



Municipality of the District of St. Mary's Newsletter

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Meetings of Council

The next regular meeting of Council is Monday, March 14th, 2022 at 4:00pm. The Annual General Meeting will be held on March 31st, 2022 at 4:00pm. The Committee of the Whole meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, March 2nd and 16th at 4:00pm. Provincial Covid-19 guidelines will be followed. Agendas, minutes and audio files are available at www.saint-marys.ca. Please preregister to ensure capacity.

Residential Low Income Property Tax Exemption 2022/2023

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 \$22,600 with a provided tax exemption of \$150 for those that qualify.

To qualify you must:

- Be a Canadian citizen and permanent resident of St. Mary's Municipality
- Own the assessed property and occupy it as your home
- The prior year's property taxes must be paid in full

The annual income from all sources for the previous calendar year for the household (yourself, spouse, and other family members that reside in the same household) was equal to or less than the annual amount set (based on line 15000 of the income tax Notice of Assessment).

To apply you must bring in your 2021 Notice of Assessment from the Canada Revenue Agency and the Application Form. The deadline to submit your application is December 31, 2022.

Please see page 9 for more details and an application form.

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Municipal Newsletter is Wednesday, March 23rd.

Submissions can be faxed to 902-522-2309 or emailed to recreation@saint-marys.ca

St. Mary's Municipal Transfer Station is open Monday, Tuesday, Friday & Saturday from 9:00 am – 4:30 pm.

Eastern Shore Cartage
1-800-261-0372

March 2022 Solid Waste Collection

Tuesday (Zone 1)	March 1 1 Bulky Item & Garbage	March 8 Recycling	March 15 1 Bulky Item & Garbage	March 22 Recycling	March 29 1 Bulky Item & Garbage
Wednesday (Zone 2)	March 2 1 Bulky Item & Garbage	March 9 Recycling	March 16 1 Bulky Item & Garbage	March 23 Recycling	March 30 1 Bulky Item & Garbage
Thursday (Zone 3)	March 3 1 Bulky Item & Garbage	March 10 Recycling	March 17 1 Bulky Item & Garbage	March 24 Recycling	March 31 1 Bulky Item & Garbage

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

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

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

Municipal News

Employment Opportunity Public Works Technician

(5-6 Month Term Position)

The Municipality of the District of Saint Mary's is currently seeking applications for the position of a Public Works Technician. This is a 5–6-month term position that is in partnership with the Province of NS through their Community Works Employment Program. The position will assist the Public Works department on a variety of projects and is intended to provide a work placement for a co-op student from a university or community college. Application by resume and cover letter along with references will be accepted until 4pm on Friday, March 11th, 2022. Applications accepted by: Email: marissa.jordan@saint-marys.ca or by mail, or dropped off at the Municipal Office at 8296 HWY 7, Sherbrooke. For a full job description please visit: <https://saint-marys.ca/table/business/employment-opportunities/>

Municipal Notification System

The Municipality is pleased to announce it has implemented the Voyent Alert Notification service to keep residents informed during times of crisis and for day-to-day notices. Notifications can be sent to a landline, cellphone, or email. You can self-register at register.voyent-alert.com and choose what type of notifications you would like to receive. For more information please call the Municipal Office, 902-522-2049.

Community Transit Business Plan

The Province of Nova Scotia through the Department of Public Works is funding the development of a Business Plan for a Community Transit program in St. Mary's. Keep your eyes out for ways in which you can participate in this process through community consultations or surveys.

Accessibility Advisory Committee

Are you looking to make a difference in your community? Please consider serving as a volunteer member of the Accessibility Advisory Committee. At least one half of the members of the advisory committee must be a persons with a disability or represent an organization that represents people with disabilities. Disability includes a physical, mental, intellectual, learning, or sensory impairment - including an episodic disability that, in interaction with a barrier, hinders an individual's full and effective participation in society. Applications are available at the municipal office or by email. For more information please contact Mallory at mallory.fraser@saint-marys.ca or 902-522-2496.

