

Municipality of the District of St. Mary's

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Meetings of Council

The next regular meeting of Council is Monday, April 12th at 7:00pm. The Committee of the Whole meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, April 7th at 7:00pm and Wednesday, April 21st 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 as well as audio files are available at www.saint-marys.ca/council-agendas-and-minutes.html.

The Municipal Office and Transfer Station will be closed on April 2nd for Good Friday and April 5th for Easter Monday.

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 annual amount set (based on line 15000 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 12 of the Newsletter to the Municipal Office. Deadline for application is December 31, 2021.

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Submission deadline for the May issue of the Newsletter is April 21st, 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.

Audit Committee Call Out

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

Solid Waste April 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	April 6 Recyclables	April 13 1 Bulky Item & Garbage	April 20 Recyclables	April 27 1 Bulky Item & Garbage	May 4 Recyclables
Wednesday	Zone 2	April 7 Recyclables	April 14 1 Bulky Item & Garbage	April 21 Recyclables	April 28 1 Bulky Item & Garbage	May 5 Recyclables
Thursday	Zone 3	April 8 Recyclables	April 15 1 Bulky Item & Garbage	April 22 Recyclables	April 29 1 Bulky Item & Garbage	May 6 Recyclables

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

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

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

Municipal News

New Notification System- Coming Soon!

The Municipality will soon be launching a new notification system for residents of St. Mary's. This notification system will help to connect residents to important information relating to Council, emergency services, last minute cancellations as well as water utility maintenance/disruption notifications. The service will be provided through a program called Voyent Alert which allows for notifications to be sent to a landline, cellphone, or email. Residents will have the option to self register for this free service and choose the types of notifications they would like to receive. Please keep an eye out in the May newsletter for additional information or call 902-522-2049 for more information.



Property Tax Invoices

The 2021/2022 property tax invoices will be mailed to residents in the next coming months. If you are interested in signing up for pre-authorized automatic withdrawals, please contact the office for more information at 902-522-2049.

Tax Sale

The 2021 tax sale process has begun. The formal listing of properties will be available in the coming months. Please watch the Municipal website, Facebook and the monthly newsletter for additional information.

St. Mary's Volunteer of the Year

The Municipality of the District of St. Mary's is very excited to announce that Gabriela Schupbach is the 2021 Volunteer of the Year for the Municipality. Gabriela will be recognized at the Nova Scotia Virtual Volunteer Awards Celebration on April 22, 2021.

Gabriela puts countless hours into developing and coordinating the Sherbrooke Main St. Farmers Market. The market continues to grow each year, providing many residents and artisans the opportunity to buy and sell locally. Since 2018 Gabriella has grown The Main Street Farmers Market exponentially each year. It was her vision to see a sustainable and independent market and bring community members together to sell, buy and give away their products and talent etc. The market's season, vendors and patrons continue to grow year after year. Her efforts and volunteerism have made the market a meeting place for young and elderly to connect, buy and sell produce, handmade items and to have musicians donate their time in order to collect donations for the local food bank. Gabriela contributes the success of the Saturday Market to all those who participate including the vendors, patrons, and performers alike! Her passion and love for her community makes her an amazing contributor to life in Sherbrooke and area.

Active Living Coordinator (Maternity Leave)

Working under the direction of the Director of Community Development & Recreation, the Active Living Coordinator will implement the St. Mary's Active Living Plan in accordance with the Shared Strategy for Advancing Recreation in Nova Scotia. The Active Living Coordinator will be responsible for the organization of a wide variety of programs, activities and events in St. Mary's. Duties will vary for each program and may include, but not be limited to: delivery, coordination, assisting, evaluating, supervising, promoting, scheduling as well as creating and establishing relationships with community organizations.

