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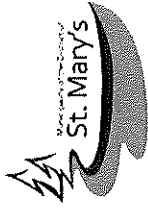
**MEETING:** St Mary's Municipal Council  
Committee of the Whole

**DATE:** Wednesday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**TIME:** 4:00pm

**PLACE:** St. Mary's Municipality  
Council Chambers, Sherbrooke, NS

**Please advise if unable to attend**

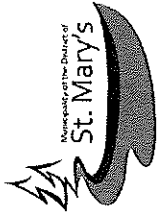


# Municipality of the District of St. Mary's

Committee of the Whole Meeting  
Wednesday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021- 4:00pm

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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Additions to the Agenda
4. Approval of the Agenda
5. Approval of Minutes from Committee Meeting held Wednesday, June 16, 2021
6. Business Arising from Minutes  
*CO Presentation Climate Change*
7. Correspondence
  - a. Archibald's Lake
8. Other Matters of Business
  - a. Community Works Program
  - b. Dry Hydrant Request
  - c. 2021 Tax Sale Update
9. Adjournment
  - d. *Forest Mgmt. PID# 37507662*
  - e. *Accplex Brine Pump Pipe*
  - f. *Melting Dikes - Aug?*
  - g. *Contract Neg- In Camera*



# Municipality of the District of St. Mary's

Committee of The Whole (COTW) Meeting  
Wednesday, July 7, 2021

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## 1. Meeting, Date & Time:

The COTW Meeting of the St. Mary's Municipal Council was called to order on Wednesday, July 7 2021 at 4:00 pm in the Council Chambers Sherbrooke, N.S.

## 2. Attending:

Warden Wier	Councillor Mailman
Deputy Warden Fuller	Councillor Malloy
Councillor Baker	Councillor Zinck
Councillor Harpell	

## Also Attending:

Marvin MacDonald, CAO  
Marian Fraser, Director of Finance  
Donna-lynn Provost, Municipal Clerk & Special Projects Coordinator  
Kaytland Smith, Climate Change Coordinator

## 3. Additions to the Agenda:

- 6a) Presentation from Kaytland Smith, Climate Change Coordinator on Climate Change
- 8d) Forest Management Proposal
- 8e) Cimco Brime Pump for the Recplex
- 8f) Council Meeting for the month of August
- 8g) In Camera: Contract negotiations

## 4. Approval of the Agenda:

*On motion of Deputy Warden Fuller and seconded by Councillor Zinck Council approved the agenda as presented, with additions.*

***Motion approved.***

## 5. Approval of Minutes:

*On motion of Councillor Harpell and seconded by Councillor Baker, Council approved the minutes of the COTW Meeting held Wednesday, June 16, 2021*

***Motion approved.***

## 6. Business Arising from the Minutes:

- Presentation from Kaytland Smith, Climate Change Coordinator on Climate Change Sustainable Development Goals Act (SDGA) & Climate Change Plan for Green Growth
- Areas of Focus: Leadership in Sustainable Prosperity; Transition to Cleaner Energy, Energy Efficiency and Cleaner Transportation; Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation; Circular Economy; Inclusive Economy; Protecting Natural Assets and Biodiversity

June 29th, 2021 Tax Sale by Sealed Tender

- 83 bids were received on time for the tax sale
- Tax sale was audio recorded and posted on the website before 4pm on June 29<sup>th</sup>
- 18 of the 27 accounts received successful bids and were sold at the tax sale, 1 Account had a bid default, contacting the next highest bidder.
- Successful bids totaled \$165,924.30, of which;(not including default bid)
  - \$58,150 – paid outstanding taxes, interest and tax sale costs
  - \$114,643.30 – was added to the tax sale surplus account, held for 20 years.

d). Forest Management PID 37507662

- Correspondence received from Sean Ashe Forestry, regarding Pre Commercial Thinning
  - paid for by Port Hawkesbury Paper
  - Increasing value of property, potentially
  - Must stay in forest production for 10 years.

*On recommendation of Councillor Baker and seconded by Councillor Zinck to have Sean Ashe Forestry Management perform pre commercial thinning to PID 37507662 at no cost to the municipality, resulting in the remaining in forest production for 10 years.*

**Recommendation adopted**

e). Recplex Brine Pump Pipe

- Cimco discovered corroded pipe while onsite replacing the Brine pump. Staff provided pictures for Council to view.

*On motion of Councillor Zinck and seconded by Councillor Harpell, council authorized no more than \$7500 to replace the Brine pump pipe at the Recplex.*

**Recommendation adopted**

F). Meeting Dates for August

- Deputy Warden Fuller, suggested and discussed suspending meetings in the month of August, 2021; special and emergency meeting will be done as needed.
- Decided with consensus.

g). In camera session – Contract Negotiations

**On motion of Councillor Baker and seconded by Deputy Warden Fuller, Council moved into an in camera session for the Contract Negotiations at 4:45 pm.**

**On motion of Councillor Baker and seconded by Councillor Mailman, Council reconvened to regular session at 5:20 pm.**

- Highlighting investing 9.5 million in the House Warming and Affordable Multi -Family energy efficiency programs to ensure low income Nova Scotians' home are comfortable.
- By 2050, net zero, the balance of Greenhouse Gas emissions with measures to remove greenhouse gases and other offsetting measures.
- Council will reply to Mrs. Smith by July 21, 2021 with comments to submit on their behalf.

## 7. Correspondence:

### Archibald's Lake

- Council and staff received multiple correspondence from members of the community in regards to Archibald Lake as a Wilderness Protected Area. Mr. Scott Beaver, President of the SMRA, submitted a second letter and Deputy Warden Fuller also submitted a report.
- Council reviewed letters from the community regarding Archibald Lake Wildreiness Area including and invitation from Mr. Scott Beaver for a tour of the river valley Councillor Harpell, Councillor Mailman and Warden Weir will attend

Consensus of Council was not to take a position on the topic, but to acknowledge the correspondence received.

## 8. Other Matters of Business:

### a). Community Works Grant

- Marvin MacDonald, CAO, applied for funding through the Province of Nova Scotia under the Community Works Grant, a grant for an engineering technician to assist with water and sewer as Nova Scotia requests and reports.

### b). Dry Hydrant

- Council received a letter from Sea Shore Volunteer Fire Dept requesting a new dry hydrant in Fisherman's Harbour.

*On the motion of Councillor Harpell and seconded by Councillor Malloy, Council agreed to put to tender a Dry Hydrant for the Sea Shore Volunteer Fire Dept at Fishermans Harbour Lake.*

- Discussion regarding no other interest at the Fire Services Committee meeting.

### **Recommendation adopted**

### C). Tax Sale

- Director of Finance, Marian Fraser reported the following report on the 2021 Tax Sale 53 properties in total, \$275,306 in outstanding tax arrears, interest and tax sale fees. All 53 send to municipal legal for title searches.

