



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

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## Meetings of Council

The next regular meeting of Municipal Council is Monday, May 15th, 2023 at the Municipal Office in Sherbrooke at 4:00pm. Committee of the Whole meetings will take place Tuesday May 2nd and Wednesday, May 17th at 4:00pm in Council Chambers. Agendas, minutes and audio files are available at [www.saint-marys.ca](http://www.saint-marys.ca). The Municipal Office and Transfer Station will be closed on Monday, May 22nd for Victoria Day.

## 2023-2024 Municipal Approved Budget

On April 4th, 2023 St. Mary's Municipal Council approved the Municipal Operating and Capital Budgets for 2023-24 and set the tax rates. The total operating budget is \$3,866,344, an 11.6% increase over last year's budget. The tax rate has increased to \$0.97 for residential/resource-assessed properties and \$2.28 for commercial-assessed properties. For additional details on both the operating and capital budgets please visit the municipal website at <https://saint-marys.ca/approved-budget-2023-2024> or drop by the municipal office to pick up a copy. Tax bills will be mailed by the end of May 2023.

## St. Mary's Fitness Centre Re-opened

Residents can now register for a fob to use the St. Mary's Fitness Centre. Fobs cost \$20 and use is unlimited between the hours of 3-10pm, Monday to Friday. Users are not permitted to use the facility alone, and must ensure another user is in the facility while working out. Contact 902-522-2598 for more information about the facility and the fob access system. The Fitness Centre access project is supported through the Province of Nova Scotia and done in partnership with the Strait Regional Centre for Education and St. Mary's Education Centre/Academy.

## Lieutenant Governor's Community Spirit Award Nominations Open

The Lieutenant Governor's Community Spirit Award celebrates the power, strength and diversity of vibrant communities across Nova Scotia. It profiles their achievements and increases their visibility through a formal recognition program. Up to four Nova Scotian communities are honoured each year. Recipients are chosen by a selection committee based on community applications. Communities selected for the award promote citizen engagement, civic pride and a positive outlook on the future. Successful communities are honoured through celebration and recognition. Applications are being accepted May 15th, 2023. Find more information at: <https://cch.novascotia.ca/investing-in-our-future/community-spirit-award>

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The deadline for the June Municipal Newsletter is Wed. May 17th at 4:00pm. Submissions can be faxed to 902-522-2309, dropped off in person at the Municipal Office or emailed to [newsletter@saint-marys.ca](mailto:newsletter@saint-marys.ca). Subscribe to our email list by calling 902-522-2598.

## St. Mary's Municipal Transfer

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

## MacMillan's Recyclable Pickup

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

## May 2023 Solid Waste Collection

Eastern Shore Cartage: 1-800-261-0372

<b>Tuesday</b> (Zone 1)	<b>May 2</b> Recyclables	<b>May 9</b> Garbage & 1 Bulky Item	<b>May 16</b> Recyclables	<b>May 23</b> Garbage & 1 Bulky Item	<b>May 30</b> Recyclables
<b>Wednesday</b> (Zone 2)	<b>May 3</b> Recyclables	<b>May 10</b> Garbage & 1 Bulky Item	<b>May 17</b> Recyclables	<b>May 24</b> Garbage & 1 Bulky Item	<b>May 31</b> Recyclables
<b>Thursday</b> (Zone 3)	<b>May 4</b> Recyclables	<b>May 11</b> Garbage & 1 Bulky Item	<b>May 18</b> Recyclables	<b>May 25</b> Garbage & 1 Bulky Item	<b>June 1</b> Recyclables

**ZONE 1:** New Chester, Ecum Secum, Liscomb to Sherbrooke including Sonora and Old Road Hill.  
**ZONE 2:** East Loon Lake, Smithfield, Denver, Newtown, Glenelg Church Rd, Aspen to Goshen to Borneo Rd inclusive.  
**ZONE 3:** Hwy 211, IHL to Port Bickerton, Stillwater, West Melrose, Lead Minds Rd, to Waternish inclusive.

# Economic Development

## **DigiPort Nova Scotia**

Looking for information and advice to help you effectively promote your tourism business and serve your customers online? Sign-up with Nova Scotia Digiport for free resources and a free 30-minute consultation with a digital expert. <https://nsdigiport.ca/>. Also on NS Digiport, free webinars including "How to Deal with Negative Feedback on Social Media?" Video by wordcraft, Tourism Nova Scotia and DigiPort. <https://youtu.be/BpP9v0garJk>

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## **Coastal Nova Scotia**

Looking for something to do this weekend? Want to be on the list that visitors are checking? Visit <https://www.coastalnovascotia.ca/> for upcoming Eastern and Northern Shore events and contact [cindy@coastalnovascotia.ca](mailto:cindy@coastalnovascotia.ca) if you would like your event listed or your business on the visitor's map.

