

Municipality of the District of St. Mary's

April 2020 Newsletter

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Meetings of Council

Dates and times for all Council and Committee meetings during the Covid-19 pandemic will be determined at a later date when there is more information available.

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Submissions for the May Newsletter are due by April 15th

Public Notice: Coronavirus

On March 22nd the premier declared a State of Emergency for Nova Scotia to help contain the spread of COVID-19. Please visit <https://novascotia.ca/news/release/?id=20200322001> for the full statement. The Municipality of the District of St. Mary's is committed to protecting the health and safety of our residents, councillors, staff and customers by reducing the risk of coming in contact with the virus. For that reason the following actions have been taken:

- Municipal Office closed to the public as of noon March 18th until further notice. Staff will continue to work, utilizing working from home when practical to do so. The municipality will promote the use of on-line transactions where ever possible.
- All recreation programs cancelled until further notice.
- Fitness Center closed as is required by the closure of the community use of schools directive from SRCE.
- Before and After School Program will be closed until classes resume at SMECA.
- The RecPlex is closed for the season.
- Council and Committee meetings will be via teleconference with the recorded proceedings posted on the municipal website along with printed minutes as soon as practical following the meetings(As per direction from DMAH and in consultation from Municipal Solicitor).
- Additional care will be taken in cleaning the Municipal Administration Building.
- Water treatment and sewage treatment plants will continue to operate without interruption.
- The Transfer Station will remain open as per the regular scheduled times.
- Curb side collection of solid waste and recyclables will continue as per the regular scheduled times.
- The Sherbrooke Library will be closed as per decision of Eastern Counties Regional Libraries.
- Community Centres must comply with the Province's orders of gatherings of no more than five people and physical spacing of two meters.
- All municipal parks are closed to the public but the trails through these parks are open for walking/physical activity. Please note that people are not to gather in groups and are to respect the two meter physical spacing.

The Municipality will continue to provide updates as new information develops and encourages residents to follow the Health Canada and Nova Scotia Health Authority guidelines in order to stay safe. If you have any questions we ask that you please phone the office at 902-522-2049. Thank you for your cooperation.

Municipal Payments

Payments can be made by cheque or money order and mailed to the office or by paying online. Please reference the Assessment Account Number (8 digits) for taxes and use Account Number 33333333 (8 digits) for water payments.

These are the payee names for the banks. Please pay attention to the capitals and spacing.

- Royal Bank of Canada: Municipality of St Mary's
- TD Bank: St. Mary's (Nova Scotia) Taxes
- Scotia Bank: Mun District St Mary's Taxes
- Credit Union: St. Mary's, Municipality-Property Tax
- Bank of Montreal (BMO): ST. MARY'S, MUNICIPALITY OF, TAX
- CIBC: St. Mary's (Nova Scotia) Tax (please note the i of Scotia is left out on purpose)

You can also pay by credit card (Visa or MasterCard) through our bill payment partner, Paymentus Corporation. Please note there is a 1.75% convenience fee by Paymentus. Go to <https://ipn.paymentus.com/rotp/dosm> to pay online. Payment can also be made over the phone by calling 1-855-990-9627.

Municipal News

Municipality of the District of St. Mary's Thanks The Roy Steed Trust & Family

Sherbrooke N.S. – In 2016, The Municipality of the District of St. Mary's received a donation of \$100,000 for the St. Mary's Recplex from the Personal Trust of Roy Steed. Roy Steed had friends in the local area and was a longtime supporter of the Recplex. He donated funds towards the building of the facility in the late 1990's and again to help install the facility's first ice plant. Steed passed away in August of 2015.

Since receiving the donation, the Municipality has been able to make many improvements at the St. Mary's Recplex. Improvements all started with a public campaign where residents could submit their ideas for improvements to the Recplex. After collecting ideas and suggestions, a list of enhancement projects were determined and staff quickly got to work.