Please Be Aware

If you receive a call asking for important personal information or requesting payments, it may be a scam. Scammers can make any name or number show up on your caller ID. It's called spoofing. Please call your local RCMP office to report any such instances. Sherbrooke RCMP Detachment: 902-522-2200.

Recreation Master Plan

The Municipality is excited to announce that it has hired UPLAND Planning and Design in partnership with REConsulting to develop a new 5 year Master Plan for the Recreation Department. This project will help direct recreational services in the Municipality moving forward. Please keep an eye out for ways you can contribute to this plan. If you are interested in learning more about the Master Plan, please contact Kerri at 902-522-2607.

Recreation

Seniors Activity Kits

The Municipality will be creating Activity Kits for Seniors in St. Mary's. These kits will be free of charge, delivered to seniors by volunteers and will provide a number of fun activities that can be done at home. Call 902-522-2607 to reserve your kit. Family members are also invited to reserve a kit for a loved one. If you would like more information email recreation@saint-marys.ca.

Reconnect with Winter Kits

We have received great feedback from our first Reconnect with Winter Kits that we decided to make more! These take home kits are full of fun activities and equipment to help youth reconnect with winter! Once completed, kits will be free and available for pick up at the Municipal office. Call 902-522-2049 to reserve yours today. If you received a kit already, please share photos of your family enjoying them by using the hashtag #reconnectwithwinter

Winter Fun Fest

We are hosting a Winter Fun Fest Event on March 19th, 2022. The event will feature fun, winter based activities throughout facilities in the Municipality. We are excited to be partnering with the Whale Sanctuary to host this event. Keep an eye out around the community for a detailed schedule of events.

Learn How to Figure Skate

The Community Development and Recreation Department is hosting a free Learn to Figure Skate Program on Wednesdays from 6-7pm at the Recplex continuing in March, with the last session taking place on March 16th. Call 902-522-2598 or email recreation@saint-marys.ca to learn more or to register your child. This program is open to all school aged children (P-12). This program requires proof of double vaccination for those ages 12 and up.

St. Mary's Oldsters Skate

Are you 55+? Join us at the Recplex for a free skate on Thursday mornings from 10 – 11 am. No pre-registration required. Call 902-522-2598 or email recreation@saint-marys.ca for more information. All provincial COVID19 protocols will be followed. The final skate of the season will take place on March 17th.

Snow Shoe Rentals

Did you know the municipality has snow shoes available to rent for free? There are children's and adult sizes and walking sticks. Have some fun in the snow! Call 902-522-2049 for more information and to book your pair today.

Winter Walking Challenge

Congratulations to our Winter Walking Challenge Participants who have logged over 11.5 million steps in four weeks! The challenge will come to a close in March when we make our draws for prizes. We would love to hear from all participants. Did you like the challenge and would you like to see more? What would encourage you to get out and walk? Let us know by emailing recreation@saint-marys.ca.

Winter Play Box

The Municipality is building a brand new play box that will be added into rotation and moved throughout the Municipality. Play boxes are full of recreational equipment to help community members enjoy outdoor spaces and get active. The new playbox will be located in Ecum Secum at the site of their future park! The current playbox is located in Port Bickerton. Both boxes will be filled with equipment to help you enjoy the winter weather!

St. Mary's Rainbow Club

The Municipality has received funding from the Guysborough County Community Health Board to create a Rainbow Club for 2SLGBTQIA+ youth and their allies in St. Mary's. We want to hear from you, are you a youth within this community? What type of program do you want this to be? Are you an ally, or an interested volunteer? Get in touch with Kerri to find out how you can get involved 902-522-2049.

Free Skates

Free skates will continue in the month of March. Skates will take place on Wednesday's from 2:30-4:30pm and Saturday's from 12-2 pm. Proof of Vaccination is required for participants 12 and older. Skates and helmets are free to rent. This program is made possible through funding from the Province of Nova Scotia. The final free skate will be March 19th.

