

Municipality of the District of St. Mary's

MAY 2017 Newsletter

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Upcoming Meetings of Council

Regular Monthly Council Meeting - Monday May 8th 2017 at 7:00pm

Committee of the Whole Meetings are tentatively scheduled for May 3rd and May 17th. Visit website for agendas and approved minutes www.saint-marys.ca

Budget Open House

Council and Staff will host a drop in on **Thursday April 27th from 6:00 – 8:00pm**. Come in and ask questions regarding the approved budget for 2017-2018.

The Municipality approved their 2017/18 budget and set the tax rates for the coming year at a Special Meeting of council on Monday April 10th, 2017. The 2017/18 operating budget is \$3,132,167 which is an increase of 0.65% over last year's budget. The tax rates increased by 3 cents per hundred dollars of Assessment, set at \$0.92 for residential and resource assessed properties and \$2.23 for commercial assessed properties.

The budget includes reinstating the Active Living Coordinator and provision for enhancements for community and economic development activities.

Over one half (58.8%) of the budget is comprised of three expenditures, namely Protectives Services (policing and fire), Solid Waste and Education. The capital budget includes funding for the installation of dry hydrants to enhance fire protection services in communities within the municipality and a \$150,000 contribution for the replacement of waterlines in Sherbrooke. Plans for this year include continued implementation of the Strategic Plan and developing and implementing an economic development strategy through a newly formed Economic Development Committee.

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The deadline for submissions for the JUNE 2017 issue of the Municipal Newsletter is Wednesday MAY 24 at 4:00 p.m. Submissions can be received by fax: 522-2309, drop off or emailed to council@saint-marys.ca

Also please note that we reserve the right to edit any and all submissions to this newsletter.

Litter Clean-up Incentive Application

A community group can apply to receive up to \$500 to clean litter from a roadside or other public property. This application must be submitted and approved prior to the clean-up. Funding is limited so get your application in early. Available at the Municipal Office

Community Bin Project

This funding program sponsored by St. Mary's Municipality and Divert Nova Scotia is to assist community groups with up to 50% of the costs of waste sorting stations to replace single stream containers managed by your group. Access to proper waste sorting stations will assist Nova Scotian's achieve our provincial disposal target of 300kg per person per year. Interested community groups must complete application (available at the Municipal Office) and submit to Eastern Region Solid Waste Management by February 5, 2018.

Municipal Transfer Station

Materials accepted on-site sorted: Metal, including fridges and other large appliances, Clean Wood, Leaf & Yard Waste, Construction & Demolition Wood and Drywall, Asphalt Shingles, Tires with or without rims (**NEW**), End-of-Life Electronics, Paint, Propane Tanks, Batteries (all sizes), Cooking Oils, Household Hazardous Waste. Visit the website for more information, downloadable sorting guides, programs available, news and contests: <http://www.erswm.ca/st-marys-transfer-station/>

Municipal Office will be closed for Victoria Day On Monday May 22nd, 2017.

Solid Waste November Collection Schedule

Eastern Shore Cartage 1-800-261-0372

Tues-ZONE 1	Wed-ZONE 2	Thurs-ZONE 3
Apr 25 Recyclable	Apr 26 Recyclable	Apr 27 Recyclable
May 2 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item	May 3 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item	May 4 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item
May 9 Recyclable	May 10 Recyclable	May 11 Recyclable
May 16 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item	May 17 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item	May 18 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item
May 23 Recyclable	May 24 Recyclable	May 25 Recyclable
May 30 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item	May 31 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item	June 1 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item

Community Based Services

Nova Scotia Works – Career Connections

Free Access To Employment Related Services For All

Residents Of Guysborough County

- ✓ Job Search Assistance
- ✓ Create And Update Resume & Cover Letter
- ✓ Information And Referrals For Employment Nova Scotia Programs
- ✓ Interview Coaching
- ✓ Job Board and Job Postings at Career Connections Facebook Page
- ✓ Posting Of Job Ads To Employers And Client Referral

Call The Career Center 902-533-2805 For An Appointment To Meet With Our Career Practitioners On Monday May 8th Or 22nd

St. Mary's Medical Clinic is offering additional office hours on Wednesday evenings from 7-9pm and Saturdays from 2-4pm By appointment only. Please call clinic at 902-522-2275 Monday to Friday.