Of the 53 accounts,

- 11 based on title searches required additional work to be completed before processing with tax sale
- 15 accounts were paid in full, totaling \$44,582
- As of June 29, 2021, 27 remained on the tax sale for \$156,778

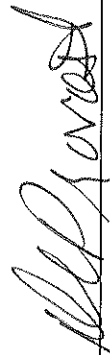
*On recommendation of Councillor Baker and seconded by Councillor Harpell to accept TAT tender package for sidewalks on Main Street and paving 16 Main Street parking lot.*

**Recommendation adopted**

**10. Adjournment**

*On motion of Councillor Malloy and seconded by Deputy Warden Fuller there being no further matters of business, council adjourned at 5:22 pm.*

***Motion approved.***



Recorded By  
Municipal Clerk/Special Projects Coordinator



Approved By  
Warden Wier

Municipality of the District of St. Mary's

P.O. Box 296

Sherbrooke, NS

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Attention Warden Greg Wier

Re Proposed Archibald Lake Wilderness Area

Dear Warden Wier,

I am writing you as Warden and would also ask that you share this letter with members of Council.

I support the proposed Archibald Lake Wilderness Area. The lake and its surrounding forest have been earmarked as a conservation priority for nearly a decade, yet the area still awaits protection. Archibald Lake has repeatedly been identified as having 'high conservation value.'

And for good reasons. Archibald Lake is part of the distinctive Eastern Shore Quartzite Plain ecosystem, with unique forest drumlins as well as stands of old-growth hardwood forest. It's also known for a healthy population of wild brook trout, our provincial fish. Archibald Lake is a critically important part of the overall St. Mary's River watershed. I was fortunate to enjoy Archibald Lake the last three weekends.

The lake and its surrounding area are already popular amongst anglers, hunters and others. There is great potential for further recreational use and ecotourism. Formal protection would safeguard the area's ecological integrity.

I also have a strong interest in the St. Mary's River and Sherbrooke and surrounding area. I am a volunteer member of and director on the Board of the St. Mary's River Association (SMRA). I also have a property on the St. Mary's River in Smithfield and have been fortunate enough to enjoy the river and many activities associated with the river including fishing for salmon and trout, canoeing, kayaking and walking certain areas adjoining the river. I would like to see this continue for my children and grandchildren. I am not currently representing or writing on behalf of anyone, but I support the efforts of organizations like the Nova Scotia Nature Trust to preserve several special properties along the river for future generations and the objectives of the SMRA.

I am writing to ask Council to write the Province and support the proposed Archibald Lake Wilderness Area. Please help to ensure protection of this important part of our natural heritage.

Thank you for your consideration.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

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Cc Mr. Marvin MacDonald  
Chief Administrative Officer



To the esteemed members of council for the municipality of St. Mary's,

The decision to designate Archibald's Lake as an area of ecological significance must be made. Protect Archibald's Lake and we protect the long-term future of the municipality of St. Mary's.

I am a new permanent resident of Glenelg. My husband and I were drawn to the pristine waters and natural beauty of the area. We have a large, forested property and our dream is to create a series of nature trails for hiking, mountain biking, and cross-country skiing.

There is a very active cycling community in Antigonish who have already expressed interest in having this area become a riding destination once some trails and road routes are established. This will, of course, provide a boost to local businesses who cater to travellers. These cyclists are willing to invest in our county, and collaboration with local tourism destinations is on the horizon. This is an exciting time when we are seeing such vigorous interest in protecting the natural environment for the health and wellbeing of families and their individual members, both taxpayers and voters.

With international travel being restricted or deemed too risky by many people, Canadians are more often choosing to explore the wonders their own country has to offer. Everywhere, with people emerging from lockdowns, eco tourism is seeing a massive surge in popularity.

Several of our customers have expressed interest in gravel rides and cycling tours of this district. People are hearing about the abundant natural beauty of the St. Mary's area, and this interest, coupled with easy access to major amenities, makes the St. Mary's watershed an ideal travel destination.

Archibald's Lake is a major contributor to the health of this beautiful watershed. Archibald's Lake is integral to the development and future wealth of the area, and thereby, its residents, and, in turn, the St. Mary's Municipality.

The omission of Archibald's Lake from the list of newly created protected lands is a huge blow to the creation of a viable eco tourism industry in the county. Why jeopardize a promising future? Gold mining is a destructive industry, short-lived, and not particularly enriching to the municipal coffers.

The proposed destruction of Archibald Lake jeopardizes the health and beauty of the entire community. The short-term creation of a few temporary jobs in no way offsets the expensive legacy of destruction that would be left behind. Archibald's Lake must be deemed protected to save not only the lake itself, but the health of the entire watershed and the economic future of the region.

Elizabeth Jones

[eliza.jones.beth@gmail.com](mailto:eliza.jones.beth@gmail.com)

**From:** Scott Beaver <[smra.beaver@gmail.com](mailto:smra.beaver@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** June 23, 2021 11:40 AM

**To:** Greg Wier <[greg.wier@saint-marys.ca](mailto:greg.wier@saint-marys.ca)>; Beulah Malloy <[beulah.malloy@saint-marys.ca](mailto:beulah.malloy@saint-marys.ca)>; James Fuller <[james.fuller@saint-marys.ca](mailto:james.fuller@saint-marys.ca)>; Everett Baker <[everett.baker@saint-marys.ca](mailto:everett.baker@saint-marys.ca)>; Marvin MacDonald <[marvin.macdonald@saint-marys.ca](mailto:marvin.macdonald@saint-marys.ca)>; Courtney Mailman <[courtney.mailman@saint-marys.ca](mailto:courtney.mailman@saint-marys.ca)>; Charlene Zinck <[charlene.zinck@saint-marys.ca](mailto:charlene.zinck@saint-marys.ca)>; James Harpell <[james.harpell@saint-marys.ca](mailto:james.harpell@saint-marys.ca)>

**Subject:** SMRA tour

Good morning St. Mary's Councillors,

On behalf of the St. Mary's River Association I would like to offer a tour within our river valley. This tour would include a showcase of habitat work we have been doing within the system and important infrastructure as it relates to conservation, angling and paddling. I would also point out areas of significance as it relates to the proposed gold mine and discuss future projects SMRA are working towards.

I have given this tour to others including Sean Fraser and Chief Andrea Paul in the past with great success. The tour would cover a lot of ground within the valley and we would begin up river on the West branch. From there we would make half a dozen or so stops along the way down river and finishing up at our IC building in Sherbrooke. Our habitat restoration project manager Charlie MacInnis will accompany us on the upper reaches of the river and discuss the rock structures and liming work we have been doing. We will stop at McKeens Brook where it enters the river which also has important disability access infrastructure for anglers. This is also one site of Historic Sherbrooke Village's RICHES projects. We will finish up at our IC building and depending on COVID at the time SMRA will provide snacks and a short closing informal discussion amongst our group.

I personally will make any day work from my end including weekends. If your group could provide me with two dates to work with I will pick one of them and plan it out.

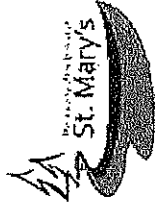
Thank you,  
Scott Beaver  
President, SMRA

**Marian Fraser**

**From:** Council  
**Sent:** June 30, 2021 8:49 AM  
**To:** Marian Fraser; Marvin MacDonald  
**Subject:** FW: Archibald Lake WA

*Melanie Mills*

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**From:** Peter MacQuarrie [mailto:gpmacquarrie@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** June 29, 2021 11:33 AM  
**To:** Council <council@saint-marys.ca>  
**Cc:** Scott Beaver <smra.beaver@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** Archibald Lake WA

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**VIA Email:** [council@saint-marys.ca](mailto:council@saint-marys.ca)

June 29, 2021

To: Saint Marys District Council Members

Re: Archibald Lake Wilderness Area Designation

I am writing on behalf of the Melrose Fish & Game Assoc., a private assoc which owns and pays taxes on our camp and land at Civic # 7402, Rte #348 near Melrose. For seventy-two years and four generations, the families of our association members have explored, stayed in and enjoyed the natural wonders of the Saint-Mary's river valley.

