

Municipality of the District of St. Mary's

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Meetings of Council

The next regular meeting of Council is Monday, March 8th, 2021 at 7:00pm. The Committee of the Whole meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, March 3rd, 2021 at 7:00pm and Wednesday, March 17th, 2021 at 7:00pm. The Annual General Meeting of Council will be March 31st, 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, audio recordings, and minutes are available at www.saint-marys.ca.

Roadside Brush Clearing Request for Quotes (RFQ)

The Municipality of the District of St. Mary's is requesting a Lump Sum price for clearing brush from both sides of the Gegogan Road from trunk 7 to the entrance gate at the Transfer Station. Quotes will be received up to 2:00 PM on Friday, February 26, 2021 and should be sent by email to: Marvin MacDonald, CAO, Municipality of the District of St. Mary's, at marvin.macdonald@saint-marys.ca or dropped off at the Municipal Office at 8296 Highway #7, Sherbrooke, NS, in an envelope marked "RESPONSE to RFQ -Gegogan Road Brush Clearing". For the full RFQ, please visit the Municipal Website at www.saint-marys.ca/business/tenders/ or you can pick up a paper copy at the Municipal Office.

Heritage Property By-Law

The Municipality of the District of St. Mary's recently updated the previous Heritage Property By-Law and has formally adopted the new version of the Heritage Property By-Law. The first reading of the By-Law occurred at the January 11th, 2021 Regular Council meeting and the second reading and motion to approve the By-Law occurred at the Regular Council meeting on February 10th, 2021 at 7:00pm in the council chambers at the St. Mary's Municipal Office at 8296 HWY 7, Sherbrooke, NS. A digital copy of the By-Law will be made 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.

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Submission deadline for the April issue of the Newsletter is March 17th, 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 March 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	March 2 1 Bulky Item & Garbage	March 9 Recyclables	March 16 1 Bulky Item & Garbage	March 23 Recyclables	March 30 1 Bulky Item & Garbage
Wednesday	Zone 2	March 3 1 Bulky Item & Garbage	March 10 Recyclables	March 17 1 Bulky Item & Garbage	March 24 Recyclables	March 31 1 Bulky Item & Garbage
Thursday	Zone 3	March 4 1 Bulky Item & Garbage	March 11 Recyclables	March 18 1 Bulky Item & Garbage	March 25 Recyclables	April 1 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

Residential Low Income Property Tax Exemption 2021/2022

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. The total annual household income for the 2021/2022 year is \$21,500 with a provided tax exemption of \$110 for those that qualify.

To qualify you must:

- You must be a Canadian citizen and permanent resident of St. Mary's Municipality and
- Own the assessed property and occupy it as your home and
- Prior year's property taxes must be paid in full
- Annual income from all sources for the previous calendar year for yourself, spouse, and other family members that reside in the same household was equal to or less than \$21,500 (based on line 15,000 of the income tax Notice of Assessment).

To apply you must bring in your 2020 Notice of Assessment from the Canada Revenue Agency and the application form found on page 10-11 of the Newsletter to the Municipal Office. Deadline for application is December 31, 2021.

Property Assessments

On January 11, 2021 Property Valuation Services Corporation (PVSC) mailed 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. 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.

Order of NS

The Order of Nova Scotia is the highest honour that the province can bestow on an individual. It recognizes people who have made an exceptional contribution to their community and the province. Any Canadian citizen who is a present or former long-term resident of Nova Scotia is eligible for nomination to the Order. The only exceptions are public officials (such as members of the Senate, MPs, MLAs, municipal councillors, or judges), who may not be nominated while they are in office. Only individuals may be nominated, not couples, groups, or organizations. If you are interested in nominating someone please visit <http://novascotia.ca/iga/order.asp> The closing date for nominations is Friday, March 19th, 2021.

St. Mary's Recplex Covid-19 Update

Under regular circumstances the building capacity of the St. Mary's Recplex is 150 people including the ice surface and designated spectator area. Based on provincial regulations and with the Municipality being responsible for monitoring the compliance of the Covid-19 protocols, the following rules apply to the St. Mary's Recplex:

The maximum capacity of the facility is 75 individuals, the maximum capacity of the ice surface is 50 individuals, one care-giver per family is permitted for St. Mary's Coyotes House League Hockey, participants are asked to arrive right before their time on the ice and depart the facility right after, dressing rooms may be used for participants to put on skates Five children per dressing room, each may be accompanied by a caregiver, care-givers are asked to stay in the designated spectator area until your child has completed their activity, once your child is finished, you may assist them in the dressing room and depart the facility immediately following, one care-giver per family for youth 12 and under is permitted for St. Mary's Rec Programs, no spectators are permitted for St. Mary's Curling Club, no spectators are permitted for Adult Hockey League.