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## **Nova Scotia Works Career Connections**

Career Connections is a leading provider of career development services in Nova Scotia. They are committed to the delivery of innovative programs and outstanding services in an inclusive environment. Services are available for students (scholarship listings), clients and employers. NS Works Career Connections can be found on Facebook, or contact the Antigonish County office at (902) 863-8244 or [antigonish@careerconnections.ca](mailto:antigonish@careerconnections.ca). Contact the Guysborough County office at (902) 533-2805 or [guysborough@careerconnections.ca](mailto:guysborough@careerconnections.ca).

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## **CBDC Guysborough County**

Need financing for your business? Loans are available to any legally operated business in Guysborough County. Some sectors include, fishing, trucking, retail, manufacturing, service, accommodations, food service, etc. -Business loans up to a maximum of \$600,000 with flexible interest rates starting at prime plus 2% with flexible re-payment schedules.

-Loans available for business start-up, expansion, renovations, line of credit, etc.

-Quick approval Micro Loans available up to \$10,000.

-Business start-up info and counseling available. Self-Employment Benefits Program - (SEB) - Qualifying participants can receive benefits and training opportunities during business startup.

Guysborough County Community Business Development Corporation Limited. PO Box 199, 46 Main Street, Guysborough County, NS B0H 1N0. Guysborough Office: phone: (902)533-2770 fax: (902) 533-2016 Email: [wanda.macdonald@cbdc.ca](mailto:wanda.macdonald@cbdc.ca)

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## **E-Commerce Grant**

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

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## **Forestry Funding Helps with Fiona Damage**

More support is coming to help private woodlot owners recover from hurricane Fiona and grow healthy forests. Fiona funding for cleanup and re-establishing boundaries can be found at:

<https://www.asforestry.com/hurricane-fiona-woodlot-assistance/>. Silviculture funding information can be found at <https://www.asforestry.com/silviculture/>.

Natural Resources and Renewables can be followed on Twitter at [https://twitter.com/NS\\_DNRR](https://twitter.com/NS_DNRR)

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## **Business Navigators**

Want to start a business? The Province's Business Navigators can help you navigate provincial regulations and requirements for new businesses, including what regulations you need to follow, what licences and permits you need to operate your business and any inspection requirements. In addition to bringing clarity to applicable regulations, they can connect you with support for financing, taxes and staffing, as well as resources to help with start-up funding. For more information, visit [novascotia.ca/businessnavigators](http://novascotia.ca/businessnavigators), email [busnavigation@novascotia.ca](mailto:busnavigation@novascotia.ca), or call toll-free at 1-844-628-7347.

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## **Tourism Resources**

Are you looking for tourism operator resources? Visit Tourism Nova Scotia for free resources, including webinars and printable worksheets for Development, Marketing and Research. <https://tourismns.ca/>.

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## **Centre for Entrepreneurship Education and Development**

Book your FREE 30-minute consultation with a business advisor if you are launching a new business, looking for support for a new business (open for under 12 months) or an existing business (open for over a year) with planning, financing, operations, growth, or recovery. [www.ceed.ca](http://www.ceed.ca) or find CEED on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram & LinkedIn.

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# Community Development & Recreation

## **Happy Feet After School Running Program**

Happy Feet is a free after school running program designed to get children moving and inspire them to be active for life. This program is for participants in grades primary – 3. Happy Feet will be hosted at St. Mary's Education Centre/Academy on Thursday's from 2:30-4pm starting Thursday, May 4th for 6 weeks with the last day scheduled for June 8th. Participants are encouraged to be prepared for indoor and outdoor conditions and to bring their own water bottle. Pre-registration is required by completing the registration form online at [www.saint-marys.ca](http://www.saint-marys.ca) or at the Municipal Office.

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## **Eco Explorers After School Nature Program**

Eco Explorers is returning this month! This is an outdoor program for youth in grades 3-6. This program is designed to allow children to explore nature on their own terms. It will focus on exploring and learning about nature in St. Mary's through discussions and play. This is a free program taking place on Wednesday's from 2:30-4:00pm starting on May 3rd. Participants must wear appropriate footwear and clothing as we will be outside no matter what the conditions are. This program will take place over six weeks and will have its last session on June 7th. There will be black flies in the woods, please send bug spray for your child. Pre-registration is required by completing the registration form online at [www.saint-marys.ca](http://www.saint-marys.ca) or at the Municipal Office.

