

Municipality of the District of St. Mary's

March 2018 Newsletter

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Meetings of Council

Visit our website for agendas and approved minutes www.saint-marys.ca

Next regular meeting of Council is Monday, March 12th at 7p.m.

Committee of the whole meetings are scheduled for March 7th at 1pm and 21st at 1pm

Council Annual General Meeting March 27 at 1pm

The Municipal Office will be closed March 30th and April 2nd, 2018 for Easter holidays.

Volunteer of the Year- Edith Auton

The Municipality of the District of St. Mary's is very pleased to announce Edith Auton as our Volunteer of Year! Edith was nominated by Brenda Kaiser of the Sherbrooke Village Inn. Edith has been volunteering for many years and has done many different things with different organizations in the community. She has been an active member of the Lions Club since 2012, serving in many capacities such as Director of the catering committee. She is also president of the Dart League, assists with the St. Mary's Education Centre/Academy fluoride treatments and Sherbrooke Village Old Fashioned Christmas. Edith is also very active in selling numerous tickets for many events and organizations around the community. Congratulations Edith and thank you for your dedication to making our community a wonderful place to live.

Grants to Organizations

The Municipality 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 within the Municipality or serve/benefit residents within the Municipality. Organizations must complete and submit an application form by March 30th, 2018. Financial information must be included as outlined in the application form. Any requests over \$5,000 require the organization/group to make a presentation to Council. On the Municipal website you will find the application along with the General Government Grants Policy. Or contact the municipal office for further information.

Welcome to New Municipal Staff Member

The Municipality of St. Mary's would like to welcome Sheena MacDonald to the municipal staff team. Sheena has accepted the term Researcher position and can be contacted at sheena.macdonald@saint-marys.ca or by phone (902)522-2049.

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Deadline for submissions for the April issue of the Municipal Newsletter is Wednesday March 21st at 4p.m.

Submissions can be dropped off or sent to:
 522-2309 (fax)
council@saint-marys.ca

Please note we reserve the right to edit submissions.

Solid Waste March 2018 Collection Schedule

Eastern Shore Cartage 1-800-261-0372

Tuesday Zone 1	Feb 27 Recycle Only	Mar 6 Garbage Only & 1 Bulky Item	Mar 13 Recycle Only	Mar 20 Garbage Only & 1 Bulky Item	Mar 27 Recycle Only
Wednesday Zone 2	Feb 28 Recycle Only	Mar 7 Garbage Only & 1 Bulky Item	Mar 14 Recycle Only	Mar 21 Garbage Only & 1 Bulky Item	Mar 28 Recycle Only
Thursday Zone 3	Mar 1 Recycle Only	Mar 8 Garbage Only & 1 Bulky Item	Mar 15 Recycle Only	Mar 22 Garbage Only & 1 Bulky Item	Mar 29 Recycle Only

***NOTE: If winter conditions prevent regularly scheduled pick up a notification will be on 98.9 XFM radio

Municipal News

Winter Fun Fest

Join us March 3rd for a day of winter fun!

1-3pm sledding & bonfire (weather permitting) at the Sherbrooke Village church hill. S'mores & hot chocolate for sale.

3-5pm Join Anna and Elsa for a free skate at the Recplex

6pm Movie at SMECA. Popcorn for sale.

Check out our Facebook page for more information.

Get Winter Active!

If we get any more snow! We have the tools for you to embrace the cold weather and have some fun this winter. Stop by the Municipal Office and rent of pair of snowshoes. Pairs are \$3/day and free for children's sizes.

Learn to Skate/Learn to Play Hockey

Learn to Skate and Intro Play Hockey Sessions will come to an end in March. The last day for the program will be March 16th. The group will be hosting a Pizza Party on the 16th to celebrate a great year! We would like to send out a huge thank you to all of our parent volunteers who made this program possible.

Men's League Hockey

Men's League Hockey games are Wednesday and Friday evenings at 7 and 8pm. Come out to the Recplex and take in some great hockey. The League Championship Tournament will take place March 16th-17th. A schedule will be posted on the Municipal Facebook page at a later date so stay tuned!

Free skates

Free Skates take place at the St. Mary's Recplex every Saturday from 1pm to 2pm. Skates and helmets are available to use free of charge. Helmets are mandatory for all skaters. This program is made possible through funding support from the Province of Nova Scotia through the Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage. The last free skate of the season will be March 10th.

