

Municipality of the District of St. Mary's

FEBRUARY 2017 Newsletter

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Upcoming Meetings of Council

Regular Monthly Council Meeting - Monday February 13, 2017 at 7:00pm

Committee of the Whole Meetings tentatively scheduled for February 8th and February 15th

Visit website for agenda and approved minutes www.saint-marys.ca

NEW in February – Committee meeting agendas and minutes will be added to website, plus monthly Council expenses.

Municipal Tax Sale – Tuesday, March 7th 11:00am at Council Chambers of the Municipal Administration Office 8296 Highway 7, Sherbrooke. Please find listing of properties on back of this newsletter. For a more detailed description of the properties, please contact the Municipal Office at 902-522-2049.

Special Election in District 3/5 will be held March 18th, 2017.

Advance Polls will be held on Saturday March 11th and Tuesday March 14th.

Nomination Papers can be filed by appointment starting February 14th and Nomination Day is February 21st.

The Supreme Court decision on the application to have the election in District 3/5 was made available on January 10, 2017.

In his 12 page Decision Justice Scaravelli ruled that the election in that District had not been conducted in accordance with the principles of the Municipal Elections Act, and thus should be declared void. The Justice took into account the cumulative effect of the violations, which included a candidate's agent handling ballots, two unsealed ballot boxes, and an improper proxy vote, among other things. The decision notes that there were "numerous and relatively serious departures from the legal requirements imposed by the Act", and to have overlooked those requirements would "undermine public confidence in the outcome of elections". A Special Meeting of Council was held Monday January 16th to determine the details for a Special Election.

For Additional Information Contact Marvin MacDonald, CAO (902) 522-2432 or Ruth Legge, Returning Officer (902) 779-2931

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The deadline for submissions for the March 2017 issue of the Municipal Newsletter is Wednesday February 15th at 4:00 p.m. Submissions can be received by fax: 522-2309, drop off or emailed to council@saint-marys.ca. Also please note that we reserve the right to edit any and all submissions to this newsletter.

NOTICE Municipality of the District of St. Mary's Revisions to the Preliminary List of Electors and NOMINATIONS OPEN for SPECIAL ELECTION District 3/5 March 18, 2017

The preliminary lists of electors have been prepared for the upcoming SPECIAL ELECTION in District 3/5. Additions or corrections may be made to the lists upon application by telephone, e-mail, mail, or in person. Electors may find out if they are on the list of electors by:

1. Contacting the Municipal Office between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, until February 10 at 8296 Hwy 7, Sherbrooke, NS, (902) 522-2049 or council@saint-marys.ca or
2. Contacting the Returning Officer at Liscomb Mills, Guysborough County, until February 10 at (902) 779-2931 or ruthlegge@seasidehighspeed.com . You will be asked for your name, address and date of birth.

FURTHERMORE:

NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN for the office of **Municipal Councillor, District 3/5** in the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's, for which a special election will be held on March 18, 2017. A nomination shall be filed with the Returning Officer at the Municipal Office, 8296 Hwy 7, Sherbrooke between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Nomination Day, Tuesday, February 21, by appointment, or during the 5 preceding business days by appointment at the home of the Returning Officer at Liscomb Mills, Guysborough County; phone (902) 779-2931.

Dated at Sherbrooke this 17th day of January, 2017. RUTH LEGGE, Returning Officer

Municipal & Community Based Services

Solid Waste November Collection Schedule

Eastern Shore Cartage 1-800-261-0372

Tues-ZONE 1	Wed-ZONE 2	Thurs-ZONE 3
Jan 24 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item	Jan 25 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item	Jan 26 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item
Jan 31 Recyclable	Feb 1 Recyclable	Feb 2 Recyclable
Feb 7 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item	Feb 8 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item	Feb 9 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item
Feb 14 Recyclable	Feb 15 Recyclable	Feb 16 Recyclable
Feb 21 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item	Feb 22 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item	Feb 23 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item
Feb 28 Recyclable	Mar 1 Recyclable	Mar 2 Recyclable

Be the first to know if Waste Collection changes due to Bad Roads – There are a few ways to access the schedule for reminders and notices:

1. DOWNLOAD the mobile app: **Eastern NS Waste Info**: Get in on GOOGLE Play or Available on the App Store.
2. Sign up online at: www.erswm.ca Antigonish and Guysborough Counties Waste Info.
3. No Smart Phone or Computer, No Problem Call 1-888-377-9622. All we need is your civic address and phone number. If there is a change to the schedule a message will be sent to your phone.

