



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, September 11th, 2023 at the Municipal Office in Sherbrooke at 4:00pm. Committee of the Whole meetings will take place Wednesday, September 6th and 20th at 4:00pm in Council Chambers. Agendas, minutes and audio files are available at www.saint-marys.ca. The Municipal Office and Transfer Station will be closed on September 4th for Labour Day.

Tender for Municipal Snow Removal & Ice Control

The Municipality of the District of St. Mary's is accepting tenders for snow removal and ice control services on municipal properties in and around the Sherbrooke area for a one-year period, running from December 1st, 2023 until March 31st, 2024. Tenders must be clearly marked, "Tender for Municipal Snow Removal & Ice Control Services" and are to be received no later than September 1st at 1:00pm, 2023. The full tender can be viewed online <https://saint-marys.ca/business/tenders/> or picked up at the Municipal Office. Tenders will be accepted by email to marian.fraser@saint-marys.ca and mailed/dropped off to the Municipal Office at: Municipality of the District of St. Mary's c/o Marian Fraser, Interim Chief Administrative Officer 8296 HWY 7, P.O. Box 296 Sherbrooke, NS, B0J 3C0.

Request for Proposal (RFP) for Transfer Station – New Building Construction

The Municipality of the District of St. Mary's is accepting proposals for the preparation and construction of one new building at the Municipal Transfer Station, 150 Cape Gegogan Rd, Goldenville, NS. Proposals must be clearly marked, "Transfer Station – New Building Construction - 2023" and are to be received no later than September 15th, 2023, at 3:00pm. The full RFP can be viewed online at <https://saint-marys.ca/business/tenders/> or picked up at the Municipal Office. RFP's will be accepted by email to marian.fraser@saint-marys.ca and mailed/dropped off to the Municipal Office at: Municipality of the District of St. Mary's c/o Marian Fraser, Interim Chief Administrative Officer 8296 HWY 7, P.O. Box 296 Sherbrooke, NS, B0J 3C0.

Municipality Accepting Bids on Treadmill

The Municipality of the District of St. Mary's has deemed a Vision Fitness T9800 Treadmill (Est. year 2006) surplus and will be selling by sealed bid. Bids will be accepted until September 1st at noon with a minimum bid of \$450 plus HST. Where is, as is and the pick-up will be at the expense of the purchaser. Full purchase price to be paid within 3 business days from the successful award and buyer has 2 weeks to remove the machine from the facility. For pictures please visit the website, saint-marys.ca/sealed-bids-treadmill.html

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The deadline for the October Municipal Newsletter is Wednesday, September 20th 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.

Municipal Transfer Station

The St. Mary's Transfer Station is open Monday, Tuesday, Friday & Saturday from 9:00 am – 4:30 pm. For more information on the Transfer Station and what items are accepted, visit saint-marys.ca/facilities.

MacMillan's Recyclable Pickup

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

September 2023 Solid Waste Collection

Eastern Shore Cartage: 1-800-261-0372

Tuesday (Zone 1)	September 5 Garbage Only & 1 Bulky Item	September 12 Recyclables & Garbage	September 19 Garbage Only & 1 Bulky Item	September 26 Recyclables & Garbage	October 3 Recyclables Only
Wednesday (Zone 2)	September 6 Garbage Only & 1 Bulky Item	September 13 Recyclables & Garbage	September 20 Garbage Only & 1 Bulky Item	September 27 Recyclables & Garbage	October 4 Recyclables Only
Thursday (Zone 3)	September 7 Garbage Only & 1 Bulky Item	September 14 Recyclables & Garbage	September 21 Garbage Only & 1 Bulky Item	September 28 Recyclables & Garbage	October 5 Recyclables Only

ZONE 1: New Chester, Ecum Secum, Liscomb to Sherbrooke including Sonora and Old Road Hill.

ZONE 2: East Loon Lake, Smithfield, Denver, Newtown, Glenelg Church Rd, Aspen to Goshen to Borneo Rd inclusive.

ZONE 3: Hwy 211, IHL to Port Bickerton, Stillwater, West Melrose, Lead Minds Rd, to Waternish inclusive.