We are advised by the St Mary's River Assoc. that your new Council recently deferred a decision on whether to support the provincial designation as a Wilderness Area, the proposed lands at Archibald Lake pending further consideration. The SMRA can provide you with specific information to support such a decision. We support the SRMA's efforts and have previously informed the Province that we support this Designation.

I hope that your Council will make a decision to support designation when you take up the matter again in August.

Peter MacQuarrie, Pres.

Melrose Fish & Game Assoc.

[gpmacquarrie@gmail.com](mailto:gpmacquarrie@gmail.com)

## Marian Fraser

**From:** Council  
**Sent:** June 30, 2021 8:47 AM  
**To:** Marvin MacDonald; Marian Fraser  
**Subject:** FW: The protection of Archibald Lake

FYI

*Melanie Mills*

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**From:** Simon Bond [mailto:simon@sichbo.ca]  
**Sent:** June 28, 2021 9:24 PM  
**To:** Council <council@saint-marys.ca>  
**Subject:** The protection of Archibald Lake

Dear councillors,

This is Simon Bond from up on Old Road Hill. I'd just like to add my letter of support for the protection of Archibald Lake and its designation as an official wildlife area. As momentary stewards of this beautiful and enchanting place we call home, we should all feel obliged to protect it for the enjoyment of generations to come.

I understand its designation is a touchy subject on account of a proposed gold mine nearby. On the argument of economics, for the people of St. Mary's, the mine is a nonstarter. We would have to be financial masochists to accept pennies from an administrative entity, in exchange for billions of dollars already under our own feet.

It's important to remember that most money in our modern economy is nothing more than artificially scarce SQL data sitting on bank servers — no more tangible than the letters you're reading on your phones or computer screens right now. Our supply of monetary wealth exists mostly as bank issued credit. There's no outright "credit to money supply" ratio provided by our Bank of Canada (I've asked) but it can be estimated to be somewhere around 76% [1]. Interestingly, countries like the UK have a credit to money supply ratio as high as 97%. The point being, money in our modern computerised economy is overwhelmingly created from quite literally nothing, not resources. In stark contrast to our real, finite and fragile Archibald Lake wildlife area.

I advocate for practical, merit-based resource use, and I don't see an argument for delaying the protection of Archibald Lake given how money is actually created in our modern economy and humanity's massive 92% oversupply [2] of its nearby resource.

Warmest regards,

- Simon Bond

[1] Latest available Sept 2020 total household+business credit 4.6 trillion + (4.6 + 1.4 Dec 2020 M1++ money supply) = 76%.

[2] Practical use electronics/science 81.2t ÷ 1096.2t supply = 92%, Q1 2021.

## Marian Fraser

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**From:** James Fuller  
**Sent:** June 30, 2021 11:16 AM  
**To:** Marian Fraser  
**Subject:** Brief report on Archibald Lake

All,

As promised, here is a brief report regarding the request for Council support on having Archibald Lake being designated as a Wilderness Protected Area.

I contacted two separate representatives of NS Natural Resources regarding both the process and ramifications of having the lake designated as such and will just highlight a few items.

- Designation applies only to Crown Lands surrounding the lake. However, since the request encompasses a much larger area the impact would be greater than just restricting development along the shoreline.
- ANY construction, improvements, (in some cases,) access to private property would fall under rules and regulations as set forth under the NS Natural Resources agency.
- In some cases, access to private property, if that access crosses Crown Land, the individual would have to seek permission to cross that stretch of land just to get to their own property.
- Although property owners can still visit and maintain their properties, using existing recreational vehicles to travel freely on Crown Lands would cease immediately.

For your information, a study was done in 2020 regarding Archibald Lake (as well as others) by NSNR and I have attached the link here:

<https://www.novascotia.ca/parksandprotectedareas/docs/Wilderness-consultations-report.pdf>

As you will see, the impious request was made in order to hinder development of the proposed gold mine. You can also see that support for this designation was by far *not* unanimous.

Additionally, as reported in a recent issue of the Guysborough Journal, during a conversation with our Premier, it was outright admitted that this designation was sought in an attempt to delay or deter the gold mine. Also as reported, the Premier did not commit to supporting this designation.

As the request for a letter of support for Wilderness Protection by the Saint Mary's River Association would appear to be yet another tactic to deter the gold mine, which we as a Council have relatively no say in one way or the other.

I would recommend that as a Council we avoid getting in the middle of this fight, maintain neutrality, and not send a letter of support.

Respectfully submitted,

James Fuller

Deputy Warden





# Sea Shore Volunteer Fire Department

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Email - [ssvfd@hoimail.com](mailto:ssvfd@hoimail.com)

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June 15, 2021

Councillor James Harpell,

We are writing you in regards to a dry hydrant request in Sea Shore Volunteer Fire Department's district. We have reviewed a number of locations, and upon review, we feel that a location at Fisherman's Harbour lake would facilitate our services the best. The area is easily accessible year round, would never possess the ability to go dry, and would be the easiest both structurally and financially to upgrade to a dry hydrant station. We have spoke to the land owner, Ellis Kaiser, and he has expressed his full support in the use of his land to access the selected area. The lake is located very near to the center of our service area in Port Bickerton and Fisherman's Hbr and would offer some extended water access in conjunction with our current hydrant located at the intersection of Hwy 211 and Port Bickerton Village Rd.

The department is continuously upgrading our services offered to our district in the best of our abilities and we look forward to your valued input and support.

Douglas Acker  
/secretary of the SSVFD

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**Marian Fraser**

**From:** Sean Ashe Forestry <seanasheforestry@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** June 27, 2021 8:53 PM  
**To:** Marvin MacDonald  
**Cc:** Marian Fraser  
**Subject:** Re: PID 37507662

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Hi Marvin, just doing a follow up to see if this is something you want done. We will be in the area for another few weeks so want to make sure we get it done while we are there.

Please let me know  
Thank You  
Sean

Sean Ashe Forestry  
1940 Hwy 211  
Sherbrooke, NS  
B0J 3C0  
1 (902) 318-0066

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**From:** Marvin MacDonald <marvin.macdonald@saint-marys.ca>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 14, 2021 9:36:15 AM  
**To:** Sean Ashe Forestry <seanasheforestry@outlook.com>  
**Cc:** Marian Fraser <marian.fraser@saint-marys.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: PID 37507662

Hi Sean,

It sounds like a good opportunity. How does the PCT program work? Who pays for it and if the Municipality gets it done is there any commitment required for future use of the wood?

