

# Municipality of the District of St. Mary's

Newsletter: August 2020 [www.saint-marys.ca](http://www.saint-marys.ca) (P) 902-522-2049 (F) 902-522-2309



## Meetings of Council

Visit our website for agendas and approved minutes: [www.saint-marys.ca](http://www.saint-marys.ca)

The next regular meeting of Council is Monday August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7:00 pm. Committee of the Whole meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Audio recordings will be posted on our website 24hrs later.

Notice: The Municipal Office and Transfer Station will be closed on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020.

## 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.

## 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 in January 2020 and you must also have your previous year's property taxes paid in full. Provincial Property Tax Rebate forms are now available at the municipal office.

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## Community Health Board- Call for Wellness Fund Proposal 2020-2021

Are for non-profit groups/ organizations to address the Community Health Board (CHBs) Health Plan priorities. Priority will be given to projects that use population health-based approach to address the social determinants of health at the population level e.g. projects related to food security, housing, transportation, social isolation and community resiliency.

Proposals for projects in the amount of up to \$1000 will be accepted.

Deadlines for Proposals: October 15, 2020.

For more information visit : [www.communityhealthboard.ns.ca/wellness.funds](http://www.communityhealthboard.ns.ca/wellness.funds) or contact your local Health Board

Submission deadline for the September issue of the Newsletter is August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Submissions can be faxed to 522-2309 or emailed to: [physical.activity@saint-marys.ca](mailto:physical.activity@saint-marys.ca). Please note we reserve the right to edit submissions.

## Solid Waste August 2020 Collection

Eastern Shore Cartage 1-800-261-0372

The Transfer Station is open:

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

Tuesday	Zone 1	August 4 1 Bulky Item & Garbage	August 11 Garbage & Recyclables	August 18 1 Bulky Item & Garbage	August 25 Garbage & Recyclables	September 1 1 Bulky Item & Garbage
Wednesday	Zone 2	August 5 1 Bulky Item & Garbage	August 12 Garbage & Recyclables	August 19 1 Bulky Item & Garbage	August 26 Garbage & Recyclables	September 2 1 Bulky Item & Garbage
Thursday	Zone 3	August 6 1 Bulky Item & Garbage	August 13 Garbage & Recyclables	August 20 1 Bulky Item & Garbage	August 27 Garbage & Recyclables	September 3 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.

# Municipal News

## Municipal & Conseil scolaire acadien provincial Elections

The 2020 Municipal Elections are scheduled for October 17, 2020. Due to concerns of a second wave of COVID-19, the Municipality of the District St. Mary's will be offering new methods of voting for this election after approving the Alternative Voting By-Law on July 13, 2020. This will provide residents with safer options for voting including electronic ballots using the internet as well as telephone voting. There still will be one central polling station for electors of all districts that would like to cast a traditional paper ballot. Advanced polls are scheduled for Saturday, October 10, 2020 and Tuesday, October 13, 2020.

If you are interested in running for council, candidate packages including nomination papers, will be available in August and can be requested by calling the municipal office at 902-522-2049. Nomination day is September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from 9:00am-5:00pm. Alternatively, candidates can file their nomination papers by appointment with the returning officer during office hours 7 business days preceding nomination day. If you have any questions about the process, please call Returning Office, Marissa Jordan 902-522-2496.

We are using the permanent Nova Scotia List of Electors to prepare our Preliminary List. It is very important that you contact the Returning Officer if, within the last four years you have moved into the Municipality or you have turned 18 or *will* turn 18 by October 10, 2020 or you were not on the List of Electors at the time of the last Provincial Election. After July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020, the Municipal Returning Officer will receive applications for additions or amendments to the list by telephone, fax, e-mail, mail or in person. Electors may find out if they are on the List of Electors by contacting the Municipal Office between the hours of 8:30am-4:00pm, Monday to Friday until August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at:

Municipal Office  
8296 HWY 7, Sherbrooke, NS  
Phone: 902-522-2049  
Fax: 902-522-2309  
E-mail: [municipal.clerk@saint-marys.ca](mailto:municipal.clerk@saint-marys.ca)

Please note you will be asked for your name, your address and your date of birth.