St. Mary's Medical Clinic

St. Mary's Medical Clinic is offering additional office hours on Wednesday evenings from 7-9pm and Saturdays from 2-4pm. **This is by appointment only.** Please call the Clinic at (902)522-2275 Monday to Friday during regular office hours to make an appointment.

Outreach for Rural Women - a free and confidential service for women and adolescent girls of all ages and backgrounds. The outreach support worker is available Thursdays: Sherbrooke. Call 863-8668 to arrange an appointment

Community Business Development Corporations - CBDC

Micro Loans A Financing Program for Small & Medium Sized Businesses

- Loans up to \$5000
 - 4.7% Interest
 - No Application Fee
 - Fast Approvals
 - Flexible Repayment Plans
- Call 902-53302770 to apply

Sherbrooke Library

NOTE: Meditation Class-If you would like to meet with Barbara at her home, please call her Thursday before 10:30 a.m. at 902-522-2469

Village Readers' Book Club – Feb. 3rd, the first Friday in the month. Come to tell us about a new book you received, or one that you have finally just finished.

Seniors' Café-Fridays at 9:30 am. Join us for a snack, conversation, check out your books, and use the computers. All are welcome whether you consider yourself a senior or not!

Ship Wrecks-Terry Dwyer will continue his series of presentations of his experiences 9:45 a.m. Friday Feb. 10.

Painting Group – Tuesday at 10:00 am. Bring your supplies and come to inspire and learn from each other.

Knitting Group Tuesday at 6:30-8:00 p.m., starting Jan. 10th. Come to finish up projects and start something new, knit and learn from each other.

Online Courses – Are you taking an online/distance education course? When it is exam time, we can arrange for you to write them in the library rather than having to drive a distance to do so.

French Club – Anyone interested in being part of a French Club to learn or review your conversational/high school French, please call the library 902-522-2180 to let us know.

Bird Feeder Watch-Are you unable to identify some of the birds at your birdfeeder? Would you like to know more about the ones that you do see? Bring your questions 11:00a.m. Thursday, Feb. 16th so that Steve Flemming can enlighten us. We would like to continue this indoor bird club in the winter so that we are more knowledgeable for our field trips in the warmer seasons.

Sewing Class:-If you would like to refresh your skills or start from scratch, a class will be offered on Thursday mornings, 9:30-11:00. Please call the Library at 902-522-2180 for a list of supplies and the details.

Library Hours: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday: 11am-4pm. Friday: 9:30am-4pm, Saturday 10am-1pm. Call for more information: 902-522-2180.

St. Mary's District Food Bank

Please contact 902-328-4148 if you know of a need. Confidentiality is strictly upheld. Boxes to receive food donations are located at Clover Farm and St. Mary's Hospital. Please check the "best before" date. Cash donations can be sent to St. Mary's District Food Bank, P.O. Box 102, Sherbrooke, NS, BoJ 3Co. Donations are a great gift option and a card will be sent stating that a gift donation has been made

Municipal News

St. Mary's Fitness Centre

It has never been easier to incorporate fitness into your lifestyle. Become a member of the St. Mary's Fitness Centre today! We will help you to start living a healthier, more balanced lifestyle! Did you know that a community volunteer opens the Fitness Centre every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30-10:00 a.m.? Stop by for a workout in the morning! Our evening hours are 2:30-8 p.m. Monday to Friday. Bootcamp classes are held each week on Tuesday's at 6:30 p.m. classes are free for members or \$2 for the public. A one month membership to the Fitness Centre is \$25 for adults and \$20 for students/seniors. Never been to the facility before? Your first visit is on us. Visit www.saint-marys.ca for information on rates. Questions? Call 522-2598.