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## **Canada Day 2023**

Planning is underway for the St. Mary's Canada Day Celebrations in 2023. We are excited to host a full schedule of events this year. Celebrations will include a street parade, family fun and games, live entertainment, a reptile show and fireworks. A full schedule will be available in the June newsletter, on the Municipal Facebook page and website. If you would like to register a float in our street parade, you can do so by calling 902-522-2598 or emailing [tobias.clarke@saint-marys.ca](mailto:tobias.clarke@saint-marys.ca) by June 23rd.

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## **Junior Leaders Program**

The Community Development and Recreation Department will once again be offering a Junior Leaders Program this summer for youth going into grades 7 and 8 in the 2023/24 Academic Year. Youth registered in the Junior Leader program are invited to attend the Municipality's Summer Day Camps on Tuesday's and Thursday's. Junior Leaders will receive leadership training and provide support to Day Camp Leaders with the delivery of programming. Leadership training will include HIGHfive, Principals of Healthy Childhood Development and a resume writing and interview workshop. Leaders who complete the program and training opportunities will receive a reference letter for their professional portfolio.

## **Plant a Canoe Project Update**

The Municipality has considered and evaluated several municipally owned locations and has made a decision! The canoe's installation will be located at the flagpole site between Hwy. 7 and Old Road Hill in Sherbrooke. Now we are looking for soil and some "NATIVE" plants to begin our habitat for our St. Mary's pollinators. If you would like to become involved or learn more about this exciting project or would like a list of native plants that you would like to donate, please reach out to Tobias at 902-522-2598 or [tobias.clarke@saint-marys.ca](mailto:tobias.clarke@saint-marys.ca).

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## **Family Kickboxing Classes**

Family Kickboxing Classes takes place at 6pm on Tuesday's in the small gymnasium at St. Mary's Education Centre/Academy. Please use the Memorial Place entrance. Classes are open to families. Youth under 14 are free and classes cost \$10 for adults. Five class punch cards are available for purchase at the Municipal Office for \$50. The last class for this session will be June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Gloves and punch pads can be provided if needed.

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## **Yoga Classes**

An all levels yoga class for ages 14+ takes place weekly in the SHOPS Room at St. Mary's Education Centre/Academy. Classes are on Thursday's at 7pm. Your first class is free! Following the first class, each session is \$10. Punch cards are available for purchase at the Municipal Office. Call 902-522-2598 for more information.

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## **Volunteer Inventory**

Each year, the Municipality looks to celebrate volunteerism in our communities. In order to choose this year's St. Mary's Volunteer of the Year, the Community Development and Recreation Department is developing a list of volunteers, or a volunteer inventory. All non-profits within the community are asked to send a list of the names of their volunteers to [kerri.jack@saint-marys.ca](mailto:kerri.jack@saint-marys.ca). A complete inventory of all volunteers within St. Mary's will be compiled with two outcomes. First, every name provided will be put into a draw and the winner will be named St. Mary's Volunteer of Year. The chosen individual will have the opportunity to accept or decline the designation. Contact of the winner will be done through the organization they volunteer with. The second outcome will be that data collected during this inventory will kick off a volunteer support project. The St. Mary's Recreation Master Plan developed in 2022 recommended that the Municipality provide support to non-profit organizations to help train, recruit and retain volunteers. The information provided through the volunteer inventory will help assess volunteerism in St. Mary's and determine next steps in providing support. Call 902-522-2598 for more information.



# SUMMER DAY CAMP



**EIGHT WEEKS OF FUN & CREATIVE INDOOR &  
OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES**

**8:00 AM - 4:30 PM**

**(MONDAY / TUESDAY / WEDNESDAY / THURSDAY)**

**\*MUST BE STARTING GRADES PRE-PRIMARY - SIX IN SEPTEMBER 2023  
TO QUALIFY FOR A SPOT**

**JULY 4TH -  
AUGUST 24TH,  
2023**

**LIMITED  
SPOTS  
AVAILABLE**

Admission  
**FREE**

## **Activities**

- ✓ Storytelling
- ✓ Games
- ✓ Drawing & painting
- ✓ Guest Speakers
- ✓ Nature field trips

## **Contact**

Tobias Clarke 902-522-2598 or  
email [tobias.clarke@saint-marys.ca](mailto:tobias.clarke@saint-marys.ca)

Location details to be announced

## **Registration Link Below**

<https://saint-marys.ca/residents/recreation/programs-and-activities/registration-form.html>

