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**Tatamagouche Grain Elevator Village gets Tourism Award**



David & Melanie MacGregor, Tatamagouche Grain Elevator Village receive the Tourism Business of the Year Award from Mayor Christine Blair, representing award sponsor, Municipality of the County of Colchester. (Chamber Photo)

Grain", owned David & Melanie MacGregor is currently a Saturday artisan market (May-Nov) and it is used to hold community events and other special events throughout the season.

Built in 1957, the grain elevator was constructed in the "Post and Beam" method, entirely of wood. It measures 70-feet high (23 meters) and has a full concrete basement. This elevator is believed to be the only Prairie-style elevator east of Manitoba.

In 2009, work began to turn the decommissioned grain elevator building into a Saturday artisan market to coincide with the Creamery Square Farmers' Market, which is located right next to The Grain. The inside of the building was transformed to make it look like a village with little houses and a cafe, subdividing the space into distinct areas for vendors to set up their booths.

A popular attraction within the building is hand-carved, life-size wooden statues of Nova Scotia born Anna Swan and her husband Martin Van Buren Bates, the Guinness Book of World Record holders for the tallest couple in the world. These amazing tributes are

*This award recognizes an individual, group, organization or business operating in Central Nova Scotia where the principles of running successful tourism or related operation are applied and result in a thriving attractive business for visitors. The enterprise must derive more than 50 percent of its annual revenue from tourism-related activities.*

A historic piece of Tatamagouche has been given a new life as a vibrant place for both locals and tourists to gather and visit.

Tatamagouche Grain Elevator Village or "The



More Fiona! Trees and powerlines were down in every community making driving treacherous for a few days and police asked drivers to stay home until the roads were cleared. (Harrington Photo)



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popular for tourists' selfies. The owners also added a Little Free Library, built to mirror the Grain building.

They have designed and launched a new website and significantly expanded their social media presence in order to be able to share timely updates with followers.

Described as a "fun place to shop for local prod-

ucts and enjoy music," the Grain has become an attractive stopping place on the Tatamagouche waterfront.

Please join the Chamber and Municipality of the County of Colchester as we congratulate David & Melanie MacGregor, Tatamagouche Grain Elevator Village ("The Grain") for receiving the 2022 Tourism Business of the Year Award.

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