trails and for a proper share of the trails.

- Warn of your arrival and to proceed by using a bell or by voice. Advise that you will be passing on the left. Slow down to give people time to realize you've arrived.
- Adjust your speed to the density of traffic on the trails. Ride within your limits. Adapt your speed to the environment and trail users. We encourage you not to exceed 20 km/h on City trails.
- In cases of high traffic, inform other trail users if you stop.

Consider that your decision may affect others.

- Respect the direction of traffic. Keep to the right if you're alone or group your group to the right of the trail when crossing other users.
- Overtaking must be on the left and at least 1 metre apart.
- Keep your pet under control so it doesn't interfere with other trail users.
- Finally, show courtesy! Greet people!

This is only a summary of the rules and labels, for more education, go to the Velo NB website, where you'll find the New Brunswick Bicycle Safety Manual.

# Fall Festival

SEPTEMBER  
**29**



**WITCH CRAWL**

OCTOBER  
**01**



**I FEEL GOOD DAY**

OCTOBER  
**07**



**WHISKY NIGHT**

OCTOBER  
**12**



**SUNDAY ACOUSTICS WITH THE MAZ**

OCTOBER  
**13**




**COMMUNITY GARDEN BANQUET**

OCTOBER  
**14**



**COMMUNITY YARD SALE**

OCTOBER  
**14**



**40's SWING NIGHT**

**12 & 26**  
OCTOBER



**GHOST TOUR**

OCTOBER  
**19**



**STORYTELLING EVENING?** (FRENCH ONLY)  
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SALON DU LIVRE DE DIEPPE

OCTOBER  
**21**



**COMMUNITY DAY & FAMILY OLYMPIAD**

OCTOBER  
**22**



**CHAT BREAKFAST**  
(FRENCH ONLY)  
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LE SALON DU LIVRE DE DIEPPE



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# EVENTS

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our Experience Shediac Facebook page

SEPTEMBER

30



DAY OF  
RECONCILIATION

OCTOBER

12-31



SPECIAL  
HALLOWEEN  
ACTIVITIES

NOVEMBER

11



REMEMBRANCE  
DAY

NOVEMBER

23

LIGHTING OF  
THE TREE OF  
HOPE



NOVEMBER

24

CHRISTMAS  
PARADE



DECEMBER

1&2

SAVINGS  
WEEKEND  
DOWNTOWN



DECEMBER

02

CHRISTMAS  
CONCERT



DECEMBER

2&3

PHOTO WITH  
SANTA  
(8 AM-12 PM)



DECEMBER

03

SKATING  
WITH SANTA  
(4:20 PM-5:20  
PM)



DECEMBER

07

CHRISTMAS-  
THEMED  
COMIC STRIP  
CARTOON WORKSHOP



DECEMBER

9&10

CHRISTMAS  
MARKET



DECEMBER

15

FAMILY  
CHRISTMAS  
MOVIE