ST. MARY'S DISTRICT FOOD BANK

Please contact 902-328-4148 if you know of a need in the community. Confidentiality is strictly upheld. Boxes to receive food donations are located at Clover Farm and at the St. Mary's Hospital. Please check the "best before" date. Cash donations can be sent to St. Mary's District Food Bank, P.O. Box 102, Sherbrooke, NS, BoJ 3Co. Donations are a great gift option and a card will be sent stating that a gift donation has been made. Thank you to all who support the Food Bank.

Sherbrooke Library for May 2017

Painting Group – Tuesday at 10:00 am. Bring your supplies and come to inspire and learn from each other.

French Club – Tuesday evenings, 6:30-8:00pm. Drop in for coffee and conversation.

Sewing Class: - Thursday mornings 9:30 – 11 am.

Seniors' Café-Fridays at 9:30 am. Join us for a snack, conversation, check out your books, and use the computers. All are welcome whether you consider yourself a senior or not!

Village Readers' Book Club – 11 am, May 5, the first Friday of the month.

Friday, May 26 at 9:45 – an information session on Islam will be presented by Umran Bhatti. In preparation for this, two websites give some background information. www.alislam.org and www.ahmadiyya.ca. This is an opportunity to clear up many of our misunderstandings of the Islam faith.

NOTE: We will be closed Monday, May 22 Victoria Day.

Library Hours: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday: 11am-4pm. Friday: 9:30am-4pm, Saturday 10am-1pm. Call for more information: 902-522-2180.

Youth of Guysborough and Antigonish Counties

The St. FX Extension Innovation and Enterprise Centre is pleased to announce the inaugural session of *Summer Launch*. This program offers youth in Antigonish and Guysborough counties, entering into grades 8-12, the opportunity to start and operate their own business venture for the summer months.

Summer Launch will equip teens with the skills and resources needed to get their idea off the ground and manage it successfully throughout the summer break. All participants will receive training in the form of a specially created workshop, networking and mentorship opportunities, and an initial start-up grant.

This new and exciting program has been developed by staff at the St. FX Extension Innovation and Enterprise Centre as a means of connecting with the youth of the region and encouraging them to explore their entrepreneurial potential. All venture ideas are encouraged – so long as they are realistic and the participant is willing to work at making their idea a reality. *Summer Launch* seeks to create activated youth that find innovative solutions to problems in their community, use entrepreneurial approaches in everyday living, and are empowered to spread this knowledge amongst their peer groups.

Contact Jordan MacDonald, *Summer Launch* Coordinator, at jmjmacdo@stfx.ca or (902) 867-5543 to share your insight on how to promote this program, and the personal development it offers, to youth in Antigonish and Guysborough counties. You can also find additional information online at www.summerlaunch.ca

St. Mary's District Lion's Club and the **St. Mary's Hospital Society** are working together to organize our annual fundraising Walkathon.

All monies raised from this project are used by the Hospital Society to assist with the purchasing of new equipment and help meet other needs of our hospital. We are currently purchasing two new updated heart monitors that have an expected cost of over \$50,000.00. Please support this project by walking or pledging to support others from your area who are able to take part. The walkathon will take place on Saturday, May 13 with registration at 9:30 - 10 am in the Information Centre in Sherbrooke Village Museum. The pledge sheets are attached.

LISCOMB TOPS

Meets Tuesday at 6 to 6:30 pm. (Back to summer meeting times) Great group with Great Support on Weight Loss Journey.

Municipal News

Upcoming Programs

The Community Development and Recreation Department is excited to be working on a number of new programs that will be taking place this spring. Keep an eye on the Facebook Page and www.saint-marys.ca for more information. New programs upcoming: Soccer Camps, Cheer-leading Camp, Summer Day Camps.

