



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, February 13th, 2023 at the Municipal Office in Sherbrooke at 7:00pm. Committee of the Whole meetings will take place Wednesday, February 1st and 15th at 4:00pm in Council Chambers. Agendas, minutes and audio files are available at www.saint-marys.ca. The Municipal Office and St. Mary's Transfer Station will be closed and no programming will take place on February 20th for Heritage Day.

2023 Municipal Tax Sale – Live Public Auction

The Live Public Auction Municipal Tax Sale will take place on Tuesday, March 7th, at 11am at the Municipal Office, 8296 Hwy 7 Sherbrooke. The full listing for the 2023 tax sale is located on pages 3 & 4 of the newsletter. A public binder with details on the properties is available for viewing at the municipal office.

Municipal Notification System – Voyent Alert Give Away

The Municipality uses 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 call the Municipal Office to register, or you can self-register at register.voyent-alert.com and choose what type of notifications you would like to receive. All individuals registered for Voyent Alert notifications by March 1st, 2023 will be entered to win a \$25 gift card from a local establishment of their choice. For more information, please call the Municipal Office, 902-522-2049.

St. Mary's Fitness Centre Re-Opening

The St. Mary's Fitness Centre will be re-opening to the public in February. A new security system will allow users to access the facility with a key fob at designated hours during the week. The Municipality is currently working on setting appropriate facility hours and developing introductory packages and training programs for new users. Please stay tuned for a grand re-opening date and how you can sign out a fob to access the facility. The project is a partnership between the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's, St. Mary's Education Centre and Academy, the Strait Regional Centre for Education and funded in part by the Province of Nova Scotia's Active Communities Fund.

Call for Quotes to build Library Boxes

Through funding from the Province of Nova Scotia, 6 outdoor, community library boxes will be installed in communities throughout St. Mary's. The Municipality is seeking local wood workers to submit quotes to build the boxes. Visit www.saint-marys.ca for more details. The deadline is February 19th, 2023.

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The deadline for the March Municipal Newsletter is Wed. February 15th 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 by calling 902-522-2598.

St. Mary's Municipal Transfer

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

MacMillan's Recyclable Pickup

Recyclable collection will take place the second and fourth Saturday of each month at 10am at the St. Mary's Recplex.

February 2023 Solid Waste Collection

Eastern Shore Cartage: 1-800-261-0372

Tuesday (Zone 1)	January 31 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item	February 7 Recyclables	February 14 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item	February 21 Recyclables	February 28 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item
Wednesday (Zone 2)	February 1 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item	February 8 Recyclables	February 15 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item	February 22 Recyclables	March 1 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item
Thursday (Zone 3)	February 2 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item	February 9 Recyclables	February 16 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item	February 23 Recyclables	March 2 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item

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

Property Assessment Notices

The 2023 Property Assessment Notices were mailed on January 9, 2023. The assessed value reflects the physical state of your property as of December 1, 2022, and is based on its market value as of January 1, 2022. The deadline to appeal your 2023 property assessment is February 9, 2023. Your signed appeal must be received no later than midnight on February 9, 2023. PVSC Assessors are available to answer questions and discuss assessments by email or phone Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, 1-800-380-7775 or inquiry@pvsc.ca

2023-2024 General Government Grants

The Municipality of the District of St. Mary's provides grants to organizations annually through an application process to Council with focus on capital projects. Organizations must be active with Registry of Joint Stocks, and must be located within the Municipality or serve/benefit residents within the Municipality. Deadline to submit an application is **February 15, 2023**. You can find the application form on the municipal website or contact the Municipal Office if you require more information. If an organization receives \$1,000 or greater they must complete a grants to organizations evaluation form (found on municipal website) on how the money was spent by February 15th of the current year. If the form is not completed the organization/group will not be eligible for a grant in the following fiscal year.

Call for Accessibility Committee Members

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. Application are available at the Municipal office or by email. Applications must be submitted by March 25, 2023. Contact Mallory at mallory.fraser@saint-marys.ca or 902-522-2049.

Queens Platinum Jubilee Medal Recipients

Residents Debbie Findlay, Donnie Fraser, Lewis MacIntosh and Keith Horton of the District of St. Mary's received the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal Award. The medal has been created to mark the 70th anniversary of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's accession to the Throne. The focus of this program is to honour those who have devoted themselves to the service of others, especially throughout the pandemic, be it as a result of their job, volunteer work or contributions to their community. The Municipality would like to congratulate the recipients and thank them for their service to others.