Thanks

Marvin

Marvin MacDonald  
Chief Administrative Officer  
Municipality of the District of Saint Mary's  
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**From:** Sean Ashe Forestry <seanasheforestry@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** June 11, 2021 2:49 PM  
**To:** Marian Fraser <marian.fraser@saint-marys.ca>  
**Cc:** Marvin MacDonald <marvin.macdonald@saint-marys.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: PID 37507662

Your welcome. We are going to be doing all the property around it so figured we would see if you wanted it done. We will be headed there within the next week to start on the crown property there

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**From:** Marian Fraser <[marian.fraser@saint-marys.ca](mailto:marian.fraser@saint-marys.ca)>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 11, 2021 2:37:39 PM  
**To:** Sean Ashe Forestry <[seanasheforestry@outlook.com](mailto:seanasheforestry@outlook.com)>  
**Cc:** Marvin MacDonald <[marvin.macdonald@saint-marys.ca](mailto:marvin.macdonald@saint-marys.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: PID 37507662

I am not sure but I can pass that along to see if it may be something the Municipality wishes to have done.

Thank you for bringing this to our attention.

Marian

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**From:** Sean Ashe Forestry <[seanasheforestry@outlook.com](mailto:seanasheforestry@outlook.com)>  
**Sent:** June 11, 2021 2:31 PM  
**To:** Marian Fraser <[marian.fraser@saint-marys.ca](mailto:marian.fraser@saint-marys.ca)>  
**Subject:** Re: PID 37507662

Ok. Would they be interested in having PCT done on it? It doesn't cost them anything.

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**From:** Marian Fraser <[marian.fraser@saint-marys.ca](mailto:marian.fraser@saint-marys.ca)>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 11, 2021 2:30:29 PM  
**To:** Sean Ashe Forestry <[seanasheforestry@outlook.com](mailto:seanasheforestry@outlook.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: PID 37507662

Good Afternoon Sean and happy birthday,

Yes the Municipality does own that piece of land.

Thanks  
Marian

**From:** Sean Ashe Forestry <[seanasheforestry@outlook.com](mailto:seanasheforestry@outlook.com)>  
**Sent:** June 9, 2021 8:38 PM  
**To:** Marian Fraser <[marian.fraser@saint-marys.ca](mailto:marian.fraser@saint-marys.ca)>  
**Subject:** PID 37507662

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Hi Marian, can you tell me if the municipality owns this property? The reason why I am asking is we are going to be in the area doing some spacing and it looks like there is some on this property that could be done as well.

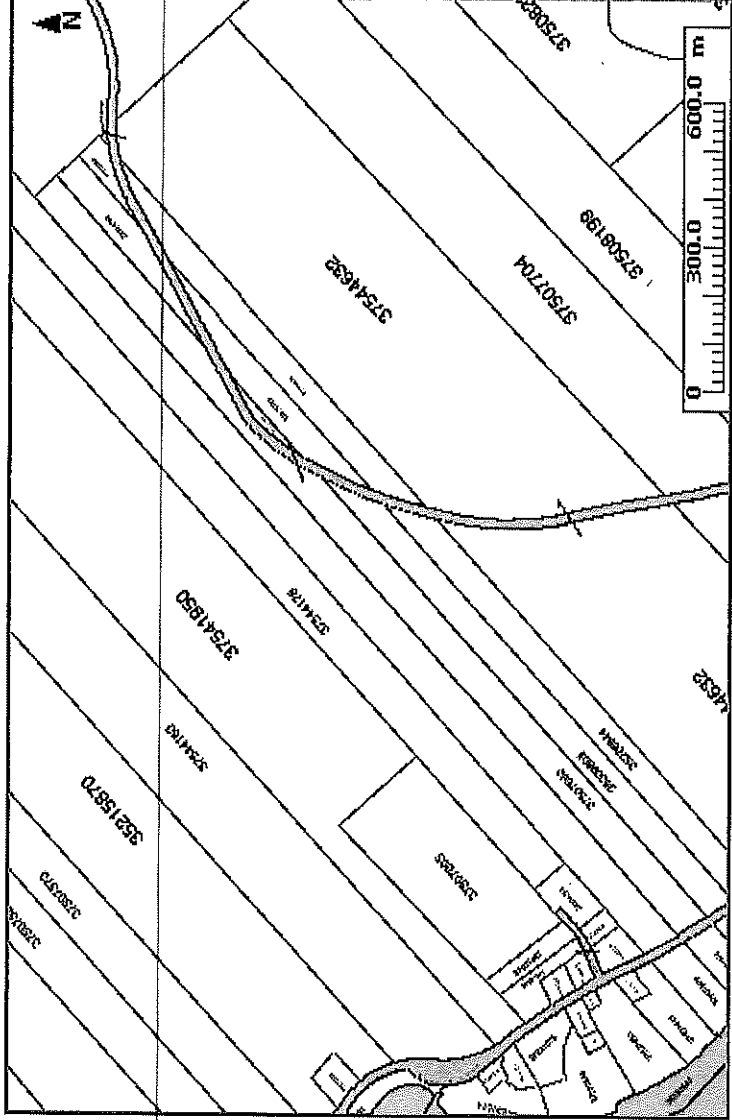
If you would let me know that would be great

Sean



Property Online Map

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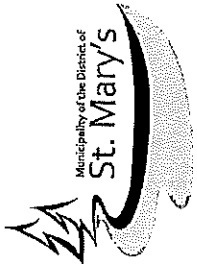


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County:	GUYSBOROUGH COUNTY		CAROL ANNE MCLEAN	Value:	\$8,500 (2021 RESOURCE EXEMPT)
LR Status:	NOT LAND REGISTRATION	Address:	SONORA ROAD SONORA		
PID:	37507662	Owner:	JAMES WHEATLY	AAN:	04884612
County:	GUYSBOROUGH COUNTY		CAROL ANNE MCLEAN	Value:	\$8,500 (2021 RESOURCE EXEMPT)
LR Status:	NOT LAND REGISTRATION	Address:	SONORA ROAD SONORA		

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# Municipality of the District of the District of St. Mary's

Box 296, 8296 Highway #7, Sherbrooke, NS B0J 3C0

## Staff Report – July 2021 Municipal Tax Sale

### Background

- Tax sale began with 53 properties being listed/advertised:
  - totalling \$275,306 in outstanding tax arrears, interest and tax sale fees.
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**St. Mary's Gas Tax Reserve**

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<b>Balance Forward</b>	57,355	57,355	33,724	33,724
Revenue	143,298	138,770	277,540	277,540
Interest				

**Projects: Based on CIP**

Sidewalks				(80,000)
Municipal Roads			(15,000)	(16,000)
Sewer Pump Upgrade	(8,000)	(10,323)	-	
I&I Study Recommendations				
Phases 3 Streetscape Main St				(65,000)
WTP Upgrades				
Chlorine/Turbidity/Sand filter U	(30,000)	(15,000)	(15,000)	(15,000)
Admin Bldg Payment	(137,078)	(137,078)	(133,891)	(133,891)

<b>Year End Balance</b>	<b>25,575</b>	<b>33,724</b>	<b>147,373</b>	<b>1,373</b>
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**Municipality of the District of St. Mary's - Capital Fund**

	2020/2021 Budget Est.	YE 20/21 Projections	2021/2022 Budget Est.	Potential Revised Budget for 21 22
<b>Balance Forward</b>	429,134	429,134	478,265	478,265

