

Municipality of the District of St. Mary's

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Meetings of Council

The next regular meeting of Council is Monday, January 11th, 2021 at 7:00pm. The Committee of the Whole meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, January 6th, 2021 at 7:00pm and Wednesday, January 20th, 2021 at 7:00pm. If you are interested in attending a meeting, you must pre-register to ensure capacity. Please call the office at 902-522-2049 to pre-register. Agendas and minutes are available at www.saint-marys.ca. The Municipal Office and Transfer Station will be closed on January 1st for the Holiday Season.

Special Election-District 8

The Municipality will be holding a Special Election for the office of District 8 on January 16, 2021. Council made a motion to administer this election through telephone voting and internet voting only. There will be no paper ballots. The voting period will run 24 hours a day from January 9, 2021 starting at noon until January 16, 2021 ending at 7:00pm. Voter Information Letters will be sent to eligible voters in the beginning of January 2021. For more information or to check if you are on the List of Electors, please contact Marissa Jordan, Municipal Returning Officer, at 902-522-2496 or email municipal.clerk@saint-marys.ca.

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Gift Waste Disposal Guide

Now that we are wrapping up the Holiday Season we would like to make residents aware of how to sort and dispose of your gifting supplies.

What goes in the Garbage:

Colored gift wrap, gift bags coated in plastic or made with fabric, cellophanes & tissue paper, ribbons, bows and tape, all foam packaging except polystyrene (blue bag 2), packing peanuts, plastic windows from boxes & wrap, and other plastic packaging without the recycling symbol.

What goes in Paper Recycling:

Brown/ kraft paper gift wrap, kraft paper gift bags (handles removed), gift boxes & shoe boxes, paper tags, cards and envelopes (only paper, no glitter or foil).

What goes in Container Recycling (Blue Bag 2):

Polystyrene (Styrofoam)

Please remember to always save and reuse what you can.

Submission deadline for the February issue of the Newsletter is January 20th, 2021.

Submissions can be faxed to 522-2309 or emailed to:

physical.activity@saint-marys.ca

Please note we reserve the right to edit submissions.

Solid Waste January 2021 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	January 5 1 Bulky Item & Garbage	January 12 Recyclables	January 19 1 Bulky Item & Garbage	January 26 Recyclables	February 2 1 Bulky Item & Garbage
Wednesday	Zone 2	January 6 1 Bulky Item & Garbage	January 13 Recyclables	January 20 1 Bulky Item & Garbage	January 27 Recyclables	February 3 1 Bulky Item & Garbage
Thursday	Zone 3	January 7 1 Bulky Item & Garbage	January 14 Recyclables	January 21 1 Bulky Item & Garbage	January 28 Recyclables	February 4 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 Mines Rd, to Waternish inclusive.

Municipal News

Property Assessments

On January 11, 2021 Property Valuation Services Corporation (PVSC) is mailing new property assessment notices to Nova Scotia property owners. Here's what you need to know:

Property owners are encouraged to review their Assessment Notice and log into their 'My Property Report' at www.pvsc.ca using the Assessment Account Number (AAN) and PIN on their 2021 assessment notice. There is a 31 day appeal period starting January 11, 2021. Appeals must be received by PVSC before midnight on February 11, 2021.

Property owners can submit an assessment appeal by:

- Mailing the signed appeal form to: 6 – 15 Arlington Place, Truro NS, B2N 0G9
- Faxing the signed appeal form to: 1-888-339-4555
- Emailing a photograph or scan of the signed appeal form to inquiry@pvsc.ca
- Submitting a paper copy of the signed appeal form in a secure, locked drop box outside the front door of our offices in Dartmouth, Truro, Wolfville, Tusket and Sydney.

Once your appeal has been processed by PVSC you will receive an acknowledgement letter either via email or mail typically within 2 weeks of submitting your appeal. If you need assistance, or have questions on how to submit your appeal, please contact PVSC Monday – Friday at 1-800-380-7775 or inquiry@pvsc.ca.

Recreation News

Recplex – Return to Winter Play

We will be returning to the Recplex for winter play! The Recplex – Return to Winter Play Plan has been created to ensure that Nova Public Health Guidelines are met when participating in activities at the Recplex. All individuals who wish to participate in activities at the Recplex must review the Return to Winter Play Plan. You may obtain a copy by picking one up at the municipal office or contacting Mallory Fraser by calling 902-522-2598 or emailing mallory.fraser@saint-marys.ca.

Skate Sharpening at the Recplex

Please call David Jordan 902-328-4101 to make an appointment. The cost is \$5 a pair or purchase a punch card for \$20.

Girls Group

The Soul Sisters group will be back January 12th from 2:30-4pm on Tuesday's for the month of January. We will be exploring the relationship between physical activity and creativity with a variety of projects and activities. The group is for girls ages 12-17 and is based on the interests of the girls in the group. Pre-registration for this program is required. Nova Scotia's Provincial Covid-19 guidelines will be followed.