Zumba and Pound Fitness Classes

Zumba and POUND Fitness Classes will return at St. Mary's Education Centre/Academy on May 22nd. Zumba is Monday and Thursday nights and POUND is Wednesday nights. Participants can now purchase punch cards that can be used at either program. They are available at the Municipal Office in Sherbrooke.

Walk & Talk

We are looking for one volunteer from each community in St. Mary's who would like to coordinate a Walk & Talk program in their community in partnership with the Community Development and Recreation Department. This program encourages community members to get outside and walk. Each community tallies their collective kilometres walked, and there will be a special prize for the winning community. The program will take place from June to September. Please call 522-2598 if you are interested in leading this program in your community

Weekly Archery Shoots

The Community Development and Recreation Department is looking for someone to help coordinate weekly archery shoots in the Recplex this spring to summer. Shoots will take place each week. If you or someone you know is interested contact the municipality.

Taoist Tai Chi

The Community Development and Recreation Department is excited to announce a five week Taoist Tai Chi program. These classes will be held at St. Mary's Education Centre/Academy. Price will depend on the number of people registered. The first class is free for all. Please call 522-2598 to add your name to our registration list.

Spring Dance Classes

Maureen Fraser School of Dance will once again be offering community dance classes in St. Mary's starting in May. Registration forms will be sent home with children at St. Mary's Education Centre/Academy and can be requested by email. A detailed list of costs and equipment required will be included on the registration form. Eligible families could qualify for Jumpstart Funding support for this program. There is a minimum requirement of 4 participants per class. Classes are scheduled to begin May 4th.

Happy Feet

A time for kids to get out and get moving! This fun, after school program is a chance for children in grades primary to grade 3 to get active and enjoy playing with friends. This program will take place Tuesdays In Aspen at Kirk United Church, with pick up at 4pm and Thursdays at SMECA, with pick up at 3:15pm. Registration forms are available by request; ALL children attending this program need a bus note each week for the Aspen location and a note to stay on Thursday.

After the Bell

After the Bell is a program for youth ages 13-18. This program takes place every Friday night in different locations depending on the activity taking place. This program is for youth, by youth! Youth and parents can join the Facebook page "After the Bell". Upcoming Programming: After the Bell kids are putting on a Breakfast Fundraiser on May 13th from 7-10 a.m. to raise money for the local food bank. \$8 for Adults and \$4 for preschool kids. There will be a basket if you wish to bring food bank items as well. On May 12, ATB will be going to Donald Chisholm's race garage in Antigonish. Any youth wishing to attend will need to inform Carla by calling 522-2598 right away and parents need to fill out a permission form.

Community Mental Health Awareness Day – May 27th

The municipality in partnership with the NS Health Authority and After the Bell Program will bring you a full day of activities surrounding positive mental health. These events will feature a mental health fair providing the community with information on mental health support. There will be guest speakers, fitness classes, a BBQ, information booths, games and fun. Come show St. Mary's support in our community, please watch for facebook page for further details.

Parent and Me Paint Day in May

Time and location will be announced at a later date. Please keep your eyes on our Facebook page or call the municipality for further information.

Future Life Planning Seminar

There will be a Future Life Planning Seminar held at the Sonora Community Centre on May 3rd. This event will take place from 10:00 a.m. to noon. A free lunch will be provided.

Floor Hockey

Floor Hockey is held each Wednesday night from 6-7pm at the St. Mary's Education Centre/Academy outdoor court. The program will be held inside when it rains. Participants are asked to bring their hockey sticks each week.

Community News

Spring greetings from High-Crest!