Because of the generous donation from Roy Steed and his family, the Municipality was able to accomplish the following enhancement projects and equipment purchases:

1. Install a new chiller in the Ice Plant – New system is a better model and more energy efficient
2. Purchase Zamboni – the Municipality was able to purchase a Zamboni machine that replaced the tractor pulled Zamboni.
3. Compressor rebuild – Municipality was able to match grant funding to rebuild the facility's compressors
4. General maintenance – the Municipality completed interior and exterior painting, along with other improvements to the building
5. New Garbage stations – new garbage and recycling bins were purchased
6. Tables and chairs – new tables and chairs were purchased for event hosting
7. Improve access to kitchen – Improvements made to allow for public to utilize kitchen facility

The Municipality would like to acknowledge that all of the work done to improve the Recplex would not have been possible without the generous contribution of the Roy Steed Trust and the Steed family. Council, on behalf of staff and residents would like to thank Roy Steed and his family for the donation. A decal will be placed on the new Zamboni in the coming weeks to acknowledge the donation and all that it made possible.

Lewis MacIntosh Named St. Mary's Volunteer of the Year

Sherbrooke N.S. - The Municipality of the District of St. Mary's is very excited to announce that Lewis MacIntosh is its Volunteer of the Year. Lewis will be recognized at the Nova Scotia Volunteer Awards Luncheon in Halifax on April 27th.

Lewis is a lifelong resident of the community of Argyle who has dedicated almost 40 years to volunteering in nearby communities, throughout the municipality and on a provincial level. Lewis is a very community minded person, always willing to lend a hand in any community activity, organization or function. Lewis' skill set has allowed him to volunteer in many different capacities within the Kings United Church, as well as Master of Ceremonies at local concerts, Grand Marshall at the Sherbrooke Village Old Fashioned Christmas Parade, Auctioneer at St. Mary's River Days, serving at dinners and fundraisers, helping to organize Canada Day Celebrations and assisting with the St. Martha's Hospital Help Day Raffle. Lewis also spent six years as secretary/treasurer for the Funeral Association of Nova Scotia. Lewis says that he receives just as much from volunteering as he gives,

"It has been my honour and privilege to have devoted many hours of serving on many organizations over the past years. I have been richly blessed to have worked with many fine people and share some of my talent and skills. Volunteering is very rewarding; you learn and gain valuable insight about the people and organization you are helping."

Thank you Lewis for all that you have done over your volunteering career in St. Mary's. The Municipality will be celebrating Lewis as well as all of its nominated volunteers at an event in May. Keep an eye out for a volunteer recognition campaign on the Municipality's Facebook Page during National Volunteer Week April 19th to the 25th.

Accessibility Committee Call Out:

Are you looking to make a difference in your community? Why not consider serving as a volunteer member of the newly formed Accessibility Advisory Committee? The Accessibility Advisory Committee provides advice to the municipal Council on identifying, preventing and eliminating barriers to people with disabilities in municipal programs, services, initiatives and facilities. The committee plays a pivotal role in helping the Municipality of Saint Mary's to become an accessible community that complies with Nova Scotia's Accessibility Act (2017).

Applications are available online or at Municipality office. The deadline for applications is April 15th 2020 and can be submitted to the office or planning@saint-marys.ca, or contact Hannah MacDonald at 902-522-2607.

Audit Committee Call Out

We are currently looking for a second community member to volunteer to be a part of the St. Mary's Audit Committee. For more information please contact Marian Fraser at marian.fraser@saint-marys.ca or 902-522-2049.

Sherbrooke Sewer Utility Notice

Did you know that just a small amount of household waste flushed down the toilet can clog pipes and cause messes in your home and expensive sewer backups in the community? "Flushable wipes" can be huge problems for sewer backups. Even if the packaging says flushable they should never be flushed. They belong in the trash. NEVER flush the following items; bandaids, kitty litter, feminine hygiene products, cleaning wipes, flushable wipes, cotton swabs and makeup pads, diapers, condoms and wrappers, prescriptions or medications or any form of other materials.

St. Mary's 2026 -Strategic Plan Update

This plan was created through input from municipal council, municipal staff and members of the public. The plan is intended to guide the work of council and staff in order to establish a collective vision, plan for the future and communicate priorities. The plan includes five strategic goals each of which are supported by several objectives and strategies. Council has reviewed the Strategic Plan in order to provide updates on the goals and objectives.