We ask for your patience while we attempt to keep recreational programs running and providing our residents the opportunity to be physically active during these unforeseen circumstances due to Covid-19.

Recreation News

Recplex – Return to 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.

Art Night

Tuesday, March 23rd we will be hosting an art night at Temperance Hall in Sherbrooke Village from 6:30 – 8 pm. This event is open to individuals of all ages and abilities. Pre-registration for this event is required- limited spots available. Nova Scotia's Provincial Covid-19 Guidelines will be followed.

St. Mary's Coyotes House League Hockey

House league will take place on Thursday's from 6-8 pm and Saturday's at 9-11 am. There will be no House League hockey on March 18th or 20th, with the final day being March 27th. Ages 5-12. One caregiver per family is permitted. Nova Scotia's Provincial Covid-19 guidelines will be followed.

St. Mary's Adult Hockey League

Games will take place on Wednesdays & Friday's from 7-8:30 pm. There will be no Adult Hockey on March 17th or 19th with the final games being held March 26th. No spectators are permitted. Nova Scotia's Provincial Covid-19 guidelines will be followed.

Free Skate

Join us at the Recplex for Free Skates on Thursdays, March 4, 11 & 25 from 3-4 pm (There will be no free skate March 18th due to March Break) & on Saturday's, March 6 (1-3pm), 13, & 27 from 1-2 pm! All ages are welcome. Pre-registration is required weekly by calling 522-2598 or emailing physical.activity@saint-marys.ca. One caregiver per family for youth 12 and under is permitted.

St. Mary's Walking Club

Join us on Monday's from 4-5 pm for a walk within our communities. There are four hubs for this program: Sherbrooke, Liscomb, Indian harbour Lake & Goshen. There will be no walking club March 15th due to March Break. Flashlights and reflective vests will be available. Pre-registration is required by calling 522-2598. Nova Scotia's Provincial Covid-19 guidelines will be followed.

Exploring our Trails

Sunday, March 14 & 28th join us to hike or snowshoe through our local trails. On March 14th from 1-3 pm we will be hiking / snowshoeing through Stonewall Park. On March 28th from 1-3pm we will be hiking / snowshoeing at the Liscombe Lodge Trail. Snowshoes are available for use. Pre-registration is required by calling 522-2598. 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. We will not be having learn to skate on March 19th. Last -March 26th. 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 by calling 522-2598. No spectators are permitted. Nova Scotia's Provincial Covid-19 guidelines will be followed.

3-on-3 Rec Hockey

3-on-3 Rec Hockey will take place on Wednesday's from 3-4pm at the St. Mary's Recplex. There will be no 3 on 3 March 17th due to March Break, March 24th will be the last day. This is an opportunity for all individuals ages 5 and older to enjoy the sport of hockey no matter their skill level. Recreation Staff will walk registered school-aged participants in this program from school to the Recplex leaving the school at 2:30 pm. Note: Participants must wear full hockey gear to participate. Pre-registration is required by calling 522-2598. One caregiver per family for youth 12 and under is permitted. Nova Scotia's Provincial Covid-19 guidelines will be followed.

Skate Sharpening at the Recplex

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

Happy Feet

Happy feet is a running program designed to get children moving and inspire them to be active for life. The program is for participants in grades pre-primary – three. Happy Feet will be hosted at Saint Mary's Education Centre / Academy on Tuesday's from 2:30-4 pm starting Tuesday, March 2nd. There will be no Happy feet on March 16th due to March Break. The program will be held outside when weather permits. Participants are encouraged to be prepared for indoor and outdoor conditions and to bring their own water bottle. Pre-registration for this program is required by calling 522-2598 or emailing physical.activity@saint-marys.ca. Nova Scotia's Provincial Covid-19 guidelines will be followed.