St. Mary's Fitness Centre

As most are aware, the St. Mary's Fitness Center was required to close in March due to Covid-19 health and safety restrictions. We are not currently in a position to re-open the fitness center. We apologize for any inconvenience & thank you for understanding.

Free Skate

Join us at the Recplex for Free Skates on Thursdays, January 7, 14, 21 & 28 from 3-4pm & on Saturday's, January 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 from 1-2 pm! All ages are welcome. Pre-registration is required. No spectators are permitted from Jan 2nd-10th but will be re-assessed. You must remain in your bubble. Social distancing between bubbles is required. Nova Scotia's Provincial Covid-19 guidelines will be followed.

Kid's Drop In

Starting back for the New Year on January 13th we will be hosting Rec Kid's Drop In located at Temperance Hall on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8 pm. Art supplies and games will be provided. 10 spots available, first come first serve basis. Pre-registration is required. Nova Scotia's Provincial Covid-19 Guidelines will be followed.

St. Mary's House League Hockey

House league will take place Thursdays 6-7 pm & 7-8 pm and Saturday's at 9-10 am & 10-11 am. Ages 5-12. Pre-registration required. \$100 per child. No spectators are permitted starting January 2nd and will be re-evaluated on January 10th, 2021. Nova Scotia's Provincial Covid-19 guidelines will be followed.

Fit4Women

Starting back for the New Year on January 13th in partnership with Sherbrooke Village, we will be hosting Fit4Women weekly on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 – 8 pm. We will meet at the Masonic Hall located in Historic Sherbrooke Village. We will focus on different forms of physical activity & creativity! The group is for women 18+. Spaces are limited! If you have any ideas or skills to share please contact us. Pre-registration on a weekly basis is required for this program. Nova Scotia's Provincial Covid-19 guidelines will be followed. Please pre-register weekly by emailing physical.activity@saint-marys.ca or calling 902-522-2598.

St. Mary's Adult Hockey League

Games will take place on Wednesdays & Friday's at 7-8 pm & 8-9 pm. Ages 19+. Pre-registration is required. Drop ins will not be permitted. No spectators are permitted. Nova Scotia's Provincial Covid-19 guidelines will be followed. Please check the updated schedule on the Municipal Facebook page.

Virtual Book Club

We are hosting a virtual book club on Tuesday evenings from 8 – 9 pm starting January 5th. You must have an Eastern Counties Regional Library Card. If you do not have one already you can sign up online at <http://ecrl.library.ns.ca/registration>. A survey will be used to determine the book. Pre-registration is required.

St. Mary's Walking Club

Starting January 4th- Monday's from 4-5 pm join us for a walk within our communities. There are four hubs for this program: Sherbrooke, Liscomb, Port Bickerton & Goshen, all areas will be walking at the same time. Flashlights and reflective vests will be available. Pre-registration is required. Nova Scotia's Provincial Covid-19 guidelines will be followed.

Art Night

On Tuesday, January 19th we will be hosting an art night for all ages at the Temperance Hall in Sherbrooke Village from 6:30 – 8 pm. This event is open to individuals of all abilities in the community. Pre-registration for this event is required. Nova Scotia's Provincial Covid-19 Guidelines.

Recreation Hockey

Recreation Hockey begin again on January 6th. Wednesdays from 3-4pm at the St. Mary's Recplex for school aged children. This is an opportunity for kids to enjoy the sport of hockey no matter what their skill level is. Participants will take part in basic shooting, passing and skating drills along with unstructured play. Recreation Staff will walk registered participants in this program from school to the Recplex leaving the school at 2:30 pm. Note: Children must wear full hockey gear to participate. Pre-registration is required. No spectators are permitted. Nova Scotia's Provincial Covid-19 guidelines will be followed.

Learn to Skate

Learn to skate will take place on Friday's from 6-7 pm. Learn to Skate is for youth who are in the early stages of learning to skate. Children only require skates and a hockey helmet. Pre-registration is required. No spectators are permitted. Nova Scotia's Provincial Covid-19 guidelines will be followed.

Thank you

This year we were able to collect approximately 350 pounds of food to donate to the St. Mary's District Food Bank for individuals and families in need. Thank you to all that donated, we would not have been able to do so without the support of our Municipality.

Thanks and Best Wishes

The Recreation Staff of the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's would like to wish all of our residents a very Happy Holidays. We would like to extend our sincere thanks for your participation in our programs and special events.

We are looking forward to creating new ideas and programming to serve you in 2021.

Happy New Year!

Mallory Fraser and Maggie MacLellan

Congregational News

The United Church of Canada

Sundays in January

9:30am St. John's, Sherbrooke

11:00am Kirk, Glenelg

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

As part of our COVID-19 Re Entry Plan...hand sanitizer is available, by provincial order the wearing of masks is mandatory (excluding the worship leader), and no congregational singing, passing of the collection plate (plate will be available at the back), or shaking hands will take place. People are reminded to have increased hygiene, and if sick, to stay home. Thank you for your co-operation. Online worship resources continue to be offered.