After the Bell

After the Bell is a program for youth ages 13-18 to get active, make a difference in their community and have fun! This program will include lots of unique programs and activities. This program will be designed by youth, for youth. In February there will be a Manhunt game in the Village against the RCMP and lots of other fun activities. We have a Facebook group where information is posted, request to join "After the Bell" to keep up to date!

Learn 2 Skate/Learn 2 Play Hockey

Learn 2 Skate & Intro 2 Play Hockey classes continue for the month of February at the St. Mary's Recplex. This program takes place on each Friday from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Learn to Skate is for children +3 who are learning how to skate. Intro to Hockey is for children with 2 years skating experience and are ready to learn to play hockey. If your child is not involved, but would like to participate – please contact the Community Development & Recreation Department today.

Recreation Hockey

Recreation Hockey is a FREE hockey program available to all school aged children. This program takes place at the St. Mary's Recplex on Thursday's from 6-7 p.m. This is a non-competitive program that allows young children to test their skills and older children an opportunity to have fun playing the sport of hockey. There is a limited amount of donated hockey gear at the Recplex. Families are invited to use this equipment as needed. We will also accept donations of used equipment. Volunteers are welcome to help out with this program.

Teen Sports Night

This program is open to students ages 13-18 and will take place each Wednesday from 6-7:30. Participants will take part in a different sport each week. Teen Sports Night will take place in the SMECA Gym. Students must be wearing appropriate clothing

Free skate

Free Skates take place at the St. Mary's Recplex every Saturday from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. Skates and helmets are available to use free of charge. Helmets are mandatory for all skaters. This program is made possible through funding support from the Province of Nova Scotia through the Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage.

St. Marys Birdhouse Building Contest

The first ever Birdhouse Building Contest is open to all ages. All you have to do is hit the workshop, dust off your tools and build a birdhouse this winter for our feathery friends. The birdhouses will be judged and displayed in early April at a competition that will be held in the Village. More details on this event will be announced at a later date.

#Funinstmarys Selfie Challenge

Take the Selfie Challenge! Do you participate in Recreational Programs? Or maybe you are active at home with friends and family. We want you to snap a picture of yourself being active! Upload your pictures to Facebook or Instagram and use the hashtag #funinstmarys. Every time you appear in a selfie doing physical activity or taking part in one of our programs you will get your name entered to win a prize, and we have great prizes! Prize draw will be March 24.

Zumba

Zumba classes take place each Monday and Thursday at St. Mary's Education Centre/Academy. Classes take place from 6-7 p.m. Never tried Zumba before? Your first class is free. Punch cards are available at the Municipal Office in Sherbrooke.

Pound Fitness Classes

POUND is the world's first cardio jam session inspired by the infectious, energizing and sweat-dripping fun of playing the drums. This program now takes place at St. Mary's Education Centre/Academy on Wednesday evenings from 6-7 p.m. Five and 10 class punch cards are available for purchase at the Municipal Office. To learn more about this program, visit poundfit.com.

Kid Fit

Kid Fit is a physical activity based program for children in grade's primary to five. It includes fitness based games, a healthy snack and a creative activity. Buses will drop registered children off directly at community centres for this program. **Your child will need a new bus note each day they attend the program in order to get off the bus.** Children will need scuff free shoes, a water bottle and appropriate clothing. Please return registration forms to St. Mary Academy/Education or the Municipality. Parents can also request an electronic copy at carlaanne@live.ca February Schedule:

Feb. 6-9 - Port Bickerton Community Centre – Pick up at 4:30 p.m.

Feb. 13-16 - Liscomb Legion – Pick up at 4:30 p.m.

Feb. 20- 23 – St. Mary's Education Centre – Pick up at 4 p.m.

Feb. 27- Mar 2 – Aspen, Kirk United Church – Pick up at 4:30 p.m.