March Break Camps

March Break Camps are back! We will be spending as much time as possible outdoors if the weather permits. Camps are for children in grades pre-primary to six (Limited spots available). We ask all participants to bring indoor and outdoor clothing, as well as a nutritious lunch (no pop or products that may contain nuts). Dates, Locations, Drop off & Pick up times are as follows:

Monday, March 15th– Indian Harbour Lake / Jordanville Community Centre, Drop off is at 9 a.m. and Pick up is at 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 16th– Liscomb Legion, Drop off is at 9 a.m. and pick up is at 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 17th – The District of St. Mary's Lions Club, Drop off is at 9 a.m. and Pick up is at 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 18th– SMECA hosted in partnership with SchoolsPlus, Drop off is at 9 a.m. and Pick up is at 2:30 p.m for this day.

Friday, March 19th– Port Bickerton Community Centre, Drop off is at 9 a.m. and Pick up is at 4:30 p.m.

To pre-register please contact 522-2598 or email physical.activity@saint-marys.ca, Drop-ins will not be permitted.

St. Mary's Curling Bonspiel

The St. Mary's Curling Club will be holding a 10 team Curling Bonspiel on Friday, March 19th and Saturday March 20th for registered teams only. The curling season will end after the bonspiel is over. Registration is fully booked.

Fit4Women

Fit4Women Join us for Fit4Women weekly on Wednesday Evenings from 6:30 – 8 pm, program ending March 31st. We will meet at the Masonic Hall located in Sherbrooke Village. We will focus on different forms of physical activity! 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. To pre-register please call 522-2598. Nova Scotia's Provincial Covid-19 guidelines will be followed.

Pick Up Dodgeball

On Thursday's March 11th & 25th we will be hosting pick up dodgeball games at the SMECA gym from 6:30-7:30 pm. These games are for individuals aged 12 and older. Pre-registration for this event is required by calling 522-2598 or emailing physical.activity@saint-marys.ca. Nova Scotia's Provincial Covid-19 Guidelines will be followed.

Girls Group

The Soul Sisters group will meet at the Recplex on Tuesday's from 2:30-4pm for the month of March; with a special meeting on Monday, March 8th 2:30pm-7pm to celebrate International Women's Day. There will be no Soul Sisters meeting on March 16th due to March Break. 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. Nova Scotia's Provincial Covid-19 guidelines will be followed.

St. Mary's Recreation Leader Job Posting

We are hiring for Recreation Leaders for the remainder of the school year! Are you a reliable and dependent individual who enjoys physical activity and working in your community? Work hours are based on recreation programs throughout the school year. Working under the direction of the Community Development & Recreation Director, leaders will provide leadership at a variety of recreational programs and community events throughout the Municipality. Responsibilities and hours are dependent on Covid-19 restrictions and are subject to change accordingly. Please see full job posting at saint-marys.ca.

Winter Fun Fest

Join us for Winter Fun Fest on Saturday, March 6th and 7th from 10 am – 4 pm. Keep an eye out for our flyer on our Facebook Page, Website and local community bulletin boards. There will be events for the whole family!

Congregational News

The United Church of Canada

Sundays in March

9:30am Bethany, East River St. Mary's

11:00am St. John's, Sherbrooke

7:00pm Kirk, Glenelg

Weekly Activities

Women's Bible Study... 10am Thursdays at St. John's in Sherbrooke. Following COVID-19 guidelines.

Men's Group... 7pm Thursdays at St. John's in Sherbrooke. Following COVID-19 guidelines.

UCW... First Thursday of every month, 2pm at Claire McKeen's in Glenelg. Following COVID-19 guidelines.

Combined Junior/Senior Youth Group (our charge's program for youth, grades 6-12)... 7-9pm every second Friday at Kirk in Glenelg. Following COVID-19 guidelines.

JAM Club Jesus And Me (our charge's program for children and all ages Sunday school)... 2pm, every second Sunday at Kirk. This year's theme: "Under God's Big Top!" Following COVID-19 guidelines.

Please check your bulletin, phone the manse at 902-833-2920, visit us on Facebook or check out "News & Events" for changes, special services, and weekly programs. On-line worship services 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

March 7th Port Hilford 11:00 am

March 14th Port Hilford 11:00 am

March 21st Port Bickerton 11:00 am

March 28th Port Hilford 11:00 am

Please be aware for the winter months services will not held at the Sonora Baptist Church.