Bethel Community Church

1369 Highway 7, Lochiel Lake

Sunday Worship services: 11:00

Social distancing guidelines will be followed.

Contact Pastor Freda Steeves

www.bethelcommunitychurch.ca

Baptist Church- Port Bickerton, Port Hilford & Sonora

January 3rd, Port Hillford 11:00 am

January 10th, Port Hilford 11:00 am

January 17th, Port Bickerton 11:00 am

January 24th, Port Hilford 11:00 am

January 31st, Port Hilford 11:00 am

For the winter months services will not held at the Sonora Baptist Church.

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

Indian Harbour Lake Pentecostal Church

We are having weekly services using Zoom. Check out our Facebook page for service times. 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](tel:902-318-0066) ask for Sean Ashe.

Goshen Gospel Church

20672 Highway 316, Goshen

902-783-2972

Email address: johnluten3@gmail.com

Services:

Wednesday to Saturday: Bible Study devotional (If you would like to receive these, please, send me a request.)

Wednesday: 1pm - Midweek Bible Study and Prayer

Sunday: 9:15am - Worship Service (via Zoom) Please, contact me for an invitation.

Sunday: 11:00am - Worship Service (at the building).

Anglican Parish of Liscomb/Port Bickerton

Rev. Kristin MacKenzie 902-522-2510

Follow us on Facebook for online worship videos and prayers!

Catholic Church- Sherbrooke

All Covid-19 Protocols are being observed & Masks must be worn.

Sunday at St.Paul's in Sherbrooke: 12:30pm

Parish Priest- Fr.Lazarus Guria 902-776-0228.

Community Services

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.

GALA (Guysborough County Adult Learning Association)

Have you been thinking about upgrading your skills? Registration for GALA in-house and online learning will be starting soon. Please call for details. 902-533-4252 (GALA office) or 902-783-2360 (Louise – District St. Mary's Instructor)

MacMillan's Depot Recyclables Pick Up

MacMillan's Depot will be doing a recyclable collection on Saturday the 9th and 23rd of January. Collection will take place starting at 10am at the St. Mary's Recplex parking lot.

Kids First in the St. Mary's Area

Starting the week of January 11, 2021

Tuesdays – The 3+ program runs Tuesday mornings from 9:30-11am. Children must be turning three by December 31, 2020. To register please call/text 902-870-7437 or inbox St. Mary's Kids First page. Please use the Memorial Place entrance. Funding available for travel if requested.

Wednesdays – The parent/tot Drop-in will be taking place on Wednesday afternoons from 12:45-2:15pm. All parent/caregivers and children age birth to six years are welcome! If there is interest in the new year, it will be re-evaluated. Call or text 902-870-7437 if any questions.

The Guysborough County Prenatal Program

Is open to all women expecting a baby who live in Guysborough County. Self-referrals are welcome! Call Emilie at 902-533-3881 or toll free at 1-888-533-3881 for more information.

The Guysborough County Community Health Board

We are looking for new recruits to join our volunteer team. If interested please check the Community Health Board online or call Dorothy Bennett at 902-867-4500 ext 4272.

Eastern Counties Regional Library

New to You Library Collections!

Community members asked and ECRL staff did their best to make it happen. The entire Sherbrooke Library has been restocked with new and new-to-Sherbrooke books and other library materials. Over 3000 items were exchanged and refreshed to bring you a better browsing experience. Book your library appointment to discover what's on the shelves.

The Sherbrooke Library is offering appointments to Library members who wish to visit the library. Borrow by Mail and Curbside Pickup services are also available to those who wish to use them. Staff will be happy to offer assistance over the phone. Please note the library hours have been adjusted in response to public demand: Wednesday-Saturday: 9:15am-1:00pm; 1:30pm-4:00pm To learn more about Library by Appointment and other library services, call the library at 902-522-2180, email sherbrooke@ecrl.ca or visit ecrl.library.ns.ca/sherbrooke. Please see page 6 for more information on the Eastern Counties Regional Library and how they can help.

The Parenting Journey Program is a support for parents with children up to 16 years. Self-referrals are welcome. For more information call Paula at 902-870-7437 or email parentingjourney@kids1st.ca

All participants of Kids First programs must follow Covid 19 guidelines to attend programs.

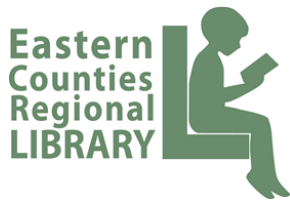


Are you interested in starting your own business?

Need business financing?

THE CBDC Guysborough County can help...