Adult Free Skates

Adult skates are an opportunity for those 19+ to lace up their skates and hit the ice for an hour long skate, distraction free. This program is great for parents who may want a night out without the kids or is a great opportunity to test your skating skills. Adult Skates take place on Wednesday evenings from 6-7pm. This program is free for participants. Helmets are required. Skates and helmets are available to use free of charge. The last skate of the year is March 14th.

After the Bell

After the Bell is a program for youth ages 13-18 to get active, make a difference in their community and have fun! This program will include lots of unique programs and activities, it is designed by youth, for youth. In March, we will have a couple of exciting events so stay tuned! We have a Facebook group where info is posted, request to join "After the Bell" to keep up to date!

Salsation

Salsation is a fun and addictive dance fitness program. No dance experience required! Taking place Wednesdays at SMECA from 6-7pm. Five, Ten, and Twenty class punch cards are available for purchase at the Municipal Office. Cost is \$5 per class.

St. Mary's Fitness Centre

The St. Mary's Fitness Centre is open Monday-Friday from 2:30-8pm. We have daily drop in rates based on your needs. Come on in and start getting in shape early for Spring/Summer weather!

March Break Camp

The Municipal Recreation Department will be hosting March Break Camps for Children in Grades Primary to Six. Stay tuned to our Facebook page for upcoming information and registration about the camps.

Kid Fit

Kid Fit is a free, physical activity based program for kids in grades primary to five. It includes fitness based games, a healthy snack and a creative activity. This program started in February and will continue into March and April. Forms (with a schedule) are posted on Facebook or can be picked up at the Municipal Office. **Note: Kid Fit will NOT take place during March Break.**

After School Recreation Hockey

After School Recreation Hockey is an opportunity for kids to enjoy the sport of hockey no matter their skill level. Join us Wednesdays from 2:30-4pm. Kids are divided into "lines" based on their age so they will be able to play at their own speed and ability. Kids must wear full hockey gear to participate. There is a limited amount of equipment available for participants to use at the rink. We are also accepting donations of hockey equipment. Call (902) 522-2598. The last session of the year will be March 7th.

Curling Bonspiel

The year-end curling bonspiel will take place on March 23rd and 24th at the Recplex. Information and a Schedule will be posted on the Municipal Facebook page in the coming weeks. Stay tuned!

St. Mary's 2026 – Strategic Plan Update

Background

St. Mary's 2026 is the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's Strategic Plan for the next 10 years. The plan was created through input from municipal council, municipal staff and members of the public. The plan is intended to guide the work of council and staff over the next 10 years in order to establish a collective vision, plan for the future and communicate priorities. The plan includes five strategic goals each of which are supported by several objectives and strategies.

Goal 5: To Be Environmentally Sustainable

Obtain balance between economic development while maintaining the environment

<p>Encourage sustainable use of natural resources</p>	<p>In 2016 Municipal staff worked with the Department of Municipal Affairs to establish a joint municipal/provincial planning committee to explore opportunities for better utilization of Provincial Crown lands within the District of St. Mary's. Representatives from Natural Resources, Fisheries and Aquaculture, Agriculture, Labour and Advanced Education and Business Nova Scotia were involved in the project.</p>
<p>Identify alternative energy solutions</p>	<p>Municipality submitted a proposal for a solar power project under the Community Solar Power Program, but unfortunately was not successful in their bid to sell power to NSP under the proposal.</p>
<p>Implementation of Active Sherbrooke</p>	<p>St. Mary's Active Transportation Committee has been formed and is actively meeting. The committee chose Stonewall Park as its first project from the Active Sherbrooke Plan. In the spring of 2017, the committee hired a local contractor to create a new trail head that would be sustainable for the future and would replace the aging boardwalk. The boardwalk has been removed. The committee also hosted a trail clean-up day in October and is currently working on a signage program for the park. The committee will determine its next focus area in the new year.</p>
<p>Work with organizations to maintain healthy ecosystems</p>	<p>Municipality looks for continuing partnership opportunities to work with the St. Mary's River Association in their efforts to restore and to promote the St. Mary's River. Similar efforts are in place to preserve and promote the Port Bickerton Lighthouse area in partnership with the Port Bickerton Planning Association.</p>

Community Services

Greetings from High-Crest Sherbrooke

Residents celebrating birthdays this month are:

Ralston Brophy March 14th

Martha Lafford-Diaz March 24th

Janet MacDougall March 27th

Happy Birthday folks! The Homebuddies will host a bingo/birthday party on March 13th at 1:15pm. We will play bingo, enjoy each other's company, treats and delicious birthday cake! Everyone is welcome!