Sunday afternoons morning service can be viewed on Facebook live.

Rev. Ron Ford (h)902-522-2805 (c) 902-318-3488.

Catholic Church- Sherbrooke

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

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

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

Anglican Parish of Liscomb/Port Bickerton

Rev. Kristin MacKenzie 902-522-2510 Join us on Facebook for online worship, service schedule, bible study information, announcements, and special services.

March 7th (9:00am St. Paul's, Port Bickerton)

(11:00 am St. Thomas, Indian Harbour Lake)

(7:00 pm St. James, Sherbrooke)

March 14th (9:00 am St. Luke's, Liscomb)

11:00 am (St. James, Sherbrooke)

7:00 pm (St. Paul's, Port Bickerton)

March 21st (11:00 am St. Luke's, Liscomb)

(7:00 pm St. Thomas, Indian Harbour Lake) March 28th

(9:00 am St. Thomas, Indian Harbour Lake)

(11:00 am St. Paul's, Port Bickerton)

(7:00 pm St. Luke's, Liscomb)

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 (John Luten) for an invitation.

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

Indian Harbour Lake Pentecostal Church

We are having weekly services using Zoom. We are now doing Facebook Live during the service.

Facebook Live starts at 10:45am. Please email us for an invite link for the Zoom meeting.

Facebook:

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

Email: ihlpentecostalchurch@gmail.com

Phone at 902-318-0066 ask for Sean.

Community Services

Sherbrooke Opportunities Society (SHOPS)

SHOPS is working with the St. Mary's District Food Bank and VON Antigonish to help with food security during the pandemic. SHOPS staff and participants are assisting with the day-to-day operations of the food bank. Our hope is to permanently move the food bank location to the SHOPS site!

The VON Frozen Favorites program provides nutritious and balanced frozen meals delivered right to your door for a cost of \$5.00 per meal. VON also provides non-perishable, add-on grocery items to all Frozen Favorites orders every month free of charge. Meals are available to anyone in the community. To learn more or to order meals for you or a loved one, please call 902-863-5700. This wonderful opportunity was made possible with funding from the Government of Canada Emergency Community Support Fund through United Way Halifax.

Eastern Counties Regional Library

Access LinkedIn Learning with your library card. ECRL is happy to announce that access to Lynda.com is transitioning to LinkedIn Learning! Use your library card to access this online learning platform that helps library card holders achieve personal and professional goals through the video library of engaging, top-quality courses taught by recognized industry experts. Courses cover a variety of topics including business, design, web development and multimedia skills, and software (Microsoft Office, Adobe Creative Suite and open source applications) that can help you pursue your goals. Access 16,000 courses in 7 different languages, with new courses added each week. Visit <https://ecrl.library.ns.ca/linkedinlearning> to get started.

To learn more about LinkedIn Learning and all other library services, call the library at 902-522-2180, email sherbrooke@ecrl.ca or visit ecrl.library.ns.ca/sherbrooke.

MacMillan's Depot Recyclables Pick Up

MacMillan's Depot will be doing a recyclable collection on Saturday the 13th and 27th of March. Collection will take place starting at 10am at the St. Mary's Recplex parking lot.

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)

Kids First in the St. Mary's Area

Tuesday's – The 3+ program runs Tuesday mornings from 9:30-11am. Children must have turned three before 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.

Wednesday's – The Parent/Tot Drop-in is moving back to Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11am the first Wednesday in March! Parents/caregivers and children age birth to six years are welcome. Registration will be required due to limited space because of pandemic precautions. To register call/text 902-870-7437 or inbox/comment on St. Mary's Kids First Facebook page. 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 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.

Guysborough County Community Health Board

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

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.



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.

Community News & Events

Liscomb *TOPS*

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

St. Mary's District Lions

The St. Mary's District Lions Club would like to thank all those who had purchased the February Monthly Calendar Draw. All 400 calendars were sold. A new calendar for the month of May will be available starting in March – Mother's Day draw will be \$250. Only 400 calendars will be sold. You can purchase a calendar for \$10 from any Lions member or at the Sherbrooke Garage.

Goshen Community and Recreation Centre

The Goshen Community Centre will remain closed until further notice. No Game Day. Recyclables are still welcomed. The Bargain Shop will be closed and will be reassessed. Please check our Facebook page (Goshen Community Centre) for the opening date or any updates regarding re-opening.