Female Fun & Fitness

Female Fitness & Fun will take place each Tuesday from 6:30 – 8:30 pm for women 18+. Each week we will participate in one hour of physical activity followed by an hour of a creative activity. Participants interested in this program MUST register each week by 4:00pm on Monday. An email list will be created and program info will be sent Monday mornings. Limited spots are available. Child care for children ages 4-12 can be arranged for participants who require it, this need should be identified when registering each week. All provincial COVID19 regulations will be followed. To register call 902-522-2607 or email recreation@saint-marys.ca. This is a free program made possible through funding from the Canadian Parks and Recreation Association.

March Break Camp

The Municipality will be hosting a series of free March Break Camps throughout St. Mary's. Day camps will take place in Community Centres for students in pre-primary to grade 6. Children are required to bring clothing to play both inside and outside, snacks and a healthy lunch. A full schedule of day camps will be available on Facebook, our website and available upon request.

St. Mary's Curling Club

the Curling Club is happy to be starting curling again. And that we will have games on Monday and Tuesday evenings until the end of March. If anyone would like to be on our spare list contact Suzanne Gillis at 522-2322 or Maureen Fraser at 522-2984.

Economic Development

CBDC Guysborough County

Need financing for your business?



Loans available to any legally operated business in Guysborough County. Some sectors include, fishing, trucking, retail, manufacturing, service, accommodations, food service, etc.

- Business loans up to a maximum of \$600,000 with flexible interest rates starting at prime plus 2% with flexible re-payment schedules.

- Loans available for business start-up, expansion, renovations, line of credit, etc.

- Quick approval Micro Loans available up to \$10,000.

- Business start-up info and counseling available. Self-Employment Benefits Program -. (SEB) - Qualifying participants can receive benefits and training opportunities during business startup.

Guysborough County Community Business Development Corporation Limited. PO Box 199, 46 Main Street, Guysborough County, NS B0H 1N0. Guysborough Office: phone: (902)533-2770 fax: (902) 533-2016 Email: wanda.macdonald@cbdc.ca

COVID-19: Sector Impact Support Program

The Sector Impact Support Program provides a one-time grant of up to \$7,500 to help small business owners that have been impacted by the new province-wide public health restrictions.

Eligible businesses include:

- restaurants offering in-person dining service
- bars or licensed drinking establishments (including tasting rooms and craft taprooms)
- fitness establishments (including gyms and yoga studios) and sport and recreation facilities (excluding municipally owned or operated facilities)
- businesses and organizations offering indoor recreation and leisure activities (including climbing facilities, dance classes, escape rooms, go-carts, indoor arcades, indoor play spaces, music lessons, pottery painting, shooting ranges and holiday craft markets)
- live performing arts facilities
- boat and walking tours
- private museums

Eligible businesses receive a one-time grant based on gross payroll cost or gross revenue in November 2021. Applications for the Sector Impact Support Program are open. Before submitting your application, Review the application guide here: <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/sector-impact-support-program/>

Employment Opportunities

Sean Ashe Forestry



Seasonal Spacing Saw Operators - We are looking for experienced and inexperienced spacing saw operators who are interested in being part of our crew. People must be from Antigonish, Sherbrooke or surrounding area and must have reliable 4x4 transportation.

We have openings for two to three spacing saw operators depending on budget. The positions will start early spring and run until late November. Spacing saw operators are paid piece rate based on the number of Ha that was spaced. Rates range from \$400 per Ha to \$700 per Ha depending on treatment and densities. Experienced operators can earn between \$900 - \$1100 per week gross.

Qualifications: 1st Aid Training, Own Vehicle, Working outdoors in all weather. Repetitive tasks, Safety Equipment. Must have all Covid-19 vaccinations. Benefit package is available after three months. Contact us for more details!