NS Heating Assistance Rebate Program

Apply to the Heating Assistance Rebate Program for help with the cost of home heating. You can receive up to \$200 if you qualify for the Heating Assistance Rebate Program. Contact the Department of Service Nova Scotia and Internal Services to find out if you qualify. You can apply online or pick up an application at the Municipal Office. The deadline to apply is March 31, 2023. <https://beta.novascotia.ca/apply-heating-assistance-rebate-heating-assistance-rebate-program>

Free Heat Pumps for Low-Income Households

Funding has been announced that will help all Nova Scotians move away from oil heat faster, with extra support for low and middle-income households. More information can be found here: <https://www.homewarming.ca/>

Water or Sewer Emergency Contact

Residents who experience an emergency related to Sherbrooke water or sewer services are asked to call 902-522-2156 or the Municipal Office at 902-522-2049 during regular business hours, Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:00pm. The Municipality would like to remind residents and businesses who utilize the sewer utility to not flush any textiles or wipes.

Community Services Recovery Fund

The Government of Canada has announced the \$400M Community Services Recovery Fund. Eligible organizations include non-profit organizations, Indigenous governing bodies or registered charities located in Canada. This fund will help with one-time projects that focus on three areas:

1. how organizations recruit, retain, engage and support their personnel, including staff, volunteers and boards of directors.
2. one-time projects that invest in the systems and processes involved in creating the internal workings of an organization's overall structure.
3. one-time projects primarily focused on program and service innovation and redesign using information gained during the COVID-19 pandemic.

If your organization is interested in applying through the Community Services Recovery Fund, please contact Kerri at 902-522-2598.

Community Accessibility Grant

The Community ACCESS-Ability Program reflects the Government of Nova Scotia's commitment to persons with disabilities by providing equal opportunity and improved access to community facilities. This program offers cost-shared grants to community groups for accessibility related capital improvements. The grant may cover up to two-thirds of the direct and indirect costs of renovations, installations, and/or equipment. The deadline to apply is February 14th, 2023. For more information visit <https://cch.novascotia.ca/investing-our-future/community-funding-and-awards/community-access-ability-program>.



Municipality of the District of St. Mary's
NOTICE OF TAX SALE – PUBLIC AUCTION
11:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 7th, 2023
8296 Highway #7, Sherbrooke



In the matter of the Municipal Government Act of Nova Scotia Part VI and any subsequent amendments, the following lands and premises situated in the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's will be sold at a *live Public Auction* for arrears of rates and taxes, interest and expenses, as set forth below at the hour of **11:00 am, Tuesday, March 7th, 2023** at the Municipal Office in Sherbrooke, Nova Scotia (8296 Highway #7) unless the amounts respectively due are paid in full on or before said date. A description of the noted properties may be seen at the Municipal Office in Sherbrooke, NS between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:00 pm Monday to Friday, after January 3rd, 2023. Additional details regarding the tax sale and the live public auction can be found at <https://www.saint-marys.ca/tax-sale.html>.

1. **REMOVED**
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3. **AAN #01921959, PID#37524295, *Assessed to Robert Simonds Jr & Maudena Simonds***, Little Liscomb Road, Liscomb, 2022 Assessed Value \$36,300 (Residential Taxable), Containing 1.2 Acre(s), more or less, land only. **Total owing \$2,560.08.** (HST Applicable). Redeemable.
4. **AAN #04697545, PID #37530532, *Assessed to James Turner***, 1691 Hwy 7, Marie Joseph, 2022 Assessed Value \$22,200 (Residential Taxable), Containing 0.26 Acres, more or less, land & dwelling. **Total owing \$2,094.89** (Non-HST Applicable) Redeemable
5. **AAN #05097371, PID #35220433, *Assessed to Everett L. Tybert***, Hwy #7, West Liscomb, 2022 Assessed Value \$6,000 (Resource Taxable), Containing 1.43 Acre(s), more or less, land only. **Total owing \$718.42** (HST Applicable) Redeemable
6. **AAN #05471613, PID #37551991, *Assessed to Margaret Langille Est.***, Port Bickerton Road, Harpellville, 2022 Assessed Value \$500 (Resource Taxable), Containing 12,000 Square feet, more or less, land only. **Total owing \$574.52** (HST Applicable) Redeemable
7. **AAN #05536693, PID #37523743, *Assessed to Charles Mielke***, Pyes Little Liscomb Road, Liscomb, 2022 Assessed Value \$8,500 (Residential Taxable) Containing 0.40 Acre(s), more or less, land only. **Total owing \$1,374.84** (HST Applicable) Redeemable
8. **AAN #09249532, PID #37540630, *Assessed to Judith A Gazso & Andrew Gazso*** Waternish Road, Waternish, 2022 Assessed Value \$300 (Resource Taxable), Containing 2.0 Acre(s), more or less, land only. **Total owing \$561.92** (HST Applicable) Redeemable
9. **AAN #05105773, PID #37550795, *Assessed to Bryan Scott Ward & Alicia Dawn Ward***, 3928 Sonora Road, Sherbrooke, 2022 Assessed Value \$23,000 (Residential Taxable), Containing 30,000 sq feet, more or less, land and dwelling. **Total owing \$2,991.00** (Non-HST Applicable) Redeemable