Goal 1: To Increase Population of St. Mary's by 5% by 2021

Objective (a): Support a sustainable and vibrant community

Create an inclusive environment

The Municipality is currently working to establish an Accessibility Committee which will collaborate to create an Accessibility Plan by April 2021. The plan will work towards more accessible environments by eliminating physical, communications, attitudinal and institutional barriers.

Work toward achieving goals in "Shared Strategy for advancing Recreation in NS"

Goals have been achieved in the shared strategy by supporting active living with both older adults and families through programming that encourages supportive environments and outdoor living.

Create a public engagement strategy to improve communications in the municipality

The Municipality continues to engage in strong relationships with community partners such as the Fire Departments, Community Centers, St. Mary's River Association, Sherbrooke Village and St. Mary's Education Centre/Academy. The Municipality also holds open houses and public consultations to further engage the community.

Work with partners to increase level of affordable housing

A new federal-provincial agreement was established in June 2019 to advance provincial objectives and priorities and maintain existing programs that serve Nova Scotians in need of housing. The Municipality will explore new opportunities under this federal-provincial agreement. The Municipality is a member of the recently formed Guysborough Housing Network.

Maintain and enhance municipal facilities

There have been various updates to municipal infrastructure, including repairing Court St and Hospital Road, water and sewer utilities, Recplex Zamboni and ice plant, library upgrades and new water lines.

Create a youth retention strategy

The Municipality continues to work with SMECA to foster youth engagement in local government issues.

Objective (b): Support a sustainable and vibrant community

Update planning documents

The Municipality has continued to work on updating planning documents and is currently in the process of having the Land Use Bylaw and Municipal Planning Strategy updated.

Collaborate with Eastern Strait Regional Enterprise Network

Following the recent dissolution of the ESREN, the Municipality will work with neighboring municipalities in collaboration on future regional development opportunities.

Develop a land use planning pilot project with the Province

The Municipality through the Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing collaborated with various provincial departments to explore economic opportunities and land use planning in St. Mary's including the use of crown land. GIS overlays were created for various industry sectors and provided to the Municipality.

Goal 2: To Increase Commercial Assessment by 5% and reduce Unemployment Rate by 2026

Objective (a) Create Employment Opportunities through Business Attraction, Expansion and Retention

Hire an Economic Development Officer for St. Mary's

The Municipality recently received funding from the Provincial Community Works Program to hire a Development Project Coordinator for a one year term. The Development Project Coordinator will develop request for proposals for planning document updates and coordinate accessibility planning and tourism initiatives.

Partner with Nova Scotia Business Inc. and other Provincial and Federal departments

The Municipality continues to collaborate with Nova Scotia Business Incorporation (NSBI) and Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA) on economic developments and community initiatives.

Collaborate with Eastern Strait Regional Enterprise Network (ESREN)

The ESREN was recently dissolved. The Municipality will collaborate with neighboring municipalities and the Province on regional development initiatives.

Continue to strengthen relations with Community Business Development Centre, Career Connections and Guysborough Adult Learning Association

The Community Business Development Centre, Career Connections and Guysborough Adult Learning Association continue to be available as a resource in the District of St. Mary's.

Facilitate training opportunities for the public to expand knowledge and skills

The Municipality provides periodic training to the public to increase skills and expand knowledge including First Aid/CPR, business solutions training and other topics when identified.

Increase rural internet connectivity and accessibility

The Municipality continues to explore opportunities for high-speed/broadband in this area and continues to be in contact with Develop NS to ensure that they are aware of the needs in this area.

Develop a business readiness plan and asset inventory

A software platform was developed for asset inventory as part of the work that was completed through Eastern Strait Regional Enterprise Network (ESREN).

Objective (b) Increase the Ratio of Commercial to Residential Tax Assessment

Review the assessment roll with intent of confirming appropriate classification

The Municipality hired a term position through a capacity building grant from the Department of Municipal Affairs to identify and fix classification issues. Those findings were presented to Property Valuation Services Corporation and The Provincial Land Registry for their consideration.

Improve communications with Property Valuation Services Corporation

Municipal staff continues to meet with Property Valuation Services Corporation in order to increase communications about related assessment matters.

Establish methods to engage and attract developers to invest in St. Mary's

Methods of engaging developers have varied depending on the types of developments being considered.