Adult free skate

Adult skates are an opportunity for those 18+ to lace up their skates and hit the ice for an hour long skate, distraction free. This program is great for parents who may want a night out without the kids or is a great opportunity to test your skating skills. Adult Skates will take place on Thursday evenings from 7-8 for the month of February. This program is free for participants. Helmets are required. Skates and helmets are available to use free of charge.

Community News

Sherbrooke & Area Volunteer Fire Department Year in Review

In 2016 S&AVFD attended to 17 medical assist calls, 18 fire & fire related calls, 1 ATV rollover call, and 2 motor vehicle accident calls. As well 10 work nights were held, 11 training sessions were completed. Traffic control was provided for 4 functions, and a school visit was completed for fire prevention week for grades primary to grade 5. As well Fire Service Assoc. of N.S. conference was attended by myself, 2 other members and myself attended the Fire Service Association of N.S. General Meeting. 5 members attended the PTSD awareness conference. Our Ladder up Campaign is ongoing for our new hall. Best wishes for 2017.

S&AVFD Ladder Up Campaign

Is an on-going fund raiser for our new fire hall that continues to grow with \$ 61,084.72 raised thru donations and fund raising. Our goal is to raise \$ 125,000. Donations may be forwarded to the fire dept. at PO Box 2 Sherbrooke, BoJ 3Co. Many thanks to those who already have donated and supported our fund raisers. Sherbrooke & Area Volunteer Fire Dept. Building Committee is Wayne Auton, Laura Banks, Wayne Feltmate, Herb Scott, and Ed Weir.

Maple Manor Bake Sale

Bake sale takes place Friday's at 2:00PM at the Maple Manor

Ecum Secum Fire Hall

Our annual meeting will be held on Feb. 19 at 7pm at the Fire Hall.

St. Mary's Shooters Association members are reminded to please renew their membership for 2017. This is very important for shooting insurance through National Firearms Association. This protects you for all hunting and shooting activities. 24 / 7. \$15.00 of your dues money per year for this, very reasonably priced. Only 1/2 of the members are now renewed as of now. Please try to attend at least one shoot per year, this is important to show the people in Ottawa we are active, our future depends on an active membership. Contact John Day 783-2820 email johnday577@gmail.com or Mike Ackermann 522 2172 or Coln Coady 328-4153. St. Mary's Shooters Association will present the Canadian Firearms Course(long guns) on Saturday March 25th 2017 at the Stillwater Community Center - 9558 No.7 Hwy 8:30 am-7:30 pm Saturday April 8t ,2017 N S Hunter Safety Stillwater Center 8:30 am--5:30 PM Apply on line and pay on line at www.safetyservicesns.ca for more info call 902-783-2820

Sonora Community Centre: Socials – Jan. 26 and Feb. 23 from 10 am to 1 pm.

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Next General meeting will be Tuesday, February 7. All welcome to attend/

Activities This Month - Auction 45s Thursdays at 8pm \$5
Cribbage -Saturdays At 8pm \$5

Chase The Ace: Every Thursday 6:30 -7:30 until the Ace of spades is revealed

Port Bickerton W.I. Up-date

Meeting February 6 at 1pm @Lottie Harpell's. Come and check our little group out.

Social Day – Wednesday, February 15th 10am to 2:30 hot meal at noon. No Charge, just come and enjoy the day out with Friends.

Pancakes Brunch - Tuesday February 28th 11am to 1pm. Pancakes, Homemade Beans & Bologna & Biscuits, Desserts & beverage. Adult \$8.00 Children 12 and under \$5.00

Goshen Community Centre

Game Day every Wednesday Afternoon from 1:00 to 3:00 Bargain shop will be open every Wednesday from 1:00 to 3:00. Or by appointment contact Teresa Grover 902-783-2228, Ricky Grover 902-783-2613 or Lisa Myers 902-783-2749.