Residents celebrating birthdays this month are, Frank Harpell May 17th and Mina Sinclair May 23. Happy Birthday folks! The Homebuddies will host a party to celebrate these special birthdays on May 9th, we will play bingo, sing some old songs, enjoy each other's company and enjoy delicious cake and ice cream! Everyone is welcome! We recently selling tickets on a goody basket and I am pleased to announce that R. Ashton has won! Congratulations! Thank you to everyone who bought tickets and thank you once again to the girls at Styles Unlimited for displaying the basket and selling tickets for us. Thank you all for supporting our residents! Heartfelt thanks as well to anyone who has made donations on behalf of loved ones who have passed. A lovely way to remember someone with a gift that keeps on giving.

Goshen Community and Recreation Centre.

Bargain shop NOW OPEN every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 1:00 to 3:00. Donations are still welcomed. Call Lisa 902-783-2749 or Teresa 902-783-2228 for more information.

Crib Night every Sunday evening starting at 7:30.

Seniors Game Day every Wednesday starting at 1:00pm

Due to a conflict with United Church Lobster Dinner on May 6, 2017 the Fish Chowder and Chili Supper has been cancelled

Goshen & Area Fire Department Ratepayers Meeting

The annual ratepayers meeting for the District #6 (Goshen & Area) Volunteer Fire Department will be held on Monday, May 1st at 7:30 p.m. in the Goshen Community Centre. The financial statement for 2016/17 and proposed budget for 2017/18 will be presented and the tax levy rate set. Immediately following this meeting, the annual meeting of the Goshen Community Centre will be held. Financial statement for 2016/17 and proposed budget for 2017/18 will be presented. All interested residents are invited and encouraged to attend these meetings.

Compass Rose Quilters Guild

Quilt Show and Tea - April 29, 1:30-4pm.

Exhibit Centre, Sherbrooke Village, Free Will Offering. We'd love to show you our newest projects

R.C. Legion Branch 86 Liscomb

Next General meeting will be Tuesday, May 2

Activities this month:

Auction 45's Thursday at 8Pm \$5

Cribbage Saturdays at 8pm \$5

Historic Sherbrooke Village Development Society Annual General Meeting will be held Friday, May 5th, 7 pm at the Exhibit Centre. Everyone welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Sherbrooke Village:

Sherbrooke Village is seeking applications for Summer Student Employees. Please drop your resume off at the Village office or email to lynn.hayne@novascotia.ca by April 24th.

Invitation: Please join us for an Open House Discussion regarding Sherbrooke Village's Ten Year Strategic Plan. Residents of Sherbrooke and area have a wealth of great ideas regarding their communities and we'd like for you to share them. How can the museum better serve all of us? Sunday, April 30th, 2 pm at St. Mary's Lions Hall in Sherbrooke. Refreshments will be served.

Thanks to all who participated and visited the first annual St. Mary's Birdhouse Building Competition and Show on April 8-9. Your enthusiasm was greatly appreciated, and with your help hopefully we can make this an annual event. Special thanks to the Rec. Dept. and to the Sherbrooke Village for their cooperation, and to Highland Home Hardware and Liscomb Lodge for their sponsorship.

The winners of the competition were: Junior Category - 1st place - Charlotte Smith; 2nd place - Elizabeth Smith; 3rd place - Chase Fraser Senior category - 1st place - Ann Scheid; 2nd place - Brad Burns; 3rd place - Kaytland Smith

The People's Choice Award went to Chase Fraser. The plaque will be on permanent display in the lobby of the municipal office. Get those birdhouses up and stay tuned for more birding activities in the near future!

GARDEN CLUB - PLANT SALE

We are planning our annual Plant Sale to be held on JUNE 10th @ the LION'S HALL 9:30 a.m - 12:30 p.m. We appreciate plants that you can donate, and ask you to label them, and let a club member know if you need pots. This sale is our only fund raiser, and proceeds go toward a scholarship prize for a graduating student from our school. Our next meeting will be on May 9th, 2:00 p.m. @ the Community Room. All interested are welcome to attend. Sharon Reid 902-522-2393 sharon.reid777@gmail.com

St. John's United Church - Will hold a Roast Turkey Supper, Saturday, May 6, 4:30 -6pm. in the Lions Hall, Sherbrooke. 12.00 Adults, 6.00 Children.