10. **AAN #05447925, PID #37580149**, Assessed to Donald Raymond Walker & Kyle Walker, Walker Road, Glenelg, 2022 Assessed Value \$2,700 (Residential Taxable), Containing 1.03 Acre(s), more or less, land only. **Total owing \$839.97** (HST Applicable) Redeemable
11. **AAN #04378199, PID #37522786 & #37511029**, Assessed to 5747270 Manitoba Ltd., 4749 Hwy 7, Spanish Ship Bay, 2022 Assessed Value \$33,100 (Residential Taxable), Containing 7,600 sq feet & 0.34 Acres(s), more or less, land & dwelling. **Total owing \$2,832.78** (Non-HST Applicable) Redeemable
12. **AAN #02688034, PID #37502259**, Assessed to Leander Phillip Paul 31 Main Street, Sherbrooke, 2022 Assessed Value \$44,100 (Residential Taxable) & \$44,100 (Commercial Taxable), Containing 5,110 square feet, more or less, land & dwelling/commercial structure. **Total owing \$12,129.14** (HST Applicable) Redeemable. Dwelling/structure is connected to Sherbrooke Water and Sewer Utilities.
13. **REMOVED**
14. **AAN #00318744, PID #37551041**, Assessed to Daniel Vincent Marshall, 1988 New Chester Road, New Chester Lot D-1, 2022 Assessed Value \$58,000 (Residential Taxable), Containing 1.00 Acre(s), more or less, land & dwelling. **Total owing \$3,215.29** (Non-HST Applicable) Redeemable
15. **AAN #09629351, PID #37529005**, Assessed to Mary Louise Gomes, Hwy 7, Ecum Secum, 2022 Assessed Value \$13,900 (Resource Taxable), Containing 34 Acre(s), more or less, land only (Grant #15610). **Total owing \$1,186.72** (HST Applicable) Redeemable. As-is - See additional comments by Municipal Legal.

Terms: Taxes, Interest and Cost owing (Amount Advertised) to be paid at the time of sale by cash, money order, debit, certified cheque or lawyer's trust cheque, balance of your bid to be paid within 3 business days after the sale. **The cost to prepare and register the tax deed is the responsibility of the purchaser and is not included in Tax Sale Costs. New Provincial Deed Transfer Tax is the responsibility of the purchaser.** HST may be applicable. Take notice that Tax Sales do not in all circumstances clear up defects in title. A tax deed conveys only the interest of the assessed owner, whatever their interest may be. If you are intending to clear up defects in the title of the property by way of Tax Sale, you are advised to obtain a Legal Opinion as to whether or not this can be done. Note: For properties with less than 6 years owing, the redemption period has been reduced from 12 months to 6 months by the Municipal Government Act, Section 152. The Municipality of the District of St. Mary's makes no representations or warranties to any purchaser regarding the fitness, geophysical or environmental suitability of the land(s) offered for sale for any particular use and are being sold on an "as is" basis only.

Dated: January 17th, 2023 - Marian Fraser, Director of Finance/Treasurer, Municipality of the District of St. Mary's

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.

Crown Corporations Launched for Economic Growth

The Province launched two new organizations that modernize the government's approach to economic development and improve accountability to Nova Scotians. Build Nova Scotia and Invest Nova Scotia will build on experience and expertise to drive forward a more innovative, resilient, sustainable and competitive economy, seizing opportunities available to the Province. Invest Nova Scotia makes it easier for entrepreneurs and businesses of all sizes and stages to access the tools, resources and advice they need to grow, thrive and contribute to a new economy. Build Nova Scotia manages and develops strategic provincial infrastructure to propel the province and economy forward. It leads projects such as Nova Scotia's high-speed internet initiative, environmental remediation work and healthcare infrastructure redevelopment.

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. Visit www.tourisns.ca for more.

Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations in St. Mary's

EV Charging Stations are now available in Sherbrooke and Port Bickerton! Level 2 Chargers can be found at the 16 Main St. Parking Lot located on the building with public washrooms and at the Sea Shore Volunteer Fire Department/Community Center (located in Port Bickerton) on the front of the building next to the Community Centre exit. If you drive an electric vehicle or are thinking about it, charging locations can be found on apps and websites such as PlugShare or ChargeHub. For more information about electric vehicles, charging and rebates, visit the Electric Vehicle Association of Atlantic Canada (EVAAC) website at www.evaac.ca.

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

Business ACCESS-Ability Grant Program

The Province is administering the Business ACCESS-Ability Grant Program. Businesses can apply for a cost-shared grant to make accessibility-related improvements. Improvements can be for clients and customers, for employees, or both. The deadline to apply is February 14th, 2023. For more information visit <https://cch.novascotia.ca/business-access-ability-grant-program>.

