

Municipality of the District of St. Mary's

Newsletter: July 2020 www.saint-marys.ca (P) 902-522-2049 (F) 902-522-2309



Meetings of Council

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The next regular meeting of Council is Monday July 13th, 2020 at 7:00 pm. Committee of the Whole meetings are scheduled for Thursday, July 2nd and Wednesday, July 15th at 7:00pm. Audio recordings will be posted on our website 24hrs later.

Notice: *The Municipal Office and Transfer Station will be closed on July 1st, 2020.*

Congratulations Graduates

The Municipality of the District of St. Mary's would like to congratulate the St. Mary's Academy 2020 graduates and wishes the grads great success in all their future endeavors!

Municipal Office Re-Opened

On Monday, June 15th, 2020 the Municipal Office re-opened to the public. Please note that new measures have been taken to ensure the safety of the public and staff. There is a limit of three customers permitted in the office at one time. Upon entering the office there are floor markers to indicate the appropriate distancing when waiting for service. There will be no brochures or documents kept in the front lobby. If you require a specific document, please ask staff for assistance. The Municipality encourages residents to make payments online if possible but understands that this may not be ideal for everyone. It is also asked that if a resident is feeling unwell, that they do not enter the office until any symptoms or illnesses are resolved. If you have any questions, please call the Municipal Office at 902-522-2049.

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Submission deadline for the August issue of the Newsletter is July 15th, 2020. Submissions can be faxed to 522-2309 or emailed to: physical.activity@saint-marys.ca Please note we reserve the right to edit submissions.

2020/2021 Property Tax Bills

Property tax bills for the 2020/2021 fiscal year have been mailed out and are due by July 31st, 2020. There are several ways to make payments on your Municipal Tax Account which you can find listed on the back of your tax bill or on the municipal website

Solid Waste July 2020 Collection

Eastern Shore Cartage 1-800-261-0372

The Transfer Station is open:

Monday & Tuesday and Friday & Saturday: 9:00-4:30

	June 30	July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28
Tuesday Zone 1	Garbage & Recyclables	1 Bulky Item & Garbage	Garbage & Recyclables	1 Bulky Item & Garbage	Garbage & Recyclables
Wednesday Zone 2	*Friday, July 3* Garbage & Recyclables	July 8 1 Bulky Item & Garbage	July 15 Garbage & Recyclables	July 22 1 Bulky Item & Garbage	July 29 Garbage & Recyclables
Thursday Zone 3	July 2 Garbage & Recyclables	July 9 1 Bulky Item & Garbage	July 16 Garbage & Recyclables	July 23 1 Bulky Item & Garbage	July 30 Garbage & Recyclables

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.

Municipal News

Provincial Property Tax Rebate for Seniors

This program, administered by Service Nova Scotia on behalf of the Department of Community Services, is designed to help eligible seniors remain in their homes by providing them with an annual rebate on their municipal property taxes. This program provides eligible homeowners with a 50% rebate of the actual residential municipal property taxes paid in the previous year, up to a maximum of \$800/year. To be eligible to receive this rebate you must have been receiving the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) or The Allowance and you must also have your previous year's property taxes paid in full. The forms are not yet available but should be out in early July.

Municipal Residential Low Income Property Tax Exemption

The Municipality of the District of St. Mary's provides assistance to homeowners to help pay their residential property taxes. Qualified applicants will receive a credit which is applied directly to the tax account. To qualify you must be a Canadian citizen and permanent resident of St. Mary's Municipality. Your income must be \$21,000 or less, own the assessed property and occupy it as your home with the prior year's property taxes paid in full. For more information visit the Municipal Office or our website www.saint-marys.ca.

Intent to Consider- Alternative Voting By-Law

The Municipality of the District of St. Mary's has drafted a new By-Law called the Alternative Voting By-Law. This By-Law is being considered by Council to complete the necessary requirements if Council were to choose to implement alternative methods of voting for future elections. This By-Law is a model By-Law from the Association of Municipal Administrators and was presented to Council on June 3rd, 2020 at the Committee of the Whole meeting. At this time, a resolution was made to commence with the first reading of the Bi-Law at the meeting of Council on June 8th, 2020. The second reading and motion to approve the By-Law is set for the next meeting of Council on July 13th, 2020 at 7:00pm. A digital copy of the By-Law is available online at www.saint-marys.ca or a paper copy can be viewed at the Municipal Office. For more information or if you have questions, please contact Chief Administrative Officer Marvin MacDonald at marvin.macdonald@saint-marys.ca or 902-522-2049.