# Community Services

## **Sherbrooke Opportunities Society**

SHOPS would like to send out a huge thank you to everyone who purchased our Easter chocolates this year. We sold out just in time for Easter. These sales made this a huge success. Since our Easter chocolate sales were such a success, we have decided that SHOPS will be making cake pop bouquets to sell for Mother's Day this year. The bouquets will be available to purchase starting May 9th - May 12th. Cost per bouquet will be \$15.00. There will be 5 cake pops per bouquet. If you have any questions, please contact us at 902-318-7467, email [pm@shopsonline.ca](mailto:pm@shopsonline.ca) or stop by the SHOPS room. Reminder that toonies are due every Tuesday by 12pm at your most convenient location: Cloverfarm, Sherbrooke Garage/Irving, Buds Kwikway, Highland's Building Supplies, Whitney's Corner Store, Smokey Hollow General Store and the SHOPS room. Toonie draws take place on Wednesdays at noon. Our last big jackpot was \$969.00 which was won by Beverly Breen on March 22nd, CONGRATULATIONS!! We thank our wonderful community for the support you all continue to show us. Your support is appreciated more than you could imagine. "EVERY DAY IS A GOOD DAY AT SHOPS"

## **Eastern Counties Regional Library**

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

## **St. Mary's Food Bank**

Please contact 902-338-0981 or 902-833-2920 if you know of a need in the community. Confidentiality is strictly upheld. The box to receive food donations is located at Clover Farm. Please check the "best before" date. Cash donations can be sent to St. Mary's District Food Bank, P.O. Box 102, Sherbrooke, NS, B0J 3C0. If a donation is made in memory or as a gift, a card is sent to the family. Thank you for your continuing support.

# Congressional Services

## **Indian Harbour Lake Pentecostal Church**

1643 Hwy. 211. [ihlpentecostalchurch@gmail.com](mailto:ihlpentecostalchurch@gmail.com). 902-522-2759 Regular Sunday Morning Services Time 10:30. In concert: Sterling Stephens- southern contemporary gospel. Held at the Indian Harbour Lake Pentecostal Church Sunday, May 7th at 6pm. Teen Challenge, Atlantic Men's Ministry Team from New Brunswick. Sunday, May 21st morning service at 10:30am. Come and hear dynamic presentation by Teen Challenge Canada, featuring testimonies and stories of finding freedom from addiction! All welcome ! Hope to see you there! you will be encouraged!

## **Calvary Faith Church, Sonora**

Calvary Faith Baptist Church Schedule for the month of May, 2023. Weekly Bible Study and Prayer Meeting Wednesdays at 7pm

Services:

May 7th - 11am

May 14th - 6pm

May 21th - 11am

May 28th - 6pm

Pastor, Wayne Bray. Contact: 902-522-2520

## **Anglican Parish of Liscomb – Port Bickerton**

In Person Worship Services May 2023

Sunday, May 7

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

11:00am St. Thomas, Indian Harbour Lake

Sunday May 14

9:00am St. Luke's, Liscomb

11:00am St. James, Sherbrooke

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

Sunday, May 21

11:00am St. Luke's, Liscomb

7:00pm St. Thomas, Indian Harbour Lake

Sunday, May 28

9:00am St. Thomas, Indian Harbour Lake

11:00am St. Paul's Port Bickerton

7:00pm St. Luke's, Liscomb

# Community Events

## **St. Mary's Trails Association Open House**

St. Mary's Trail



Association

St. Mary's Trails Association is a Non-Profit Society incorporated on June 26, 2008 with a goal and vision to provide a shared use nature trail along the abandoned rail line in the Municipality of District of St. Mary's, Guysborough

County, Nova Scotia. The Association presently manages and maintains 6.2 kms of Trans Canada Trail between Highway #7, Aspen and the Cameron Lakes, near Guysborough/St. Mary's Municipal line, Melrose Country Harbour Road. With a 4-member executive and 8 member Board of Directors, we operate under a Letter of Authority (LOA) from the Department of Natural Resources Renewables (DNRR) on Crown Lands of the abandoned Guysborough Railway (30 meter right of way/ROW). The Association has made an application for an additional LOA to construct, maintain and operate a recreational trail from Aspen to Newtown. As part of the process, a public engagement Open House will be hosted by the Association on May 13, 2023 from 11AM -1 PM and 2-4 PM at the St. Mary's Lions Club, 7996 Highway 7, Sherbrooke, NS. The Trail Association wishes to ensure all community members are represented and considered in the management of the trail system. We invite community members, business leaders, organizations and residents/landowners of all ages to come to our Open House to learn about our Association and the preliminary plans for the multi use trail. This will be an opportunity to meet trail builders and trail experts from Trans Canada Trail, NS Trails Federation, Dept. of Community Culture Tourism & Heritage, Dept of Natural Resources and Public Works. Please complete and return the attached survey to us prior to May 13 or bring it to the Open House. We look forward to meeting community members!