I am pleased to announce our King and Queen Valentine for 2018! Queen Helen Hodgson and King Harvey Taylor! Long live the King and Queen and may they have a wonderful reign!

If you find yourself with some extra time, drop in for a visit and have a catch up with old friends; our residents love to have company!

Career Connections, Guysborough Office

We offer: Career Connections, Guysborough Office a Nova Scotia Works Employment Services Center provides free access to employment services for all residents of Guysborough County. We assist job seekers and employers looking to fill positions.

- Job Search Assistance
- Create and update Resume & Cover Letter
- Info and referrals for Employment NS Programs
- Interview Coaching
- Job Board
- Free posting of job ads on-site & on Facebook
- Client referrals
- Free space for employers to conduct interviews
- Info on available wage incentive programs

For an appointment in Sherbrooke with one of our Career Practitioners call 1-844-344-1369 or 902 533 2805.

Available dates: Mon Mar 12th & 26th 9:30am-3:30pm

PTA Playground Committee

The SMECA Parent Teacher Association (PTA) playground committee have been fundraising to add to the current playground equipment. The need for additional equipment has long been an issue to parents, teachers, students, and the community as a whole. The PTA playground committee hired a consultant and have received a budget. The next step in the process is seeking money through grants, fundraising, and donations. For info on how to donate contact Rebecca Moore at rebeccamoore26@gmail.com.

Sherbrooke Library

Reiki – Monday afternoon's Carol Beaver is offering Reiki sessions by appointments. Call (902)833-2341 or email carolann776@gmail.com

Paint Group – Tuesdays at 10 am. Bring your supplies, come to inspire and learn from each other.

Knitting Group - Tuesdays 6:30 – 8pm Bring your yarn, knitting needles, questions and new projects.

Meditation – Barbara will be conducting weekly meditation sessions on Thursdays at 11 am

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

Village Readers' Book Club - 11 am Friday, Mar. 2nd.

Book of the Month Club – 11am Tues, Mar. 13th. March book is "The hidden Life of Trees" by Peter Wohlleben.

Terry Dwyer – 'Project Scorpion' - a multimedia presentation – Sat, Mar 17th 10 am. Spend an hour in the company of an adventurer and underwater explorer Terry Dwyer, the project manager for the "Scorpion Project" – the search for a luxurious passenger liner that sank 65 miles off our coast in the late 1800's with some of the wealthiest people in the world on board.

Spanish – There is interest to start a Learn to Speak Spanish Class. If this includes you, please call the library to have your name added to this list.

Library Closure – The library will be **CLOSED** on **GOOD FRIDAY**, Mar 30 and **EASTER MONDAY**, April 2, 2018

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

St. Mary's District Food Bank

Contact 902-328-4148 if you know of a need in the community. Confidentiality is strictly upheld. Food donation boxes 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, PO Box 102, Sherbrooke, NS, BoJ 3Co. Donations make great gifts for any occasion. A card will be sent informing them of the donation. If any organization would like to have a presentation on operation procedures please contact us. Thank you to all our supporters.

Community News

St. Mary's Birdhouse-Building Competition

Announcing the second annual St. Mary's Birdhouse-Building Competition! Time to get out the tools and get started on a new abode for our feathered friends. This year's theme is "Build a Birdhouse for Stonewall Park". Bring your creations to the birdhouse show at the Sherbrooke Village exhibit centre on Saturday, May 5 from 10-4, and then join us in Stonewall Park the following day to install them in the park.

Drop in Curling at the Recplex

Drop in Curling will be held Tuesdays at 6:30pm cost \$10. Teams are picked each night. A great way to spend a Tuesday evening. Last evening will be March 20th.

St. Mary's Curling Club

Regular season games - Monday nights at 5:30pm. Last evening will be March 19th.

Variety Concert

Sunday, March 11 from 2PM-4PM at the Country Harbour Gun Club in aid of the Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Country Harbour. Admission is by donation and funds raised will be going towards much needed repairs to the church basement, which houses the New to You Shop. Please come out and show your support!