How to Apply: Email resume to seanasheforestry@outlook.com. Call or Text 1(902) 318-0066. Apply on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/seanasheforestry/jobs>

COVID19 Wage/Hiring Support for Businesses

As an employer in Canada who has seen a drop in revenue during the COVID-19 pandemic, you may be eligible for a subsidy to cover part of the wages you pay employees. This subsidy will enable you to re-hire workers, help prevent further job losses, and ease your business back into normal operations. For each applicable claim period, eligible employers can claim one of the following, whichever gives the highest amount:

Tourism and Hospitality Recovery Program (THRP) – Wage Effective: October 24, 2021, to May 7, 2022

Hardest-Hit Business Recovery Program (HHBRP) – Wage Effective: October 24, 2021, to May 7, 2022

Canada Recovery Hiring Program (CRHP) Effective: June 6, 2021, to May 7, 2022

Next Period opens March 1st. Call **1-800-959-5525** for more information.

Advertise Employment Opportunities

Are you a local business looking for local qualified employees to fill positions with your company? If so, you can use this space to advertise your current employment opportunities and help to connect local workers with local employers! For more information contact Marissa Jordan, at 902-522-2049 or marissa.jordan@saint-marys.ca

EV (Electric Vehicle) Boost Program

Access to electric vehicle charging in Nova Scotia is increasing! EV Boost is helping to bring more Level-2 EV chargers to eligible organizations in the province. Through funding provided by Natural Resources Canada (NRCan)'s Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program (ZEVIP), Clean Foundation will help to support the deployment and installation of up to 250 EV chargers. Proposals are now being accepted as of February 7, 2022 and will help increase the number of zero emission vehicle charging stations in the province. For further details about this initiative, visit: <https://cleanfoundation.ca/evboost>. For general inquiries about the EV Boost program, contact evboost@cleanfoundation.ca.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Kids First at SMECA

The 3+ Program is a drop-off program for children three and over. Starting again on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 from 9:30-11am. Please use the Memorial Place entrance. Funding for travel is available upon request. Please do not attend if child is feeling unwell or exposed to Covid 19. Call/text 902-870-7437 or email parentingjourney@kids1st.ca if your child has not attended before.

Parent/Drop-In Program takes place on Wednesday's from 9:30-11am. Families with children age birth to six years are welcome. Please do not attend if feeling sick or exposed to Covid 19. Space is limited, registration required. Call/text 902-870-7437 or email parentingjourney@kids1st.ca

The Guysborough Co. Prenatal Program is open to all women expecting a baby who live in Guysborough County. Self-referrals are welcome! Call 902-533-3881 or toll free at 1-888-533-3881.

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 Co. Community Health Board

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

Eastern Counties Regional Library

Did you know? Eastern Counties Regional Library offers a great selection of library services that you can access online. Your library card gives you access to ebooks, audiobooks, movies, magazines, newspapers, music, and more. You can also learn a new skill, a new language, or get reading recommendations for your next great read. Get started today at <https://ecrl.ca/digital-library-services>.

Need a new library card? Visit <https://ecrl.ca/using-the-library/registration> to register online. Register in-person during library hours: 9:30am-12:00pm and 12:30pm-3:00pm Wednesday to Friday. To learn more about library services, visit the library, call us at 902-522-2180, email us at sherbrooke@ecrl.ca, or visit our website at ecrl.ca

MacMillan's Depot Recyclables Pick Up

MacMillan's Mobile Depot will be having a recyclable collection on March 12th and 26th starting at 10 am. It will be located at the St. Mary's Recplex.

Sherbrooke Opportunities Society (SHOPS)

We want to take a moment to thank everyone for their continued support in fundraising! We are looking forward to our spring fundraiser so keep an eye out for bat boxes, bird houses, and fire starters! Our Participants are even starting to grow fresh flowers to sell in bunches, perfect to liven up your kitchen table! We look forward to serving you soon!

St. Mary's District Food Bank

Please contact 902-338-0981 or 902-833-2920 if you know of a need in the community. Confidentiality is strictly upheld. A box to receive food donations is located at Clover Farm. Please check the "best before" date. Cash donations can be sent to St. Mary's District Food Bank, P.O. Box 102, Sherbrooke, NS, B0J 3C0. Donations are a great gift option or for a donation in memory of a loved one. A card will be sent stating that a donation has been made. Thank you for supporting your local Food Bank.