EMPLOYMENT
OPPORTUNITY

Apply by resume, cover letter and references in person at the Municipal Office, by email at marian.fraser@saint-marys.ca, fax at 522-2309 or by mail to 8296 Hwy. 7, PO Box 296 Sherbrooke, NS, B0J 3C0. Deadline to apply is 4:00 p.m. Monday, May 3rd, 2021. Only applicants with scheduled interviews will be notified. This position is a Maternity Leave Position; estimated term June 7th, 2021- July 8th, 2022. For the full job description please visit our employment opportunities page at www.saint-marys.ca.

Recreation News

Girls Club

Girls club is for girls' ages 8-11 years old. Girls will be encouraged to explore their interests and hobbies with peers, participate in physical activity, and creativity. Girls Group will meet on Friday's afterschool until 4:30 pm. Rec Leaders will walk registered participants in this program from school to the Recplex leaving the school at 2:30 pm. Pre-registration for this program is required by calling 902-522-2598 or emailing physical.activity@saint-marys.ca. Nova Scotia's Provincial Covid-19 guidelines will be followed.

Soul Sisters

The Soul Sisters group will be meeting on Tuesdays for the month of April. 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 by calling 902-522-2598 or emailing physical.activity@saint-marys.ca. Nova Scotia's Provincial Covid-19 guidelines will be followed.

Exploring our Trails

Join us on Sunday, April 11th from 1-3 pm we will be hiking Little Liscomb, meeting at the Little Liscomb Wharf. On April 25th from 1-3pm we will be hiking the Goldenville area, meeting at the Goldenville Heritage Society. Pre-registration is required by contacting Maggie MacLellan at 902-522-2598 or emailing physical.activity@saint-marys.ca. Nova Scotia's Provincial Covid-19 guidelines will be followed.

St. Mary's Family Easter Egg Hunt

Join us on Saturday, April 3rd at Stonewall Park for a Family Easter Egg Hunt from 1-4 pm. Meet us at the Entrance at 8407 Hwy 7, Sherbrooke for a fun filled afternoon! Please bring your own bag or basket to gather the eggs. Pre-registration is required by calling 902-522-2598 or emailing physical.activity@saint-marys.ca. Nova Scotia's Provincial Covid-19 guidelines will be followed.



St. Mary's Recplex

The last day of the season for the Recplex was Saturday, March 27th. We closed out the season with a Family Free Skate. Thanks to everyone who participated in a program, club or event this season at the St. Mary's Recplex and followed the Recplex Covid-19 Restrictions. We look forward to seeing everyone return for another successful season next year. Please keep an eye out for programs that will take place at the Recplex over the off-season.

Intermural Sports

Intermural Sports will be held for youth ages 5-12 on Wednesdays and on Thursdays for youth 13-18 from 2:30-4:30 pm starting April 7th. Each week we will explore a new sport or form of physical activity. Activities will be held at the Recplex. Rec Leaders will walk registered participants in this program from school to the Recplex leaving the school at 2:30 pm. Pre-registration for this program is required by calling 902-522-2598 or emailing physical.activity@saint-marys.ca. Nova Scotia's Provincial Covid-19 guidelines will be followed.

St. Mary's Walking Club

Join us on Monday's from 6-7 pm for a walk within our communities. There are four hubs for this program: Sherbrooke (SMECA), Liscomb Legion, Ecum Secum Fire Hall & Goshen Community Centre. Participants will be instructed each week where the meeting location will be. Flashlights and reflective vests are available. Pre-registration is required by calling 902-522-2598 or emailing physical.activity@saint-marys.ca. There will be no walking club April 5th due to the holiday.

Earth Day Clean Up

Join us on Thursday, April 22nd for an Earth Day Clean Up, 4-7 pm and clean up our communities. There are four hubs for this event: Sherbrooke at the Municipal Office, Liscomb at the Legion, Indian Harbour Lake at the Community Centre & Goshen at the Community Centre. Reflective vests are available. Garbage bags and plastic gloves will be provided. Pre-registration is required by contacting Mallory Fraser at 522-2598 or Mallory.fraser@saint-marys.ca. Nova Scotia's Provincial Covid-19 guidelines will be followed.

Congregational News

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

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.

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.

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.

Maundy Thursday (April 1st) at 7 pm St. Paul's Port Bickerton, Holy Communion.