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.

R.C. L Branch #86 LISCOMB

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.

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

January-February 2021

Welcome to the New Year St. Mary's. This is our continuing newsletter to let our community know what is happening with our Colony, Pack and Troop. The start of the new year for us in the Scouting Movement has been promising. Attached with this update is an article that was published in our National Scouting publication. We are very proud of our group and again we appreciate the support of the District of St. Mary's, who without, we would not have been able to maintain support for our program.

We have been extremely busy in January and February. With the milder weather the area has been experiencing, we have been able to have many of our meetings in the outdoors. Hiking, sledding, and learning about the outdoors are just a couple of the adventures we have been able to do. We also had the opportunity on Heritage Day (Feb 15) to have a tour of the Museum of Industry in New Glasgow.

We are in the midst of a fundraising campaign called Scout Seeds. This fundraiser runs until March 31, 2021.

Simply go to ScoutSeeds.ca and look at the selection of seeds that you can order for the coming spring gardening season. 40% of your purchase comes back directly to our St. Mary's group. Just remember to select 1st St. Mary's Group (NS) when you chose what section to support.

In closing we would like to welcome 3 new leaders to our group. Brian Moon and Denise Dunn from Smithfield and Vickie Bruce from Goldenville. We are still looking for leaders so if you love the outdoors and working to develop outdoor and indoor 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

Come along and join the Adventure with us. We would love to have you on board. If you are interested, please call one of the numbers below and check us out on Facebook at 1st St. Mary's Scout Group:

Sean Ashe 902-318-0016

Dave Smith 902-779-2149

**To residents of Aspen, Denver & Newtown from St. Mary's Trails Association (SMTA)
March 2021**

SMTA, a registered society, is a small group of dedicated volunteers with a vision of providing a quality trail for recreational use within the Municipality District of St. Mary's, on the Right of Way of the Guysborough Railway corridor from the Guysborough Municipal line at Cameron Lakes to Newtown (Pictou County Line), part of the Great Trail (Trans Canada Trail).

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, a call for a public meeting is not possible. The SMTA wishes to keep the community informed about plans.

SMTA has over 12 years experience in trail planning and development. Members have experience working with the Guysborough County Trail Association, completing nearly 60 kms of the Great Trail, from Guysborough to Aspen. SMTA is particularly proud of our accomplishments in building the 6.5 km section between Cameron Lakes and Aspen. We invite you to explore this picturesque section along pristine lakes, across babbling streams and through a corridor of mature trees. Three well constructed bridges provide safe, environmentally responsible crossings over beautiful brooks.

SMTA plan is to develop an approximately 3.5 m (15 foot) wide by 12 km section from Highway #7 at Aspen to Newtown, Guysborough County on the former railway corridor into a shared use trail for our community to enjoy. The plan is to develop the trail in phases. The Right of Way will first need to be cleared of brush and trees. The next phase will involve upgrading and building the base followed by building water crossings at North and East Branches of the St. Mary's River.

The most notable benefits of a maintained trail system are to promote physical activity, walking, cycling, snow shoeing, cross country skiing, horse back riding, access to lakes and rivers for kayaking and canoeing, fishing, bird watching, camping, atving & snowmobiling. There will be opportunities to promote local businesses and potential to develop accommodations, parks, highlight historical locations (Monument at Newtown) and eco tourism along the trail. The trail development fits with goals described in Municipality of District of St. Mary's strategic plan and active living strategy.

The SMTA is eager to talk to residents about their support for the trail and attempt to address any concerns residents or landowners adjacent to the Right of Way may have. We welcome new members to the association.

Please direct comments to: SMTA Mailing address: 14 Broadhorn Rd, Stormont, NS B0H1J0 Charlie Hallett, President- 902-328-2284 or Clinton Porter, Director/Volunteer 1137 Rt 347, Denver, NS B2H5C8 902-833-2270 [Email:stmarystrailassociation@gmail.com](mailto:stmarystrailassociation@gmail.com)

Facebook Page: St. Mary's Trail Association



Application for Residential Low Income Property Tax Exemption 2021/2022

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 and
- Own the assessed property and occupy it as your home and
- Prior year's property taxes must be paid in full
- Annual income from all sources for the previous calendar year for yourself, spouse, and other family members that reside in the same household was equal to or less than annual amount set (based on line 15000 of the income tax *Notice of Assessment*)