Guysborough Co. Adult Learning Association

We offer the opportunity to upgrade your skills (math, reading, writing, computer, GED prep, etc.). Online learning is available now; in-class learning will develop based on Covid-19 protocols. We strive to meet your learning needs. For more info call 902-533-4252 (GALA office) or 902-783-2360 (Louise-District of St. Mary's GALA Instructor).

CONGREGATIONAL SERVICES

St. Mary's Pastoral Charge - The United Church of Canada

Sunday's in March

9:30am St. John's, Sherbrooke

11:00am Kirk, Glenelg

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

Women's Bible Study 10am Thursdays at St. John's in Sherbrooke.

Men's Group 7pm Thursdays at St. John's in Sherbrooke.

United Church Women (UCW) First Thursday of every month, 2pm at Claire McKeen's in Glenelg.

Junior Youth Group (our charge's program for youth, grades 6-8) 7-8:30pm every second Friday at Kirk.

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: "Celebrate!"

Senior Youth Group (our charge's program for youth, grades 9-12) 7:30pm every second Friday at Kirk.

The Living Room Join us in a relaxed, living room/cafe atmosphere, for contemporary worship, prayer, praise, and time for just being together as community! Held in the lower hall of St. John's United Church, Sherbrooke.

Goshen Gospel Church

20672 Highway 316, Goshen. 902 783 2972 or 902 318 0711. Email: johnluten3@gmail.com

Our Services to our Community:

Sunday: 9:45am – Worship Service on Zoom
11:00am – Worship Service in our church building.

Wednesday to Saturday: Bible Study devotional
Wednesday: 1pm – Midweek Bible Study and Prayer at our building. If you would like to receive an invitation to our Zoom service, please, send me a request. We will be glad to include you. If we can in any way help, please, let us know.

Indian Harbour Lake Pentecostal Church

We will be resuming in person services starting on February 20th at 10:30am as per Nova Scotia Health guidelines per COVID for faith gatherings. These guidelines allow for 50% capacity. We would like to introduce our interim pastor, Terry Rideout.

Terry moved to Truro from Hay River, Northwest Territories in 2016. He attend Cornerstone Assembly in Bible Hill and has been a part of the leadership the past 4 years including the Coordinator of Community Care and Pastoral Care. Terry has been doing pulpit supply with the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada (NS) since 2018. He served on the Spiritual Care Committee at the Colchester East Hants Health Centre and before Covid I volunteered 3 times a week at the hospital in Truro. Terry moved to Hay River, NWT in 1991 from St. John's, NL as a Nurse with the Pentecostal Sub Arctic Mission. He received his credentials with the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada in 2009 and served for 7 years as Pastor of Community Outreach. 2 Corinthians 1:4. Contact Information: Pastor Terry Rideout. Cell 867-875-7956/church 902-522-2759. tarideout@yahoo.com

Anglican Parish of Liscomb/Port Bickerton

Worship Services March 2022:

Wed. March 2 - Ash Wednesday – Holy

Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes

9:00 AM St. Paul's, Port Bickerton

11:00 AM St. Luke's, Liscomb

Sun. March 6: 9:00 AM St. Paul's, Port Bickerton

11:00 AM St. Thomas, Indian Harbour Lake

Sun. March 13: 9:00 AM St. Luke's, Liscomb

7:00 PM St. Paul's, Port Bickerton

Sun. March 20: 11:00 AM St. Luke's, Liscomb

7:00 PM St. Thomas, Indian Harbour Lake

Sun. March 27: 9:00 AM St. Thomas, Indian Harbour Lake

7:00 PM St. Luke's, Liscomb

Bethel Community Church

1369 Hwy 7, Lochiel Lake. Contact Pastor Freda Steeves for an updated service schedule for this month. www.bethelcommunitychurch.ca

Catholic Church of Sherbrooke

Parish Priest— Fr. Lazarus , 902-776-0228. Please get in contact for an updated service schedule.