Good Friday (April 2nd) at 9 am St. Luke's, Liscomb. 11 am St. James, Sherbrooke. 3 pm St. Thomas, Indian Harbour Lake.

Easter Vigil (April 3rd) at 7 pm St. Luke's, Liscomb.

Easter Sunday (April 4th) at 9 am St. Paul's, Port Bickerton. 11 am at St. Thomas, IHL. 3 pm St. James, Sherbrooke, Holy Communion.

April 11th at 9 am St. Luke's, Liscomb. 11 am at St. James, Sherbrooke. 7 pm at St. Paul's, Port Bickerton.

April 18th at 9 am St. James, Sherbrooke. 11 am at St. Luke's, Liscomb. 7 pm at St. Thomas, IHL.

April 25th at 9 am St. Thomas, Indian Harbour Lake.

11:00 am at St. Paul's, Port Bickerton. 7 pm at 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).

The United Church of Canada

Sundays in April

9:30am St. John's, Sherbrooke

11:00am Kirk, Glenelg

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

Weekly Activities:

Women's Bible Study- 10am Thursday's at St. John's in Sherbrooke. Men's Group- 7pm Thursday's at St.

John's in Sherbrooke. UCW- First Thursday of every

month, 2pm at Claire McKeen's in Glenelg. Combined Junior/Senior Youth Group (our charge's program for

youth, grades 6-12) 7-9pm every second Friday at Kirk in Glenelg. 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!" 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. All events will

be following Covid-19 Guidelines. On-line worship

services continue to be offered.

Baptist Church- Port Bickerton, Port Hilford & Sonora

April 4th Port Hilford 11:00 am

April 11th Port Bickerton 11:00 am

April 18th Port Hilford 11:00 am

April 25th 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.

Community Services

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

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 the Sherbrooke Clover Farm and at the St. Mary's Memorial Hospital. Please check the "best before" date before donating. Cash donations can be sent to St. Mary's District Food Bank, P.O. Box 102, Sherbrooke, NS, B0J 3C0. All donations are appreciated.

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

Tuesdays – The 3+ program runs Tuesday mornings from 9:30-11am. Children must be three year of age. To register please call/text 902-870-7437 or email parentingjourney@kids1st.ca. Please use the Memorial Place entrance. Funding available for travel if requested. Wednesdays – The Parent/Tot Drop-in is from 9:30-11am! 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 email parentingjourney@kids1st.ca. The Parenting Journey Program is a support for parents with children up to 16 years. 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.

Guysborough County Prenatal Program

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.

MacMillan's Depot Recyclables Pick Up

MacMillan's mobile Depot will be doing a recyclable collection on Saturday the 10th and 24th of April. Collection will take place starting at 10am at the St. Mary's Recplex parking lot.



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

Thank You

To all staff of High-Crest Sherbrooke, I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for the great care, kindness, and compassion shown to Rita during her stay at High-Crest. Special thanks to Dr. Ackerman, Dr. MacLean, nurses, and caregivers for the love care and support during this difficult time of Rita's passing. Thank you all so much. ~Danny MacIntosh

The St. Mary's Shooters Association

A tentative shoot schedule and date for a spring meeting are in the plans subject to COVID restrictions. There is a lot of maintenance to be done to our range structures, paint, and stain new double doors for range building. Members who have not renewed memberships for 2021 please do ASAP especially if you have a restricted PAL. Contact me at (902) 783 2820 or Mike Ackermann at 902 522 2172. Canadian Firearms Safety Courses will soon be scheduled through Safety Services NS, check their web site. John Day.

Indian Harbour Lake- Jordanville Community Centre

The hall would like to thank everyone for supporting the community centre at the recent ATV Rally. \$1572 was raised. The hall is open for rentals and events as long as Covid-19 rules are followed.