Municipal News

National Truth and Reconciliation Day

National Truth and Reconciliation Day takes place on September 30th, 2023. The day honours the children who never returned home and survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities. National Orange Shirt Day is also on September 30th. Orange Shirt Day is an Indigenous-led grassroots commemorative day intended to raise awareness of the individual, family and community inter-generational impacts of residential schools, and to promote the concept of "Every Child Matters". The orange shirt is a symbol of the stripping away of culture, freedom and self-esteem experienced by Indigenous children over generations. Canadians are encouraged to wear orange to honour the thousands of Survivors of residential schools. Keep an eye out for ways in which the Municipality will be honouring National Truth and Reconciliation Day and National Orange Shirt Day this year.

Fire Services Advisory Committee

The Fire Services Advisory Committee is seeking up to three members of the public to serve on the Committee. If you would like more details about the Committee's work or would like to apply please call the Municipal Office at 902-522-2049 or email mallory.fraser@saint-marys.ca.

No Parking on Main Street

The Municipality is requesting individuals not to park on the sides of the road next to sidewalks on Main Street. Please use the designated parking areas. Please note that it is against section 143(1) of the Motor Vehicle Act to park a vehicle while either attended or unattended on a sidewalk.

Land Development Committee Update

The 2022-2023 Land Development Committee's (LDC) purpose was to provide recommendations to Council regarding strategic planning and development for municipal owned land; to provide recommendations or best practices to achieve the desired priorities with consideration of valued perspectives. The Stakeholder feedback was requested based on the Land Development Committee Policy, Section 5.2 Perspectives for Consideration, and heard in person, virtual and online forms. After feedback consideration, the four priorities were identified as Housing, Childcare, Skilled Labour and Greenhouse Gas Reduction. The LDC tested the priorities against the purpose of the committee to create 14 Recommended Actions and where the priority fell outside the purpose of the Committee, the 10 Pathways to Action were created and shared with Council to inform their future work. Council approved and adopted the report in its entirety on July 10th, 2023. The What We Heard and Final Recommendations Report is available to view online at saint-marys.ca/municipal-documents.

Welcome New Interim Municipal Clerk

The Municipality would like to welcome Jadzia Graham into the role of Interim Municipal Clerk. Jadzia is a resident of the Municipality who is looking forward to serving her community. Please help us in welcoming Jadzia when you see her at the office.

Streetscapes Funding Announcement

On August 18, 2023, the Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities, and Member of Parliament for Central Nova announced an additional investment of \$40,000 to the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's for enhancements in the Sherbrooke Streetscape Project which included, sidewalks and curbing for accessible and safer pathways to Main Street amenities.

Accessibility Funding

The Municipality is pleased to announce that it has secured \$115,347 in funding to complete the Municipal Facility Access Project. This project will allow the Municipality to install accessible doors throughout the Recplex and Sherbrooke Public Library. This work is to be completed in the 2024-25 fiscal year. This project is funded in part by the Government of Canada's Enabling Accessibility Fund.

Business ACCESS-Ability Program

The Province is accepting applications for the Business ACCESS-Ability program. Businesses can apply for a cost-shared grant to make accessibility-related improvements. Improvements can be for clients and customers, for employees, or both. The five categories for funding include: the Built Environment, Accessible Communications Services, Assistive Devices, Universal Design Capacity Building and Accessible Transportation. For more information visit cch.novascotia.ca/business-accessability-grant-program

Provincial Senior Property Tax Rebate

The Provincial Property Tax Rebate for Seniors helps low-income seniors with the cost of municipal residential property taxes. Rebates are 50% of what you paid on last year's property taxes, up to a maximum of \$800. You can apply until December 31st, 2023. For more information visit beta.novascotia.ca/apply-property-tax-rebate-property-tax-rebate-seniors or call 1-800-670-4357.

Residential Low Income Property Tax Exemption

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. The total annual household income for the 2023/2024 year is \$24,400 with a provided tax exemption of \$175 for those that qualify. Contact the Municipal Office at 902-522-2049 for more information.

Community Development & Recreation

Municipal Summer Day Camp Program

Summer Day Camp 2023 was a huge success! Thank you to the parents, participants and community partners for an amazing summer! Special thanks to August presenters and hosts; Meghan Jordan, the St. Mary's River Association, Liscombe Lodge, Clean Foundation, Source Water Protection Intern, Heike Bruckner, Sonia Morgan Sherbrooke Library and Watermill Grove. Parents and guardians will receive a summer end survey that will help the Municipality to continue to improve upon the Summer Day Camp Program.