## **Stillwater Community Centre**

Please join us every Friday night until June 30th for an evening of fun and prizes. Doors open at 7:30. Card Play at 8pm. For hall rentals please contact Gordon MacIntosh @ (902) 497-1201.

## **Maple Manor Bake Sale**

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

## **Yard Sale Notice**

There will be a yard sale at 10 McKinley Pont Road in Spanish Ship Bay on Saturday, May 20th, 2023, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

## **St. Mary's District Lion's Club**

Weekly Bingo is held Wednesday evenings and doors open at 6:45pm.

## **Country Harbour Gun Club**

Crib Night will take place on Saturday, April 29th, starting at 7pm. \$5 Per Person Entry Fee. No partner needed to play. A Wheeler Rally will take place on Saturday, May 6th. Registration begins at 10am. \$15 per person entry fee. Country Breakfast will take place on Saturday, May 20th, 8:30am to 10am.

## **Nova Scotia Walk Day**

Nova Scotia Walk Day is a FREE province-wide event celebrating how walking connects us to our communities and each other. The Walk Day event is sponsored by NS Walks, a program for less active adults to enjoy the benefits of walking. The NS Walk Day event will be held on the St Mary's Nature Trail on May 10th, and co-hosted by the St Mary's Trail Association and the Lochaber Walking Club. Meet at the trailhead at 11:00am for a leisurely walk that will last about an hour, everyone can walk at their own pace and distance. Directions: Take the St. Mary's Clubhouse exit off Highway #7 (located 1.3 km south of the intersection of Highway #7 with Highway #347). Follow the dirt road for about 2 km to reach the trailhead. The St. Mary's Trail Association is a volunteer Non Profit Society incorporated June 26th, 2008 with a goal and vision to provide a shared use nature trail along the abandoned historic Guysborough Railroad. The Lochaber Walking Club, part of the NS Walks program, was launched in November last year, and meets twice a week at two different locations in the Lochaber area. Participants have collectively walked over 1300 km since the club started.

## **Country Harbour TOPS**

We welcome new members to our Tops club. NS #5296 Country Harbour. The Club meets Wednesday at 6pm, Country Harbour Community Centre, 17846 Highway 316, Crossroads. Call 902-318-4156 more information.

## **Ecum Secum Playground Update**

We are selling tickets on FRESH LOBSTER just in time for Mother's day! There will be 3 draws of approximately 15lb. Contact a committee member for your chance to win!

## **Goshen Fire Dept. and Community Centre AGM's**

The annual ratepayers meeting for the Goshen & Area Volunteer Fire Department will be held on Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the Goshen Community Centre. The annual financial statements and the proposed budget for 2023/2024 will be presented and reviewed. The tax levy for 2023/2024 will also be set. Immediately following this meeting, the annual meeting of the Goshen Community Centre will be held. All interested residents are invited and encouraged to attend these meetings.

**St. Mary's Trails Association Resident/Landowner Survey**

St. Mary's Trails Association is interested in how the community feels about the plans to develop the trail through Aspen, Denver and Newtown on the Right of Way of the former Guysborough Railbed. We want to ensure everyone understands that the former railway land is Provincial Crown Land administered by the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources. Generally speaking, the Crown Land extends for 15.2 meters (50 ft) in both directions from the center of the actual railbed. The trail itself will use about 3-4 meters (12-15 feet) of the rail bed in all but exceptional cases that may be identified in more detailed planning.

An **OPEN HOUSE** will be held on May 13, 2023 in Sherbrooke to discuss plans with the community and exchange ideas.

As a community member and/or landowner, your views on this matter are very important to us. Please take a few minutes to complete and return this brief survey. **Thank you** for your time.

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- 1. A) Do you reside in the Municipality District of St. Mary's?      Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
  - B) Do you reside along the Right of Way/Railway Corridor?      Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
  - C) Do you own land along the Right of Way/Railway Corridor?      Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If so, please describe where land is located? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Do you or your family currently use the former railway corridor for any purpose? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
If yes, can you describe this use? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Are you generally in favour of converting the former railway corridor into a multiuse trail? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

4. What are your concerns or interests with the proposed shared-use trail project? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. If there are concerns, how could they be addressed? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. What recreational uses of the proposed trail would you be in favour of?(Check all that apply)  
Walking/Hiking \_\_\_    ATVing \_\_\_                      Cross-country Skiing \_\_\_    Horseback Riding \_\_\_  
Cycling \_\_\_              Off-road Motorcycling    \_\_\_    Snowmobiling \_\_\_              Other \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like to be contacted by a member of our association to discuss any aspect of the proposed trail project, please provide your contact information below.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please direct comments to: [stmarystrailassociation@gmail.com](mailto:stmarystrailassociation@gmail.com)