Saint John's Liscomb Cemetery Society

The Annual General Meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 30, at the home of Judy Hartling, 5055 Highway 7, Liscomb. COVID-19 protocols will be observed, so please wear your mask and maintain physical distance. Please mark this on your calendar and plan to attend, so we can continue to arrange for the on-going care and maintenance of our community cemetery. We are always happy to welcome new members! 2021 dues of \$10 per person are now due and can be paid at that time or given / sent to Rachel Baker, Treasurer. For further information, please call Ruth Legge (779-2931) or Rachel Baker (779-2062).

R.C. L Branch #86 LISCOMB

The next general meeting will be held April 6th 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, Cribbage on Saturdays at 8pm. These activities will continue as long as there are no safety concerns.

St. Mary's Garden Club

The St. Mary's Garden Club will be having a meeting on April 13th at 6:30 in the Common Room at Maple Manor.

Earth Day 2021

Dear Residents of Port Hilford and all PH Beach Lovers, Earth Day is fast approaching again. This year it falls on Thursday, April 22, 2021. What better way to acknowledge this day than by making the Port Hilford area even more beautiful? Join us for a roadside/beach clean-up from 9:30-12:30 on the 22nd. Even if you can donate an hour, our planet will be grateful for the gift of your time and your care. You do not need to be a resident of Port Hilford to participate. If interested, join us at the Port Hilford Beach parking lot at 9:30. Please bring gloves, safety jacket and garbage bags. Deborah Banks.

National Poetry Month

April is National Poetry Month! You are invited to participate in the fourth annual Poem in Your Pocket Day on Thursday, April 29, 2021. Community members are encouraged to be ready with a poem to share as you move through your day in Sherbrooke and outlying areas. Start digging out a favourite poem you would like to share with your friends or neighbors as April unfolds. Deborah Banks.

Thank You

On behalf of the family of the late David McKeen, we would like to thank everyone for their expression of sympathy and kindness. We thank you for your support at this very difficult time during Covid. To all who sent cards, food, flowers, visits, calls and made donations to various charities it was appreciated. We are so grateful for friends and family like you who helped us through this difficult time. Joyce, Claire and family.

Maple Manor Bake Sale

There will be a bake sale every Friday in April from 11am-3pm at Maple Manor, Sherbrooke.

Indian Harbour Lake Paint Night

Mondays, April 5th and 19th starting at 7pm there will be a paint night taking place at the Indian Harbour Lake-Jordanville Community Centre. Pre-registration is required due to limited spaces available. You will need your own painting supplies along with a \$5 fee (per person) that goes directly to the Community Centre. To pre-register or for any questions please contact Wendy MacLellan at 902-338-2956. We look forward to seeing some new faces. All Covid-19 guidelines will be followed.

Earth Day Roadside Clean Up

Stillwater Family Farm- Adopt-a-Highway (trunk 7 from 9144 to 8059) Looking for volunteers. This will be an annual spring and fall event. For spring this year we will arrange around the time of Earth Day. This year, April 17th 8:30-11:30 and 1:00pm - 3:00pm. Rain date April 24th. Same times as above. Contact Tanya Massey by calling or text 902-293-7664 or emailing stillwaterfamilyfarm@gmail.com.

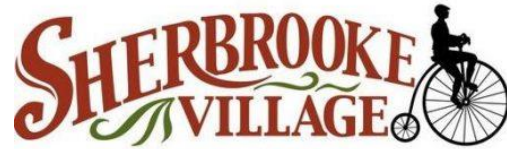
St. Mary's ATV Club

Spring is coming! We cannot wait to get back out on our beautiful trails and thought, let's all do it together! Watch for details on our Facebook page (St. Mary's ATV Club- like and follow us while you're there) for a planned Poker Rally on APRIL 10, 2021. All are welcome! Reminder that we have monthly meetings at the Indian Harbor Lake Community Centre. We would love for you to join us! Next meeting is April 8 at 6pm. Do you have your 2021 Registration complete? Thanks to Fraser Garage you can pop in and get yours today! You can also visit <http://rafflebox.ca/raffle/atvans> monthly for a chance to win a juicy 50/50 prize and help support the club!!! Be sure to select St. Mary's ATV Club when you buy your tickets. A percentage comes right back to improvements for our trails here! We appreciate all your support and enthusiasm. Don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or ideas for us to improve the great trail system we have here in St. Mary's. Sincerely, Club President- Robin Anderson. Vice President- Sam Jordan. Treasurer- Jim Kirk. Secretary- John Watson.