## Streetscapes Update

The public washroom at 16 Main Street is now open. Ornamental trees have been planted, an accessible ramp has been installed and the parking lot was re-graveled. This public washroom will have year-round access for residents or tourists visiting the area. Council is waiting on word from the application submitted for funding through the Beautification and Streetscaping Program to start phase two of the project.

## Municipal Planning Strategy & Land Use By-Law

The Municipal Planning Strategy & Land Use By-Law Review and Update is underway with Fathom Studios conducting public consultation through the use of a dedicated website at [www.planstmarys.ca](http://www.planstmarys.ca) where you can complete a survey and provide comments and opinions on the direction you would like to see the municipality take going forward. Public Workshops are planned for July 23, 2020 at the St. Mary's Recplex for the Business Community at 4:00 pm and the general public and stakeholders at 6:30 pm.

Participation at the workshops and the survey are important to have your voices heard regarding the future look of our communities, types of developments that we should be promoting to ensure compatibility within communities and how best to focus our resources to encourage population growth and job creation in the municipality. Paper copies of the survey can be picked up at the municipal office at 8296 Highway 7 and mailed to Hannah MacDonald, PO Box 296 Sherbrooke, NS B0J 3C0.

Please take advantage of the opportunity to share your thoughts and ideas on the MPS & LUB Review.

# Recreation News

## Recreation Soccer

Soccer will be held every Wednesday between 5:30-7 p.m. at the SMECA Soccer Field. Please note if the field is wet or if the forecast is calling for bad weather we will be holding soccer in the St. Mary's Recplex.

Soccer runs from July 15<sup>th</sup>- August 26<sup>th</sup>.

Ages 4-10. Pre- registration required.

Washertoss boxes available for parents/ guardians during this time.

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## Drop N' Play

Free playground time for all ages at the SMECA Playground. Happening August 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

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## Safe Bike Zone

An opportunity for families to bike/ walk freely and safely throughout Sherbrooke Village two nights a week (Tuesday's and Thursday's). The village gates will be closed to ensure all participants stay safe from traffic.

6-8 p.m. August 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup>.

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## Pickleball

Happening at the St. Mary's Recplex on Monday Nights! We will be having crafts in the warm room for children of all ages during this time.

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### Children ages 8-18

Free of charge  
5:30- 7 p.m.

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### Adults ages 18+

\$5 per person/ per night  
7-8:30 p.m.

\*Pickleball will not be taking place August 3<sup>rd</sup> due to the holiday.\*

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## Board Game Afternoon

Family event taking place at the St. Mary's Recplex. Bring your favorite board games or come play a few of our favorites!

Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup> 11:30a.m- 2:30p.m

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## Teddy Bear Picnic/ Puppet Making

Bring your favorite teddy bear, enjoy a picnic, and make a puppet with our recreation staff! Meet at the St. Mary's Recplex.

Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup> 12p.m.- 3:30p.m.

Ages 0-6 (accompanied by a parent/ guardian)

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## Port Hilford Beach Day

Pack you bathing suit, towel and favorite beach toys and join us for a family beach day August 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-12.

## Full Day Events

All of the following events will be taking place on Thursday's in August and are located at the St. Mary's Recplex. Please send your child with sunscreen on, a lunch/snacks and a water bottle. All events are ages 4- 14 and run from 9a.m. -4:30p.m.

Pre- registration required!

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## Hockey Camp/ Jersey Day

August 6<sup>th</sup>

A day full of hockey drills/ activities. Wear your favorite jersey! All equipment will be provided.

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## Disney Day

August 13<sup>th</sup>

Dress up as your favorite Disney Character and enjoy a day full of Disney themed activities.

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## PJ& Popcorn Day

August 20<sup>th</sup>

Come in your favorite Pajamas, play games and eat popcorn!

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## Sports Day

August 27<sup>th</sup>

Come try out many different sports at our super fun Sports Day!