St. Mary's ATV Club

ATV Club meeting on Thursday Mar. 8 at 6pm in the United Church Basement in Sherbrooke. All welcome!

Port Bickerton Lighthouse

Prize Bingo on Saturday, March 24 at 2 pm (doors open at 1pm). Every BINGO wins a prize. Residents of Harpellville, Fisherman's Harbour and Port Bickerton may either drop off your prize at Ardeth Dodge's or call (902)364-2967 for pick-up.

Baptist Congregation of Port Bickerton, Port Hilford & Sonora

March 2018 Services at 11am

March 4th – Port Hilford

March 11th – Port Bickerton

March 18th – Sonora

March 25th Port Hilford

Rev. Ron Ford: 902-522-2805(H) 902-318-3488(C)

Port Bickerton Community Centre

To rent the centre please contact Lyndsay Keith Home 902-364-2230

Cell 902-759-2831 or lyndsayslewis242@hotmail.com

March Events:

March 1- Chase the Ace- 7pm

March 5- Women's Institute Meeting- 1pm

March 6- Kids Fit- 2:30pm-5pm

March 8- Chase the Ace-7pm

March 9- Chowder Luncheon 11:30am-1pm

March 14- Women's Institute Social- 10am-3:30pm

March 15- Chase the Ace- 7pm

March 20- Kids Fit- 2:30pm-5pm

March 22- Chase the Ace-7pm

March 24- Port Bickerton Lighthouse Prize Bingo 2pm

March 27- Kids Fit-2:30-5pm

March 29- Chase The Ace- 7pm

Chowder Luncheon - March 9, 2018 at 11:30am – 1pm. Fish or Corn Chowder, Tea or Coffee and dessert. Adults \$10 and Children \$5. Everyone Welcome! Sponsored by the St. Paul's Willing Workers.

Sherbrooke & Area Vol. Fire Department

Ratepayers Meeting for District 1 & 4 to review the fire levy increase will be held on March 13, 2018 at 7 pm in the new fire hall on the Old Road Hill. All ratepayers of District 1 & 4 are welcome to attend.

The official opening of our new fire hall will be held on April 14, 2018, there will be more details in the April Newsletter. Thanks Wayne Auton, Fire Chief

Ladder up campaign is now at \$ 81,390.50 with the goal to raise \$125,000. Work on the new hall is nearing completion. Donations can be mailed to the fire dept. at PO Box 2 Sherbrooke BoJ 3Co. Many thanks for the support. S&AVFD Building Committee. Wayne Auton, Laura Banks, Herb Scott, Wayne Feltmate and Ed Weir

Open House – Rudolph Family

The family of Ernest and Catherine Rudolph would like to invite you to an open house being held in honour of their 65th Wedding Anniversary. The open house will be held at HighCrest home Sherbrooke on March 24th from 1:30-2:30. Everyone welcome!

Goshen Gospel Church

Regular Schedule of Services and Events

Sunday

9:45am Sunday school for all ages including adults

11am Worship service

Wednesday 6:30pm Bible study and prayer

Thursday 6pm Eagles Youth Program, Grades 1-6.

Upcoming Events:

Mar. 11th & 18th Ches MacKenzie guest speaker

Mar. 30th 6:30pm Good Friday Service

If you are visiting in our area we invite you to worship with us. For info please call Pastor John Luten

902-783-2972 or johnluten3@gmail.com

Indian Harbour Lake Pentecostal Church

Sunday

Mar 4, 11, 18 & 25 11am Morning Worship

Mar 18 6:30pm Praise & Prayer

Weekday Activities:

Wed Mar 7, 14 & 21 7pm "Truth and Genesis" Bible Study

All are welcome!