- o Loans available to sectors including; fishing, trucking, retail, manufacturing, service, accommodations, food service, etc.
 - o **Maximum \$450,000 business loan**, interest rates starting at prime plus 2% with flexible re-payment schedules.
 - o Quick approval **Micro Loans up to \$10,000**.
 - o Interest rates starting at prime plus 2%
 - o For a limited time, businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic can apply for **loans up to \$40,000** through the **Regional Relief and Recovery Fund (RRRF)**
 - o No interest, no payments and 25% loan forgiveness if re-paid by December 31st, 2022
- To apply visit www.cbdc.ca or for more information call 902-533-2770



How The Library Can Help

This holiday season a library card can help save you money. A brand new adult fiction book typically costs \$35, and if you need large print type then make that \$40. If you like to watch DVDs, they average about \$21 each. If you want to read two new books and watch a couple of films during your vacation that would cost you \$112. If you used your library card to read just one book per month and watch just one movie per month, you would save \$672 dollars in a year. Using your library card is easy and it doesn't cost you anything.

With all the uncertainty in the world right now, why spend money when you don't have to? A library card can help you navigate some of this insecurity by providing access to relevant online courses through Lynda/LinkedIn Learning. If you need to learn Zoom to connect with family and friends during the holidays, Lynda can help you do that. Or if you've been thinking about starting a business you can easily learn about marketing and promoting it on Facebook. For those who really need to get inspired and restored there's even Arianna Huffington's six-part Thrive course. There are so many ways Lynda/LinkedIn Learning can help you develop skills for life and work that you won't believe they're free all with library membership.

What you can learn with a library card may surprise you. Rocket Languages offers interactive online language learning courses in over 12 languages, including sign language. Or you can learn how to fix a car. ECRL's ChiltonLibrary subscription has step-by-step service and repair procedures, wiring diagrams, maintenance and specification tables, troubleshooting guides and diagnostic trouble codes. There are photos, illustrations, diagrams and videos and animations. All of these are available with an internet connection 24/7.

If you're tempted by after Christmas sales, make sure to have your library card handy. You can log into the Consumer Reports database using your library card number and PIN to find ratings, reviews, recommendations and buying advice for thousands of products and services. If you're at a store or mall you can even access it using a phone or other mobile device. Make your resolution to be an informed shopper in 2021.

And speaking of staying informed, you need to know that you can read newspapers including the Chronicle Herald for free using PressReader. It offers newspapers and magazines from over 100 countries in 60+ languages. Keep up-to-date on world events by logging in with your library card number and PIN. There's even a PressReader app for your phone or tablet.

We haven't even talked about the downloadable movies, television, music, ebooks and audiobooks available from hoopla. There are so many more ways a library card can help you economize while at the same time engaging your mind, it's impossible to cover them all. A library card can support your well being during the holiday season and all year long. Stay up to date on services offered at ECRL by visiting ecrl.ca often, or by following ECRL on social media: facebook.com/ECRLibrary | twitter.com/ecrlibrary.

For more information contact:

Laura Emery, CEO

lemery@ecrl.ca

902-631-4403

Community News & Events

St. Mary's ATV Club

The Annual General Meeting of the St. Mary's ATV Club will be held on Thursday, January 14th, 2021. Location and time will be announced in accordance to the Nova Scotia Health Guidelines at the time. Members and ATV enthusiasts are encouraged to attend this meeting as a new executive will be elected at this time.
Jim Kirk

Liscomb *TOPS*

Meetings will resume on January 5, 2021 at the Bayview Baptist Church.
Tuesday's with Weigh-In at 5:30 to 6; Meeting, 6 to 6:30. Masks must be worn & Covid-19 protocols are observed. For more info call: 902-779-2677; 902-779-2148 or 902-364-2015

Ecum Secum Fire Hall

Chase the ace Monday's at 7pm in the firehall.

St. Mary's District Lions

The St. Mary's District Lions Club would like the public to know that the Lion's hall is available for rent. If you are interested in renting the hall please call Donnie Fraser or David Smith for further details. Covid-19 guidelines for hall rental must be followed. Please contact Donnie Fraser at 902-522-2881.

Goshen Community and Recreation Centre

Please wear a mask when entering the hall. Masks will not be provided.
Bargain Shop Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 1-3. Bargain Shop will be closed for Holidays until Jan 19, 2021.
Recyclable bottles are still welcome.

R.C. L Branch #86 LISCOMB

Our next general meeting will be January 5th at 7 pm. Due to COVID-19 – Branch 86 is open on a restricted schedule and is following the guidelines for personal safety. Masks are required at all times in the hall and social distancing rules apply.
Cards- Auction 45 – Thursdays at 8pm and Cribbage on Saturdays at 8pm. These activities will continue as long as there are no safety concerns.

High School Yearbook Collection

The St. Mary's Genealogy Research Centre at Sherbrooke Village would like to thank Paula Faulkner, Eastern Counties Regional Library, and St. Mary's Education Centre / Academy for donating copies of St. Mary's Rural High - St. Mary's Academy - St. Mary's Education Ctr / Academy yearbooks to our collection. The collection was begun years ago and now is complete from the opening of the High School in 1953 up to the graduating class of 1999. We also have some issues between 2000 and the present but are missing the following graduating years: 2000, 2004, 2005, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2019. If anyone has any of these issues that they would like to donate to our collection OR if anyone would like to see any of the issues we have, please contact Ruth Legge (902-779-2931) or Keith Gallant (902-328-4516). The Research Centre is located upstairs in the Village Treasures Gift Shop in Historic Sherbrooke Village and is open by appointment.