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## Equipment Rentals

Drop by the Municipal Office to see the wide range of sporting equipment available for rent free of charge. We have a variety of outdoor equipment such as GPS units, rollerblades, life jackets, fishing rods, etc.

We also have equipment to rent such as teen/ adult bicycles and kayaks. Check out our website or give us a call for more information/ prices.

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## Port Bickerton Lighthouse Walk

Family event happening August 10<sup>th</sup> starting at 10am, pack proper footwear, water and wear sunscreen. See you there!

### Recreation Update

Please note we will be following social distancing guidelines throughout all of our programming. For any questions or concerns about recreation summer programming please contact:

Maggie MacLellan, Active Living Coordinator

Phone: (902) 522-2598 Email: [physical.activity@saint-marys.ca](mailto:physical.activity@saint-marys.ca)

## Congregational News

### The United Church of Canada

#### Worship in August

9:30am St. John's, Sherbrooke

11:00am Kirk, Glenelg

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

-Hand sanitizer will be available, wearing of masks is encouraged, physical distancing must be respected (6ft) and pews/seating will be marked for adequate physical distancing, no congregational singing, passing of the collection plate (plate will be available at the back), or shaking hands. People are reminded to have increased hygiene, and if sick, to stay home. Please note that online worship options will continue to be available. We recognize that there are those in high risk categories who need to continue to avoid gatherings, and those who are simply not comfortable at this time.

*Please join us! All are welcome.*

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### Indian Harbour Lake Pentecostal Church

We are having weekly services using Zoom. They start at 9:30 am 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](mailto:ihlpentecostalchurch@gmail.com)

Phone:

[902-318-0066](tel:902-318-0066) ask for Sean Ashe.

### Baptist Congregation of Port Bick., Port Hilford & Sonora

We will be conducting Facebook Live services for the month of August. 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)

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### For Bethel Community Church, Lochiel Lake

Bethel Community Church

13692 Highway 7, Lochiel Lake

Sunday worship services: 11:00

Social Distancing guidelines are followed.

Contact Pastor Freda Steeves

[www.bethelcommunitychurch.ca](http://www.bethelcommunitychurch.ca)

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### Catholic Church

All services are cancelled until further notice.

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### Bayview Baptist church VBS

Vacation Bible School.

Where: Bayview Baptist Church- 4761 Highway 7 Liscomb.

When: Monday, August 3 – Thursday August 6, 2020

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Who: Children ages 4 and up

Come join us in our wilderness wanderings as we follow Mose's trek into the wilderness with the children of God.

Songs, games, snacks and stories.

# Community Services

## SHOPS Toonie Draw

The SHOPS toonie draw will be postponed until September due to covid-19. Please contact Jacqueline or Jeff at 902-318-7467 if you have any questions.

## MacMillan's Depot Recyclables Pick Up

MacMillan's Depot will be doing a recyclable collection every Saturday until August 29<sup>th</sup>. Collection will take place starting at 10am every Saturday at the St. Mary's Recplex parking lot.

## 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

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!

August 4, 2020 – Port Bickerton Community Playground  
9:30-11:30

August 11, 2020 – Liscomb Legion Playground - 9:30-11:30am

August 18, 2020 – Lochiel Lake Provincial Park - 9:30-11:30am

August 25, 2020- Pioneer Park, Sherbrooke- then walking through Sherbrooke Village to see some of the sites. 9:30-11:30am

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.



## **Are you interested in starting your own business?**

**THE CBDC Guysborough County can help...**

- Need financing for your business? Loans available to any legally operated business in Guysborough County. Some sectors include, fishing, trucking, retail, manufacturing, service, accommodations, food service, etc.
- Business loans up to a maximum of \$450,000 with flexible interest rates starting at prime plus 2% with flexible re-payment schedules.
- Loans available for business start-up, expansion, renovations, line of credit, etc.
- Quick approval Micro Loans available up to \$10,000.
- Business start-up information and counseling available.
- Self-Employment Benefits Program - (SEB) - Qualifying participants can receive benefits and training opportunities during business startup.