Goal 3: To Achieve Financial and Operational Sustainability

Objective (a) Undertake Regular Review of Programs and Services to Ensure Efficiency and Identify Areas for Improvement

Enhance community engagement and communication

Communication and engagement continues through the Municipal Newsletter, website and social media content, open houses and public meetings. The Municipality also coordinated the Engage St. Mary's meetings to further involve the community in important decisions.

Conduct comparative analysis of all Municipal programs and services

The Municipality revamped the Summer Recreation programs based on attendance and location records. Adjustments were made to the Municipal Transfer Station hours of operations to improve efficiencies in operations.

Request regular updates from major mandatory expenses; RCMP, SRSB, Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, NS Housing Authority, Eastern Region Library Board

Council continues to proceed with a regular schedule of presentations at Committee of the Whole Meetings every year from any source of major mandatory expenses.

Conduct an internal evaluation of all municipal programs and services

Council continues to meet with all department heads to ensure appropriate budgets and programming are in place and successful.

Objective (b) Evaluate and Improve Municipal Infrastructure

Develop an Asset Management Plan

The provincial government is still working on the format of the Asset Management Plan. The Municipality has stayed in contact with them and is awaiting the format to develop the Asset Management Plan.

Develop a 10 year capital plan to be reviewed and updated annually

The Municipality has developed a 10 year capital plan that includes sections on all major municipal infrastructures and is reviewed annually.

Actively seek funding opportunities

Ongoing as federal and provincial funding programs are announced.

Objective (c) Improve Internal Operations Effectiveness

Develop a succession plan

The succession plan for the public works department is currently being implemented. We continue to work on the overall succession planning for the Municipality.

Improve staff and council communication

Meetings are held regularly for all staff members to keep staff and Councillors informed.

Provide training opportunities for staff and council

Staff and Council both continue to attend relevant training through courses and conferences throughout the year including

Geographic Information System (GIS) Training, Software Training, Highfive Principals of Healthy Childhood Development Instructor Training, QUEST 2 Evaluator and Tumble Bugs Leader Training.

Review and update policies and by-laws

The Municipality has recently updated a number of policies including the General Government Grants Policy, the Newsletter Policy and the Fire Services Policy. The Municipality has also initiated new policies including the Presentation to Council Policy, the Code of Conduct Policy, the Social Media Policy and the Dealing with Difficult Customers Policy. Updates to our by-laws and policies will continue as needed.

Standardize reporting methods for outside Council Committee appointments

Standard reporting methods have been implemented for outside Council Committee Appointment Reports which are presented at Regular Council Meetings and posted to the Municipal website.

Initiate regular departmental reporting to council

Department staff provides their updates on a monthly basis to Council both through the CAO report which is also posted to the Municipal website, as well as through presentations to Council when required.

Improve Occupational Health and Safety practices

The Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee meets on a regular basis to review and discuss safe practices within municipal facilities. The committee also performs regular inspections on all municipal facilities to ensure proper safety procedures and equipment.

Initiate regular staff meetings and staff performance reviews

Staff meets on a regular basis to discuss any projects or events taking place as well as updating on any concerns within a particular area. Staff performance reviews continue to be done on a yearly basis.

Objective (d) To Reduce the Reliance on Reserve Funds

Perform long range financial planning

The Municipality has developed a ten year capital budgeting process that is reviewed and updated annually.

Identify opportunities for shared services

The Municipality has entered into a municipal sharing agreement with neighboring municipalities to hire an onsite energy manager for a two year term. Other ongoing shared services with neighboring municipalities include IT/Financial, software, bylaw enforcement services, building inspection and land fill services.

Review opportunities for growth of assessment base

The Municipality continually views building permit data and PVSC account information for accuracy.

Goal 4: Improve Recognition of St. Mary's

Objective (a) Increase Tourist Traffic

Increase and improve welcome and directional signage

Through our Main Street Project, the Municipality will be incorporating more signage throughout Sherbrooke.

Increase Eco-Tourism opportunities

Council and staff are currently involved in many organizations and groups that actively support Eco-Tourism including the Wild Islands Tourism Advancement Partnership (WITAP), Destination Eastern and Northumberland Shores (DEANS) and the Guysborough Tourism Association. The municipality is also involved with the Experiential Tourism Committee through Sherbrooke Village and has supported the Rural Institute for Cultural Heritage and Environmental Sustainability (RICHES) as an organization and in their pursuance of the Whale Sanctuary.

