



Municipality of the District of St. Mary's Newsletter

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Meetings of Council

The next regular meeting of Municipal Council is Monday, December 12th, 2022 at the Liscomb Legion at 7:00pm. A Committee of the Whole meeting will take place Wednesday, December 7th at 4:00pm in Council Chambers. Agendas, minutes and audio files are available at www.saint-marys.ca. The Municipal Office and the Transfer Station and Recplex will be closed December 26th to 30th and reopening on January 3rd, 2023.

St. Mary's Recreation Master Plan

At a Committee of the Whole meeting on November 16th, 2022, Municipal Council made a recommendation to adopt the St. Mary's Recreation Master Plan. This document will provide direction to the Community Development and Recreation Department in four categories; Places and Spaces, Community Collaboration, Department Capacity and Programs and Services. Once the plan is approved by motion at the December meeting of council, copies of the plan will be available and a link will be on the Municipal Website.

Fishing Gear Coalition of Atlantic Canada

The Fishing Gear Coalition of Atlantic Canada and the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's have partnered to support responsible disposal of PVC-coated wire lobster mesh and wire lobster traps, fishing rope and netting. These materials will be accepted free of charge from October 1st, 2022 to February 28, 2023 with funding from the DFO Ghost Gear Fund and the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's. The FGAC will then subsidize the cost of having these materials collected and recycled by partners, and diverted from Nova Scotia's landfills. Funded in part by Fisheries & Oceans Canada & the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's.

Funding Announcement - November 14, 2022

Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, and Member of Parliament for Central Nova announced a total investment of \$189,473 to the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's for enhancements in the community on Nov. 10, 2022. ACOA is providing \$120,000 through the Canada Community Revitalization Fund (CCRF) for the Municipality to implement part of the Sherbrooke Streetscapes Plan. Infrastructure Canada is also providing \$47,500 to the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's to help the community develop a municipal wide Active Transportation Plan. Additionally, \$21,973 through Employment and Social Development Canada's New Horizons for Seniors Program will help the Municipality deliver its Tech Savvy Seniors program at community centres throughout St. Mary's.

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The deadline for the January Municipal Newsletter is **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16TH** at 4:00pm. Submissions can be faxed to 902-522-2309, dropped off in person at the Municipal Office or emailed to newsletter@saint-marys.ca. Subscribe to our email list to receive reminders by calling 902-522-2598.

St. Mary's Municipal Transfer

The Transfer Station is open Monday, Tuesday, Friday & Saturday from 9:00 am – 4:30 pm.

MacMillan's Recyclables Pick Up

Recyclable collection will take place on December 10th at 10am at the St. Mary's Recplex.

December 2022 Solid Waste Collection

Eastern Shore Cartage: 1-800-261-0372

Tuesday (Zone 1)	November 29 Recyclables	December 6 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item	December 13 Recyclables	December 20 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item	December 27 Recyclables
Wednesday (Zone 2)	November 30 Recyclables	December 7 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item	December 14 Recyclables	December 21 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item	December 28 Recyclables
Thursday (Zone 3)	December 1 Recyclables	December 8 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item	December 15 Recyclables	December 22 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item	December 29 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 Minds Rd, to Waternish inclusive.

Message from the Warden, 2022 Project Recap

2022 has been a busy year in St. Mary's. Many municipal projects have been completed over the year or are currently underway. As the year comes to an end, I would like to provide an update on some of the accomplishments we have seen in 2022 and what will continue to make progress in 2023.