ATV Club meeting on **Thursday, May 11, 2017 at 6pm** in the United Church Basement in Sherbrooke. All welcome!

Community News

Country Harbour Community Centre

The annual Spring Outreach of the Fellowship of Goshen Gospel Church will be presented at 7pm at the Country Harbour Community Centre. This flower-themed program will bring a welcome touch of spring. Come out and enjoy an inspirational evening of music, fun, fellowship and food

Community Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, August 5, 2017 along Highway 211 from Stillwater to Port Hilford. Everyone is welcome to take part. Find a spot and mark your Sale with a sign or balloons. Tables will be available at the community centre \$5.00. Call 902-522-2369

St. Mary's Shooters Association

April 29, 2017-N S Hunter Safety Course, Stillwater Ctr. 9558 # 7 Hwy.8:30 am-5:30 pm Apply on line and pay on line at www.safetyservicesns.ca

May 7/17 --Spring meeting SMSA Stillwater Centre 3 pm.
May 14/17 Military rifle shoot 9am-3pm 2classes pre 1949 and post 1949

Indian Harbour Lake/Jordanville Community Centre

The next hall meeting will be held Monday, May 8 at 7 pm. Everyone Welcome.

Auction 45's every Tuesday night at 8pm, light lunch. A Golf Tournament fundraiser for the hall will be held on Saturday, June 24 beginning at 10:00am. 2 people per team, \$30.00 per person. A Potluck supper will be held at the Centre after the tournament and prizes will be given out. You can register at the golf course. A Vendor's Sale on Sat, May 13 at 1-3pm. Flea Market on Sat, April 29 at 10-12, \$1.00 admission.

Baptist Congregations: Port Hilford, Port Bickerton and

Sonora: Sunday Worship Service Schedule May 2017 at 11am. May 7 – Sonora, May 14 – Port Hilford, May 21 – Port Bickerton, May 28 – Sonora. Rev. Ron Ford 902-522-2805(home) or 902-318-3488(cell)

Thank you to all those who came out for lunch on April 10th at the Lion's Hall and helped the St. Mary's District Lions Club raise money for the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Nova Scotia. We greatly appreciated your support and hope you enjoyed your lunch. We were pleased to send along our donation of over \$525.00.

Indian Harbour Lake Pentecostal Church - May Worship & Activities Sunday, May 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th at 11:00 am Morning Worship Sunday, May 21st at 6:30 p.m. Praise & Prayer. Weekday Activities: Wednesday, May 3rd, 17th & 24th at 7:00 p.m. Bible Study All are Welcome! For more information, contact Pastor Dave Connolly at 902-522-2759 or ihlpastordave@gmail.com

Catholic Mass Schedule For May

St. Paul's, Sherbrooke Is 11:30am Sunday
St. Patrick's, Lochaber Is 10am Sunday
St. Joseph's, Ohio Is 8:30am Sunday

The Anglican Parish of Liscomb/Port Bickerton -

Rev. Kristin MacKenzie 522-2510

May 7th 9:00 am St. Paul's, Port Bickerton, 11:00 am St. Thomas, Indian Harbour Lake, 7:00 pm St. James, Sherbrooke

May 14th 9:00 am St. Luke's, Liscomb, 11:00 am St. James, Sherbrooke, 7:00 pm St. Paul's, Port Bickerton

May 21st 9:00 am St. James, Sherbrooke, 11:00 am St. Luke's, Liscomb, 7:00 pm St. Thomas, Indian Harbour Lake

May 28th 9:00 am St. Thomas, Indian Harbour Lake, 11:00 am St. Paul's, Port Bickerton, 7:00 pm St. Luke's, Liscomb

PORT BICKERTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE NEWS

NEXT MEETING, May 1st @7pm at the Bickerton Community Centre. All are well to come to Visit or to Join... NEW MEMBERS are WELCOME. Come join now and avoid the RUSH in the Fall !!! Our Socials Were a GREAT SUCCESS this year... Hope to be back in the Fall...The Port Bickerton WI will be selling tickets on a quilt again this year... It is our major Fund Raiser to cover our many yearly activities and Causes that we support... Be sure to check with a member for your ticket... Also at local business... Draw will be at the Annual FISH FRY IN AUGUST