Coordinate with Destination Eastern and Northumberland Shores (DEANS) to improve Visitors Information Centre

The Municipality continues to work with DEANS on a number of tourism related topics including the Tourism Information Centre.

Work with local tourist operators

The Municipality continues to work with operators when applicable. The Façade Program, within the Streetscapes Plan, has been a new way to work with local businesses.

Promote local attractions

Council and Staff continue to promote local attractions in St. Mary's Municipality by attending the Saltscapes East Coast Expo in Halifax and advertising in the tourism guides.

Beautification for St. Mary's

The Municipality continues to work on the beautification of St. Mary's through the implementation of the Mainstreet Project. Upgrades to Stonewall Park as well as other new developments continue to be implemented through partnering community groups such as the St. Mary's Garden Club.

Objective (b) Promote St. Mary's Brand to Attract People and Business

Increase social media and website presence

Through constant communication of our Facebook page as well as the municipal website, the Municipality continues to work on increasing St. Mary's presence on these social media platforms. Staff will continue to pursue training on additional platforms that will allow St. Mary's branding to become more established and recognized.

Improve marketing and promotion

The Municipality works with DEANS to ensure advertising of local events and advertising with the St. Mary's River Association. The Municipality also advertises in the Journal and the Casket for seasonal events and programming.

Goal 5: To be Environmentally Sustainable

Objective (a) Obtain Balance Between Economic Development While Maintaining the Environment

Encourage sustainable use of natural resources

The Municipality participates in ongoing discussions with the Provincial Department of Lands and Forestry about harvesting practices. The Municipality also participates on the community liaison committee with the Port Hawkesbury Paper.

Identify alternative energy solutions (Add in "and environmentally sustainable practices")

The Municipality applied for the Provincial Solar Energy Program but was unsuccessful and continues to look for addition opportunities.

Implementation of the Active Sherbrooke

The Municipality has recently completed the plan for the Sherbrooke Main Street Project which may coincide with recommendations from the Active Sherbrooke Plan.

Work with organizations to maintain healthy ecosystems

Council has supported the Rural Institute for Cultural Heritage and Environmental Sustainability (RICHES) efforts in attracting the Whale Sanctuary Project to St. Mary's.

Community Services

CBDC Guysborough County

Please know that we have put mechanisms in place to assist you in your time of need while we all fight against COVID-19. CBDC staff will work with you in providing financial adjustments to alleviate the impact of COVID-19 to your business. All CBDC clients are asked to contact their CBDC to discuss the relief options we will be providing to all our borrowers. If you are having difficulty getting in touch with your CBDC please visit our website where you can find updated contact information for our offices or where you can send us a message via the contact card. <https://www.cbdc.ca/en/contact>

St. Mary's District Food Bank

Please contact 902-328-4148 if you know of a need in the community. Confidentiality is strictly upheld. Boxes to receive food donations are located at Clover Farm and at the 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, B0J 3C0. Donations are a great gift option and a card will be sent stating that a gift donation has been made. Thank you for the support.

MacMillan's Recyclables Pick Up

NSLC Parking Lot on Saturday April 11th, 2020 and Saturday April 25th, 2020 at 10am.

SHOPS

TOONIE DRAW: Every Wednesday. Pay in advance by leaving cash or cheque at locations, or call Jacqueline or Jeff 902-318-7467. Players 19 or older. Proceeds to SHOPS.

Congregational Services

The United Church of Canada

All church services and weekly activities are cancelled until further notice.

Indian Harbour Lake Pentecostal Church

During our pastoral transition you can contact the church in the following ways.

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/ihlpentecostalchurch>

Email: ihlpentecostalchurch@gmail.com

Phone at [902-318-0066](tel:902-318-0066) ask for Sean

Baptist Congregations of Port Bickerton, Port Hilford & Sonora

The services listed below are tentative depending on provincial guidelines. Call Pastor Ron for confirmation.