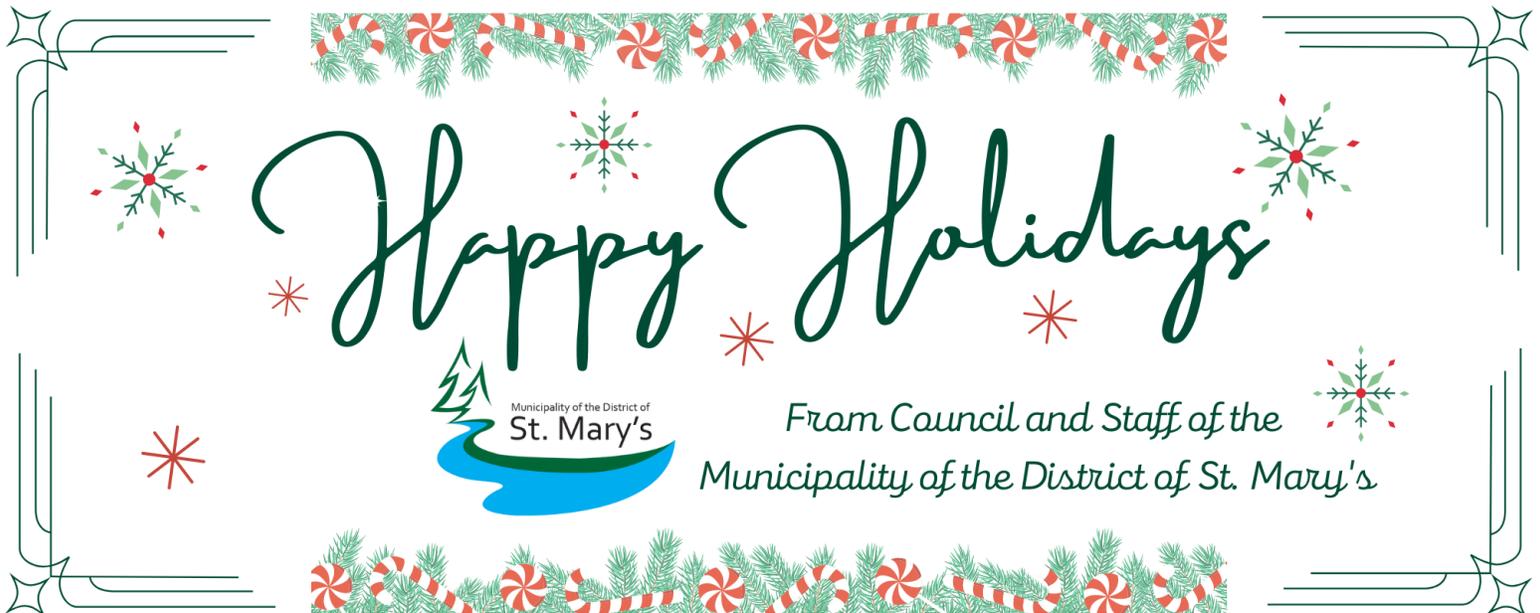
The St. Mary's Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law is nearing completion. On October 18th, 2022, Council passed the motion to give Second Reading and approve the draft document. It has now been sent to the Provincial Director of Planning for approval by the Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing. Once approved, written notice will be given letting residents know that the documents are in effect and information on where the documents may be reviewed. The new Strategy and By-Law will help to guide business owners and individuals as they build their homes, run their businesses, recreate and more.

Progress continued on the Sherbrooke Streetscapes plan, with the Municipality receiving a \$120,000 grant from the Canada Community Revitalization Fund through the Atlantic Canadian Opportunities Agency. This funding has gone towards improvements to the downtown area of Sherbrooke, including the development of sidewalks, curbing and paving. The Province of Nova Scotia has granted the Municipality \$25,000 through the Beautification and Streetscaping Program which is going towards improvements to the outdoor space at the library including a gathering space. The grant is also funding a gathering space including wayfinding, bicycle parking and benches at the 16 Main St. parking lot. These improvements will expand opportunities for Active Transportation, accessible pathways to Pioneer Park and local businesses while enhancing the overall look of the downtown area.

Council hired UPLAND Consulting to lead a Municipal Boundary for the Municipality. This review will result in a formal recommendation to be considered by the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board. Phase one of the Review has been completed to date. Council has approved the motions for the Municipality to remain under the Warden System and to reduce the council size and polling districts to five. Consultants are now working on gathering feedback from public and virtual consultations and will present boundary recommendations to Council in December.

The Internet for Nova Scotia Initiative began in 2019. At that time, 75% of home and businesses in Nova Scotia had access to reliable, high-speed internet. The initiatives' goal is to increase that number to 99.99%. This would make Nova Scotia among the first provinces to reach this level of internet access. As of October 2022, 92.7% of Nova Scotia homes and businesses have access to traditional internet services or satellite internet.

These projects are just a snapshot of the work that has been completed in 2022. The Municipality looks forward to continuing these projects and undertaking new initiatives that improve the overall quality of life of residents and experience of visitors to St. Mary's. On behalf of councillors and staff of the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's, I wish you and your family a Happy Holidays and wonderful New Year. - Warden Greg Wier.



Municipal News

Municipal Boundary Review

Phase one of the Municipal Boundary Review is now complete. At a Council Meeting on October 11th, 2022, Council approved the motions for the Municipality to remain under the Warden System and to reduce the council size and polling districts to five. The next phase of the Municipal Boundary Review will focus on determining the boundaries for polling districts. Consultants will be gathering the feedback from the public consultations and online mapping tool and will present boundary recommendations to Council at the December 7th COTW meeting.