Guysborough County 55+ Games Registration Open

Registration for the 2023 Guysborough County 55+ Games is now open! Registration forms can be picked up at the Municipal Office in Sherbrooke. This two day event is open to all seniors 55+. It takes place at the Liscombe Lodge on October 4th and 5th. A subsidized room rate is available for participants. Registration is \$50 and includes participation in the games and a free banquet dinner. Call 902-522-2598 for more info.

2023/24 Adult Recreation Hockey League

Registration is now open to participate in the Adult Recreation Hockey League. The goal is to put together four teams this year with two game nights a week. There will be sponsorship opportunities for businesses to support the program again this year. Add your name to the draft list by emailing kerri.jack@saint-marys.ca or texting 902-328-4101.

Referees Needed

The Municipality is looking for interested referees for the upcoming season for the Adult Recreation Hockey League. Referees are paid per game. If you are interested in taking the referee course and becoming certified, please contact Kerri at 902-522-2598 or email kerri.jack@saint-marys.ca.

Active Transportation Plan Update

Work is underway to develop an Active Transportation Plan for the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's. Active Transportation is described as all human-powered forms of travel, such as walking, cycling, skateboarding, canoeing, and more. UPLAND Planning and Design has been hired to complete the plan. Keep an eye out for ways in which you can contribute to the development of this plan. This project is fully funded through the Government of Canada's AT Fund.

New Horizons for Seniors Funding Program

The New Horizons for Seniors Program is a federal grant program to support projects that make a difference in the lives of seniors. The program aims to promote senior volunteerism, engage seniors in the community, expand elder abuse awareness, support social participation of seniors and provide capital assistance for community projects. Projects may be eligible to receive up to \$25,000 in funding. For more information call 902-522-2598 or email kerri.jack@saint-marys.ca.

Welcome to new Active Living Coordinator

Welcome to Tyler MacLaughlin, who is the new Active Living Coordinator for St. Mary's. Tyler is a life-long resident of the Municipality, and is excited to bring his passion for sports and recreation to the position.

Before and After Program 2023-24

The Municipality of the District of St. Mary's will once again be offering the Before and After Program (BAP) at St. Mary's Education Centre/Academy. BAP is funded by the Province of Nova Scotia and is a paid program offered after school to children in pre-primary to grade 6. BAP will begin Wednesday, September 6th in the Kid's First Room in Memorial Place at SMECA. The program will take place from 2:30-6pm, Monday to Friday. Registration is open and can be done online at www.saint-marys.ca under the Residents tab in the Community Development & Recreation section. If you would like more information about this program, please contact Kerri Jack at kerri.jack@saint-marys.ca or call 902-522-2598.

Employment Opportunity

The Community Development and Recreation Department is looking for a Recreation Leader(s) for the academic year. This is a part/time, seasonal position with hours based on scheduled programs. The hourly wage is \$14.50 plus vacation pay (\$15 after Oct. 1st). Student Recreation Leaders will assist with the delivery of recreation programs throughout the Municipality over the 2023/24 academic year. Apply with resume and cover letter along with two references by 4:00pm on Friday, September 8th, 2023. Only those applicants selected for interviews will be contacted. Applications accepted by Email: kerri.jack@saint-marys.ca Mail: PO Box 296, 8296 Highway #7 Sherbrooke NS B0J 3C0. In person at Municipal Office Monday-Friday, 8:30am – 4:00pm.

Yoga and Kickboxing Programs

Keep an eye on the Municipal Facebook Page and/or Website for information about the return of yoga and family kickboxing programs this Fall.

Softball Skills Program

An after-school Softball Skills Program for youth in grades 7-10 will take place on Wednesday's from 2:30-4pm starting on September 27th, 2023. Registration can be done on the Municipal website, www.saint-marys.ca, under the Community Development and Recreation tab. For more information, contact Tyler MacLaughlin at 902-522-2598 or tyler.maclaughlin@saint-marys.ca.

St. Mary's Fitness Centre

The St. Mary's Fitness Centre will return to academic hours of 3pm-10pm, Monday to Friday, starting on September 6th, 2023. Fobs are available for purchase. New members must complete registration paperwork, purchase a fob for \$20 and do on-site orientation. Volunteers are needed to increase accessibility to the facility. Call 902-522-2598 or email tyler.maclaughlin@saint-marys.ca for more information.

Economic Development

Sherbrooke's Source Water: Did You Know?