For more information, contact Pastor Dave Connolly at

902-522-2759 or ihlpastordave@gmail.com

The Anglican Parish of Liscomb/Port Bickerton

Rev. Kristin MacKenzie 902-522-2510

March 4th 9am St. Paul's, Port Bickerton

11am St. Thomas, IHL

7pm St. James, Sherbrooke

March 11th 9am St. Luke's, Liscomb

11am St. James, Sherbrooke

7pm St. Paul's, Port Bickerton

March 18th 11am St. Luke's, Liscomb

7pm St. Thomas, IHL

March 25th 9am St. Thomas, IHL

11am St. Paul's, Port Bickerton

7pm St. Luke's, Liscomb

Holy Week & Easter

March 29th (Maundy Thursday) 7pm St. Thomas, IHL

March 30th (Good Friday) 10am St. James, Sherbrooke

3pm St. Luke's, Liscomb

6pm St. Paul's, Port Bickerton

March 31st (Easter Vigil) 7pm St. Luke's, Liscomb

April 1st 9am St. Paul's, Port Bickerton

11am St. Thomas, IHL

7pm St. James, Sherbrooke

Sherbrooke Village Writers Guild

Do you love words? Are you a secret poet, story or essay writer? If this sounds like you, the Writers Guild would be thrilled to hear from you. Age is irrelevant; if tapping on a keyboard or holding a pen against a piece of paper makes you happy, you have found your community. For further information, please contact Deborah at 522-2895 or Ron at 522-2820.

April is National Poetry Month and the Writers Guild is delighted to announce that poetry is coming to the District of St. Mary's! If you have a favorite poem, (you're own or someone else's), have it ready for **Thursday, April 26** which is **National Poem in Your Pocket Day**. Join us by selecting a poem, carrying it with you, and sharing it with others throughout the day at school, in the library or at your place of work. Keep your eyes open for people circulating with poems to share! Calling all aspiring writers! Did you know Sherbrooke Village will hold its first annual **Writers Camp** from **September 13-16, 2018**? Details at: <https://sherbrookevillage.novascotia.ca/learning-research/writers-camp>

WOW Reading Challenge

The Sherbrooke RCMP have launched a WOW reading challenge to students of SMECA. The students have been challenged to read as many books as they can during the months of February and March, in an attempt to win monthly book draws for their school. The more they read, the more they are rewarded with books. So far, collectively, from grade Primary to Six, the students have been reading over 800 books a week during the challenge. As a result, they were the recipients of a book draw of over 100 books in the month of February.

The mission of the WOW reading challenge is to encourage and enable community partners to prevent criminal behaviour through the promotion of literacy among young people. Studies show that 65% of inmates in Canadian prisons don't possess basic literacy skills. Our local RCMP is encouraging the students that literacy equals crime prevention and together they can "Fight crime one book at a time".

The RCMP would like to thank our local sponsors; St. Mary's District Lions Club, St. Mary's Recreation, Sherbrooke Garage and Sherbrooke Shopper's Drug Mart for their support in this literacy challenge.

Thank You – Porter

The morning came with a scream
I prayed to God it was a dream.
Our Family home would be no more
burnt right to the basement floor.
In disbelief our hearts were broken
and only words of grief were spoken.
We held on tight to one another
then came a sister and a brother.
Neighbours, friends and others came
to help us navigate the pain.
We felt it was too much to bare
but people came from everywhere.
Day by day, the weights been lifted
and in many ways we have been gifted.
For giving us a brand-new start
we thank you all from the heart.
Michael & Sharon Porter

Sherbrooke Riverside Cemetery Association

Annual general meeting will be held at 1:30pm on March 10th at the St. John's United Church hall. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Ecum Secum Fire Dept

Annual meeting will be held on March 18, 2018. 7pm at the Ecum Secum fire hall. All welcome.

The annual Easter penny auction will be on March 17th at the Fire hall. Starting at 7pm, there will be a chocolate walk.

Everyone welcome. All proceeds to the fire dept.

R.C.L Branch #86 Liscomb

Next general meeting will be Tuesday March 6

March Activities

Auction 45s Thursdays 8pm \$5

Cribbage Saturdays 8pm \$5

Chase the Ace Thursdays 6:30-7:30pm

Games Day Mar 24th 2pm \$10 (multiple games participation contest, prizes, draws and 50/50)

St. Mary's District Lion's Club

St. Patrick's Day Celebration March 17th, doors open at 5:30pm. Irish stew dinner, cash bar and entertainment. Tickets \$12 advance or \$15 at the door. Tickets available at Shopper's, Sherbrooke Village administration office, Sherbrooke Garage or call Neil Black 522-2265.

We would like to thank everyone that supported our Fundraising Lunch on Feb 20th. Thanks to your generosity we raised \$973.25. All proceeds will go to the Nova Scotia Heart & Stroke Association.

Maple Manor Bake Sale

Every Friday at 2pm, Maple Manor Community room.

Keeping Bears Away from Your Property

Eastern Nova Scotia has a healthy population of black bears and each spring they make their presence known.