Dream Business Program by Mashup Lab

If you have a great business idea but don't know where to start, you've come to the right place! Mashup Lab's FREE Virtual Business Incubator aka Dream Business Program will guide you through valuable tools and resources to help you figure out the business model around your idea and provide opportunities for 1:1 Coaching. The Program runs over six (6) weeks beginning the week of February 6th, 2023, with ONLY one (1) virtual session per week. You get to choose which day and time works for you. For more information and to register <https://mashuplab.ca/entrepreneurship-programs/virtual-business-incubator/> or reach out to the Program Coordinator, Chrystal Remme at crystal@mashuplab.ca

Provincial Pre-Budget Consultation Begins

Nova Scotians can share their thoughts and ideas for the next provincial budget and future budgets by taking part in pre-budget consultations. The deadline for submissions is February 3, 2023. <https://novascotia.ca/budget/budget-primer>.

Federal Pre-Budget Consultations Begins

Help shape the next federal budget. Share your ideas as part of the pre-budget consultations. The questionnaire will take about five minutes to answer and will be available until February 10, 2023. www.letstalkbudget2023.ca

Financial Support announced for Shellfish Sector

The Government of Canada announced \$40 million for Hard-hit Shellfish Sector in Atlantic Canada. The Shellfish Sector generates important economic benefits in many coastal, rural and small communities throughout the region. The sector also holds substantial growth potential because of global demand for farmed seafood. The financial support from ACOA will assist shellfish operators and non-profit organizations that provide services to them with immediate needs like storm damage repairs, equipment replacement, cleanup, product loss, as well as longer-term projects for adaptations against extreme weather.

Community Development & Recreation

Snowshoe Rentals

The Municipality has a wide variety of snowshoes available to rent FREE of charge. There are a number of adult and children sizes along with walking poles. Take the roof off winter and explore some of our amazing trails this winter. For more information, call 902-522-2598.

Goshen Tech Savvy - Fun with Nintendo Wii

Goshen Tech Savvy Seniors participants have request to play active games with the Nintendo Wii! Join them on February 1st starting at 1pm for some fun. All levels and abilities are welcome. You can even work out and participate from a chair if you prefer! While there, if you have any other technology questions, please feel free to either bring your device, or use ours. Refreshments will be served.

Tech Savvy and Seeds of Literacy Programs

Tech Savvy Seniors - bring your device or use ours! Come out and learn about technology, ask specific questions you have, or learn a new skill. We are there to answer your questions and help you learn.

Seeds of Literacy - bring the kids to have some fun! Games & books to borrow, read, or play. Parents, enjoy a puzzle book, coffee or quiet time while we provide meaningful programming to the kids! Along with literacy programming, we have many activities that will get the kids moving. Refreshments are served.

Saturday January 28th - Liscomb Legion 11am-1pm

Saturday February 4th - Greenfield 10am-12pm

Saturday February 11th - Port Bickerton 1pm-3pm

Saturday February 18th - to be determined

Saturday February 25th - Indian Harbour Lake (tentative 10-12pm)

Please also check out the Municipal Facebook page for more dates, other community centres, and other programming!

Open Gym

Families of school aged children are invited to take part in our free Open Gym program in the small gymnasium at SMECA on Monday's from 6-7:30 A wide variety of equipment will be available; Parents must accompany children 11 years old and under at this program.

Community Facilities Improvement Program

The Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage supports facilities that contribute to the well-being and vitality of Nova Scotia's communities through the promotion, development, preservation, and celebration of the province's diversity, culture, heritage, identity, and languages. This funding 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. If your organization is interested in applying for the Community Facilities Improvement Program and requires assistance, please contact Kerri Jack at 902-522-2598. Deadline to apply is February 14th, 2023.

Family Kickboxing Classes

Family Kickboxing Classes take place at 6pm on Tuesday's in the small gymnasium at St. Mary's Education Centre and Academy. Please use the Memorial Place entrance. Classes are open to families. Youth under 14 are free and classes cost \$10 for adults. Five Class punch cards are available for purchase at the Municipal Office for \$50. The last class for this session will be February 28th, 2023.

Yoga Classes

An all levels yoga class for ages 12+ takes place weekly in the SHOPS Room at St. Mary's Education Centre/ Academy. Classes are on Thursday's at 7pm. Your first class is free! Following the first class, each session is \$10. Punch cards are available for purchase at the Municipal Office. Call 902-522-2598. for more information.