Revenue				
Sale of Surplus Land		20,000		
Recreation Facility Grant	22,866	22,866		
Transfer from Operating		145,491		
Interest - transfer fr general				

**Projects: Expense**

Dry Hydrants	(8,000)	(6,921)	(8,000)	(8,000)
Office Generator/EMO	(43,000)	(41,654)	-	
Sidewalk Project				(50,000)
J Class Roads/Municipal Rd	(45,000)	-	(175,000)	(62,000)
Recplex Sprinkler Tanks				
Ice Plant Chiller/Recplex				
WTP Roof Replacement		(15,651)		
Internet Project				
UV Sewer Project	(52,600)	(60,000)		
I&I Study/Recommendation	-	(15,000)	-	
Streetscapes Project Phase2	(30,000)	-	(25,000)	(25,000)

<b>Year End Balance</b>	<b>273,400</b>	<b>478,265</b>	<b>270,265</b>	<b>333,265</b>
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# Sustainable Development Goals Act & Climate Change Plan For Green Growth

Presentation By  
Kaytland Smith  
Climate Change Coordinator






Current Provincial Consultation  
Seeking Feedback on:

New goals under  
the Sustainable  
Development  
Goals Act

Climate Change  
Plan for Clean  
Growth



# Highlights of the SDGA include:

## The long-term Objective to Achieve Sustainable Prosperity

- Raise awareness of sustainable prosperity
- Create the conditions necessary for sustainable prosperity
- Adopt, support and enable goals and initiatives that are aligned with the principles and focus areas under the SDGA

## Establishment of the Sustainable Communities Challenge Fund

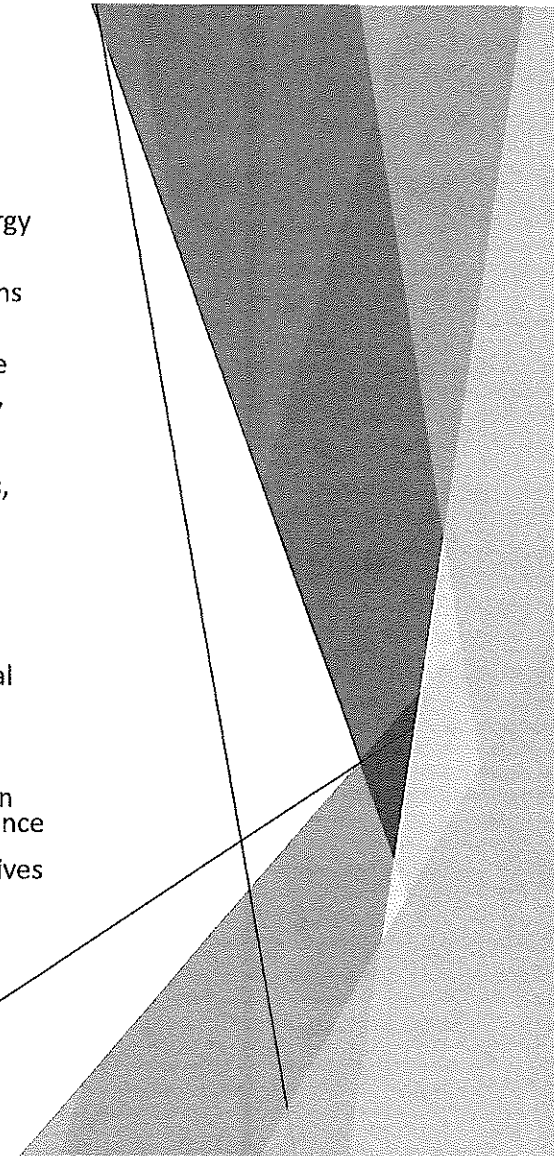
- Focus of enabling opportunities for climate mitigation and adaption efforts at the community level.

## Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reduction Targets

- By 2020, reduce greenhouse gases to 10 per cent below what Nova Scotia was emitting in 1990
- By 2030, reduce greenhouse gases to at least 53 per cent below what Nova Scotia was emitting in 2005
- By 2050, net zero: this means the balance of GHG emissions with measures to remove greenhouse gases and other offsetting measures

## Provincial initiatives and programs include:

- ▶ Committing to closing coal plants by 2030
- ▶ Committing to reaching 80 per cent renewable energy for the electricity sector by 2030
- ▶ Committing to powering core government operations with 100 per cent renewable electricity by 2025
- ▶ Investing \$9.5 million in the Home Warming and the Affordable Multi-Family Housing energy efficiency programs to help ensure low-income Nova Scotians' homes are comfortable
- ▶ Providing rebates for new and used electric vehicles, and new electric bikes
- ▶ Creating a Clean Agriculture Technology program to support farmers and food production
- ▶ Eliminating single-use plastic bags at check-outs
- ▶ Committing to designating and identifying additional lands in the Parks and Protected Areas plan to bring Nova Scotia to 14 per cent protected land
- ▶ Investing \$2 million over five years in the Clean Leadership Program, which supports youth interns in working on climate change projects across the province
- ▶ Creating the Office of Equity and Anti-Racism Initiatives to ensure government-wide focus on social equity, address underlying and systemic differences of opportunity and access to social resources





## **Public Engagement Period - May 27<sup>th</sup> to July 26<sup>th</sup> 2021**

Clean Nova Scotia Foundation

- > Webinars/Zoom
- > Written/Electronic Submissions
- > Targeted Sessions
- > Social Media

[www.cleanfuture.ca](http://www.cleanfuture.ca)

126 Portland St, Dartmouth NS B2Y 2H8

1-877-616-2247

### **Following Completion of Engagement**

'What We Heard' Report <

Climate Change Plan for Growth - By end of 2021 <

New regulations developed under the SDGA <

# Guiding principals when considering goals and providing feedback:

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**Netukulimk** -- Mi'kmaq concept that means using the natural bounty provided by the Creator to feed and support people and communities without jeopardizing the environment

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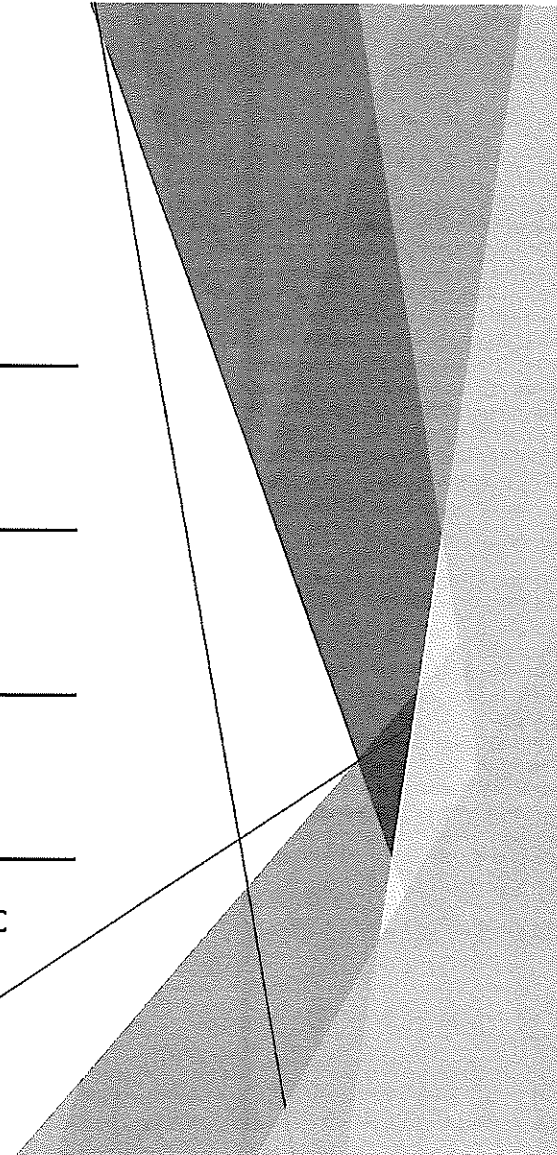
**Sustainable development** -- considers the health of our economy, our communities and our planet