United Baptist Church

Rev. Scott Chandler. Service is at 3 pm.
March 6: Port Hillford
March 13: Port Bickerton
March 20: Port Hilford
March 22: Port Hilford
March 27: Port Bickerton

Community News & Events

Port Bickerton Community Play Space

We are excited to announce that we have hired Amy Simon to build our new mud kitchen for the space. We are excited to have the feature ready to install in the spring. Interested in being a part of this project? Contact Kerri at 902-870-9882 for more information.

Thank you

We the family of Shirley Kaiser extend our deepest appreciation and gratitude to the staff of St. Mary's Hospital and also St. Martha's Hospital for the wonderful compassionate care during her time of illness and passing. Also to Giffin's Funeral Home for their compassionate care. Lewis MacIntosh for the wonderful service also thanking everyone who made donations to St. Mary's District Food Bank. Those who provided food and messages of condolences. Our family sends our heartfelt thanks. Sincerely, the family of the late Shirley Kaiser.

Maple Manor Bake Sale

Visit Clara Wulf every Friday between 11 am – 3:00 pm at Maple Manor for fresh baked goods.

St. Mary's District Lion's Club

Annual Heart and Stroke Fundraiser Luncheon Friday April 1st 2022 at 11:30am—12:30pm. The cost of lunch is \$10.00 & includes Your choice of chili or corn chowder, a biscuit and dessert. Take out only. Lunches must be preordered by Tuesday March 29th 2022. To order please contact one of the following members :

Alice Mailman 902-318-1223

Heather Laybolt 902-522-2463 or hklaybolt@hotmail.com

Patty-Lou McGrath 902-870-5729

Yvonne Dunbar 902-522-2572

Nancy Chaston 902-779-2149

Thank you for your Support

St. Mary's ATV Club

2022 Registrations are in! Thanks to Fraser's Garage, you can stop in and get yours done today! Also, be sure to get your 50/50 tickets for the ATVANS monthly draw!!! Be sure to choose St. Mary's ATV Club when you buy your tickets- 40% of sales comes right back to your local club!

St. Paul's Willing Workers

The St. Paul's Willing workers hosting a senior social event on March 15th from 10am-3pm at the Port Bickerton Community Centre. This event will follow all COVID19 restrictions at the time of the event. Proof of Vaccination, masking and distancing will be required for this event.

Ecum Secum Community Park

This month we are continuing to sell tickets on a handmade crib board. Please contact a committee member for yours! Tickets are being drawn on March 17th live on the Ecum Secum Community Park Facebook page. We are hosting an online auction from March 2nd to March 7th on our Facebook page as well as a Cash Survivor starting March 21st (winner took home \$890 last time!). Thanks to all community members who submitted letters in support of the project. Congratulations to Kaylee Fleet for winning a free sweater for submitting a letter of support for the project.

Saint Mary's Shooters Association

Saint Mary's Shooters Association is accepting renewals via phone (902-782-2820). New members are welcome. The range will be open for practice and shoots in the spring. Members are asked to register with DLF (DNR) to confirm proof of vaccination. The Spring Meeting will be in May (tba) & the shooting competition schedule will be out by then also. John Day President SMSA

FEELING LUCKY?

Sherbrooke Opportunities Society Presents

TOONIE DRAW SPECIAL OFFER!!

SAVE THE HASSLE OF REMEMBERING TO PLAY YOUR TOONIE EACH WEEK & PRE-PAY!

WE WANT TO GROW OUR WINNING JACKPOT SO WE HAVE A SPECIAL OFFER FOR YOU!

There's a pot of gold at the end of our rainbow and that gold is a one-night stay at beautiful Liscombe Lodge! The more you pre-pay, the more ticket entries you get!!

Pre Pay for five weeks (\$10)- receive one ticket entry

Pre Pay for ten weeks (\$20)- receive two ticket entries

Pre Pay for 24 weeks (\$48)- receive four ticket entries

Pre Pay for one year (\$104)- receive 6 ticket entries **PLUS a gift from SHOPS!**

Offer runs Feb 22-March 15!