Black bears are omnivores, meaning they will eat a wide variety of food including berries, apples, bird seed, green bin material, garbage and other animals. When bears come near homes they are usually looking for food and if they are rewarded by finding an easy meal, they quickly learn to seek out similar situations.

If a bear frequents your property, it is there for a reason. In nearly all problem bear situations, human food and food waste is involved. When a bear smells food odours coming from a compost bin, garbage container, or even a barbeque, it regards this as a convenient food source and will repeatedly return to the site until the food has been eaten or cleaned up and removed.

To avoid attracting bears:

- store green bins and garbage containers in a secure shed until the morning of pick up
- turn garden compost piles often and add lime to reduce odour
- freeze particularly smelly food waste, such as lobster shells and fish, until collection day and then put it out in your green bin
- avoid using bird feeders (April-October)
- burn off barbecue grills at high temperatures after every use and clean out the grease trays often
- keep pet food bowls indoors and do not feed your pets outside
- pick fruit from trees as soon as it ripens and remove from property
- keep your windows closed when cooking to keep kitchen smells from wafting outside.

If you spot a black bear on your property, or see signs that a bear is around, eliminate the items that may attract them. Talk to your neighbours about working together to eliminate bear attractants. We all must be diligent to reduce our impact on the wildlife that live in our region.

If you encounter a bear on your property:

- stay at a distance and move away from the animal
- make noise; if a bear knows that you are there it will usually move away on its own
- do not block any escape routes for the bear, and give it a clear path to exit
- remember to respect bears and treat them as if they may become aggressive. The bear is looking for food and not directly targeting you or your family, however, you should always be cautious. There are no records of bear attacks on humans in Nova Scotia, but the potential exists.



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TENDER

Resurfacing Sherbrooke Library Roof

Sealed tenders addressed to Marvin MacDonald, CAO, Municipality of the District of St. Mary's, PO Box 296, Sherbrooke, B0J 3C0 and marked on the envelope or via email to marvin.macdonald@saint-marys.ca

"TENDER – Resurfacing Sherbrooke Library Roof"

will be received until **4:00pm, Thursday, March 15th, 2018** for the resurfacing of the Sherbrooke Library main roof located at 11 Main Street, Sherbrooke. For a full tender package, including the tender bid form, please contact the Municipality at 902-522- 2049.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Municipality of the District of St. Mary's

Call for Nominations to St. Mary's Audit Committee

St. Mary's Municipal Council is seeking up to two individuals to serve on the St. Mary's Audit Committee. The purpose of the Audit Committee is to provide advice to Municipal Council on the matters relating to auditing of finances of the Municipality. The Committee fulfills the legislative requirements as outlined in Section 44 of the Municipal Government Act (MGA).

The committee, including the outside appointment shall be appointed annually at the Annual Meeting of St. Mary's Municipal Council. An outside appointment to the committee may serve three consecutive terms (fiscal year). At that time the Municipality will advertise for an outside appointment for the next three terms. All committee members are eligible for reimbursement of travel expenses for meetings from their place of residence.

The Audit Committee will meet on the same day as a regular Committee of the Whole meeting of council and a minimum of twice per fiscal year. The committee will be chaired by the Warden of the Municipality. There will be no limit on the number of meetings; the committee shall convene whenever circumstances demand.

Applications to be appointed to the committee will be accepted until March 26th at 4pm. Applications forms can be found on the website www.saint-marys.ca or by contacting Marvin MacDonald, CAO, marvin.macdonald@saint-marys.ca.

S.H.O.P.S.

Sherbrooke Opportunities Society

Moving Forward Together

Job Posting

Manager/Program Facilitator (4-month Contract – 21 hrs per week)

Our mission is to engage the developmentally disabled adults of our community in programs to help strengthen their intellectual, physical and emotional well being. Our vision is to provide an environment that promotes lasting dignity and enhances the self-esteem of participants by developing an atmosphere that contributes positively to the improvement in an individual's quality of life. Our programs will range from personal care and hygiene to training in life skills, with educational & recreational activities thrown in. Community interaction is important.

We are looking for someone who is self motivated, has excellent project management skills and can assist us with program set up and fundraising opportunities to sustain those programs. Please note that this may be extended into a full-time 10-month position starting in the fall and as programs develop and our client base grows will hopefully increase to a 35-hour position as well. Once things are established we are looking for someone who can provide individualized and group support for the S.H.O.P.S. mission, with both in house and community activities, which may include organizing job schedules for clients and volunteers.