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**Circular economy** -- aims to use products for as long as possible and eliminate waste

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**Inclusive economy** -- allows all Nova Scotians to share in our economic success



# Six Areas of Focus

Leadership in Sustainable Prosperity

Transition to Cleaner Energy, Energy Efficiency, and Cleaner Transportation

Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation

Circular Economy

Inclusive Economy

Protecting Natural Assets and Biodiversity

# Leadership in Sustainable Prosperity

## Grow the economy and protect the environment at the same time, through collaboration and innovation

Provincial government hopes to achieve this through policies and programs that consider both the economic prosperity of the province along side the environmental health of the land

- ▶ Pilot projects
- ▶ Supporting community and business initiatives
- ▶ Research
- ▶ Education
- ▶ Engagement

### What could this look like?

- ▶ Greening government operations
  - ▶ Renewable energy
  - ▶ Energy efficiency in government buildings
  - ▶ Electric vehicles for government fleets
- ▶ Teaching sustainability in school
  - ▶ Education on waste/pollution/natural value
  - ▶ Promotes interest in the field for future employment, creates advocates/stewards for future generations, engages youth in policy that will affect their futures.
- ▶ Using government's buying power
  - ▶ Supporting local businesses. Leads to promotion of local businesses leading to employment opportunities
  - ▶ Including businesses owned by Indigenous peoples, African Nova Scotian, immigrants, those with different abilities, and women in non-traditional work
- ▶ Working to ensure no one is left behind
  - ▶ Removing barriers for those in our Province who will be disproportionately impacted by climate change (people of color, low-income, differently-abled) and providing them with the research and resources to benefit from the move to a clean and sustainable province

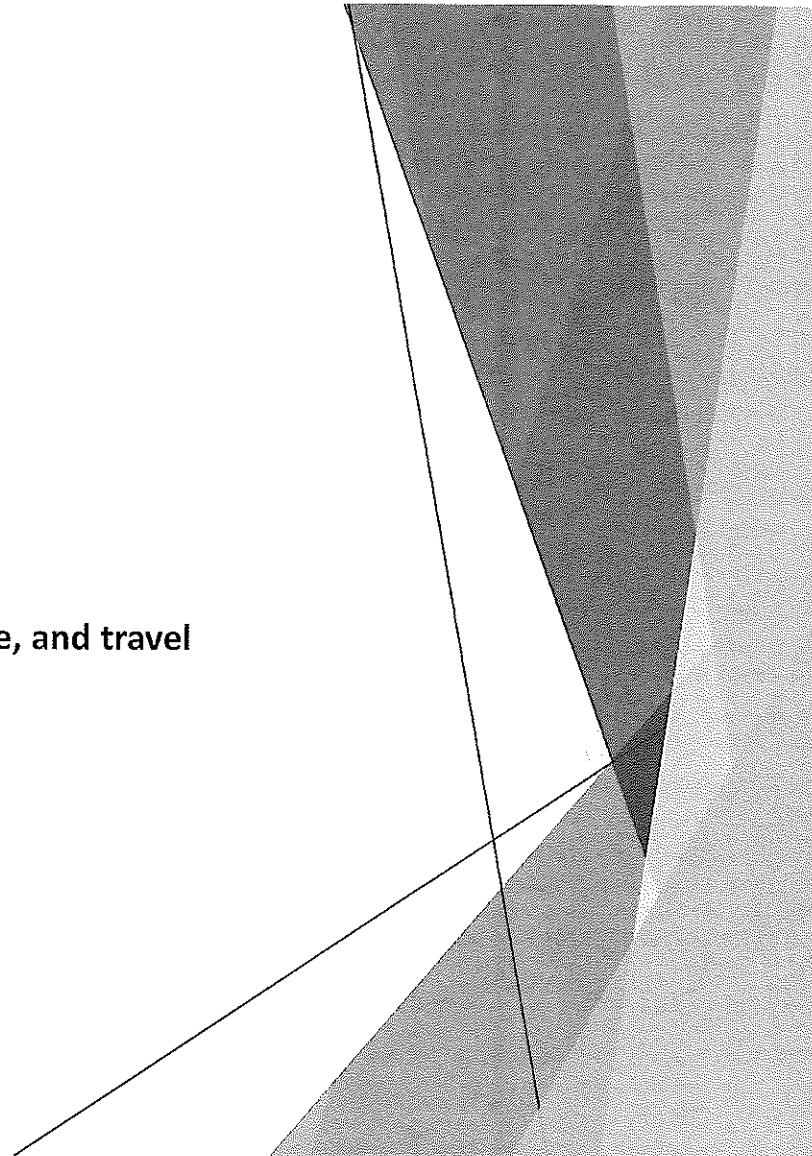


# Supporting the Transition to Cleaner Energy, Energy Efficiency, and Cleaner Transportation

Move toward net-zero emissions by shifting how we make energy, live, and travel

What will this look like?

- ▶ Clean energy production such as wind and solar energy
- ▶ Energy-efficiency in homes and heating
- ▶ Shifting toward active transportation
- ▶ Zero-emission vehicles



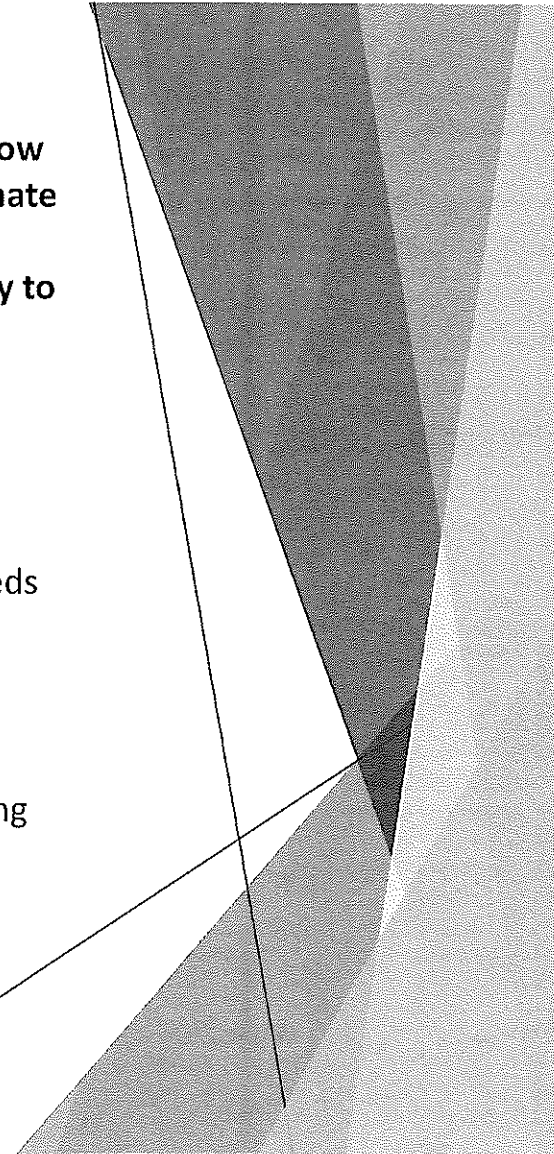


# Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation

**Tapping into the resources and the know-how to prepare and adapt to the impacts of climate change and thrive in a zero-carbon future. Tackling the climate crisis is our opportunity to build back better for everyone.**

What could this look like?