St. Mary's Trail Association

14 Broadhorn Road, Stormont, Nova Scotia B0H 1J0 - C/O President Charlie Hallett - 902-328-2284

1137 Hwy 347, Denver, Nova Scotia B2H 5C8 - Charlene Porter, Secretary - 902-833-2270

### **Thank you from the Scotts!**

Herb and Alice Scott wish to thank family and friends for all they did to make their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on March 17th a very special occasion. The time and energy, invested by many, to help celebrate the day is greatly appreciated.

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### **Thank You - Keith Horton**

I would like to thank everyone for their kindness while I was a patient at the QEII in Halifax. Thank you to Dr. MacLean, nurses and staff at St. Mary's Hospital, Sherbrooke and the Doctors, nurses and staff on floors 5.1, 6.1, and 7.1 at the QEII. Thanks to everyone for your phone calls, cards and visits at the hospital and since I came home. Thanks also to our wonderful family for all their help. Your kindness will never be forgotten. God bless you all, Keith Horton.

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### **St. Mary's Shooters Association**

SMSA members are reminded to pay their dues of \$30 for 2023 if they haven't already renewed. The Spring Meeting takes place Sunday, May 14th at the Stillwater Center at 2pm. Canadian Firearms Safety Course - May 20, 9am Stillwater Center. Apply and pay online at: [safetyservicesns.com](http://safetyservicesns.com). May 21, Joe Arnold Memorial Military Rifle Shoot: no scope, pre-1949 & post-1949. The Bob Michaud Skeet Shoot will take place on June 4th from 9am-3pm.

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### **Music for Mike Benefit Concert**

Saturday, May 6th at 7pm at the Indian Harbour Lake & Jordanville Hall for Mike Jordan, who was diagnosed with Pulmonary Fibrosis and will have on-going assessments. Silent Auction and tickets on a basket. E-transfers accepted at [cbmg2020@hotmail.com](mailto:cbmg2020@hotmail.com). Email for password.

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### **Mun. of the Dist. of Guysborough Community Fair**

Are you new to the area and want to learn about services? Are you searching for new employees? Are you looking for a new career? Are you looking for an opportunity to volunteer? If you answered YES, this evening is for you. The Community Fair will take place on Tuesday, May 30th from 6-8pm at the Chedabucto Lifestyles Complex, Guysborough. To secure a free booth, email [acuningham@gdbp.ca](mailto:acuningham@gdbp.ca) or [atavares@modg.ca](mailto:atavares@modg.ca).

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### **Maple Manor Tea**

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

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### **Royal Canadian Legion Branch 86 Liscomb**

31 MacKinley Point Road, Liscomb 902-779-2006. Open Thur, Fri & Sat from 5pm with pool table, dart board, shuffleboards, canteen, and bar. A Lucky Card Raffle game is ongoing at the hall; \$5 per card to play for \$130 prize. Cribbage Card Parties: Thursday and Saturday evenings at 8pm. Mother's Day Brunch, Sunday, May 14th at 11am - Adult menu - scrambled eggs or cheese omelet, 2 sausage, 2 bacon, 2 toast, 2 small pancakes and tea, coffee or juice - \$15. Kids menu - 2 regular pancakes, one sausage, one bacon, one toast and juice - \$6. Call the Legion or come by in person during open hours above, to reserve your space and buy your ticket. Celebrating Canadian Peacekeepers: Luncheon Monday, May 29 at 2pm, for the International Day of UN Peacekeepers. This year is 75 years of UN Peacekeeping (1948), 65 years since Lester Pearson earned the Nobel Peace Prize (1958) and 35 years since UN Peacekeepers earned Nobel Peace Prize (1988). Do you know a local Canadian Peacekeeper, active or veteran? Canadian Peacekeepers make the world a better place, and we wish to thank you for your service. Remember to check our Facebook Group Page for information and updates: Branch 86 - Royal Canadian Legion - Liscomb | Facebook.