Stillwater Community Centre

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

Thank you

The family of the late Kenneth Mills would like to express our most heartfelt thanks to all our friends and family who have sent condolences, cards, phone calls, food, text messages through this difficult time. We want to thank St. Mary's Memorial Hospital for the excellent care provided by Dr. Ackermann and staff. We would like to say a special thank you to the Palliative Care team and Dr. Chi that was involved in his care. Also, the Home Care workers who went above and beyond in providing Ken/dad with such special care to keep him comfortable and able to stay at home. Thank you to Giffins Funeral home for their most compassionate care.
Thank you & God Bless you all!

Ecum Secum Sunshine Club

The Ecum Secum Sunshine Club sold tickets on a homemade quilt, the draw took place on December 11, 2020 and the winner was Janet Rudolph from Ecum Secum. We would like to thank all who supported our Club. Thanks from the Sunshine Club Members.



1st St. Mary's Beavers, Cubs and Scouts

Happy New Year, St. Mary's. This is our continuing newsletter to let our community know what is happening with our Colony, Pack and Troop. We started the Scouting year in September 2020 and for the first few months met outside due to the covid-19 pandemic. In November we were allowed to meet in the school with certain conditions to ensure the safety of our youth. Through these months we have carried out our program as best we can utilizing the outdoors, doing hikes and learning how to dress properly for the weather and what to do if lost in the outdoors. We have also learned how to build a fire and what to pack for a day or overnight hike. So you can see that we have been extremely busy for the past couple of months.

We completed our last meeting for the year on December 15, and looking to continue the program in the new year on January 12, 2021. All of us leaders would like to thank the St. Mary's District community at large for the excellent support we have received this past year. Without your support we would not be able to continue the Scouting Program in this area.

With that in mind we are asking for the community's help again in the way of looking for volunteers to help in being leaders. We have been able to start our Scouting Group (age 11-14) this year but are having to share our cub leaders with the scout program to ensure we have the proper ratio of youth to leaders. So, if you love the outdoors and working to develop outdoor skills in boys and girls age 11-14 please give us a call. There is also a need for leaders in Beavers (5-7) and Cubs (8-10). There is lots of information on the Scouts Website at Scouts.ca

We are working very hard to try and continue the Scouting program in St. Mary's District after 30 years of inactivity and would welcome any volunteers.

Come along and join the Adventure in the new year. We would love to have you on board. If you are interested please call one of the numbers below:

Sean Ashe 902-318-0016

Dave Smith 902-779-2149

St. Mary's River Association 2021

Happy New Year folks! We have many projects in the books for 2021. Of course, SMRA will continue our efforts with our NOPE campaign in 2021. Aside from the NOPE campaign 2021 many other projects are ahead of us.

This is the final year for our three-year project funded by the Federal Coastal Restoration Fund. We continued with the habitat restoration work and since 2014 have restored more than 600,000 km² of habitat. In addition to this, we began the liming portion of the project and 200 acres of the watershed was limed by helicopter with approximately 850 tonnes of lime. This summer we will continue working on habitat restoration but will start restoration planning and in stream work for the first time on the East and Main branches of the river. We are also included in Nova Scotia Salmon Association's \$3.8 million project funded by the Canadian Nature Fund. The St. Mary's River is one of eight priority rivers involved in this Aquatic Species at Risk project which includes Atlantic salmon, American eel, and the Brook floater in our watershed. These funds are expected to bring our river habitat restoration efforts to 2023.

Here is a quick summary of a few more projects. We are currently researching a more accurate way to count Atlantic salmon within the river and will spend the year getting this right. There are no plans on purchasing equipment at this stage, but we will be investigating what is available for now. Our volunteer team is working on a three-year total revamp of our interpretive center with new displays broadening our Heritage footprint as well as capturing threats to our river valley. We intend on spearheading our own testing of the mud flats near the mouth of the river where a company wants to farm clams. With little or no consultation on the project we have concerns and will not wait. We will be starting a wood turtle monitoring program in a partnership with Nova Scotia Nature Trust all while we continue to lobby for more protected ecologically significant properties along the SMR valley. We will work with Inland Fisheries on measures to educate folks on the dangers that invasive species like freshwater Bass and Pickerel pose to a system like the St. Mary's River. We will work with Canoe and Kayak Nova Scotia on growing the recreational paddling footprint within our valley as well. As you can see our volunteer organization has our work cut out for us, but I am confident in the team we have put together to meet the challenges of the day.