Municipal Planning Strategy/Land Use By-Law

On October 18th, 2022, the Council of the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's held a Public Hearing to hear feedback on the proposed MPS / LUB. Following the Public Hearing a Special Council Meeting was held, and Council passed the motion to give Second Reading and approve the draft Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use Bylaw, dated October 18, 2022. Non-substantive amendments included renaming "hobby livestock" to "homestead livestock"; inserting the word "permanent" before the word "dwelling" in Section 4.5; adding a definition for "fowl" and; minor edits in content and form. The next step in the process is to send the documents to the Provincial Director of Planning for approval by the Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing. Within 90 days of receiving the documents the Minister may approve all or part of the document; approve the documents with amendments; or refuse to approve the documents. Upon approval written notice will be given advising that the documents are in effect, stating where the documents may be reviewed.

2022/2023 Tax Sale

The initial process has begun for the 2022/2023 tax sale. The tax sale will be held in March 7th, 2023 please watch upcoming newsletters for additional information

Residential Low Income Property Tax Exemption

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. Contact the Municipal Office at 902-522-2049 for more information.

Provincial Property Tax Rebate for Seniors

This program, administered by Service Nova Scotia on behalf of the Department of Community Services, is designed to help eligible seniors remain in their homes by providing them with an annual rebate on their municipal property taxes. Please call 902-522-2049 for information on this rebate for eligibility guidelines. Deadline to apply for this rebate is December 31st.

Municipal Accessibility Survey

The Municipality is working to create its Municipal Accessibility Plan and needs your help! Please consider taking the time to complete the Municipal Accessibility Survey. You could win a prize for your participation. The survey is available at <https://forms.office.com/r/SZYtVHyVHw> or hard copies are available at the Municipal Office in Sherbrooke and from your local councillor. Deadline to complete is December 31st, 2022. If you need assistance completing the survey, please contact Mallory at 902-522-2049 or mallory.fraser@saint-marys.ca

Community Facilities Improvement Program

The Nova Scotia Community Facilities Improvement Program supports community-led projects which enhance the public use of existing facilities. This includes repairs and improvements to building exteriors, and interior features that are integral to the long-term sustainability of the facility. Eligible activities include:

- improvements to the exterior of the facility such as siding, gutters, roofing or other projects intended to address the structural integrity of the building.

- improvements to the interior of the building, such as kitchen upgrades. Large appliances may be eligible if they are part of a larger kitchen renovation, subject to approval by the Department.

- improvements related to the Nova Scotia Building Code Regulations, including electrical upgrades

- improvements to improve building efficiency such as insulation, windows, or doors.

If your organization would like assistance applying through the Community Facilities Improvement Program, please contact Community Development and Recreation Director, Kerri Jack at 902-522-2598 or kerri.jack@saint-marys.ca.

Office of Healthcare Professionals Recruitment Fund

Through the OHPR Community Fund, Nova Scotia communities will be provided with the opportunity to access the tools they need to enhance attraction and retention efforts. This funding will provide communities with the opportunity to create their own strategies to attract and retain healthcare professionals and engage their citizens to foster welcoming environments. Funding is also available to support communities with the opportunity to address social and cultural barriers that they feel may impact recruitment/retention efforts. Applications for funding are due on December 19, 2022, for consideration for 2022/23. Applications will also be considered for projects that extend to the 2023/24 period. Contact Kerri Jack if you are interested in completing a OHPR Community Fund Application or require assistance.

Community Development & Recreation

Recplex Holiday Rate

The Municipality will once again be offering a discounted rate for hourly rentals at the Recplex during the month of December. Private rentals will be \$100+hst, with select time slots available to rent. There will be no rentals on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day or Boxing Day. Rentals are available on Wednesday's, Thursday's and Friday's from 1-4pm and Saturday's from 2-5pm. Call 902-522-2049 to book your rental.

Tech Savvy Seniors Program

The Municipality of the District of St. Mary's is excited to have received funding from the Government of Canada's New Horizon's for Seniors Program. This funding will support the development and offering of a Technology Program for Seniors in St. Mary's. Computers, tablets and accessories will be available for seniors to use at local community centres and facilities. Educational support will be made available to those who need it and activities will be created to help seniors utilize the technology, such as legacy book writing, the use of different applications and popular programs. For the month of December, find Tech Savvy Seniors equipment available at the following locations:

Dec. 3rd	St. Mary's Lion's Hall 10am-12pm
	Sonora Community Centre 1-3pm
Dec. 10th	Ecum Secum Fire Dept. 11am-1pm
Dec. 17th	Port Bickerton Comm. Ctr. 10am-12pm

Seeds of Literacy Program

The Seeds of Literacy program is aimed at making literacy opportunities accessible to all. We've been hard at work getting books, puzzles & games categorized for each community to enjoy. Each Saturday, Program Coordinator, Sonia Morgan will be at one or two community facilities to make all of the literacy equipment available to enjoy. Children can play, read & learn. Books and games will also be available to borrow. Seeds of Literacy Schedule:

- Saturday, Nov. 26th at Indian Harbour Lake 10am-12pm
- Saturday, Dec. 3rd at Sherbrooke Lion's Club 10am-12pm
- Saturday, Dec. 3rd at Sonora Community Centre 1-3pm
- Saturday, Dec. 10th at Ecum Secum Fire Dept. 11am-1pm
- Saturday, Dec. 17th at Port Bickerton Community Centre 10am-12pm
- Saturday, Jan. 14th at Goshen Community Centre 11am-1pm

Liscomb and Greenfield dates TBA. For more information or if you'd like to volunteer, please contact: Sonia Morgan, Program Coordinator. Email: sonia.morgan@saint-marys.ca Phone: 902-522-2598

Before and After Program (BAP)

This is a paid program offered after school to children in pre-primary to grade 6. The Before and After Program takes place in the Kid's First room in Memorial Place at St. Mary's Education Centre and Academy. Based on current demand, BAP will take place from 2:30-6pm, Monday to Friday. Registration for the Before and After Program is open and can be done online at www.saint-marys.ca. If you would like more information about this program, please contact Kerri Jack at recreation@saint-marys.ca or call 902-522-2598.

Kickboxing Classes

Thanks to everyone who participated in Kickboxing Classes this fall. Classes are done until the new year. A Family Kickboxing Class will begin on Tuesday, January 10th in the small gymnasium at St. Mary's Education Centre/Academy. Please use the Memorial Place entrance. Classes are open to families, with youth under 14 being free! Classes for adults accompanying youth will cost \$10. Five Class punch cards are available for purchase at the Municipal office for \$50.

Yoga Classes

The Municipality will be offering an all levels yoga class in the SHOPS Room at St. Mary's Education Centre/Academy on Thursday's at 7pm. Your first class is free! Following the first class, each session will be \$10. Punch cards are available for purchase at the Municipal Office. For information, call 902-522-2598. The last class of 2022 will be on December 15th. Yoga will return again on January 5th.

St. Mary's House League Hockey

The St. Mary's House League Hockey Committee would like to offer a skill based program for youth ages 12-15 if there is enough interest in the community. If your child would be interested in playing once a week, please contact Kerri at 902-522-2598 or email kerri.jack@saint-marys.ca.

Female Fun & Fitness

We are bringing back our Female Fun & Fitness Program beginning in December! Six sessions will take place on the following dates:

- Wednesday, November 30th, 6:30-8:30
- Wednesday, December 7th, 6:30-8:30
- Wednesday, December 14th, 6:30-8:30
- Wednesday, January 4th, 6:30-8:30
- Wednesday, January 11th, 6:30-8:30
- Wednesday, January 18th, 6:30-8:30

Female Fun & Fitness is a program for women 18+. It features one hour of self led fitness at the St. Mary's Fitness Centre and one hour of crafting in the SHOPS Room. Participants are asked to bring indoor footwear for the Fitness Centre. Craft supplies will be provided, but participants are asked to leave their projects at the facility to work on each week.

Recplex Program Information - 2022-2023

Weekly Schedule

Tuesday

2:30 - 4:00pm - Junior Curling (Starting in Jan.)

4:00 - 5:00pm - Drop in Curling

5:30 - 8:30pm - St. Mary's Curling Club

Wednesday

1:00 - 4:00pm - Rental Opportunities

2:30 - 4:00pm - After School Rec. Hockey (Starting in Jan.)

7:00 - 9:00pm - St. Mary's Adult Hockey

Thursday

10:00 - 11:00am - Adult only Free Skate (Starting in Jan.)

1:00 - 4:00pm - Rental Opportunities

6:00 - 8:00pm - House League Hockey

8:00 - 9:00pm - 50+ Hockey League

Friday

1:00 - 4:00pm - Rental Opportunities

8:00 - 9:00pm - Drop-in Adult Hockey

Saturday

9:00 - 10:00am - Learn to Skate

10:00 - 12:00pm - House League Hockey

12:30pm - 2:00pm - Community Free Skate

2:00 - 5:00pm - Rental Opportunities

**This schedule is subject to change*

Additional Services

Walking Track - There is a walking track available for community use at the Recplex. Residents are invited to use the walking track during regular programs.

Private Rentals - Rent the Recplex for your private or corporate event! Hourly rentals are \$135+hst, with a special December rate of \$100+hst. Rentals are available on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 1-4pm and Saturday's from 2-5. Call (902)522-2049 to book.

Organizations

St. Mary's Curling Club - The St. Mary's Curling Club accommodates all curlers no matter what level of playing ability. Curling season is underway. For more information on how to get involved, call Maureen at (902) 522-2084 or Suzanne at (902) 522-2322.