2020 Municipal Elections

The Municipal Returning Officer has received the List of Electors from Elections NS and will be revising the list internally in order to have the Preliminary List of Electors completed by July 31st, 2020. After preparing the preliminary list there will be a least two advertisements placed in both the Municipal Newsletter and Guysborough Journal advising residents on how they can check if their name is on the preliminary list and when and where the Returning Officer will receive applications to revise the list. At the June 17th Committee of the Whole Meeting, Council made a recommendation to implement alternative voting methods for the 2020 Municipal Elections. The voting methods being considered for the election include electronic voting, telephone voting and one central polling station that will have paper ballots. The second reading of the Alternative Voting By-Law and a motion on the voting methods will be on the agenda for the July Council Meeting. Please keep an eye on the newsletter for more information on the 2020 Elections in the upcoming months.

Construction and Demolition Materials (C&D)

Did you know our Municipal Transfer Station accepts construction and demolition materials? If you are tearing down a building or just cleaning up old materials in the yard, some of those materials are considered C&D. Some acceptable C&D Waste examples include concrete & brick, grubbing and brush, clean soil and rock, siding, tile, Gyproc, insulation, solid roofing material and glass and vinyl window casings. To find out if your materials are considered acceptable C&D waste, please call the Transfer Station at 902-522-265 or the Municipal Office at 902-522-2049.



Municipality of the District of St. Mary's

EMPLOYMENT
OPPORTUNITY

Position title: Director of Community Development and Recreation
(Maternity Leave Position, August 4th, 2020 – June 4th, 2021)
Salary Range: \$36,125 - \$45,156

Position Summary:

Working under the direction of the Chief Administrative Officer, the Director of Community Development and Recreation will plan and manage recreational and community development programming, oversee recreation staff, develop and evaluate relevant policies and work towards achieving goals in the Shared Strategy for Advancing Recreation in Nova Scotia. The Community Development and Recreation Director will work alongside residents and community organizations to take collective action towards generating a better St. Mary's for the future.

This position shall represent a positive image for St. Mary's by maintaining liaison with public, community groups, businesses and other Provincial and Federal Government Agencies/Departments, local School, and outside Recreation Associations to enhance the overall community development and recreation opportunities for the citizens of the Municipality.

Resumes including cover letter and references will be accepted until Friday July 10th, 2020 at 1:00pm and can be emailed to marvin.madonald@saint-marys.ca, mailed or dropped off at the municipal office Mon-Fri -8:30am-4pm.

For the full job description please visit www.saint-marys.ca/employment-opportunities.html

Recreation News

Day Camp Kits

Our recreation department has created a free day camp take home kit project which will be offered to any children within the municipality ages 4-12. These kits will be delivered using proper social distancing. To register you must contact the Rec department at (902) 522-2598 or email physical.activity@saint-marys.ca. Please include the name and age of your child, your address, and a contact number. Deliveries will be made to your local community centres on July 6th-10th or you can pick up your kits at the office. Please see our municipal Facebook page for more details on specific locations, days, and times.

Senior's Kits

The second round of senior's kits will be delivered to those who have registered in June. Keep an eye out on Facebook for the drop off locations and dates. We would like to thank the Mulgrave and Area Medical Centre for the funding to support this project.

Equipment Rentals

As restrictions are being lifted, we are looking into renting out equipment again. Please keep an eye on our facebook page and the August newsletter for a full list of our rentals.

Canada Day

Our recreation department has planned a virtual Canada Day on Facebook full of fun activities, music, prizes, and much more. Please see page 8 for more details.

For any questions or concerns about recreation summer programming please contact:

Maggie MacLellan
Active Living Coordinator
(902) 522-2598
physical.activity@saint-marys.ca

Congregational News

The United Church of Canada

On-line Sunday Worship can be found on the St. Mary's Pastoral Charge web page and also on our Facebook page. As we share these online resources, we join our hearts in worship together.

Telephone: 902-833-2920

Email: stmaryspastoralcharge@ns.alianzinc.ca

Website: stmaryspastoralcharge.com

Indian Harbour Lake Pentecostal Church

We are having weekly services using Zoom. They start at 1:30pm every Sunday. Please email us for an invite link. You can also view the services on our YouTube page. Just search for IHL Pentecostal Church.