Port Bickerton Community Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 3rd at 10:00am we will be hosting a community Easter Egg Hunt starting at the Port Bickerton Community Centre (rain, snow or shine). Donations of eggs and pre-wrapped chocolates are appreciated, contact Kerri Penney at 902-870-9882 to arrange a drop off. Thank you to all the community members for your continued support. All Covid-19 guidelines will be followed. Happy Easter everyone.





Help us name the new Accessible Park at Sherbrooke Village

After a 3 year effort which included the development of a master plan and a number of public input and information sessions and with funding support from municipal, provincial and private donations, Sherbrooke Village Museum and the Historic Sherbrooke Village Development Society is excited that the park at Court and Second Streets is nearing completion and will be opening in the Summer of 2021. The new park will be complete with open space, reading area, accessible picnic sites trails and washrooms. It will also include colorful gardens a gazebo and public access to the Indigenous Exhibit Center. We are asking you for your input on what we should name this exciting new park. The park was part of a 50-year legacy project at Sherbrooke Village.

The entry deadline is 4:00 p.m. on April 20, 2021. Name of the park will be revealed to the public at the park on June 27, 2021 at 1:00 pm.

To participate, follow these quick, easy steps!

- View the design on Sherbrooke Village's face-book page, and get your creativity flowing.
- The Naming Committee will review the submissions and recommend the top four (4) submissions to be considered by the Executive Director of Sherbrooke Village Museum.
- Four finalists will receive \$25 gift cards to local businesses. The winner will receive a \$100 card. In the case of duplicate entries, the first entry to be received will be recognized.
- Student groups are encouraged to participate. If a group entry is chosen, the award will go to the group's affiliated school or organization.
- Participants can submit their entry with a brief explanation as to why it is the best name for this park by mail or in person to Dana O'Connell, Sherbrooke Village Museum, 42 Main St. Sherbrooke, NS B0J3C0 Or by e-mail, to: dana.oconnell@novascotia.ca
- The form is available at the Sherbrooke Village Museum office or on the web page: <https://sherbrookevillage.novascotia.ca/>

Names must have geographic, historical, cultural, Indigenous, or social significance to the park and our local community or the Province of Nova Scotia.

When considering naming the park after an individual the Museum encourages names that promote our community's cultural, ethnic, racial and gender diversity by honoring groups that have historically been underrepresented in park names such as women and Indigenous communities.

The St. Mary's River Association

I want to give you a brief summary of St. Mary's River Association Spring projects. We have an exciting and very busy season in front of us for 2021.

First, I want to let you know that we are embarking on a multiyear project in partnership with the Nova Scotia Salmon Association. As we wrap up our final year with the Federal Coastal Restoration Fund, we will roll into the Watershed Assessment Towards Ecological Recovery (W.A.T.E.R.) project. The W.A.T.E.R. project is a large-scale, four-year project funded by DFO's Canada Nature Fund. The overarching goal of the project is to implement aquatic habitat restoration across Nova Scotia, supported by both regional planning and local action. The St. Mary's River has been chosen as one of the priority rivers in the Southern Uplands Region. The program will develop regional, watershed-level plans to guide restoration efforts to help improve the quality of aquatic habitat, with a focus on three key species at risk in the St. Mary's watershed: Atlantic Salmon, American Eel, and Brook Floater Mussel. To help develop the watershed regional plan we are asking local folks to take some time and contribute by filling out a survey. The survey is detailed so set aside a bit of time. There is an 11-minute video which I would suggest you watch first. This video helps guide you through the questions and can be found with the survey here: www.nssalmon.ca/southernuplandssurvey