Wetlands are one of the most biodiverse habitats and support a wide range of human activities such as fishing, recreation and education. They also have important functions for both humans and wildlife such as: providing flood protection by absorbing sudden heavy precipitation or snowmelt and naturally improving water quality by acting like a sink, that traps carbon and other chemicals. The destruction of wetlands can cause flood and drought damage, increase the cost of water treatment, and cause a decline in wildlife populations.

Commercial Welk Fishery in Eastern Nova Scotia

The Government of Canada is committed to increasing opportunity in the fishing and fish processing sectors to drive economic development without compromising conservation. Fisheries and Oceans Canada has determined a commercial whelk fishery in Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization Area 4Vs would be both economically and biologically sustainable. This exploratory whelk fishery will support roughly 55 jobs in Eastern Nova Scotia. Once the new, commercial whelk fishery is underway in Spring 2024, it will generate even more economic opportunities and benefits for Nova Scotians.

Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership

Nova Scotia farmers will get more support through a new federal-provincial funding agreement. The Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership will invest \$46.25 million over five years in Nova Scotia's agriculture sector. For more information visit agriculture.canada.ca.

CBDC Guysborough County

Guysborough County Community Business Development Corporation Limited has loans available to any legally operated business in Guysborough County including business loans up to a maximum of \$600,000 with flexible interest rates and flexible re-payment schedules. Loans are available for business start-up, expansion, renovations, line of credit, etc. There are also quick approval micro loans available up to \$10,000. CBDC has business start-up info, counseling, and information on the Self-Employment Benefits Program. Guysborough County CBDC is located at 46 Main Street, Guysborough County, NS B0H 1N0. Guysborough Office: phone: (902)533-2770 fax: (902) 533-2016 Email: wanda.macdonald@cbdc.ca.

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 or an existing business. www.ceed.ca or find CEED on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram & LinkedIn.

Tourism Resources

Are you looking for tourism operator resources? Visit Tourism Nova Scotia for free resources, including webinars, printable worksheets for development, marketing and research. www.tourismns.ca.

Nova Scotia Recovery Fund Announcement

Nova Scotia farmers will receive support through a \$4 million dollar investment from the Nova Scotia Agriculture Recovery Fund. The fund will be used to assist farmers with on-farm emergency preparedness and to lead a collaborative effort to enhance the industry's emergency response plan including communications and mental health support during an emergency.

Helping Women Turn Food Skills into Businesses

A pilot project is helping women turn their cooking skills into successful local food businesses. The specialized program in cooking entrepreneurship helps women learn how to develop a business plan and follow regulations for running a food business. The Centre for Women in Business at Mount Saint Vincent University runs the program, which had its first graduates in the spring. Each eight-week session can train up to 10 women. There is no cost for participants, and they get ongoing support for up to a year. More information can be found at www.centreforwomeninbusiness.ca/learning.

DigiPort Nova Scotia

Sign-up with Nova Scotia Digiport for free resources to help promote your tourism business and a free 30-minute consultation with a digital expert at www.nsdigiport.ca.

E-Commerce Grant

The federal government is offering eligible businesses \$2,400 in non-repayable grant money to adopt e-commerce strategies and grow digitally. For more information, contact Joel Stoddart, Grant Coordinator – Canada Digital Adoption Program, Joel.Stoddart@cbdc.ca.

Nova Scotia Works Career Connections

Career Connections is a leading provider of career development services in Nova Scotia. Services are available for Students, 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. Contact the Guysborough County office at (902) 533-2805 or guysborough@careerconnections.ca.

Coastal Nova Scotia

Looking for something to do this weekend or want an event on the list that visitors are checking? Visit <https://www.coastalnovascotia.ca/> for upcoming Eastern and Northern Shore events. If you would like your event added, email cindy@coastalnovascotia.ca.

Business Navigators

The Province's Business Navigators can help you navigate provincial regulations and requirements for developing new businesses. Navigators can connect you with support for financing, taxes and staffing, as well as resources to help with start-up funding. For more info. visit novascotia.ca/businessnavigators, email busnavigation@novascotia.ca, or call toll-free at 1-844-628-7347.

Community Services

Eastern Counties Regional Library

Sherbrooke Public Library is now open with additional hours for all of your reading needs! Tuesday 9:00am-12:00pm & 12:30-2:30pm. Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 12:30pm-5:30pm. Saturday from 9:00am-12:00pm & 12:30-2:30pm. Visit the library to use the computers, browse and borrow books, movies, and so much more. We also have a Community Use Room that can be booked (free of charge) by individuals or groups. Find up-to-date information about your local branch at <https://ecrl.ca/locations/sherbrooke-public-library>. For more information about library services, call us at 902-522-2180, email us at sherbrooke@ecrl.ca, or visit ecrl.ca. Stay up to date by following ECRL on social media: facebook.com/ECRLibrary | 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. Thank you for your continuing support.