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### **Goshen Community Recreation & Centre**

Bargain Shop hours are Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 1-3pm. Game Day is Wednesday 1-3pm. Friday Night Supper Rice and Sweet & Sour Meatballs with dessert on May 19th, 2023 from 4:30-7pm. Take out only. To place an order call Lisa at 902-318-4401 or Laurie 902-783-2291. Drop-ins welcome as well. \$13 for Adults and \$6 under 12. Starting May 1st, 2023 at 9:30am-1pm and every second Monday, come have a coffee break and catch up with your neighbours for only \$3 for coffee/tea and muffin. A Fraud prevention session with RCMP will take place on June 3rd, 2023 at 2pm. Wills, Power of Attorney and Personal Directives with Lawyer, Carole Gartside and Funeral Planning with G.W. Giffin Funeral Home information session will be held Friday, June 16th, 2023 at 2pm. For more information please call 902-783-2291 or 902-328-2233. Blood Pressure Clinic May 17th, 2023 and June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 from 1-3pm. Recyclable Bottles are still welcomed and can be dropped off at the centre. Volunteers and Committee members are always welcomed. Please contact Rickey Laurie Chisholm 902-783-2291 or Lisa Myers 902-318-4401 if you would like more information. The next committee meeting is May 3rd, 2023, at 7pm.

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### **Hospital Society E-Transfer**

The St. Mary's Memorial Hospital Society is pleased to announce that donations can now be made via e-transfer to [smmhs.donate@gmail.com](mailto:smmhs.donate@gmail.com) No security question is required. Please indicate in the comment section of the e-transfer (1) *who the donation is in memory of and* (2) *where to mail the donation receipt*. Alternatively, you can send an e-mail to [smmhs.donate@gmail.com](mailto:smmhs.donate@gmail.com) with that information. Thank you.

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**Port Bickerton Lighthouse  
Friend of the Light Application  
April 10, 2023**

Another season is fast approaching and there is still lots to do. After Fiona we are left with a ton of trees blown down across the trails. Several people in the village have approached us and volunteered to remove the trees. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. We still have road signs to erect that were damaged by Fiona. We hope to have our popular look-off back in service for opening day. During the winter the association decided to increase our admission fees. These fees have been in effect since the Interpretive Center opened in 1997. Inflation or no inflation, it was time. The light keeper’s bungalow has received some upgrades this spring. New flooring was installed in the kitchen and some painting was done.

We would like to thank everyone for their continued support and we hope we can count on your support going forward. Visit us at [www.portbickertonlighthouse.com](http://www.portbickertonlighthouse.com) or follow us on FB at Port Bickerton Lighthouse. Have a safe summer, Sincerely; Don Dodge-President of the Port Bickerton & Area Planning Association

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Principal Residence Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Seasonal Residence Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Fax:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**How did you find out about the Lighthouse?**

- Local Resident
- Visitor Centre
- Former Resident
- Another Lighthouse
- Family or Friends
- Tourism Literature (i.e. Doers and Dreamers)
- Online
- Other

**Do you belong to other Lighthouse Organizations?**  Yes  No

**Are you interested in becoming a volunteer?**  Yes  No

**Do you have any comments, concerns or ideas?:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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The yearly membership fee is \$30.00, payable by cheque, money order or cash handed directly to one of the Association’s members. PLEASE DO NOT MAIL CASH.

Return this application form to: Port Bickerton and Area Planning Association  
PO Box 142, Bickerton West  
Nova Scotia, Canada B0J 1A0