For our second Spring project St. Mary's Atlantic salmon have been chosen to be part of a large-scale tracking project. The goal is to track salmon further out at sea with particular emphasis on whether salmon are coming in close proximity to oil and gas exploration sites. The project is led by DFO Newfoundland and funded by the Environmental Studies Research Fund. SMRA will be angling for 25 to 30 Atlantic salmon during the month of April. You may see folks, who have a special licence, angling during this time. SMRA will capture the fish and a DFO biologist will perform surgery inserting small transmitters. Watch for our anglers — they will be wearing orange vests and will have an identifying card in their vehicle window. The results of where SMR Atlantic salmon travel will be available once the project is completed and we will certainly share this data with you.

Our third project is a pilot wood turtle monitoring and survey program. This will very much resemble the Clean Annapolis River Project's (CARP) wood turtle project which has been running for eight years. Our inaugural year will consist of two components - active, in-field surveys; and engaging the general membership and public for education and to capture observations by the larger public. Where have you seen wood turtles? This project will be developed in parallel with the Nature Trust, who will be doing something very similar this year.

President St. Mary's River Association – Scott Beaver

April 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
4 Happy Easter!	5 The Municipal Office and Transfer Station will be closed today due to Easter Monday. No Programs IHL Paint Night 7pm	6 Kids First 3+ Program 9:30-11am Soul Sisters 2:30-4pm Liscomb Legion Meeting 7pm	7 Kids First Parent/Tot Drop off program 9:30-11am Intermural Sports Ages 5-12 2:30-4:30pm COTW 7pm	8 Intermural Sports Ages 13+ 2:30-4:30pm St. Mary's ATV Club Meeting 6pm Liscomb Legion Action 45s 8pm	9 Maple Manor Bake Sale 11am-3pm Girls Club 2:30-4:30pm	10 St. Mary's ATV Poker Rally MacMillan's Bottle Depot 10am Liscomb Legion Cribbage 8pm
11 Exploring our trails: Little Liscomb 1-3pm	12 St. Mary's Walking Club 6-7pm Council Meeting 7pm	13 Kids First 3+ Program 9:30-11am Soul Sisters 2:30-4pm St. Marys Garden Club Meeting 6:30pm	14 Kids First Parent/Tot Drop off program 9:30-11am Intermural Sports Ages 5-12 2:30-4:30pm	15 Intermural Sports Ages 13+ 2:30-4:30pm Liscomb Legion Action 45s 8pm	16 Maple Manor Bake Sale 11am-3pm Girls Club 2:30-4:30pm	17 Earth Day Roadside Cleanup 8:30-11:30am & 1-3pm Liscomb Legion Cribbage 8pm
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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 (00)

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



Application for Residential Low Income Property Tax Exemption 2021/2022

Tax Account #	
Name of Property Owner(s)	
Complete Mailing Address	
Telephone #	
# of Adults (age 18 or over) residing in home	

(a) Applicant total income (line 150) \$ _____

(b) Spouse/Common-Law Partner (line 150) \$ _____

(c) Other individuals in same household (line 150) \$ _____

TOTAL of all Income from above \$ _____

***Proof of income must be provided (Copy of 2020 CRA Notice of Assessment for each adult living in the home)**

I _____ of _____
 in the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's, in the County of Guysborough and Province of Nova Scotia,
 hereby apply for the **RESIDENTIAL LOW INCOME PROPERTY EXEMPTION** on taxes.
 I/we, residents of the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's, the owners and occupants of the above
 property, certify that the information on the application is true and complete, and that the household income
 from all sources during 2020 was below the limit set out in this application. I/We understand the exemption
 for **2021/2022** will be **\$110**. I/We understand that no application for an exemption will be received after
 December 31, 2021. I/We understand that no exemption will be granted to low income applicants if prior
 year's taxes remain unpaid.

Signature(s) _____ **Date:** _____

To be signed by Councillor, Clerk or Commissioner of Oaths

Sworn to in the County of Guysborough and the Province of Nova Scotia this
 ____ day of _____ 20__

Signature: _____