Free Seniors Painting Class

There will be a free painting class for seniors (55+) taught by instructor Joy Wier taking place on February 6th, 2023 from 1-5pm at the Maple Manor Community Room. This class can accommodate up to 8 seniors. Spots are available on a first come first serve basis. To reserve a spot, please call 902-522-2598. All equipment is provided and no painting experience is needed. This opportunity is supported through funding from the Province of Nova Scotia's Age Friendly Communities Grant.

Recplex Program Information - 2022-2023

Weekly Schedule

Tuesday

2:30 - 4:00pm - Junior Curling
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
7:00 - 9:00pm - St. Mary's Adult Hockey

Thursday

10:00 - 11:00am - Adult Only Free Skate
1:00 - 4:00pm - Rental Opportunities
6:00 - 8:00pm - House League Hockey
8:00 - 9:00pm - 50+ Hockey League

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*

Junior Curling

In partnership with the St. Mary's Curling Club, the Municipality hosts a free Junior Curling Program at the St. Mary's Recplex after school on Tuesday's from 2:30-4pm. This will be a skill based program for youth in grades 7-12. Sign-up online at www.saint-marys.ca. Children will be walked from SMECA to the Recplex by Recreation Staff. Students must have notes in their agendas to stay for Junior Curling.

Drop in Curling

Free Drop in Curling takes place on Tuesday's from 4-5pm for community members 12+. Can be training opportunities if requested. Participants can organize pick-up game, or practice skill development.

Skate Sharpening

The Municipality offers Skate Sharpening services. The cost is \$5 per pair. Drop skates off at the Municipal Office Monday - Friday. Skates will be sharpened by staff and available for pick up the next time you go to the Recplex. Pick skates up at the Recplex Office.

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. Call Maureen at (902) 522-2084 or Suzanne at (902) 522-2322 for more info.

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 the second half of the season are now due. Thanks to our many sponsors this season: Liscombe Lodge, Smoke Hollow General, Sean Ashe Forestry, Sanctuary Shore General Store, Green-Up Tree Services, John Rolland MacDonald Trucking, Cornect Family Farms and Ross Screen Print. 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 10-11 am & 11am -12pm. Ages 5-13. Pre-registration required. The cost is \$100 per child for the season.

SHOPS Canteen - Sherbrooke Opportunities Society (SHOPS) Volunteers offer canteen services at the Recplex on Wednesday's and Saturday's. Drop in to say hello, grab a snack and watch some on-ice action!

After School Recreation Hockey

School aged children are invited to take part in After School Recreation Hockey on Wednesday's from 2:30-4pm at the St. Mary's Recplex. A recreation student will meet registered children in the front lobby of SMECA and walk them to the Recplex. Volunteer coaches will organize players in scrimmages and fun activities. Children must have notes in agendas to stay after school. Register online at www.saint-marys.ca. This is a free program. Participants require the basic ability to skate/play hockey, this is not a skill building program.

Learn to Skate

Free program for youth ages 3+ that are new to skating or would like help with skill development. Takes place on Saturdays at 9am. Register online at www.saint-marys.ca.

Community Free Skates

The Municipality of the District of St. Mary's hosts community free skates every Saturday at the St. Mary's Recplex from 12:30-2pm. Skates and helmets are available to use free of charge. Music is played and the Canteen is open! Helmets are mandatory for all skaters.

Adult Only Skates

There will be Adult Only Skates held at the St. Mary's Recplex on Thursday's from 10-11am. Helmets are mandatory. Skates and helmets are free to rent.

Private Rentals

Rent the Recplex for your private or corporate event! Hourly rentals are \$135+gst. Rentals are available on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 1-4pm and Saturday's from 2-5pm. Call the Municipal Office at (902)522-2598 for availability and rental details.

Skates and 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.

Community Services

Sherbrooke Opportunities Society

SHOPS has had a great start to the new year. We still have fire starters for sale for all your fire-starting needs. Remember TOONIES are due every Tuesday by noon for our TOONIE draw. We appreciate all of your support with our TOONIE draw, as it is our biggest fundraiser and we depend on those funds raised to continue with our amazing programming. SHOPS will be selling Valentine Candy Grams, starting 8:30am February 7th, 2023 until 2pm February 14th, 2023. They will be \$2.00 each, and pick-up will be in the SHOPS room. Accommodations may be able to be made for delivery. We do ask you pre-order if possible, however we will have some pre-made. Please contact Sherry @ 902-877-6185 or 902-318-7467 for ordering and if you have any questions. You are also welcome to contact us through the SHOPS Facebook page. Or drop in to the SHOPS room, we love visitors.