CREDENTIALS

- Post secondary education in a field related to working in human services (people with intellectual disabilities). Preference will be given to Human Services diploma or a completed equivalent program and/or a combination with experience in the field. Work experience is a definite asset and will not be diminished.
- Ability to perform all physical duties of the job
- Ability to perform all duties related to supporting adults with intellectual disabilities for their work site
- Excellent computer skills (adept in the use of various software programs including word, excel, power point)
- Valid NS Driver's License and access to a passenger vehicle
- Proven team player and leader with demonstrated communication, interpersonal and problem-solving skills and the ability to work effectively in a demanding service-oriented organization.

Application Deadline: 4 pm on March 9th, 2018

Please send resume to one of the following:

Email: S.H.O.P.S. Secretary lisamac@seasidehighspeed.com

Mail: SHOPS JOB POSTING, PO Box 124, Sherbrooke, NS, B0J 3C0

The successful candidate will be expected to provide official transcripts and references to show proof of academic achievements and experience.

March Events Calendar

Thursday, March 1 st	Library Meditation 11am Guitar IHL 7pm	Thursday, March 15 th	Library Meditation 11am Guitar IHL 7pm
Friday, March 2 nd	Seniors Café – Library 9:30am Village Readers - Library 11am Maple Manor Bake Sale 2pm Learn to Skate 6pm Men's Hockey League 7pm	Friday, March 16 th	Seniors Café – Library 9:30am Maple Manor Bake Sale 2pm Learn to Skate 6pm Men's Hockey League 7pm
Saturday, March 3 rd	Winter Fun Fest	Saturday, March 17 th	Terry Dwyer – Library 10am St. Pat's Celebratoin 5:30pm Ecum Secum Penny Auction 7pm
Monday, March 5 th	WI meeting – Bickerton 1pm St. Mary's Curling Club 5:30pm	Sunday March 18 th	Ecum Secum VFD Meeting 7pm
Tuesday, March 6 th	Library Paint Group 10am Library Knitting Group 6:30pm Drop in Curling 6:30pm	Monday, March 19 th	St. Mary's Curling Club 5:30pm Bickerton Com Ctr meeting 7pm
Wednesday, March 7 th	Council COTW 1pm Kids Rec hockey 2:30pm Girl Guides 6pm Adult Free Skate 6pm Salsation 6pm Men's Hockey League 7pm Lion's Bingo 7:45pm	Tuesday, March 20 th	Library Paint Group 10am Lion's Fundraiser 11:30am Library Knitting Group 6:30pm Drop in Curling 6:30pm
Thursday, March 8 th	Library Meditation 11am ATV Club meeting 6pm Guitar IHL 7pm	Wednesday, March 21 st	Council COTW 1pm Girl Guides 6pm Salsation 6pm Lion's Bingo 7:45pm
Friday, March 9 th	Seniors Café – Library 9:30am Bickerton Luncheon 11:30 Maple Manor Bake Sale 2pm Learn to Skate 6pm Men's Hockey League 7pm	Thursday, March 22 nd	Library Meditation 11am
Saturday, March 10 th	Mobile Depot Free Skate 1pm Cemetery Meeting 1:30pm	Friday, March 23 rd	Seniors Café – Library 9:30am Maple Manor Bake Sale 2pm
Sunday, March 11 th	Variety Concert 2pm	Saturday, March 24 th	Mobile Depot Lighthouse Bingo 2pm Liscomb Games Day 2pm
Monday, March 12 th	St. Mary's Curling Club 5:30pm Regular Council Meeting 7pm	Tuesday, March 27 th	Library Paint Group 10am Council AGM 1pm Library Knitting Group 6:30pm
Tuesday, March 13 th	Library Paint Group 10am Library Book of the Month Library Knitting Group 6:30pm Drop in Curling 6:30pm Sherbrooke VFD Meeting 7pm	Wednesday, March 28 th	Salsation 6pm Lion's Bingo 7:45pm
Wednesday, March 14 th	WI Social – Bickerton 10am Adult Free Skate 6pm Salsation 6pm Men's Hockey League 7pm Lion's Bingo 7:45pm	Thursday, March 29 th	Library Meditation 11am
		Friday, March 30 th	Municipal office Closed Library Closed Fitness Centre Closed Maple Manor Bake Sale 2pm