Adult Hockey League - The Adult Hockey League is for any individual age 16+. It's not too late to get involved, call (902)522-2598. \$100 payments for league play will take place in two installments during the season. Thanks to our many sponsors this season: Liscombe Lodge, Smoke Hollow General, Sean Ashe Forestry, Sanctuary Shore General Store, Tree -Up Services, GreenUp Tree Services and Conect Family Farms. We are still looking for Sponsors of the Game! Contact Kerri at kerri.jack@saint-marys.ca.

St. Mary's House League Hockey - St. Mary's House League registration is open. You can register at the Municipal Office from 8:30 am - 4:00 pm. House league will take place Thursdays 6-7 pm & 7-8 pm and Saturday's at 9-10 am & 10-11 am. Ages 5-13. Pre-registration required. The cost is \$100 per child for the season.

Keith Jordan Memorial Tournament - The Keith Jordan Memorial Tournament is a high-paced, three-day, men's hockey tournament that takes place each year. Whether you are a player or a spectator, there is something for you at this tournament. Keep an eye out for information on the tournament in the new year!

Program information

Junior Curling - For youth in grades 7-12. Opportunity to learn the basics of curling through skill development and pick-up draws. This is a free program starting in January.

Drop in Curling - Free casual curling opportunity for community members 12+. Can be training opportunities if requested. Participants can organize pick-up game, or work on skill development through practicing.

After School Recreation Hockey - Free for all school aged children. The rink will be split in half with activities for beginners on one side and scrimmage hockey on the other side. The program is focused on FUN not skill development. Recreation staff will organize activities and participants based on safety. Beginning in January.

Adult Only Free Skate - Opportunity for adults to hit the ice for a casual free skate. Beginning in January.

Learn to Skate - Free program for youth ages 3+ that are new to skating or would like assistance with skill development.

Community Free Skate - Open to all community members. Skates and helmets are available to rent free of charge.

Equipment Information

Skate & Helmet Rentals - The St. Mary's Recplex has skates and helmets available for use, free of charge! We have children and adult sizes. Families can also borrow skates for the full season for free. There is a \$20 deposit and forms can be filled out at the Municipal Office.

Skate Sharpening - The Municipality offers Skate Sharpening services at the Recplex. The cost is \$5 per pair.

Equipment Donations - The St. Mary's Recplex will accept donations of all skating and hockey equipment. Donated equipment is located at the rink and is free for the taking.

Economic Development

Business Navigators

Want to start a business? Connect with NS Business Navigators to help you navigate provincial regulations and requirements for new businesses. A Business Navigator can help you by providing information on starting specific types of businesses, identifying what regulations to follow, licencing and permit information and much more. They can also provide contact information for things like financing, taxes and staffing. For more information call 1-844-628-7347.

Bike Friendly Business Program Pilot Program Ended

The Municipality of the District of St. Mary's has received funding through NS Federation of Municipalities Carbon Surcharge Fund to support local, small-scale initiatives that help municipalities reduce greenhouse gas emissions. St. Mary's has partnered with Sanctuary Shore General Store co-located with the Soap Company of Nova Scotia to provide a Cyclist Rest Area that encourages both active transportation and reduction of emissions in our community. The program is now wrapped up for 2022. Please share feedback and suggestions for other greenhouse gas reductions, cycling, or active transport in the community by contacting Denise Dunn at denise.dunn@saint-marys.ca or Kerri Jack at kerri.jack@saint-marys.ca.

Tourist Accommodations in St. Mary's

The Province of Nova Scotia has made amendments to the Tourist Accommodations Registration Act (TARA) and Regulations that aim to improve compliance and provide municipalities with a clear picture of the short-term rental situation in their communities. These changes will come into effect on April 1, 2023 to provide time for operators and platforms to come into compliance. These changes include removal of the exemption for accommodations operating in a primary residence so that all short-term-rentals with a fixed-roof are required to register annually. To view all of the amendments visit <https://tourismns.ca/news/intouch-blog/updated-regulations-fixed-roof-accommodations>.

2022 Small Business Awards Voting Contest Winner

2022 Small Business Awards voting participants were entered into a random selection draw for a \$50 Gift Certificate. Thank you to everyone who participated. Congratulations to Gary Mahar!

E-Commerce Grant

The federal government is offering eligible businesses \$2,400 in non-repayable grant money to adopt e-commerce strategies and grow digitally. This could include online ordering or booking systems, e-commerce software, search engine optimization support, software subscription fees, social media/digital ads, development of a new e-commerce website, or any number of other things. To apply directly or for more information visit: <https://digitalmainstreet.ca/atlantic-cdap/> or contact Joel Stoddart, Grant Coordinator – Canada Digital Adoption Program, Joel.Stoddart@cbdc.ca.