Guysborough County Adult Learning Association

GALA's programs are now open for the 2022-23 year. 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. St. Mary's residents can call Louise (instructor) at 902-783-2360. We can provide info and support for your learning goals

Eastern Counties Regional Library

The Sherbrooke Public Library is open Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 12:30pm-5:30pm, and Saturday from 9:30am-12:30pm. Visit the library to use the computers, browse and borrow books, movies, and so much more. We also have a Community Use Room that can be booked (free of charge) by individuals or groups. Find up-to-date information about your local branch at <https://ecrl.ca/locations/sherbrooke-public-library>. For more information about library services, call us at 902-522-2180, email us at sherbrooke@ecrl.ca, or visit ecrl.ca. Stay up to date by following ECRL on social media: [facebook.com/ECRLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/ECRLibrary) | twitter.com/ecrlibrary.

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 – Wednesdays 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. Gas cards are available to help with transportation costs when requested. 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

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 continuing support.

Guysborough Co. Community Health Board

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

Congressional Services

Indian Harbour Lake Pentecostal Church

1643 HWY 211 NS. ihlpentecostalchurch@gmail.com. 902-523 2759 Regular Sunday Morning Services Time 10:30

St. Paul's Catholic Church, Sherbrooke

Mass has resumed on Sunday's at 11:30am. Most Covid protocol's are still being observed. All are Welcome.

Goshen Gospel Church

20672 Highway 316, Goshen. 902-783-2972 or 902-318-071. johnluten3@gmail.com Our Services to our Community: Sunday: 10:00am – Bible Class both on site and on Zoom. 11:00am – Worship Service is 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 a request. We will be glad to include you. If we can help in any way, please let us know.

Calvary Faith Church, Sonora

Weekly Bible Study and Prayer Meeting Wed. at 7pm
February 5 11am
February 12 6pm
February 19 11am
February 26 6pm
- Pastor Wayne Bray

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

Sundays in February 9:30am St. John's, Sherbrooke.
11:00am Kirk, Glenelg. 6:30pm Bethany/Zion, 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. 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: "Hooked on Jesus!" 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 re-
laxed, 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 Unit-
ed Church, Sherbrooke.

Anglican Parish of Liscomb – Port Bickerton

In Person Worship Services February 2023
Sun. February 5
9:00 AM St. Paul's, Port Bickerton
11:00 AM St. Thomas, Indian Harbour Lake
Sun. February 12
9:00 AM St. Luke's, Liscomb
7:00 PM St. Paul's, Port Bickerton
Sun. February 19
11:00 AM St. Luke's, Liscomb
7:00 PM St. Thomas, Indian Harbour Lake
Wednesday February 22 – Ash Wednesday
9:00 AM St. Paul's, Port Bickerton
11:00 AM St. Luke's, Liscomb
Sun. February 26
9:00 AM St. Thomas, Indian Harbour Lake
11:00 AM St. Paul's Port Bickerton
7:00 PM St. Luke's, Liscomb

United Baptist Church

All January and February services of the United Baptist
Church will take place in Port Hillford starting at 3pm.
Services by Reverend Scott Chandler.

Community Events

Valentines for Vets

Each year, Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) invites Canadi-
an schools, individuals and organizations to make Val-
entines for Vets. VAC then distributes the valentines to
Veterans in long-term care facilities across the country
by February 14. If you would like to send a valentine
thanking a Veteran, please send it by February 1 to:

Valentines for Vets

Veterans Affairs Canada

Commemoration, Distribution Unit

125 Maple Hills Avenue

Charlottetown, PE C1C 0B6

Veterans Affairs Canada will keep valentines that arrive
after the deadline to distribute next year. For more in-

formation visit [https://www.veterans.gc.ca/.../valentines-
for-veterans](https://www.veterans.gc.ca/.../valentines-for-veterans)

Winter Sportfishing Season Now Open

The winter sportfishing season is now open in Nova
Scotia. A general fishing license is required for winter
sportfishing in fresh water. Licences can be purchased
online. Licenses purchased on or after April 1, 2022 are
valid through March 31, 2023. For more information go
to [https://beta.novascotia.ca/apply-general-fishing-
licence-sportfishing](https://beta.novascotia.ca/apply-general-fishing-licence-sportfishing)

Maple Manor Bake Sale

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

Country Harbour Gun Club

Country Breakfast, February 18th. 8:30 to 10am. Adults
\$10, ages 6-12 \$5, children 5 and under free. There will
be a Musical Bingo on February 18th. 8:00pm start time.

Maple Manor Tea

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

St. Mary's District Lion's Club

There will be a Fundraiser Luncheon on Tuesday, Febru-
ary 14th from 11:30am to 1pm with proceeds going to
the Nova Scotia Heart and Stroke Foundation. Lunch
includes chili or turkey soup, biscuit and dessert. Lunch
can be eat-in at the Lion's Hall or take-out. To pre-order
for take-out - Call Heather Laybolt at 902-522-2463 or
email hklaybolt@hotmail.com. The Lion's will be hosting
a St. Patrick's Day Pub Night on Friday, March 17th
starting at 7:00pm at the Lion's Hall. The Night Owls will
be performing live with light food options available for
purchase. Tickets cost \$10 per person. Seating is limited.
Purchase your tickets at the Sherbrooke Garage or call
Donnie Fraser at 902-867-7427. Pre-order and pre-pay
for you're your table. Maximum of 10 per table, but
larger groups can be accommodated.