The Goshen Community Centre is having A No Dinner, Dinner Fundraiser. Due to flooding fundraiser, have been put on hold, but the bills have not. All Donations would be greatly appreciated. For more information please contact Teresa Grover 902-782-2228, Ricky Grover 902-783-2613 or Lisa Myers 902-783-2749.

The St Mary's District Lions Club members would like to thank everyone who supported our Christmas Daddies Project 2016. Each of your donations of money, children's toys, clothes, knitted mittens, hats and socks were all greatly appreciated. Without the help and support of the community we would be unable to undertake such a huge project.

The St. Mary's District Lions Club is holding a fundraising luncheon at the Lion's Hall in Sherbrooke, on Valentine's Day, February 14th, with the proceeds being donated to Nova Scotia Heart and Stroke Foundation. Join us and "bring your sweetheart" and "warm your heart" with turkey soup or corn chowder, fresh biscuits and dessert, coffee / tea included for \$10.00. Lunch will be served from 11:30am to 1:30pm and take outs will be available.

Watoto Children's Choir (Africa) at the Bethel Community Church in South Lochaber on Friday, Feb. 17th at 7 pm. Free will offering to benefit Orphanage & Choir. All Welcome

Community News

W.I. WEEK Feb. 19 - 25 2016

Women's Institute is a not-for-profit organization with seven million members around the world.

Our Vision Statement is "Learning, sharing, improving the quality of life for all."

Along with the social aspect of the organization, we work on projects to be donated to hospitals, shelters, and wherever needed. We will meet on Tues. Feb. 21st at the Indian Harbour Lake/Jordanville Comm. Center to work on some projects, and to socialize. (9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.) Please join us (bring your scissors, needle, glasses, etc), for this fun get together. A pot luck finger food lunch will be served at noon. There will be displays, and projects to see, so even if you don't want to craft, please come, have a cup of tea, and help us celebrate W.I. week in Nova Scotia.

For more info Joan Jordan 522-2462 District President, Sharon Reid 522-2393 District Director or any W.I. member

Sunday Worship In February:

9:30am at St. John's, Sherbrooke

11:00am at Kirk Memorial, Glenelg

6:30 pm at Bethany, East River St. Mary's

Please Call 902-833-2920 for information on Sunday School, Youth Group or Bible Study

Services Baptist Congregations February 2017

Sundays 11:00 am – Feb. 5 – Port Bickerton

Sundays 11:00 am – Feb. 12 – Sonora

Sundays 11:00 am – Feb. 19 – Port Hilford

Sundays 11:00 am – Feb. 26 – Port Bickerton

Thank You

The family of the late Hector Mailman would like to thank EHS, first responders, doctors, nurses, friends and family for visits, phone calls, cards and food during Heck's time in hospitals. Thanks to Reverend and Pastor for the beautiful service on such a miserable day. We appreciate everything everyone has done. Thank you. From Rennie, Joey, Jody, Adrian and families.

Thank You

We wish to thank all those who helped out in any way with the 50th Wedding Anniversary celebration for our parents Jim and Dorothy Ostewig. Also to all who attended and made the day so special for them; they appreciated it very much. Nita & Ed, Pete & Cheryl, Phil & Teresa

Thank You All

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks for all the love and support freely provided since my house fire in Country Harbour in October. The Benefit Concert held was very special, as I truly believe Hugs and Music heal most everything! Love Valerie Matheson

The Anglican Parish of Liscomb/Port Bickerton

Rev. Kristin MacKenzie (522-2510)

January 29th 11:00 am St. James, Sherbrooke
(Combined Parish Service)

February 5th 9:00am St. Paul's, Port Bickerton
11:00 am St. Thomas, Indian Harbour Lake
7:00 pm St. James, Sherbrooke

February 12th 9:00 am St. Luke's, Liscomb
11 am St. James', Sherbrooke
7pm St. Paul's, Port Bickerton

February 19th 9:00 am St. James, Sherbrooke
11:00 am St. Luke's, Liscomb
7:00 St. Thomas, Indian Harbor Lake

February 26th 9:00 am St. Thomas, Indian Harbour Lake
11:00 am St. Paul's, Port Bickerton
7:00 pm St. Luke's, Liscomb

Greetings from High-Crest Sherbrooke

Residents celebrating birthdays this month are:

Dorothy Emslie Feb. 14

Bobby Irving Feb. 15

Bernie Kennedy Feb. 25

Norm Kelly Feb. 26

Happy Birthday folks! The homebuddies will be hosting a bingo/b-day party on February 14! Valentine's Day! We will play bingo, sing some good old songs and enjoy each other's company as well as cake and ice cream! We will also be crowning our King and Queen Valentine for 2017! Should be fun! Everyone is welcome!