Draw Date March 15!!

Toonie Drop Off Boxes are located at The Clover Farm, Bud's Quick Way, Sherbrooke Garage, Sherbrooke Home Hardware, Isaacs Harbour Medical Center, Whitney's Convenience Store and Feltmate's Service Center

May the Luck of the Irish be on your side!





Application for Residential Low Income Property Tax Exemption 2022/23

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 150 of the income tax *Notice of Assessment*)

Exemption Value:

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

Annual Income	Tax Exemption
Less than or equal to \$22,600	\$150

How to Apply:

- After you have filed your personal income tax return for 2021 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 2021 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 2021 you can call 1-800-959-8281
- Applications must be received by the Municipality no later than December 31, 2022
- Applicants must re-apply each year



The Municipality of the District of St.
Mary's Presents

The Seeds of Literacy Program

Coming soon to your community!

The Seeds of Literacy Program is a mobile book program for youth. On Saturday's a story will be read to youth, and they will have the opportunity to borrow books and participate in activities with friends. The program will visit a community location in each district one Saturday per month.

Books for the Seeds of Literacy Program will be collected through donations from the community and will be purchased from Scholastic. Donations can be dropped off in the tote at the Municipal Office. Purchased book selections will be influenced by youth & SMECA classrooms will receive a percentage of our purchase to buy their own books.



If you are interested in volunteering with this program in your community please reach out to Mallory at 902-522-2049 or email at mallory.fraser@saint-marys.ca. To volunteer you must pass a Vulnerable Sector Check & a Child Abuse Registry Search

March 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Kids First 3+ 930-11am Curling 5:30-9pm Female, Fun & Fitness 630-830pm	2 Kids First Drop-in 930-11am Recrex Walking 12-1pm Free Skate 230-430pm COTW 4pm Learn to Figure Skate 6-7pm Adult Hockey 7-9pm Ecum Secum Auction Begins	3 Oldsters Skate 10-11am House League 6-8pm	4 Bake Sale 11-3pm Adult Hockey 7-9pm	5 House League 9-11am Learn to Skate 11-12pm Free Skate 12-2pm
6	7 Curling 5:30-9pm Ecum Secum Auction Ends	8 Kids First 3+ 930-11am Curling 5:30-9pm Female, Fun & Fitness 630-830pm	9 Kids First Drop-in 930-11am Recrex Walking 12-1pm Free Figure Skate 230-430pm Learn to Skate 6-7pm Adult Hockey 7-9pm	10 Oldsters Skate 10-11am House League 6-8pm	11 Bake Sale 11-3pm Adult Hockey 7-9pm	12 House League 9-11am Bottle Depot 10am Learn to Skate 11-12am Free Skate 12-2pm
13	14 Curling 5:30-9pm Council Meeting 4pm	15 Kids First 3+ 930-11 Kids First 3+ 930-11am Curling 5:30-9pm Female, Fun & Fitness 630-830pm	16 Kids First Drop-in 930-11am Recrex Walking 12-1pm Free Skate 230-430pm COTW 4pm Learn to Figure Skate 6-7pm Adult Hockey 7-9pm	17 Oldsters Skate 10-11am House League 6-8pm	18 Bake Sale 11-3pm Adult Hockey 7-9pm	19 House League 9-11am Learn to Skate 11-12am Free Skate 12-2pm Winter Fun Fest
20	21 Curling 5:30-9pm	22 Kids First 3+ 930-11am Curling 5:30-9pm Female, Fun & Fitness 630-830pm	23 Kids First Drop-in 930-11am Recrex Walking 12-1pm Newsletter Submission Deadline 4pm	24	25 Bake Sale 11-3pm	26 Bottle Depot 10am
27	28	29 Kids First 3+ 930-11am Female, Fun & Fitness 630-830pm	30 Kids First Drop-in 930-11am	31 Council AGM 4pm		