Goldenville Spaghetti Supper

Please join your Goldenville "belly buster chefs" for a fun night of spaghetti, salad and garlic bread. Plus, some draws, raffles and of course, Italian background music, just to set the mood! Event will take place on February 24th, 2023 at the St. Mary's District Lion's Club. Doors open at 6pm. The fantastic meal will be Spaghetti and meatballs, salad and of course "hot garlic bread". Cost of \$15.00 a person. Proceeds go to support the Goldenville Museum. Reservations accepted after February 5th, 2023 by contacting Neil via neilblack02@gmail.com. Ps. If you know a Frank Sinatra look a like or maybe would like to sing for your supper let us know after February 5th. Arrivederci.

Port Bickerton Pub Night

There will be a Pub Night held on Saturday, March 4th starting at 8:00pm. The bar will be open and pub foods will be available for purchase. Dart boards, card and board games will be available to use. A live sporting event will be shown. Proceeds going towards the Ball Field Revitalization project.

Port Bickerton Play Space

The group fundraising for the Port Bickerton Play Space will be hosting an online auction. They are looking for donations of new or gently used items. Gift cards, hand made items and crafts are all welcome and encouraged! Please contact Kerri at 902-870-9882 or Jenny Kaiser on Facebook to arrange a drop off. Stay tuned for the auction, it will be posted online in February!

Port Bickerton Darts

Darts takes place each week on Friday at the Port Bickerton Community Centre at 7:30pm. Players can join at any time, and do not need a partner to participate.

Indian Harbour Lake Jordanville Community Centre

The next Hall meeting will be on Monday, February 13th at 7:00p.m. Everyone is welcome. Paint class will be held on January 23rd, February 6th and February 20th and every second Monday for the winter.

Blood Donation Clinics

Canadian Blood Services has a regular blood donation clinic at St. Ninian's Cathedral Parish at 121 St. Ninian's Street in Antigonish. You can find out clinic dates, availability and book a donation appointment online, at www.blood.ca. Blood and blood products are a critical part of everyday medical care including major surgeries, medical procedures, cancer treatments and managing diseases and disorders. As a blood donor you form a vital link in Canada's lifeline, helping many Canadians wake up healthy each day.

CO-ED Softball in St. Mary's

The possibility of establishing a CO-ED Softball League in St. Mary's is being explored. If you would like to organize a team, please reach out to Mallory Fraser at fraser033@gmail.com.

Goshen Community Recreation & Centre

Community Meeting February 4, 2023 from 1-3pm, come and discuss how we can make the Centre work for you. Share your ideas on programs and uses you would like to see available in our community. Bargain shop: Open every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday 1:00 to 3:00. Contacts for Shop: Laurie Ann - 902-783-2291 or Elizabeth 902-783-2369. Game day is every Wednesday 1:00 to 3:00. Bottle Donations are still welcomed.

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 86 Liscomb

31 MacKinley Point Road, Liscomb (902)779-2006. General Meeting: Tuesday, Feb 7 at 7pm. Only members can vote on issues, but everyone is welcome to come out and bring ideas! Roast Beef Dinner & Music Night Out: Saturday, February 11. Bar opens at 5, Dinner at 6pm, Dance music at 7pm. See attached flyer for details. \$15/person *Fundraising Event for the "Keep 'em Flushing" Washroom upgrade and accessibility project. Cribbage: Thursday and Saturday evenings at 8pm (no cribbage on Saturday Feb 11). Shuffleboard: Fridays at 7pm.

Port Bickerton Senior Socials

St. Paul's Willing Workers will be hosting a Senior Social on February 14th, 2023 at the Port Bickerton Community Centre from 10am-2pm. There will be a light lunch served. Bring your favourite game or activity or just socialize! All are welcome.

Ecum Secum Playground Update

The Ecum Secum Community Park Committee would like to say a huge thank you to all of our supporters over the past year+. Our Playground Phase 1 is nearly complete and our dream wouldn't be possible without the support of all of you. We are so happy with how it's turned out and excited to make memories at the space Please stop in and check it out! All are welcome! We will continue our fundraising efforts. We are working having power on site & saving for Phase 2 as well as adding garbage boxes, washroom facilities and benches! Next committee meeting: Feb 10th @ 9am (new members welcome). Chip Bingo: Feb 26 from 2-4pm \$0.25 a card.