CBDC Guysborough County

Need financing for your business? Loans are 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

Community Services

Sherbrooke Opportunities Society

"The weather is colder and wood stoves are starting to come on! Don't forget SHOPS has Fire Starters for sale! Never use paper again! Also, we want to send another THANK YOU out to our amazing community and beyond for supporting the Toonie Draw! This 50/50 draw is our biggest fundraiser and we depend on those funds raised to continue our quality programming. Please remember to play your toonie each Tuesday by noon and tune in on Wednesday's to hear if you are our lucky winner!

Guysborough Co. Community Health Board

The Guysborough County Community Health Board is looking for members. The Board is a volunteer board that focuses on community health and well-being. We want to representative of the county and therefore strive to have members from all areas of the county. Members always have the option of joining in person or virtually. If you are interested, please come join us for a meeting or two to see what we are all about.

Eastern Counties Regional Library

Eastern Counties Regional Library is looking for someone who enjoys helping people and has excellent computer and communication skills to work part-time (18 hrs bi-weekly) at the Sherbrooke Public Library. Some duties include offering equal services to everyone in a welcome and inclusive environment, circulating library materials with special attention paid to maintaining the privacy of library users, administrative tasks, communicating with the public about library services and branch-specific information and the planning and delivery of programming for children and adults. Application Deadline is December 5, 2022. Please submit by emailing a cover letter stating your qualifications and interest in the position, a resume and three work references to Amanda Campbell, Public Services Manager at jobs@ecrl.ca.

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. The 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. If a donation is made in memory or as a gift, a card is sent to the family. Thank you for your support and Merry Christmas.

Kids First in St. Mary's Municipality

Winter Programs at St. Mary's Kids First – Located at St. Mary's Education Centre/Academy Kids First room. Parent/Caregiver and Children birth to six years Drop-in Playgroup – Wednesday's from 9:30-11am with a healthy snack. Just Me & My Friends Drop-off for Children age 3+ - Tuesdays. This program is from 9:30 - 11am with a healthy snack provided. The last/week for these programs will be December 13th and 14th, 2022. Programs will start up again the week of January 10th and 11th, 2023. Gas cards are available to help with transportation costs. Masks are welcome and social distancing is encouraged. All families are welcome, we ask you not to attend if you are feeling unwell. For more information on these programs text/call 902-870-7437. The Guysborough County 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 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 text/call Paula at 902-870-7437 or email parentingjourney@kids1st.ca.

Guysborough County Adult Learning Association

GALA is now open with its' programs for 2022/23 fall/winter/spring sessions. If you are interested in GED preparation, or in upgrading your skills in computer, math, reading, and other areas, call the GALA office at 902-533-4252. Residents of District St. Mary's can call Louise (instructor) at 902-783-2360.

Congressional Services

St. Mary's Pastoral Charge/United Church of Canada

Sundays in December:
9:30am St. John's, Sherbrooke
11:00am Kirk, Glenelg
6:30pm Bethany, East River St. Mary's
Weekly Activities:
Women's Bible Study at 10am on Thursdays at St. John's in Sherbrooke.
Men's Group at 7pm on Thursdays at St. John's in Sherbrooke.
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 902-318-071. johnluten3@gmail.com
Our Services to our Community:
Sunday:
9:45 - Adult Bible Class (Bible book: Revelation)
11:00am – Worship Service in our church building. Available both in person or on Zoom.
Wednesday: 1pm – Midweek Bible Study and Prayer.
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 help in any way, please let us know.

Calvary Faith Church, Sonora

Church Schedule for December 2022.
Weekly Bible Study and Prayer Meeting takes place on Wednesdays at 7:00pm.
Weekly Service Schedule:
December 4th - 6:00pm
December 11th - 11:00am
December 18th - 6:00pm
December 25th - No service

Indian Harbour Lake Pentecostal Church

1643 HWY 211 NS. ihlpentecostalchurch@gmail.com.

(902)523 2759

Regular Sunday Morning Services

Time: 10:30

The Nativity Story, Christmas Eve Candlelight service.

Dec. 24 at 7:00pm.

You won't want to miss this opportunity to hear the Christmas message and praise our great God for his bountiful creation. All Are Welcome! Wishing you The Hope of Christmas. MESSIAH HAS Come. December 25, No service.

United Baptist Church

December 4: Port Hillford

December 11: Port Bickerton

December 18: Port Hillford

December 25: Port Hillford

Effective January 1st, All services of the United Baptist Church will take place in Port Hillford.