Facebook:

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

Email: ihlpentecostalchurch@gmail.com

Phone at 902-318-0066 ask for Sean

Baptist Congregation of Port Bick., Port Hilford & Sonora

We will be conducting Facebook Live services for the month of July. These live videos will take place every Sunday at 11am. The online services will continue until shutdowns due to Covid-19 are lifted. Call Pastor Ron for more information or any questions. Rev. Ron Ford, 902-522-2805 (Home) 902-318-3488 (mobile)

For Bethel Community Church, Lochiel Lake

Sunday Drive-In services 11:00am weather permitting in the church parking lot. Participants are to follow social distancing guidelines and park 2 meters apart.

Adult Bible study is online. For more information visit www.bethelcommunitychurch.ca Up to date notices are on our Facebook page.

Catholic Church

All services are cancelled until further notice.

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 info 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 902-833-2920 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.

St. Mary's Kids First

After a rough spring with the COVID-19 Pandemic, Kids First staff are looking to bring families together in a safe and fun way this summer! We, along with the staff at St. Mary's Recreation, will be holding outdoor family events across the Municipality during the summer. All parents/caregivers and children are welcome!

July 7, 2020 – Lochiel Lake Provincial Park - 9:30-11:30am

July 14, 2020 - The Soccer field at SMECA - 9:30-11:30am

July 28, 2020 – Port Hilford Beach: 11am-1pm, light lunch provided on this day!

Various outdoor activities as well as nature walks. Rain dates for these events will be the Thursday of the same week. Folks are encouraged to bring a blanket or chairs. Families are asked to call Paula at 902-870-7437 or Maggie at 902-522-2598 to sign up or send a message to St. Mary's Kids First Facebook page. The number of people allowed to attend will depend on Public Health recommendations at the time. Social distancing will be encouraged for the adults. Free of Charge.

Money for transportation will be available upon request and snacks will be provided.



Eastern Counties Regional Library- Support for Learning @ Home

Eastern Counties Regional Library

Coming Soon: Contactless Curbside Pickup

You will soon be able to request items using our online catalogue or by phoning your local branch, and retrieve them with contactless curbside pick-up. Stay tuned for more information.

In the meantime, you can continue to enjoy ECRL's expanded digital services from anywhere with an internet connection. Visit ecrl.library.ns.ca/digital-content for free access to all our digital content, including:

- OverDrive: downloadable ebooks and audiobooks
- hoopla: downloadable ebooks, audiobooks, music, film, and television
- PressReader: access to newspapers and magazines from over 100 countries
- Lynda: online learning platform with engaging, top-quality video courses taught by recognized industry experts
- Consumer Reports: online access to the trusted database with reviews and buying advice for thousands of consumer products and services\
- ChiltonLibrary: reliable information for automotive maintenance and troubleshooting

Visit ecrl.library.ns.ca for up-to-date service information, and stay in touch with us on Facebook, Twitter, or by phone at 1855-787-7323.

Community News & Events

Goshen Community and Recreation Centre

The centre will remain closed for the month of July. Canada Day Celebrations are cancelled for this year. Donation of bottles are welcomed.

Stillwater Community Centre

The Centre will remain closed and all card play is suspended until further notice.

Indian Harbour Lake-Jordanville Community Centre

The Centre will remain closed and all events will be postponed until further notice.

Port Bickerton Community Center

Port Bickerton Community Center has closed all events and meetings until further notice.

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 86, Liscomb

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

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 information 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) website at: <https://atvans.wildapricot.org>

Port Bickerton Lighthouse

We regret to announce that the Lighthouse Interpretive Center will remain closed for the 2020 season. The hiking trails will remain open for public use. Please practice social distancing in accordance with provincial health requirements.



Port Bickerton & Area Planning Association – Information

Living in a different world is an understatement for sure. Like most places we have had to make difficult decisions. It was decided this spring to leave the interpretive center closed for the entire 2020 season. However, the park will remain open for anyone who would like to take a drive. Our hiking trails are open and they are in great shape this season. Sorry, there

are no washrooms available to the public. We will continue with our planned projects during the summer to make our site even better for next year. New ramps have been built at both buildings. Next, we will be doing sewer upgrades and there are plans for a new roof on the outbuilding. If time permits, the working light is in need of a fresh coat of paint. We would like to thank all those who have supported us in the past and we hope we can count on your support again this year. Visit us at www.portbickertonlighthouse.com or on Facebook at “Port Bickerton Lighthouse”. Have a great summer and be safe. Sincerely, Don Dodge – President.

Name: _____

Date: _____

Principal Residence Address:

Seasonal Residence Address:

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

How did you learn of the Port Bickerton Lighthouse?

- Local Resident Visitor Centre Former Resident
- Another Lighthouse Family or Friends Tourism Literature (i.e. Doers and Dreamers)
- Online Other: _____

Yes or no

Do you belong to other lighthouse organizations? If yes, please list them:

Yes No

Are you interested in becoming a volunteer? Do you have any comments, concerns or ideas?