St. Mary's ATV Club

ST. Mary's ATV Club needs the help of its members. You can show your support by attending the AGM at the Indian Harbour Lake and Jordanville Community Centre at 6:00pm on Thursday, February 9th, 2023. Also, by purchasing 50/50 ticket(s) for the ATVANS monthly draw and choosing St. Mary's ATV Club. When you choose St. Mary's ATV Club, 40% of the sale goes to the Club. 2023 Registrations are now available at Fraser's Garage. All you need to register is your ATV license number, make, model & year. Register now and support the St. Mary's ATV Club.



ROAST BEEF DINNER

&

Music Night Out



Liscomb Legion, Saturday, Feb 11 Dinner at 6pm



Bar opens at 5pm

ROAST BEEF DINNER

with an acoustic music set by Mary & Glen



and stay, to



Dance the Night Away!

Whether you kick it up on the dance floor
or bop in your chair ... you'll love the music!



MP3 Jockey

Playing decades of great country music and your fav old rock & roll
spiced up with the best of new favorites



Seating is limited, so please call in advance for reservations
(call on Thursday, Friday, Saturday after 5pm 902-779-2006)

\$15.00 per person

FUNDRAISING EVENT

All proceeds to "Keep 'em Flushing" Washroom Accessibility and Upgrade project.
We thank you very much for your support. See you there!

February 2023 Community Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Kids First Playgroup 9:30am Goshen Game Day 1pm Goshen Tech Savvy 1pm Rec. Hockey 2:30pm COTW Mtg. 4pm Adult Hockey – 7pm	2 Adult Skate 10am House League 6pm Yoga 7pm Liscomb Crib 8pm 50+ Hockey 8pm	3 MM Bake Sale 11am Liscomb Shuffleboard 7pm PB Darts 7:30pm	4 Learn to Skate 9am House League 10am Greenfield Tech/Literacy Program 10am-12pm Free Skate 12:30pm Goshen Centre Meeting 1-3pm Liscomb Crib 8pm
5	6 Free Seniors Painting Class 1pm (Pre-Registration needed) Open Gym 6pm	7 Kids First 3+ Drop-off 9:30am Maple Manor Tea 9:30am Junior Curling 2:30pm Drop-in Curling 4pm Curling Club 5:30pm Family Kickboxing 6pm Liscomb Legion Mtg. 7pm	8 Kids First Playgroup 9am Goshen Game Day 1pm Rec. Hockey 2:30pm Adult Hockey – 7pm	9 Adult Skate 10am House League 6pm ATV Club AGM 6pm Yoga 7pm Liscomb Crib 8pm 50+ Hockey 8pm	10 Ecum Secum Playground Mtg. 9am MM Bake Sale 11am Liscomb Shuffleboard 7pm PB Darts 7:30pm	11 Learn to Skate 9am Bottle Depot 10am House League 10am Free Skate 12:30pm PB Tech/Literacy Program 1-3pm Liscomb Roast Beef Dinner/Music Night Out 5pm
12	13 Open Gym 6pm Regular Council Mtg. 7pm - Municipal Office IHL Mtg. 7pm	14 Kids First 3+ Drop-off 9:30am Maple Manor Tea 9:30am PB Senior Social 10am Lion's Luncheon 11:30am Junior Curling 2:30pm Drop-in Curling 4pm Curling Club 5:30pm Family Kickboxing 6pm	15 Kids First Playgroup 9am Goshen Game Day 1pm Rec. Hockey 2:30pm COTW Mtg. 4pm Adult Hockey – 7pm <i>Gen. Gov. Grants Deadline Newsletter Deadline</i>	16 Adult Skate 10am House League 6pm Yoga 7pm Liscomb Crib 8pm 50+ Hockey 8pm	17 MM Bake Sale 11am Liscomb Shuffleboard 7pm PB Darts 7:30pm	18 Country Harbour Breakfast 8:30am Learn to Skate 9am Bottle Depot 10am House League 10am Free Skate 12:30pm Liscomb Crib 8pm Country Harbour Music Bingo 8pm
19	20 Heritage Day No Programs Municipal Office & Transfer Station Closed.	21 Kids First 3+ Drop-off 9:30am Maple Manor Tea 9:30am Junior Curling 2:30pm Drop-in Curling 4pm Curling Club 5:30pm Family Kickboxing 6pm	22 Kids First Playgroup 9am Goshen Game Day 1pm Rec. Hockey 2:30pm Adult Hockey – 7pm	23 Adult Skate 10am House League 6pm Yoga 7pm Liscomb Crib 8pm 50+ Hockey 8pm	24 MM Bake Sale 11am Goldenville Spaghetti Supper 6pm Liscomb Shuffleboard 7pm PB Darts 7:30pm	25 Learn to Skate 9am House League 10am IHL Tech/Literacy Program 10am-12pm Free Skate 12:30pm Liscomb Crib 8pm
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