- ▶ Developing mitigation and adaptation action plans and processes
- ▶ Developing policy that supports the needs associated with mitigation/adaptation planning
- ▶ Meeting GHG targets
- ▶ Access to resource, such as flood mapping



# Circular Economy

Reducing disposable items used just for one purpose. Thinking beyond recycling and the traditional 'take, make, use, dispose' system we know, and will require creativity and innovation to achieve.

What could this look like?

- ▶ Reducing waste
  - ▶ Repurposing, sharing, and repairing items
  - ▶ Diverting and reducing waste going to landfills
  - ▶ Using less or with great efficiency in usage of natural resource
  - ▶ Creating new businesses and jobs focuses on circular economy initiatives
- ▶ Extended producer responsibility
  - ▶ Requiring companies to take responsibility for the waste their products create
  - ▶ EPR encourages reduced packaging, making products that environmentally friendly, and recyclability
- ▶ Research and Development
  - ▶ Explore new ideas on climate change, waste reduction, and conservation
  - ▶ Universities and research institutions will work closely with the private sector, to help us understand the best approach to reach our climate goals

# Inclusive Economy

All Nova Scotians have an opportunity to build a good life in our province. All of us will have a chance to share in the jobs and opportunities we create in the clean economy, no matter what our ability, geography, gender, race, or income.

What could this look like?

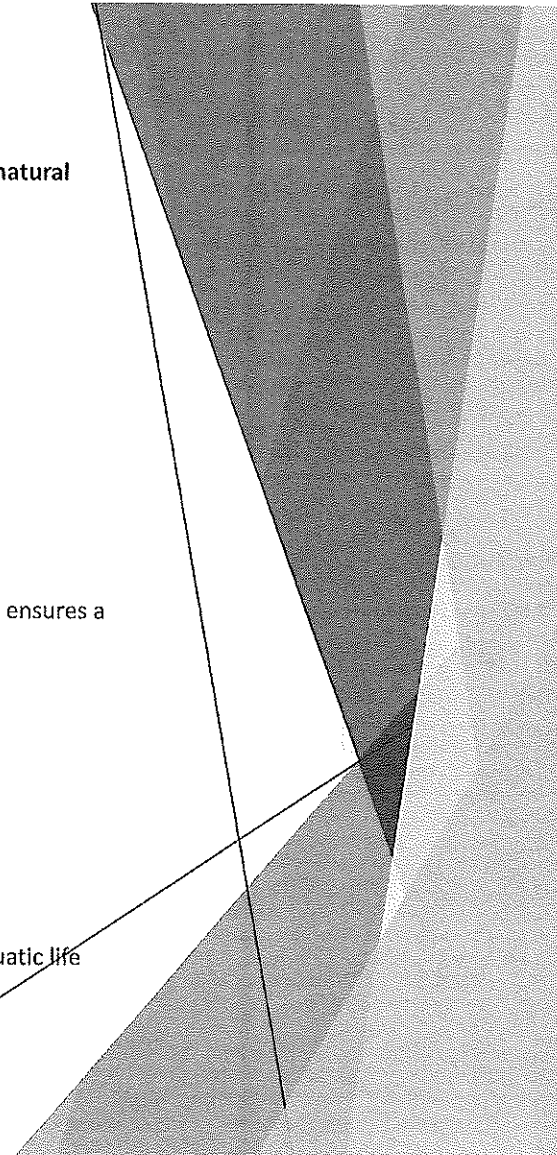
- ▶ → Accessible digital services
  - ▶ → Ensure all Nova Scotians have equal access to high quality connectivity
  - ▶ → Allowing for growth in the work-from-home economy
  - ▶ → Ability to connect with loved ones no matter the distance
  - ▶ → Improve rural economic development
- ▶ → Retrain Nova Scotians for work in the digital, clean economy
  - ▶ → Provide current workers with supports and training to shift into employment in a clean economy
  - ▶ → Support businesses in improving environmental performance
- ▶ → Improving food security
  - ▶ → Supporting innovation, and clean technology in the agriculture, aquaculture and fisheries sectors to enhance food security for the most vulnerable populations

# Protecting Natural Assets and Biodiversity

Protect our clean air and clean water assets so they can support us now and for years to come. And ensuring the health of our natural environment.

What could this look like?

- ▶ Implementing ecological forestry
  - ▶ Implementation of the triad model in the Lahey report
  - ▶ Be a model for forests sustainably while supporting biodiversity on Crown land
- ▶ Supporting protected areas
  - ▶ Protected areas are important to physical and mental well-being,
  - ▶ Protect communities from natural disasters.
- ▶ Protecting biodiversity
  - ▶ In recognition of the domino effect associated with plant/insect/animal disappearance, the production of this diversity ensures a healthy environment for communities
- ▶ Clean air
  - ▶ Develop strategy to reduce health care costs
  - ▶ Review and update of the air quality standards will help keep people and province healthy
- ▶ Clean water
  - ▶ Safe, good quality water is important for our environment, our wildlife, and our people
  - ▶ Ensure safe habitat for fish, plants, and insects to live and grow
  - ▶ Planning surrounding chemicals, wastewater discharge, and sediment in our water can harm our water quality and aquatic life
- ▶ Natural solutions to climate change
  - ▶ Sink and store more carbon in our forests, soils, and wetlands
  - ▶ Perform studies of existing carbon sinks may be undertaken, and protection of more lands that can store carbon



## Types of Questions to Consider

What priorities and issues are top of mind for your municipality?

What sustainable development and/or climate change issues are top of mind for your municipality?

What provincial action, support would help your municipality in working towards these priorities?



**WHEN:** JULY 15TH 5 PM

**WHERE:** ST. MARY'S REOPLEX, SHERBROOKE

**WHAT:** A FORUM TO PROVIDE COMMUNITY FEEDBACK ON THE PROVINCIAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS ACT. FEEDBACK WILL BE USED TO DEVELOP THE PROVINCIAL CLIMATE CHANGE PLAN FOR CLEAN GROWTH.

**WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT:** WE WANT TO ENSURE ST. MARY'S CONCERNS AND IDEAS ARE HEARD AND CONSIDERED AT THE PROVINCIAL LEVEL

**WHAT TO EXPECT:** THE EVENT WILL CONSIST OF A SHORT PRESENTATION, LIGHT MEAL, BREAKOUT GROUPS, AND CLOSING REFLECTION.

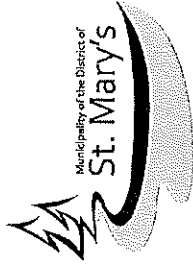
**WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU:** PREREGISTER BY JULY 14TH 4 PM YOUR IDEAS AND ENTHUSIASM!

**TRANSPORTATION FUNDING IS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST**  
PROVINCIAL COVID-19 GUIDELINES WILL BE FOLLOWED



**PREREGISTER:**  
**CLIMATE.CHANGE@**  
**SAINT-MARYS.CA**  
**(802) 522-2496**

# Community Feedback Opportunity



# Municipality of the District of the District of St. Mary's

Box 296, 8296 Highway #7, Sherbrooke, NS B0J 3C0

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2	02084341	FLEET CLEMENT	1659 Hwy 7 Marie Joseph, land only, HST applicable	5,000 sq feet	\$ 22,665	Non-Redeemable	NO Min BID		
3	00602507	MCINNIS SCOTT D & BARBARA L GRAY	Cameron Settlement, Caledonia, land & dwelling	1.0 Acre	\$ 19,223	Non-Redeemable	NO Min BID		
5	04752686	GOODMAN ROSEN INC ITF, Percy J Raymond & Tracy D Jewers	Hwy #7 Ecum Secum, land only, HST applicable	1.85 Acres	\$ 18,029	Non-Redeemable	NO Min BID		
6	03850366	PYE ROBIN, ROBERT WILLIAM PYE	30 Wharf Loop Ecum Secum, land & dwelling	8,000 Sq Feet	\$ 14,507	Non-Redeemable	NO Min BID		
7	1265202	BRANDAL JOAN	Bakers Pye Cemetery rd, land only, HST applicable	12,500.0 sq ft	\$ 10,961	Non-Redeemable	NO Min BID		
8	5539285	STEWART CHRISTOPHER DOUGLA	15 R-8 Rd. Lot K-6 New Chester, land & dwelling	40,000 sq. ft.	\$ 9,772	Non-Redeemable	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 228.00	Crawford Lance Gibson
10	465852	FLEET CLEMENT	Highway 7 Marie Joseph, land & dwelling	1.5 acre(s)	\$ 8,398	Non-Redeemable	NO Min BID	\$ -	
12	03645754	PACE KAREN LOUISE	1758 Highway 7 Marie Joseph, land & dwelling	1.14 acre(s)	\$ 6,973	Redeemable	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 3,027.00	Billy Pearce
13	7142617	FLEET CLEMENT	Highway 7 Ecum Secum, land only, HST applicable	25 Acre(s)	\$ 6,869	Non-Redeemable	BID Defaulted		
15	3850692	PYE WILLARD DEMPSEY EST	Highway 7 Ecum Secum, land only, HST applicable	7.98 acre(s)	\$ 6,242	Non-Redeemable	\$ 20,261.02	\$ 14,019.02	Perry & Sarah Bezanson
22	1527355	FOISSET MURIEL	Ecum Secum, land only, HST applicable	10 acre(s)	\$ 3,979	Non-Redeemable	\$ 4,007.28	\$ 28.28	Gorden Bezanson
24	6007856	PACE ANDREW	New Chester Rd, Ecum Secum, land only, HST applicable	13600.00 sq. ft.	\$ 3,928	Redeemable	NO Min BID	\$ -	
25	4968174	WILSON MARJORIE	Highway 7 Ecum Secum, land only, HST applicable	20 Acres	\$ 3,873	Redeemable	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 6,627.00	Persy Projects Ltd.
28	1516442	FLEET WALTER EST, Ethel Fleet, Evelyn Fleet, Percy Fleet & Oland Fleet	242 Fleet Settlement Rd, land only, HST applicable	30 acre(s)	\$ 2,527	Non-Redeemable	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 12,473.00	Billy Pearce
29	10608740	CAPE CHIGNECTO LANDS LIMIT	973 Dean Settlement Rd, land only, HST applicable	27336.0 sq. ft.	\$ 2,272	Redeemable	\$ 25,125.00	\$ 22,853.00	Christina Collings
31	4968239	WILSON MARJORIE	Highway 7 Lot A-8 Ecum Secum, land only, HST applicable	1.5 acres	\$ 2,109	Redeemable	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 29,891.00	Persy Projects Ltd.
33	1456547	FLEET CLEMENT	Highway 7 Ecum Secum, land only, HST applicable	1.0 acre(s)	\$ 1,878	Non-Redeemable	\$ 3,022.00	\$ 1,144.00	Chantal Routhier
36	2239655	JOHNS RHODA	Macs Lane Goshen, land only, HST applicable	10000.0 sq. ft.	\$ 1,594	Non-Redeemable	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 1,006.00	Marie MacLennan
37	10234468	FLEET ROBERT REP	Highway 7 Ecum Secum, land only, HST applicable	15 acre(s)	\$ 1,586	Non-Redeemable	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 914.00	Michael Fleet



38	5618061	ARMSWORTHY RONALD D	210 Walker Rd Lot L-24 Glenelg, land only, HST applicable	22500.0 sq. ft.	\$ 1,581	Redeemable	\$ 5,300.00	\$ 3,719.00	Mitchell Cull
40	5092094	FREEMAN DONALD C	Hapes Point Rd, Lot 38, land only, HST applicable	1.2 acre(s)	\$ 1,353	Redeemable	\$ 1,473.00	\$ 120.00	Shawn & Jessica Hodgdon
41	1329766	ARMSTRONG ALVIN PETER	Highway 347 New Town, land only, HST applicable	27000.0 sq. ft.	\$ 1,325	Non-Redeemable	\$ 6,100.00	\$ 4,775.00	Marie MacLennan
42	5267072	MASON ROY C., Amy M Mason	Port Bickerton Rd, Harpellville, land only, HST applicable	3.0 acre(s)	\$ 1,269	Non-Redeemable	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 231.00	Troy Kaiser
44	5738903	MACGRATH CHARLES	Highway 7 Aspen, land only, HST applicable	3940.0 sq. ft.	\$ 1,150	Redeemable	\$ 1,201.00	\$ 51.00	Kenny Langille
47	188344	FRALICK WILFRED R JR, Margaret M Gordon	Highway 211 Port Hilford, land only, HST applicable	15000.0 sq. ft.	\$ 1,021	Redeemable	\$ 12,900.00	\$ 11,879.00	Carol Banks & France Lapratte
51	7112270	KINLEY SANDRA MARIE (ITF)	Sonora Rd, Wine Harbour, land only, HST applicable	52.0 acre(s)	\$ 917	Non-Redeemable	\$ -		Bid Default - In process
53	754579	MILLS GLENNA, Richard Mills	Highway 211 Indian Harbour Lake, land only, HST applicable	20000.0 sq. ft.	\$ 777	Non-Redeemable	\$ 2,435.00	\$ 1,658.00	Elaine Murphy
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>\$ 59,067.00</b>		<b>\$ 165,924.30</b>	<b>\$ 114,643.30</b>	