Scott Beaver
President, SMRA



Municipality of the District of St. Mary's
8296 Hwy #7 Sherbrooke, NS
PROPERTY TAX SALE BY SEALED TENDER

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the Municipal Government Act, Part 6 Section 143(4), that the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's is inviting sealed tenders for the following property:

1. **AAN# 01026712, Assessed to Gerald Francis Wallace**, 2020 Residential Assessment \$76,800 & Resource Assessment \$5,500, PID #35182377, 1328 Hwy #348, Caledonia, Containing 6.4 Acres, more or less, land & dwelling
Minimum Bid: \$5,000, Non-Redeemable

For a more detailed description of the property, please contact the Municipality of St. Mary's at 8296 Hwy #7, Sherbrooke, NS, 902-522-2049.

Tenders shall be submitted in a sealed envelope, addressed to the undersigned and shall be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope **"PROPERTY TAX SALE BY TENDER"**. Bidders shall complete the "Tender Form" for the property. The Tender form is available from the Municipality of St. Mary's by telephone 902-522-2049 or by email marian.fraser@saint-marys.ca.

Tenders will be accepted until 9:00 am on Wednesday, February 3rd, 2021.

Terms: Bidder must meet the minimum bid set per property; bid price includes HST (if applicable) and Certificate of Sale. It is the bidder's responsibility to cover the preparation and costs associated with the Tax Deed. The accepted tender price must be paid within three full business days after being notified of acceptance. Failure to pay the accepted tender price within three full business days will result in the tender being awarded to the next highest bidder above the minimum bid. The Municipality of the District of St. Mary's will accept cash, money order, debit, certified cheque or lawyer's trust cheque.

Property will be sold "as is where is". Although the Municipality of St. Mary's has made all reasonable efforts to confirm ownership, it does not guarantee title or boundaries of the aforementioned property. Prospective purchasers are responsible to conduct their own searches and surveys or other investigations.

The Municipality reserves the right to reject any or all tenders, not necessarily accept the highest tender, or to accept any tender which it may consider to be in its best interest. The Municipality also reserves the right to waive formality, informality or technicality in any tender. Tenders must be received by a qualified bidder. Immediate family or business affiliates of the property owner are not considered a qualified bidder.

Tender Opening: Tenders will be opened Wednesday, February 3rd, at 9:00am in the Council Chambers at 8296 Hwy 7 Sherbrooke, NS, if you wish to view the opening attendees must register due to COVID19 restrictions. Once opened, tenders will be deferred to the COTW for a formal decision and awarding. Formal notice will be given the following business day and the successful bidder will have three full business days after notice to pay in full.

Marian Fraser
Director of Finance/Treasurer
Dated: December 15, 2020



TENDER FORM
Property Tax Sale by Sealed Tender

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE#: _____ FAX #: _____

E-MAIL: _____

ASSESSMENT # 01026712 BID AMOUNT _____ (INCLUDES HST)

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____

Summary Instructions for Sealed Tenders

1. One tender form per assessment number must be submitted
2. The Municipality of the District of St. Mary's makes no representations or warranties to any purchaser regarding the fitness, geophysical or environmental suitability of the land(s) offered for sale for any particular use are being sold on an "as is" basis land.
3. Tax Sales do not always clear up defects in title, the tax deed only conveys the interest of those assessed.
4. Section 144(2) of the NS MGA Purchase of Tax Sale Property by Municipal Employees or the Spouses is not permitted.
5. The successful bidder will be given three full business days after the awarding of the tender to pay amount in full.
6. Faxed/electronic tenders will not be considered.
7. The Municipality reserves the right to reject any or all tenders, not necessarily accept the highest tender, or to accept any tender which it may consider to be in its best interest.



Municipality of the District of St. Mary's - 11 Year Operating Financial Review

	2009-10	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Total Operating Revenue	2,771,679	2,702,506	2,960,395	2,800,237	2,914,642	3,084,600	3,164,801	3,406,184	3,204,355	3,139,071	3,455,095
Total Operating Expenditures	2,735,559	2,549,381	3,006,077	2,902,821	2,995,397	3,187,705	3,237,500	3,301,859	3,196,115	3,100,019	3,363,913
Surplus/(Deficit)	36,120	153,125	(45,682)	(102,584)	(80,755)	(103,105)	(72,699)	104,325	8,240	39,052	91,182
Transfer to Capital Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34,052	86,182
Year Ending Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	36,120	153,125	(45,682)	(102,584)	(80,755)	(103,105)	(72,699)	104,325	8,240	5,000	5,000
Accumulated Operating Surplus	\$ 1,860,327	\$ 2,013,452	\$ 1,967,770	\$ 1,865,186	\$ 1,784,431	\$ 1,681,326	\$ 1,608,627	\$ 1,712,952	\$ 1,721,191	\$ 1,726,191	\$ 1,731,191

Rates

Commercial Tax Rate	2.12	2.15	2.13	2.13	2.13	2.15	2.18	2.20	2.23	2.25	2.26
Residential & Resource Tax Rate	0.81	0.84	0.82	0.82	0.82	0.84	0.87	0.89	0.92	0.94	0.95
Street Light Rate	88.00	94.00	97.00	104.00	104.00	104.00	104.00	70.57	70.57	70.17	70.17
Solid Waste Charge	-	-	61.58	84.57	86.94	89.35	91.82	91.82	96.82	96.82	96.82