April 5th- 11:00am, Sonora

April 12th- 11:00am, Port Hilford

April 19th- 11:00am, Port Bickerton

April 26th- 11:00am, Sonora

Rev. Ron Ford: (H) 902-522-2805 or (C) 902-318-3488

Goshen Gospel Church

Sunday School-Sunday at 9:45am for all ages incl. adults

Worship Service- Sunday at 11:00am

Bible Study and Prayer-Wednesday at 6:30pm

Eagles Program- Cancelled until further notice

A warm welcome awaits all who may be visiting our area

Bethel Community Church

13692 Highway 7, Lochiel Lake. Sunday Services-11:00am, Sunday School-10:00am. Weekly bible Study- Fridays 7:00pm at church building. Everyone is welcome. For more information, please contact Pastor Freda Steeves 902- 783-2745 or visit www.bethelcommunitychurch.ca

Catholic Church

All services are cancelled until further notice. Please call Fr. Lazarus Guria- 902-776-0228 for more information.

Community News & Events

St. Mary's District Lions

In light of the evolving situation with COVID-19 virus and our Municipality's Business Contingency Plan that has been issued effective March 15th 2020. King Lion Dave Smith and our Board of Directors have made the decision that all activities at the Lions Hall will be cancelled until further notice. Some of the activities that are cancelled are as follows but are not limited to.... Weekly Wednesday Night Bingo, Weekly Monday Dart League, Friday Night Chase the Ace.

Stillwater Community Center

All card play is suspended until further notice.

R.C. L. Branch #86 Liscomb Legion

Liscomb Legion is closed until further notice. Please be safe and follow the health rules.

Indian Harbour Lake-Jordanville Community Center

All events will be postponed until further notice.

Port Bickerton Community Center

Port Bickerton Community Center has closed all events, activities, meetings and the exercise room until the Health Authorities make the decision it is safe to gather again. Thank you for your cooperation during this time of the Corona-virus. Add us on our Facebook group for further updates. Thank you for your cooperation PB Community Club.

Greenfield Oldsters Club – Melrose

All events will be cancelled until further notice.

Goshen Community and Recreation Centre

The centre will be closed for three weeks and then we will reassess.

Ecum Secum Fire Hall

The Easter Penny Auction at the Ecum Secum Fire Hall will be cancelled for March 28th. We apologize but want everyone to be safe!

Earth Day 2020

Please note this event may be rescheduled. Contact Deborah Banks for more information. Attention Residents of Port Hilford and any PH Beach Lovers! Earth Day is fast approaching again. This year it falls on Thursday, April 22nd. What better way to acknowledge this day than by making the Port Hilford area even more beautiful? Join us for a roadside/beach clean-up from 9:30-12:30 on the 22nd. Even if you can donate an hour, our planet will be grateful for the gift of your time and your care. You do not need to be a resident of Port Hilford to participate. Everyone is welcome back to 2889 Highway 211 (home of D. Banks) at 1:00 for bite to eat. If interested, join us at the Port Hilford Beach parking lot at 9:30. Please bring gloves, safety jacket and garbage bags.

National Poetry Month

April is National Poetry Month. You are invited to participate in the third annual Poem in Your Pocket Day on Thursday, April 30th. Community members are encouraged to be ready with a poem to share as you move through your day in Sherbrooke and outlying areas. Dig out a favourite poem you would like to share with your friends or neighbours as April unfolds.

St. Mary's Garden Club

Is Spring planting and garden plans on your mind as we jump into spring? Interested in learning more about the amazing and wonderful world of horticulture and all the health benefits that come with it? Join us and share your knowledge and enthusiasm with fellow gardeners for our first spring meeting being held TUES APRIL 14/20 AT 7:00 pm **Pending Restrictions**. We will be meeting at Maple Manor, in the common room for our monthly meetings complete with speakers, review of upcoming community projects, executive elections and more. Call June Tate at 902-833-2625 or Sharon Martin-Harpell at 902-968-1415 for more information.

