



Festival Savalette

Larry's River, 2017

This year marks the 14th anniversary of our Acadian celebrations. Please join us in making this year's Festival Savalette the best one yet. There will be enjoyment for everyone and we promise to make it a cultural experience to remember. Our 2017 celebrations mark the 14th year of the Tor Bay Acadian Festivities and 13th annual Festival Savalette.

This year's festival will be part of Canada's 150th birthday celebrations. As such, we are focusing on major historic information that helped shape us as a people, region, province and country. The traits of Captain Savalette, our Acadian ancestors and those of the surrounding communities helped our region overcome prejudices and evolve into an open and accepting society that we can feel proud to call home.

A major highlight of this year's festivities will be the opening of the new Brian George constructed Parc Savalette Historic Site in Port Felix on Cecil/Darlene Cashin/David donated land, near the Church. This will take place on August 10 at 1 p.m. where the historical significance of the site will be explained and four Monika Duersch paintings and bilingual Waterline Graphix interpretive panels will be unveiled. An open house reception, sponsored by the Guysborough Celebrates Canada 150 Committee and hosted by the Community of Port Felix, will follow in the Port Felix Parish Hall.

Thursday August 10

1 p.m. – Official opening and ribbon cutting of the new "Place Savalette" across from St. Joseph's Church, Port Felix. Free and open to all.

7 p.m. – The induction of new members to our Tor Bay Region Acadian Honour Roll. A book is being compiled of outstanding individuals who were born here, trace their Acadian roots to this region, have served our people in these communities or have gone on to contribute their skills and expertise to other areas of the world at large. To date we have some 19 inductees with their varied and outstanding stories and six new ones to be added this year. Their biographies will be presented at an open to public gathering at the Community Centre that will be followed by a wine and cheese party where the public can peruse these books, meet some of the inductees and visit our Salle Acadienne. Everyone is invited and encouraged to join us for this outstanding and informative evening. No charge.

Friday, August 11

6 p.m. – Official Festival Opening; bilingual Liturgical Celebration-Église St. Pierre, Larry's River. This liturgy will be followed by the raising of the flags and singing of the Acadian national anthem, Ave Maris Stella, at Parc de Nos Ancêtres (across the road from St. Peter's Church). Come learn about the origin and history of the Acadian flag and Acadian national anthem.

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. – Dance with great Cape Breton bands High Society and Privateers. Back by popular demand, this fabulous group of distinguished musicians bring energy, sound and professionalism that cannot be duplicated. Don't miss the opportunity to listen to these artists at their best as they perform carefully chosen melodies of highlighted 60s and 70s music. Bring your dancing shoes and roll up your sleeves. Laissez le bons temps rouler! (Let the good times roll!) Tickets: \$15 – available by calling Patsy Pellerin (902-525-2627) or Theresa Pellerin (902-525-2661).

Saturday, August 12

9 a.m. – Children's / Youth (16 and under) run/walk/bike. This event starts at St. Peter's Church, Larry's River. Bring your children to participate in this healthy outdoor activity. Medals for all participants. No entry fee.

9:30 a.m. – Adult 5 km run/walk/bike This event starts at St. Joseph's Church, Charlos Cove. A very scenic course along Tor Bay that will please all participants. Whether you are competitive or not, this is a fun time for all and of great health value. Entry fee: \$5. Gold, silver and bronze medals to be awarded.

10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – Children's games with prizes at the Communities Along the Bay Centre. Free of charge.

11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – Barbecue in front of the Community Centre. One hot dog or one hamburger, \$5 each (includes a treat and choice of pop or water).

11 a.m. – Fougère Family & Friends CoEd Ball Tournament at the Larry's River Ball Field. For more information, call Ray Roy (902-525-2442).

1 p.m. – TINTAMARRE; A noisy march around Larry's River, from the Community Centre to the historic footbridge. Come join us in this fun walk and bring noise-makers, musical instruments and loud voices. Some Acadian symbols will be loaned out to participants.

1:30 p.m. – Duck race will be held at the historic footbridge. This event will take place after the Tintamarre marchers arrive at the footbridge. Ducks may be purchased for \$5 each from Marilyn Pellerin (902-525-2534) or Theresa Pellerin (902-525-2661).

4 to 6 p.m. – Supper; locally harvested and prepared lobster supper (Adult meal: \$16 / Children under 10: \$10.) Ham supper (Adult meal: \$12 / Children under 10: \$8). This delicious meal is carefully prepared by community volunteers who have earned the reputation as experts in presenting these delicacies along with delectable deserts. Take out available until 5 p.m.

7 p.m. – Local talent show. Join us in foot-stomping music by local and invited guests. Great music with special guests and a fun evening is guaranteed. Canteen services before and during intermission. Open to everyone and held at Communities Along the Bay Multi-Purpose Centre. We invite musicians wanting to participate to contact Sylvester Pellerin (902-525-2534), Jude Avery (902-525-2074) or Blair Pellerin (902-525-2936) at least 48 hours prior to the concert. Admission – adults: \$5 / children under 10: \$3.

SILENT AUCTION – Items will be on display all day Saturday until the intermission of the talent show.

Sunday, August 13

11 a.m. – The closing mass will be held at St. Peter's Church, Larry's River.

12 to 1 p.m. – Brunch at the Communities Along the Bay Center. Cost – adults: \$9 / children under 10: \$5.

1:30 to 3 p.m. – A presentation based on the SARTB web site, exposing visitors and all interested guests to local history and site postings while encouraging everyone to share information on all local Acadian communities.

We cordially invite everyone to celebrate with us as we share our past and our culture. A rewarding cultural experience is assured to all participants. Red, white, blue and yellow are the Acadian colours if you wish to wear them. Our festival is sponsored in part by Seawind Landing, the Guysborough Celebrates Canada 150 Committee, the Municipality of the District of Guysborough, ExxonMobile and private donors.

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