Major Expenditures

General Government Services	789,030	696,059	821,625	773,629	787,503	811,187	839,581	803,041	724,107	767,649	730,229
Policing/Corrections	425,899	415,974	421,094	452,004	458,790	469,551	477,530	493,729	510,485	515,336	519,736
Roads/Street Lighting	112,826	114,622	119,312	116,938	123,535	131,724	123,717	90,026	94,241	93,781	93,982
Sewer/Solid Waste	363,266	300,520	510,632	506,445	546,566	544,041	538,615	552,255	575,118	560,316	618,549
Planning/Subdivision/Development	78,468	83,222	65,290	67,129	57,553	70,558	25,786	106,572	156,886	150,451	74,397
Recreation/Library Services	142,035	148,332	231,141	242,058	242,446	240,142	237,227	265,465	211,878	242,778	380,742
Education	522,545	497,182	489,755	505,219	523,765	528,627	526,692	535,300	541,113	551,782	561,724



2021 Solid Waste Winter Collection Schedule

QUESTIONS? Call Eastern Shore Cartage 1-800-261-0372



Tuesday ZONE 1	Wednesday ZONE 2	Thursday ZONE 3
January 5 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item	January 6 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item	January 7 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item
January 12 Recyclables	January 13 Recyclables	January 14 Recyclables
January 19 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item	January 20 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item	January 21 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item
January 26 Recyclables	January 27 Recyclables	January 28 Recyclables
February 2 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item	February 3 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item	February 4 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item
February 9 Recyclables	February 10 Recyclables	February 11 Recyclables
February 16 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item	February 17 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item	February 18 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item
February 23 Recyclables	February 24 Recyclables	February 25 Recyclables
March 2 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item	March 3 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item	March 4 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item
March 9 Recyclables	March 10 Recyclables	March 11 Recyclables
March 16 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item	March 17 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item	March 18 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item
March 23 Recyclables	March 24 Recyclables	March 25 Recyclables
March 30 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item	March 31 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item	April 1 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item
April 6 Recyclables	April 7 Recyclables	April 8 Recyclables
April 13 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item	April 14 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item	April 15 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item
April 20 Recyclables	April 21 Recyclables	April 22 Recyclables
April 27 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item	April 28 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item	April 29 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item

Please note there is a limit of 8 bags of garbage per week

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.

<p>Garbage (Clear Bag)</p> <p>Collected every other week from September to June. Collected weekly from June to September. Maximum of 8 bags every 2 weeks.</p>	<p>Recyclables (Blue Bag #1)</p> <p>Unlimited quantities collected every other week, alternates with garbage from September to June.</p>	<p>Paper (Blue Bag #2)</p> <p>Unlimited quantities collected every other week, alternates with garbage from mid-September to mid-June</p>	<p>Backyard Composting</p> <p>For more information on backyard composting, visit putwasteinitsplace.ca to download the Backyard Composting Booklet RRFB Nova Scotia's Help Line 1-877-313-RRFB (7732)</p>
<p>Place these items in a clear garbage bag:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aluminum foil, soiled Ashes (cold) Broken glass (wrapped) Ceramics & Dishes Cloth items Coffee cups, disposable Diapers, disposable Floor sweepings Frozen juice cans Latex gloves Light bulbs Packaging, non-recyclable Pet/animal waste Plastic wrap, soiled Plastics, non-recyclable Potato chip bags Styrofoam Toothpaste tubes Toys, broken Motor oil containers Paint Cans, empty & dry, lids removed Meat, Fish, Bones 	<p>Blue Bag Recyclables:</p> <p>Place these items in a see-through blue bag:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Deposit Bearing Containers* Glass Bottles and Jars Steel & Aluminum Cans Clean Aluminum Foil & Plates Milk Containers Mini Sips Juice Packs* Grocery Bags, Retail Bags Bread Bags Dry Cleaning Bags Frozen Food Bags Bubble Wrap All Plastics Clean and Dry Shampoo Bottles, empty Bleach Containers, Empty <p>No needles, Styrofoam or caps</p>	<p>Paper and Corrugated Cardboard:</p> <p>Place paper products in a transparent blue bag. Cardboard should be flattened and bundled and placed with recycling bags for collection.</p> <p>Paper Recyclables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dry & Clean Paper Newspapers, Flyers Glossy Magazines, Catalogues Envelopes Paper egg cartons Paperbacks Phonebooks Shredded Paper Shoe Boxes Boxboard (cereal box) Coffee Trays - Take out Office Paper Paper Towel Cores, Toilet Paper Cores File Folders <p>Corrugated Cardboard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appliance Boxes <p>All Clean Cardboard</p>	<p>What's In: From the House/Yard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baked goods, including bread Rice and other grains, Pasta Paper towels/serviettes Tea leaves/bags Fruit and vegetable scraps Coffee grounds and filters Egg shells Shredded paper Leaves, Grass, Weeds Brush (break into smaller pieces) Plants, plant trimmings <p>What's Out: From the House/Yard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All meat, including chicken Fish and shellfish Bones Fat, grease, oils All dairy products Weeds that have gone to seed Diseased plants Large branches, roots, etc. Dog and cat waste