St. Mary's ATV Club

If anyone has questions about the on-going "Shoulder-of the road PILOT PROJECT" – Sherbrooke site, you may call St. Mary's ATV Club President, Jim Kirk at (902)364-2574. If you require more info on the rules and regulations they are available at the Municipal Office in Sherbrooke. You may also go to the All-Terrain Vehicle Association of Nova Scotia (ATVANS). Their website is: <https://atvans.wildapricot.org>

Compass Rose Quilters Guild

All meetings will be postponed until further notice. The annual Quilt Show and Tea on April 25th has been cancelled.

Womens' Institute Activity Day

The Women's Institute Activity Day, planned for March 27th, has been cancelled.

Penny Auction & Cake Walk

Please note this event is subject to change please contact the below names for further information. Date: April 30th, 2020 at 7:00pm at the Indian Harbour Lake Community Hall for the St. Thomas Anglican Church. Donations can be dropped off with: Belinda Jordan- 902-522-2460, Sandra Harpell- 902-522-2833, or Angie MacDonald- 902-522-2268

Liscomb TOPS

Need help & support on your Healthy Weight-Loss journey? We are a friendly group & would love to see you. Meetings will be cancelled until April 12th, 2020 at which time we will reassess. For more information, call 364-2015, 779-2255, 779-2709

St. Mary's Shooters Association

The Spring Meeting for April 26th is moved to Sunday May 24th, 2020 at the Stillwater Community Center- civic 9558 Hwy 7. Topics for discussion- shooting schedule, impending new firearms changes, firearms courses and more. New members welcome. All members and interested people please attend. The future of our firearms way of life is at stake. We must stand united.

Port Bickerton Lighthouse Association

The concert scheduled for March 29 has been cancelled.

Thank You

The family of the late, Violet Fraser, Sherbrooke, would like to thank the community for the outpouring of support for our family at this time. Special thanks to the staffs of High Crest-Sherbrooke and St. Mary's Memorial Hospital for the kindness and compassion shown to mom. Thank you to friends and family for your visits. To Derek Elsworth, our heartfelt thanks for your support and friendship. Mom treasured your visits. Thanks to everyone who participated in Mom's celebration of life and for making it so personal. Thanks to St. Mary's District Lion's Club and to the many others who contributed to the reception. Thank you to everyone who sent food, flowers, cards or made donations in memory of mom. Mom would have loved to have seen you all. We are blessed to live in such a caring, supportive community. Donnie, Chris, Charles & Families.

Thank You

I would like to thank family and friends for remembering me on my 80th birthday. Thanks for all the gifts and food and just being there for me. Love Mary Baker, Liscomb.

Municipal Calendar

April 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 Good Friday- Municipal Office & Transfer Station Closed 9:00 am	11
12	13 Easter Monday- Municipal Office & Transfer Station Closed 9:00 am	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Earth Day 9:30 am	23	24 *Pending Restrictions* Garden Club Meeting 7:00 pm	25
26	27	28	29	30 *Pending Restrictions* Penny Auction & Cake Walk 7:00 pm		

Solid Waste April 2020 Collection

Call Eastern Shore Cartage 1-800-261-0372
for any waste collection issues.

The Transfer Station is open:
Monday & Tuesday and Friday & Saturday: 9:00-4:30

The Transfer Station will be CLOSED for Good Friday, April 10th, 2020 and Easter Monday April 13th, 2020.

Tuesday	Zone 1	March 31 1 Bulky Item & Garbage	April 7 Recyclables	April 14 1 Bulky Item & Garbage	April 21 Recyclables	April 28 1 Bulky Item & Garbage
Wednesday	Zone 2	April 1 1 Bulky Item & Garbage	April 8 Recyclables	April 15 1 Bulky Item & Garbage	April 22 Recyclables	April 29 1 Bulky Item & Garbage
Thursday	Zone 3	April 2 1 Bulky Item & Garbage	April 9 Recyclables	April 16 1 Bulky Item & Garbage	April 23 Recyclables	April 30 1 Bulky Item & Garbage

ZONE 1: New Chester, Ecum Secum, Liscomb to Sherbrooke including Sonora and Old Road Hill.

ZONE 2: East Loon Lake, Smithfield, Denver, Newtown, Glenelg Church Rd, Aspen to Goshen to Borneo Rd inclusive.

ZONE 3: Hwy 211, IHL to Port Bickerton, Stillwater, West Melrose, Lead Minds Rd, to Waternish inclusive.

