



DIMA NEWS



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CAP AUGUET ECO-TRAIL

The Cap Auguet Eco-Trail is a vital part of Isle Madame's tourism used by many locals and tourists from many parts of the world. The Eco-Trail is one asset that all residents of Isle Madame should be proud of.

Vandals once again destroyed several vital components of the trail this spring. With the help of community sponsors and individuals, the trail was once again repaired and ready for the 2005 tourist season.

A map of the Eco-Trail will be distributed to all homes on Isle Madame in the spring of 2006 for those who are not aware of the location and variety of trail routes.

On October 1, 2005, the first Cap Auguet Eco-Trail Family Fun Day was held. Activities for both

young and old made it a pleasurable day of fun and physical activity that was enjoyed by all. Look for this event again in October 2006.

The Isle Madame Trails Association has been re-activated, in the hope that we can work together with the local beautification groups in the area, along with the trail groups to maintain and promote both the Eco-Trail and the Doyle's Road Trail.

Winter can be as exciting as the summer on the trail. Take your family for a nature walk on a beautiful winter day, followed by steaming hot chocolate and marshmallows—a treat for all ages.



Special Items of Interest:

- *Cap Auguet Eco -Trail*
- *Le Noir Landing*
- *Codstock*
- *Population Decline*
- *DIMA Structure*

Development Isle Madame Association would like to express our sincere thanks to all individuals and businesses that so generously assisted us this year. We would also like to thank Enterprise Cape Breton Corporation, Municipality of the County of Richmond, St. Joseph's Credit Union, Strait Highlands RDA and Service Canada for their continued support to our organization.

Waterfront—Le Noir Landing

The Arichat Waterfront-Le Noir Landing has seen the completion of Phase IV. It is now a fantastic area for any outdoor activity. There were many activities over this past summer, which included Canada Day celebrations, Arichat Oceanview Festival, Buskeers, a Breast Cancer fundraiser, numerous bi-weekly outdoor concerts featuring local entertainment and we can't forget CODSTOCK,

our annual outdoor music festival. Entertainment this year included "Sons of Maxwell" and "Bittersweet" and we enjoyed the largest crowd ever seen at the waterfront. We want to thank Renée Samson and Jeremy Martell, our summer students, for organizing a fabulous event. Look for an even bigger and better concert in 2006.



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The Board of Directors, Members and Staff of Development Isle Madame Association would like to take this opportunity to wish all residents of Isle Madame a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and joyous New Year.



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Population Decline on Isle Madame

DIMA's new mandate includes the role of reversing population decline on Isle Madame. What would it take to get our youth to remain here and how can we attract ex-patriots back to the Island? We have formed a joint partnership with the Strait Highlands RDA to employ an immigration coordinator at work. This person will assist us in reaching our goal in reversing Isle Madame's population decline.

Service Canada has provided us with a job creation project to hire a Demographic Researcher to do research on declining population. A database will be created with all information acquired from locals and ex-patriots of Isle Madame. A web site will be created to host data and contact information. Development Isle Madame's role is to bring back or retain twenty five individuals on Isle Madame within the next three years.

If you know anyone who has moved away and would like to return to the Island, but has barriers, please contact us and we will do whatever we can to bring them back to Isle Madame.

Since 1991, Isle Madame's population has experienced a significant reduction as outlined in the table below from Stats Can Community Counts. Most notable is the decline of youth and the subsequent aging of the remaining population over a mere 10 year span.

1991	1996	2001	10 Year
Census	Census	Census	Change
4,330	4,165	3,850	-11.1%



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