St. Paul's Catholic Church Sherbrooke will be holding a ham and scallop potato supper on Sat. February 25th from 4:30-6pm in the church basement. Hope to see you there.

St. Mary's Winter Fun Fest

Let's celebrate winter in St. Mary's. Family Winter Fun Fest will take place on February 18th in St. Mary's.

Carriage Rides from 10-11 & 1-2 Starting at the Sherbrooke Village Parking lot.

The day is going to be filled with Crafts, snowman building, games, entertainment, bonfire, skating, face painting and so much more

To end the Night off the AMAZING Mr. J will be entertaining and Amazing you and your family with his interactive Magic Show. The show is a fully-interactive, family friendly show for ALL ages, and includes live animals!

Come out on Feb 18 to a Family day in the Country winter. Make life long memories

Further information on this event and details on this event will be posted to the Municipality facebook page

FEBRUARY 2017

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
		1 Medical Clinic 7-9pm Girl Guides 6pm Adult Hockey POUND 6pm Teen SportsNight 6 Goshen Game Day	2 Outreach for Rural Women Liscomb Auct& Chase Ace Rec Hockey 6 Adult Skate 7 Zumba 6pm	3 MM Bake Sale 2pm Seniors Café 930am Learn 2 Skate 6 Book Club Adult Hockey	4 Medical Clinic 2-4pm Liscomb Crib Family Skate 3 <hr/> 5
6 PB Kid Fit Council Mtg 7pm Zumba 6pm PB WI Mtg 1pm	7 Painting Group 10 PB Kid Fit Intermurals 6:30 Knitting 630 Liscomb Legion Mtg	8 Medical Clinic 7-9pm Girl Guides 6pm PB Kid Fit Adult Hockey POUND 6pm Teen SportsNight 6 COTW 1pm Goshen Game Day	9 Outreach for Rural Women PB Kid Fit Liscomb Auct& Chase Ace Rec Hockey 6 Adult Skate 7 Zumba 6pm	10 Seniors Café 930am MM Bake Sale 2pm Learn 2 Skate 6 Library Presentation 9:45am Adult Hockey	11 Mobile Depot Medical Clinic 2-4pm Liscomb Crib 8pm Family Skate 3 <hr/> 12
13 Zumba 6pm COUNCIL 7pm Liscomb Kid Fit	14 Painting Group 10 Intermural 6:30 Knitting 630 Liscomb Kid Fit Lions Hall Luncheon	15 Careers NS Ctr. 10am Medical Clinic 7-9pm Adult Hockey POUND 6pm Teen SportsNight 6 POUND 6pm COTW 1pm Liscomb Kid Fit PB WI Social Goshen Game Day	16 Bird Watch 11am Liscomb Auct& Chase Ace Outreach for Rural Women Rec Hockey 6 Zumba 6pm Adult Skate 7 Liscomb Kid Fit	17 MM Bake Sale 2pm Seniors Café 930am Learn 2 Skate 6 Adult Hockey	18 Medical Clinic 2-4pm Liscomb Crib 8pm Family Skate 3 Winter Fun Fest <hr/> 19 Ecum Secum Hall Mtg 7pm
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27 Zumba 6pm Aspen KidFit	28 Knitting 630 Painting Group 10 Aspen KidFit PB WI Pancake Brunch				

Don't see your event? Send it to us.

We will add it to our comprehensive, up-to-date event calendar at www.saint-marys.ca