Yearly membership fee is \$25.00, payable by cheque, money order or cash handed directly to one of the Association’s members. **PLEASE DO NOT MAIL CASH!**

Return this application form to: Port Bickerton and Area Planning Association
PO Box 142, Bickerton West
Nova Scotia, Canada B0J 1A0



Pursuant to the Municipal Government Act, the Municipality shall each year publish a list of grants or contributions made to community organizations in the Municipality. The following are a list of grants given by the District of St. Mary's for the fiscal year April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020.

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Amount Granted</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Amount Granted</u>
5098 Liscomb Chapter TOPS	\$500	Port Bickerton Planning Association	\$4,650
Alan Corkum Memorial Ballfield	\$650	Queens Lodge	\$600
Antigonish Golf Club- Student Sponsorship	\$200	Rally That Gives	\$100
Cabot Highlanders Hockey Team	\$200	Seashore Vol Fire Dept	\$6,258
Compass Rose Quilt Guild	\$270	Sherbrooke Village Old Fashioned Christmas	\$2,450
District 6 Vol Fire Dept (Goshen)	\$5,258	Sherbrooke Vol Fire Dept	\$6,558
East River Vol Fire Dept	\$5,258	Sonora Community Center	\$925
Eastern Shore Sunshine Club	\$783	St. Martha's Regional Hospital Foundation Time is Now	\$5,000
Eureka Vol Fire Dept	\$2,629	St. Mary's ATV Club	\$400
Ecum Secum Vol Fire Dept.	\$6,666	St. Mary's Boat Club	\$200
Girl Guides of Canada St Mary's	\$200	St. Mary's District Fireman's Association	\$13,925
Goshen 4H	\$150	St. Mary's Education Centre/Academy - Playground	\$2,100
Goshen Community Center	\$3,075	St. Mary's Education Centre/Academy - Extra Curricular	\$500
Greenfield Oldsters Club	\$1,225	St. Mary's Education Centre/Academy - Scholarships	\$3,000
Guys. Co Older Adult Games	\$2,400	St. Mary's Food Bank	\$550
Heritage Goldenville Society	\$1,200	St. Mary's Garden Club	\$875
Historic Sherbrooke Village Development	\$5,300	St. Mary's Memorial Hospital Foundation	\$4,000
IHL/Jordanville Community Center	\$1,025	St. Mary's River Association	\$1,200
IWK Foundation	\$500	St. Mary's Shooters Association	\$500
Liscomb Legion	\$789	St. John's Cemetery Society	\$636
Liscomb Vol. Fire Dept	\$5,558	St. Mary's Branch 4-H	\$50
Maple Manor Seniors	\$129	St. Mary's District Lion's Club	\$90
McKeen Lake Lodge	\$200	Strait Area Ground Search and Rescue	\$1,000
NS Secondary School Conference	\$100	The New Chester Community Club	\$783
Port Bickerton Community Center	\$625	Women's Institute	\$200

Total Amount Granted for 2019/2020 Fiscal Year- \$101,441

Happy Canada Day to you!

Virtual Canada Day through our Facebook Event (St. Marys Virtual Canada Day)



Canada Day Schedule - July 1st

8:30 am- Trivia Question #1

9:00 am- Canada Day Poster: Please send us a photo of the poster you had made to celebrate Canada Day for a chance to win a prize.

9:30 am- Trivia Question #2

10:00 am- Canada Day Cake Competition: Bake a Canada Day cake and post a photo to our virtual Canada Day event page for a chance to win a prize.

10:30 am - Trivia Question #3

11:00 am- Send us a photo of you or your families Canada Day attire and/ or decorations for a chance to win a prize.

11:30 am- Trivia Question #4

12:00 pm- Singing of "O Canada" : Join your family bubble for the singing of O Canada and post a video to our event page for a chance to win a prize.

12:30 pm- Trivia Question #5

1:00 pm- Outdoor activities with your family bubble (Washer toss, water balloon toss, frisbee, catch, ladder golf, etc)

1:30 pm- Trivia Question #6

2:00 pm- Canada Day Scavenger Hunt : Send a photo of your scavenger hunt findings to be entered to win a prize.

2:30 pm- Trivia question #7

3:00 pm - Leaf Art : Create and share your leaf art for a chance to win a prize.

3:30 pm- Trivia Question # 8

4:00 pm - Closing

****Please note we will be posting videos of local singers throughout the day that are not stated in the schedule above and prizes will be given all day****