Permanent Drop-Off Location for St Mary's Residents

Where: St Mary's Municipal Transfer Station - 150 Cape Geoggan Rd, Goldenville

When: Monday, Tuesday, Friday, Saturday—9:00am to 4:30pm **CLOSED ALL HOLIDAYS**

What is Household Hazardous Waste? Household hazardous waste is leftover or unwanted household products that contain corrosive, toxic, ignitable or reactive ingredients. Proper disposal protects both us and the environment. Please bring in the original container or label and packed in an upright position. Some **examples** include:

<p>Acids:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Battery Acid Boric Acid Hydrochloric Acid Muriatic Acid Phosphoric Acid <p>Aerosols (all)</p> <p>Automotive Fluids:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brake Fluid Diesel Fuel Gasoline Glycol (Antifreeze) Motor Oil <p>Batteries</p> <p>Deodorizers</p> <p>Fire Extinguishers</p> <p>Fertilizer</p> <p>Fuels (other):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Camp Fuel/Igniters Kerosene Lighter Fluid 	<p>Glues & Adhesives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asphalt Sealer Caulking Compound Contact Cement Fibreglass Epoxy Roofing Tar <p>Mercury Containing Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CFLs (curly bulbs) Fluorescent Bulbs/Lamps/Tubes <p>Paint Products:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acetone (nail polish remover) Artist Paints & Mediums Chemical Paint Strippers Nail Polish Paint & Stains Paint Thinner Paint Brush Cleaner Shellac & Enamels Turpentine Paint Solvents & Strippers Varnish 	<p>Polish, Waxes & Cleaners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aluminum Cleaners Ammonia Based Cleaners Car Wax & Solvent Chlorine Bleach Degreasers Drain Cleaners Floor Care Products Furniture Polish Gun Cleaner with Solvent Lye Metal Polish with Solvent Spot Remover Toilet Cleaner <p>Propane Tanks & Cylinders</p> <p>Swimming Pool Chemicals</p> <p>Chemicals Designed to Kill or Deter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fungus Insects Rodents Weeds
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Questions??

St Mary's Municipal Transfer Station (902)- 522-2659



Municipal Calendar - January 2021

Please note all events are subject to change based on the COVID-19 Restrictions at the time

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Municipal Office Closed Transfer Station Closed	2 Free Skate 1-2pm
3 St. Mary's Walking Club 4-5pm	4 Virtual Book Club 8-9pm Liscomb Legion Meeting-7pm	5 Kids Rec Hockey 3-4pm COTW- 7pm Adult Hockey- 7	6 Free Skate 3-4pm House League Hockey- 6-8pm	7 Learn to Skate 6-7pm Adult Hockey- 7	8 Mobile Bottle Depot- noon House League Hockey- 9- noon Free Skate 1-2pm Liscomb Cribbage- 8pm	9 *Voting period begins at noon for Special Election- District 8 (24 hour Telephone or Internet voting)
10 St. Mary's Walking Club 4-5pm Council Meeting- 7pm Ecum Secum Chase the Ace- 7pm	11 Girls Group 2:30-4pm Virtual Book Club 8-9pm 3+ Program- 9:30-11am	12 Parent & Tot Drop-in- 12:45- 2:15 Kids Rec Hockey 3-4pm Rec Kids Drop In 6:30-8pm Fit4Women 6:30-8pm Adult Hockey- 7	13 Free Skate 3-4pm House League Hockey- 6-8pm Liscomb Action 45's- 8pm ATV Club AGM	14 Learn to Skate 6-7pm Adult Hockey- 7	15 House League Hockey- 9- noon Free Skate 1-2pm Liscomb Cribbage- 8pm	16 *Voting period ends at 7pm for Special Election- District 8 (24hour Telephone or Internet voting)
17 St. Mary's Walking Club 4-5pm Ecum Secum Chase the Ace- 7pm	18 Girls Group 2:30-4pm Virtual Book Club 8-9pm Art Night 6:45 - 8:15pm 3+ Program- 9:30-11am	19 Parent & Tot Drop-in- 12:45- 2:15 Kids Rec Hockey 3-4pm COTW- 7pm Rec Kids Drop In 6:30-8pm Fit4Women 6:30-8 pm Adult Hockey- 7	20 Free Skate 3-4pm House League Hockey- 6-8pm Liscomb Action 45's- 8pm	21 Learn to Skate 6-7pm Adult Hockey- 7	22 House League Hockey- 9- noon Mobile Bottle Depot- noon Free Skate 1-2pm Liscomb Cribbage- 8pm	23 House League Hockey- 9- noon Free Skate 1-2pm Liscomb Cribbage- 8pm
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