Guysborough County Community Business Development Corporation Limited

PO Box 199, 46 Main Street, Guysborough County, NS B0H 1N0

Guysborough Office: phone: (902)533-2770 fax: (902) 533-2016

Email: wanda.macdonald@cbdc.ca

# Community News & Events

## Goshen Community and Recreation Centre

The Centre will remain closed for the month of August. Donation of bottles are welcomed.

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## Stillwater Community Centre

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

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## Indian Harbour Lake-Jordanville Community Centre

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

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## Port Bickerton Community Centre

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

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## St. Mary's District Garden Club

The St. Mary's District Garden Club would like to extend their appreciation to the Municipality staff and counselors for their efforts, funding, and action in the recent upgrades made to the Riverside Gazebo across from the district Municipal Office. The new looks are very refreshing and a great spot for a summer stroll and rest. Club members have been active maintaining the adjacent Municipal flower garden, library and hospital flower beds.

The positive feedback from local residents has been welcomed and inspiring. Don't forget to forward your entries for our "get growing" summer fun challenge as posted in the May/ June newsletter.

Our next club meeting will be held Tuesday, August 11 at 6:30 PM, Maple Manor community room, Sherbrooke. Please text or call Sharon Martin-Harpell - President, at 902-968-1415 for more information *prior to joining us*.

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## 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>

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## 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.

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## The St. Mary's Shooters Association

The Summer shooting program remains unsure due to DNR range being closed due to COVID-19 and range repairs. Canadian Firearms Safety Courses are still on hold. New members are also welcome please call SMSA President, John Day at 902-783-2820

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## Thank You

The family of the late Allister Rudolph would like to thank everyone for all the cards, phone calls, flowers, and donations in his memory. At this sad time your thoughtfulness was very much appreciated. Special thanks to the home care staff, doctors and nurses at the St. Mary's Memorial Hospital and Giffins Funeral Services.

Bless you all,  
Charlotte, Viola, Wade and Families.

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## Thank You

In this stressful and uncertain world, we forget to say a hearty "Thank You". We are saying "Thank You" to each and all of you. Your kindness is, and has been, greatly appreciated.

Brenda & Bill Carpan

## Building Code Regulations

NOTICE is hereby given that amendments to the Nova Scotia Building Code Regulations (the Building Code) made pursuant to the Building Code Act, Chapter 46, of the Acts of 1989 are anticipated to be prescribed by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to come into effect throughout the Province of Nova Scotia on or after September 30, 2020.

The proposed amendments will require any new restaurants (as defined within the Food Safety Regulations made under Section 105 of the Health Protection Act), including spaces within existing buildings, to be completely constructed in accordance with the barrier-free requirements contained in the Nova Scotia Building Code. This would include an accessible path of entry into the restaurant from the exterior of the building and access to barrier-free washroom facilities. This will align the Nova Scotia Building Code Regulations with the decision by the Nova Scotia Human Rights Tribunal regarding accessibility within restaurants.

Written comments on the proposed amendments to the Regulations are welcome on or before August 12, 2020 and should be forwarded to:

**Joe Rogers**

Building Code Coordinator Office of the Fire Marshal

P.O. Box 231 Halifax Central

Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 2M4

Copies of the proposed amendments to the regulations are available for inspection on the Nova Scotia website at <https://novascotia.ca/building-code-regulations-consultation/>.

Copies are also available from the Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing by writing to the above address, emailing [OFM@novascotia.ca](mailto:OFM@novascotia.ca)

or by phoning (902) 424-5721.

**Honourable Chuck Porter**

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

# Municipal Calendar

August 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 MacMillan's Mobile Depot 10:00 am
2	3 Holiday 9:00 am	4 Kids First- Port Bickerton 9:30 am - 11:30 am Safe Bike Zone 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	5 Soccer 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	6 Hockey Camp/Jersey Day 9:00 am - 4:30 pm Safe Bike Zone 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	7 MacMillan's Mobile Depot 10:00 am	
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