Exemption Value:

The exemptions provided will be based on the following income levels:

Total Annual Household Income	Tax Exemption
Less than or equal to \$21,500	\$110

How to Apply:

- After you have filed your personal income tax return for 2020 and received your Notice of Assessment from Canada Revenue Agency, complete the Municipal Application for Residential Low Income Property Tax Exemption form
- Attached copies of the 2020 Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) Notice of Assessment for each adult residing in the home
- Sample Notice of Assessment from Canada Revenue Agency (CRA)

Canada Revenue Agency / Agence du revenu du Canada
NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT / T451 E (08)

Date	Name	Social Insurance no.	Tax year	Tax centre
May 5, 2007	Jane Doe	123 456 789	2007	Shawinigan QC G9N 7S6

Summary 000000

Line	\$ Amount
150 Total Income.....	00,000
Deductions from total income.....	000
236 Net Income.....	00,000
260 Taxable Income.....	00,000

- If you do not have your CRA Notice of Assessment for 2020 you can call 1-800-959-8281
- Applications must be received by the Municipality no later than December 31, 2021
- Applicants must re-apply each year

March 2021 Municipal Calendar

Please note: Programs and events may change based on the Nova Scotia Covid-19 Guidelines and Restrictions.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Walking Club 4-5pm Curling 5:30pm	2 3+ Program 9:30-11am Happy Feet 2:30-4pm Girls Group 2:30-4pm	3 Parent and Tot Drop in 9:30-11am 3 on 3 Rec Hockey 3-4pm Fit4Women 6:30-8pm COTW 7pm Adult Hockey 7-8:30pm	4 Free Skate 2:30-4pm House League Hockey 6-8pm	5 Learn to Skate 6-7pm Adult Hockey 7-8:30pm	6 House League Hockey 9-11am Winter Fun Fest 10am-4pm Free Skate 1-3pm
7 Winter Fun Fest 10am-4pm	8 Girls Group 2:30-7pm Walking Club 4-5pm Curling 5:30pm Council Meeting 7pm	9 3+ Program 9:30-11am Happy Feet 2:30-4pm Girls Group 2:30-4pm	10 Parent and Tot Drop in 9:30-11am 3 on 3 Rec Hockey 3-4pm Fit4Women 6:30-8pm Adult Hockey 7-8:30pm	11 Free Skate 2:30-4pm House League Hockey 6-8pm Pick up Dodgeball 6:30-7:30pm	12 Learn to Skate 6-7pm Adult Hockey 7-8:30pm	13 Mobile Bottle Depot 10am House League Hockey 9-11am Free Skate 1-2pm
14 Explore our trails: Stonewall Park 1pm	15 March Break Camp: Indian Harbour Lake/Jordanville Community Centre 9am-4:30pm Curling 5:30pm	16 March Break Camp: Liscomb Legion 9am-4:30pm	17 March Break Camp: Sherbrooke Lions Hall 9am-4:30pm Fit4Women 6:30-8pm COTW 7pm	18 March Break Camp: SMECA 9am-2:30pm	19 March Break Camp: Port Bickerton Community Centre 9am-4:30pm Curling Bonspiel	20 Curling Bonspiel
21 Walking Club 4-5pm	22 Walking Club 4-5pm	23 3+ Program 9:30-11am Happy Feet 2:30-4pm Girls Group 2:30-4pm Art Night 6:30-8pm	24 Parent and Tot Drop in 9:30-11am 3 on 3 Rec Hockey 3-4pm Fit4Women 6:30-8pm Adult Hockey 7-8:30pm	25 Free Skate 2:30-4pm House League Hockey 6-8pm Pick up Dodgeball 6:30-7:30pm	26 Learn to Skate 6-7pm Adult Hockey 7-8:30pm	27 Mobile Bottle Depot 10am House League Hockey 9-11am Free Skate 1-2pm
28 Explore our trails: Liscomb Lodge Trail 1pm	29 Walking Club 4-5pm	30 3+ Program 9:30-11am Happy Feet 2:30-4pm Girls Group 2:30-4pm	31 Parent and Tot Drop in 9:30-11am Fit4Women 6:30-8pm Municipal AGM 7pm			