Thank You

The family of the late Catherine Sponagle wish to convey their appreciation for the expressions of sympathy shown to us following the passing of our mother. To those who brought food to our houses, sent cards, made donations to the church, attended the visitation and funeral service, took part in the service, and catered to the reception. To Funeral Home for their services, and last but not least to Highcrest Home for Special Care for the care and compassion shown to Mum during her 3 ½ years spent there. We truly appreciated it. Again thank you to all. Gwen, Abbie and Danny

Thank You

I would like to say a huge thank to everyone involved in the pot luck/ silent auction fundraiser held at the IHL hall to help with the expenses of going to play hockey in B.C. I'm so excited and proud to have this opportunity to be playing with the C B West Islanders representing the Atlantic Region in the Telus Cup. Also thanks to everyone who has dropped by to visit with good luck wishes and kind donations. It is truly a blessing to be part of such a caring, generous and supportive community. Thanks so much!! Dylan MacDonald and Family

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
		1 Medical Clinic 7-9pm Girl Guides 6pm IHL Social Goshen Sen Social Parent/Tot	2 Outreach for Rural Women Sewing class 930 Adult Skate 7 Goshen Crib 730 Guitar Class	3 MM Bake Sale 2pm Seniors Café 930am After the Bell Book Club Sherbrooke ChaseAce	1 Medical Clinic 2-4pm 2
3	4 Painting Group 10 Knitting 630 Family Fitness Night Parent & Tot French Club 630 TOPS	5 Medical Clinic 7-9pm Girl Guides 6pm COTW Parent/Tot Goshen Sen Social	6 Outreach for Rural Women Liscomb Auct& Chase Ace Sewing class 930 Goshen Crib 730 Guitar Class	7 Seniors Café 930am MM Bake Sale 2pm Book Club 11am Sherbrooke ChaseAce After the Bell	8 Mobile Depot Medical Clinic 2-4pm Birdhouse Challenge 9 Egg Hunt 1pm Birdhouse Challenge
10 Parent & Tot Council Meeting 4pm & 7pm	11 Painting Group 10 Knitting 630 Family Fitness Night Highcrest Homebuddies French Club 630 TOPS Luncheon LionsHall	12 Medical Clinic 7-9pm Goshen Sen Social Parent/Tot	13 Outreach for Rural Women Sewing class 930 ATV Club Meeting 6pm Goshen Crib 730 Guitar Class	14 GOOD FRIDAY	15 Medical Clinic 2-4pm 16
17 EASTER MONDAY	18 Painting Group 10 Knitting 630 Family Fitness Night Parent & Tot French Club 630 TOPS MoserRiver PaintNight	19 Medical Clinic 7-9pm Parent/Tot COTW Goshen Sen Social	20 Outreach for Rural Women Sewing class 930 Rec Hockey 6 Bird Watch 11am Goshen Crib 730 Guitar Class	21 Seniors Café 930am MM Bake Sale 2pm Sherbrooke ChaseAce After the Bell Sonora Cake Walk Stillwater Cards 8pm	22 Mobile Depot Medical Clinic 2-4pm CH Brunch 11am PB Beans Supper 4-6 23
24 Parent & Tot	25 Knitting 630 Painting Group 10 Family Fitness Night Volunteer Reception 6:30pm French Club 630 TOPS	26 Medical Clinic 7-9pm Parent/Tot Goshen Sen Social	27 Outreach for Rural Women Sewing class 930 Goshen Crib 730 Guitar Class	28 Seniors Café 930am MM Bake Sale 2pm Sherbrooke ChaseAce After the Bell Stillwater Cards 8pm	29 Quilt Show & Tea 130pm 30

Don't see your event? Send it to us.

We will add it to our comprehensive, up-to-date event calendar at www.saint-marys.ca