Anglican Parish of Liscomb – Port Bickerton

In Person Worship Services December 2022

Sun. December 4 - Advent 2:

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

11:00 AM St. Thomas, Indian Harbour Lake

Sun. December 11 – Advent 3:

9:00 AM St. Luke's, Liscomb

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

Sun. December 18 – Advent 4:

11:00 AM St. Luke's, Liscomb

7:00 PM St. Thomas, Indian Harbour Lake

Sat. December 24 – Christmas Eve – Family Eucharist:

4:00 PM St. Luke's, Liscomb

6:00 PM St. Thomas, Indian Harbour Lake

8:00 PM St. Paul's Port Bickerton

Sun. December 25 – Christmas Day – no services

Sun. January 1 – New Year's Day – no services

Community Events

Port Bickerton Ball Field Improvement Project

Community volunteers have established a committee that is working towards improving the Port Bickerton Ball Field. There will be a Penny Auction held on December 4th starting at 2pm. If you have any items to donate to the auction, please call 902-870-9882. The committee would like to send out a huge thank you to Whitney's Corner Store for choosing the Ball Field project as the recipient of \$200 from the book donation jar (\$100 from the jar, matched by the business). We would also like to thank Nancy Baines for her donation of \$200 to the project.

St. Mary's District Lion's Club

We will be selling our lottery Calendars again. The draws will be for January 2023 with \$250 being given on Jan 1 & 31. The calendars will be \$10 each with only 500 calendars being sold. The Lions Club "**Christmas Daddies**" would like to help families with children in the St. Mary's District by providing some gifts and food at Christmas. This program is totally funded by the St. Mary's Lions Club fundraisers and donations from our community. We receive no outside funding to help with this program. If you need help or know of someone who does, please contact Patty-Lou McGrath at (902) 870-5729 before December 8th.

Community Choir Christmas Concert

Come join us for an evening of choral music in celebration of Christmas. Located at the St. John's United Church in Sherbrooke on December 4th, 2022 at 7:00pm. Free will offering will be donated to the St. Mary's Food Bank and the Aiden Levy Memorial Scholarship.

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 86 Liscomb

31 MacKinley Point Road, Liscomb (902)779-2006.

Open Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays 5pm to 11pm. Lucky Card Raffle, pool table, shuffleboards, canteen and bar. Cribbage on Thursday and Saturday evenings at 8pm. Thank you to everyone who came to the Remembrance Day Service and Luncheon. The Ceremony was beautiful, the weather perfect, the food delicious and the gathering of community was awesome! Congratulations to Sharon Tibbo! Winner of the Lucky Card Raffle! New game in progress now. Please join us in a warm welcome to Karen Ford, our new Hall Manager! Karen returned home to the Liscomb area just in time to answer our help wanted call. We are so very grateful to have her join the team! If you haven't met her, stop in and say hello soon! We thank Wayne White for his many years of committed service to Branch 86, and we wish him all the best for the future

Next General Meeting: Tuesday, Dec 6 at 7pm; only members can vote, but everyone is welcome to attend and participate in the discussions!

Saturday, December 10, Annual Christmas Craft and Bake Sale 10am to 1pm. A huge selection of goods will be available from local vendors. There will be a gift basket raffle and a 50/50 draw. Hot dogs and drinks will be available from the kitchen!

Friday, December 16, Christmas Tree Lighting 6pm. Bring your children to the Hall for some holiday fun! Hot chocolate, treats, a visit from Santa and the lighting of our 2022 Christmas tree!

Sonora Community Centre

There will be a Christmas Social held on December 7th at 10am. All are welcome.

Thank You - Ruth Legge

I would like to thank the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's for honouring me as the Volunteer of the Year for my work with the Genealogy Research Centre. Thank you to everyone who worked toward putting on the lovely event on November 9th and to all who came out to congratulate me. Thanks to everyone who offered their congratulations in various ways. Last but not least, thank you for the beautiful gift presented at the Exhibit Centre. All of this is deeply appreciated.

Ecum Secum Community Park Update

Firstly we want to wish everyone a joyful holiday season and all the best in the New Year! Secondly we want to invite you to our upcoming events at the Ecum Secum Firehall. Dec. 3 at 5pm we are having a Kids PJ party! There will be pizza and snacks, a movie as well as a visit from Santa! Bring your favorite stuffy for an evening of fun! Dec. 9 there will be a penny auction and cake walk starting at 7pm. Also, we will be selling tickets on a Lot-to tree valued at \$200. Tickets are \$2 each or 3/\$5. Contact Tiffany for yours! 902-347-2110.

St. Mary's ATV Club

Join us for the Fund Raiser Fun Run on Sunday, December 4th. Registration from 9-10am in the Sherbrooke Village Parking lot. \$20.00 per machine. The run will start in Sherbrooke and travel to the Liscomb River Fish Ladder where there will be hotdogs and drinks. Hope to see you there. Don't forget to purchase your 50/50 tickets for the ATVANS monthly draw and choosing St. Mary's ATV Club. When you choose St. Mary's ATV Club, 40% of the sales goes to the Club. 2023 Registrations will soon be available at Fraser's Garage. All you need to register is your ATV license number, make, model and year. Registration supports the St. Mary's ATV Club.