## May 2023 Community Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Goshen Coffee Break 9:30am	2 Maple Manor Tea 9:30am Council COTW Mtg. 4pm Family Kickboxing Class 6pm	3 Goshen Game Day 1pm Eco Explorers 2:30pm Country Harbour TOPS Mtg. 6pm St. Mary's Lions Bingo 6:45pm Goshen Community Ctr. Mtg. 7pm	4 Happy Feet 2:30pm Yoga Class 7pm Liscomb Legion Crib 8pm	5 Maple Manor Bakesale 11am Stillwater Cards 7:30pm	6 Country Harbour Rally 10am Music for Mike Benefit Concert 7pm Liscomb Legion Crib 8pm
7	8 Goshen Fire Dept. Rate Payers Mtg. 7:30pm (followed by Community Ctr. Mtg.)	9 Maple Manor Tea 9:30am Family Kickboxing Class 6pm	10 NS Walk Day Event 11am Goshen Game Day 1pm Eco Explorers 2:30pm Country Harbour TOPS Mtg. 6pm St. Mary's Lions Bingo 6:45pm	11 Happy Feet 2:30pm Yoga Class 7pm Liscomb Legion Crib 8pm	12 Maple Manor Bakesale 11am Stillwater Cards 7:30pm	13 Recyclable Pick-up 10am St. Mary's Trails Assoc. Open House 11-1pm & 2- 4pm Liscomb Legion Crib 8pm
14 Liscomb Legion Mother's Day Brunch 11am Shooters Assoc. AGM 2pm	15 Goshen Coffee Break 9:30am Regular Council Mtg. 4pm Lieutenant Governors Award Nomination Deadline	16 Maple Manor Tea 9:30am Family Kickboxing Class 6pm	17 Goshen Game Day 1pm Goshen Blood Pressure Clinic 1pm Eco Explorers 2:30pm Council COTW Mtg. 4pm Country Harbour TOPS Mtg. 6pm St. Mary's Lions Bingo 6:45pm	18 Happy Feet 2:30pm Yoga Class 7pm Liscomb Legion Crib 8pm	19 Maple Manor Bakesale 11am Goshen Supper 4:30pm Stillwater Cards 7:30pm	20 Country Harbour Breakfast 8:30am Spanish Ship Bay Yard Sale 9am Firearm Safety Course 9am Liscomb Legion Crib 8pm
21 Shooters Assoc. Military Rifle Shoot	22 Victoria Day Municipal Office & Transfer Station Closed.	23 Maple Manor Tea 9:30am Family Kickboxing Class 6pm	24 Goshen Game Day 1pm Eco Explorers 2:30pm Country Harbour TOPS Mtg. 6pm St. Mary's Lions Bingo 6:45pm	25 Happy Feet 2:30pm Yoga Class 7pm Liscomb Legion Crib 8pm	26 Maple Manor Bakesale 11am Stillwater Cards 7:30pm	27 Recyclable Pick-up 10am Liscomb Legion Crib 8pm
28	29 Goshen Coffee Break 9:30am Liscomb Legion Peacekeepers Celebration 2pm	30 Maple Manor Tea 9:30am Goshen Game Day 1pm MODG Community Fair 6pm Family Kickboxing Class 6pm	31 Goshen Game Day 1pm Eco Explorers 2:30pm Country Harbour TOPS Mtg. 6pm St. Mary's Lions Bingo 6:45pm			





# Application for Residential Low Income Property Tax Exemption 2023/24

The Municipality of the District of St. Mary's provides assistance to homeowners to help pay their residential property taxes. Qualified applicants will receive a credit which is applied directly to the tax account

### To Qualify:

- You must be a **Canadian citizen and permanent** resident of St. Mary's Municipality and
- Own the assessed property and occupy it as your home and
- Prior year's property taxes must be paid in full
- Annual income from all sources for the previous calendar year for yourself, spouse, and other family members that reside in the same household was equal to or less than annual amount set (based on line 150 of the income tax *Notice of Assessment*)

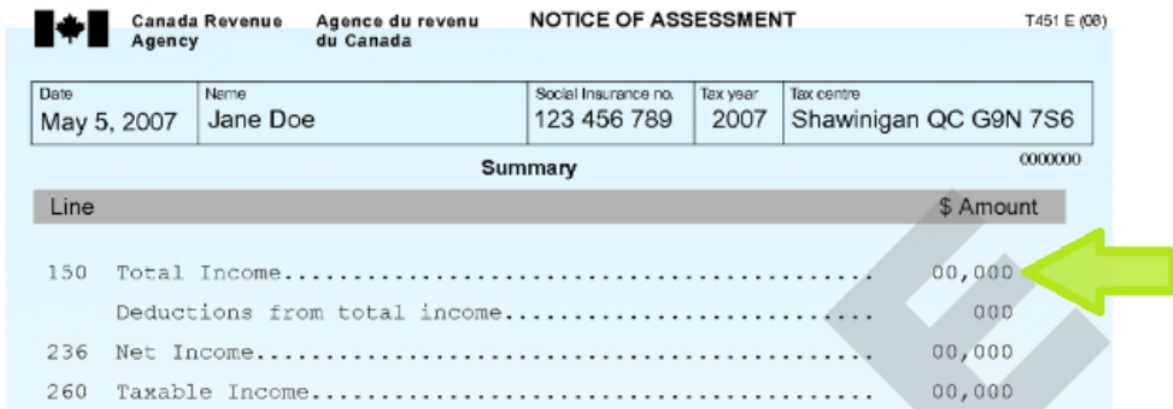
### Exemption Value:

The exemptions provided will be based on the following income levels:

Annual Income	Tax Exemption
Less than or equal to \$24,400	\$175

### How to Apply:

- After you have filed your personal income tax return for 2022 and received your Notice of Assessment from Canada Revenue Agency, complete the Municipal Application for Residential Low Income Property Tax Exemption form
- Attached copies of the 2022 Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) Notice of Assessment for each adult residing in the home
- Sample Notice of Assessment from Canada Revenue Agency (CRA)



- If you do not have your CRA Notice of Assessment for 2022 you can call 1-800-959-8281
- Applications must be received by the Municipality no later than December 31, 2023
- Applicants must re-apply each year