Thank You, Family of Morley Cluett

We the family wish to express our heartfelt gratitude to Morley's and my family and all of our friends near and far for all your expressions of sympathy, phone calls, cards, monetary donations, thoughts & prayers and for a lovely reception. Special thank you to all the nurses at High Crest Nursing Home, your kindness and love will always be remembered. To Lewis and Aaron, many thanks for all your visits, compassion and guidance through this trying time making it a truly beautiful service - Verna and Family.

Maple Manor Bake Sale

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

Maple Manor Tea

There will be a tea held at the Maple Manor every Tuesday from 9:30-11am. Everyone is welcome.

Country Harbour Gun Club

Breakfast with Santa: Saturday, December 17th, 8:30am to 10:00am. Adults \$10. Children 6-12 \$5. 5 & under Free.

Greenfield Oldsters Club

The location for the Greenfield Oldsters Club annual Christmas dinner has changed to Indian Harbour Lake Community Centre. Members of the Greenfield Oldsters Club with their 2022 dues are invited to join us for Christmas dinner, Tuesday, December 13th at 1:00pm. We need to know how many members of the Greenfield Oldsters Club with their 2022 dues paid are planning to come to the Christmas dinner by the 1st of December. The Greenfield Oldsters Club will be starting cards again in the new year if we have enough volunteers to help with running the card games.

Goshen Community Recreation & Centre

Bargain Shop Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 1-3. Christmas items are now available. Bargain Shop will be closed for Christmas from Dec 7th to Jan 31, 2023. Game Day's are on Wednesday 1-4pm. The Annual Christmas Tree lighting and visit from Santa will be December 4, 2022 at 4:30. Recyclable Bottles are still welcomed and can be dropped off at Centre. Volunteers and Committee members are always welcomed. Please contact Rickey Grover- 902-783-2613 or Lisa Myers 902-318-4401 if you would like more information. Thank you to everyone who helped in anyway at the Centre during the power outage.

Indian Harbour Lake/Jordanville Community Centre

The next hall meeting will be Monday, December 5th at 7:00pm. Everyone is welcome. Christmas Tea & Bake Sale will be held Sunday, December 18th from 2-4pm.

Benefit Concert for Darla Porter

Come and enjoy an evening of music performed by many local talents at a BENEFIT CONCERT in support of Darla Porter - to help with travel and associated costs while undergoing cancer treatments. Saturday December 3, 7pm-9pm at the Port Bickerton Community Centre. Admission by donation. If you are not able to attend but would like to donate, you can contact Shelley at 902-364-2235 or e-transfer to askaiser@ns.sympatico.ca.

Thank You

The family of the late Diane Benson would like to thank the community, family and Friends for all the food, cards, phone calls and flowers and memorial Donations in Mom's memory. At this sad time your thoughtfulness was very much appreciated. Special thanks to all of our family and our aunts and uncles for all the love and support. To the home care staff, doctors and nurses at the St. Mary's Memorial Hospital for Caring for Mom and Lewis and Shelley from Giffins Funeral Home. Bless you all, Robert, Shannon and Families.

Goshen Blood Pressure Checks

Goshen Community Center is offering free blood pressure checks on the third Wednesday of every month between 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm. Upcoming dates are Dec. 21, 2022 & Jan. 18, 2023.

December 2022 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 ATV Club Fun Run 9am PB Penny Auction 2pm Goshen Tree Lighting 4:30pm Community Choir Concert 7pm	5 IHL Meeting 7pm	6 Maple Manor Tea 9:30am Kids First 3+ Program 9:30am Drop-in Curling 4pm Curling Club 5:30pm Liscomb Legion Mtg. 7pm	7 Kids First Drop-in 9:30am Sonora Social 10am Goshen Game Day 1pm Committee of the Whole Mtg. 4pm Female Fun/Fitness 6:30-8:30pm Adult Hockey 7pm	8 House League Hockey 6pm Yoga 7pm 50+ Hockey 8pm Liscomb Crib 8pm Deadline to register for Lion's Christmas Daddies program	9 Maple Manor Bake Sale 11am Adult Hockey Drop-in 7pm Ecum Secum Penny Auction 7pm	10 Learn to Skate 9am Recyclable collection 10am Liscomb Craft/Bake Sale 10am House League Hockey 10am Seeds of Literacy & Tech Savvy Seniors @ Ecum Secum 11am Free Skate 12:30-2pm Liscomb Crib 8pm
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