Sherbrooke Opportunities Society

SHOPS offers laundry services for \$7.00/load which includes washed, dried and folded, confidential shredding services for \$1.00/lb and fire starters which come in a 4 pack for \$3.00 or 2 packs of 4 for \$5.00. Toonies are picked up every Tuesday by noon, and the toonie draw takes place every Wednesday afternoon.

Congregational Services

Anglican Parish of Liscomb – Port Bickerton

Please see the parish Facebook page for weekly services times and locations. For more information leave a voicemail at 902-522-2510.

Calvary Faith Church, Sonora

Church Schedule for Calvary Faith Baptist Church Sonora for the month of September, Bible Study and Prayer Meeting every Wednesday at 7pm.

Sunday schedule as follows:

September 3rd - 6pm

September 10th - 11am

September 17th - 6pm

September 24th - 11am

Pastor Wayne Bray: 902-522-2520

Goshen Gospel Church

20672 Highway 316, Goshen. Sunday - 10:00am, Adult Bible Class. 11:00am, Worship Service in our church building. Available both in person or on Zoom. Thursday - 1:00pm, Midweek Bible Study and Prayer. Call 902-783-2972 or email johnluten3@gmail.com for a link.

Indian Harbour Lake Pentecostal Church

1643 Highway 211, Sherbrooke, NS, B0J 3C0. Regular service time 10:30am Sunday mornings. On September 3rd & 10th at 10:30am there will be a special speaker. Pastor John Raymer (Raymer Ministries). There will be special weekend services with Pastor Corey from Evangel Pentecostal Church Dartmouth on Saturday, September 23rd at 6:30pm & Sunday, September 24th at 10:30am. Holy Spirit emphasizes weekend. All are welcome! Hope to see you there! Terry Rideout, Pastor (902)522-2759 or ihlpcpastor@outlook.com. ihlpentecostalchurch.ca.

United Baptist Church

3pm. Rev. Scott Chandler

September Services:

September 3rd - Port Bickerton

September 10th - Sonora

September 17th - Port Hilford

September 24th - Port Bickerton

Community Events

Sherbrooke Saturday Market

The Sherbrooke Saturday Market takes place weekly from 9am-1pm at the Sherbrooke Village Heritage Park. Parking in the Sherbrooke Village parking lot. Call Gabriela at 902-338-0290 to participate.

Maple Manor Bake Sale

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

Maple Manor Tea

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

Compass Rose Quilters Guild Gathering

The Compass Rose Quilters Guild will be gathering at the Lion's Hall, Sherbrooke at 10am on September 11th to start this season of quilting and fun. We will be working on pillowcases for donation to Ryan's Case for Smiles. All those interested are welcome. See you there!

Henry Tibbo Memorial Ball Tournament

The Henry Tibbo Memorial Softball Tournament will be held September 2nd and 3rd at the Liscomb Ball Field. Come out and watch a game and grab a bite to eat!

St. Mary's District Lions Club

The St. Mary's District Lions Club will be holding their Annual Take Out Chicken BBQ on Saturday, September 30th, 2023. Cost is \$20 per meal – includes ½ chicken, potato, coleslaw, roll & dessert. Tickets can be purchased from any Lions Club member. Dinners must be picked up between 3:30 – 5pm on September 30th. The St. Mary's District Lions Club will be hosting a dance on Saturday, Sept 9th featuring DJ Pro's Entertainment. Dance will be open 9pm – 1am. Cost will be \$10 at the door. Reminder that Bingo is every Wednesday evening. Doors open at 6:45pm, Bingo starts at 7:45pm. Watch for our January 2024 Lottery Calendar – great stocking stuffer! We will have our mobile canteen at Show & Shine Weekend Sept 9 & 10. We will have strawberry shortcake, hamburgers, hot dogs & pop/water for sale during the event.

St. Mary's Shooters Association

Saturday, September 2nd, 2023 - Canada Firearms Safety Course at the Stillwater Center starting at 9am. Apply at Safety Services NS and pay online.

Sunday, September 3rd, 2023 - Falling Targets, 25 & 50 yards. Aggregate score. Two pistol classes, and two .22 rifle classes, scope and open sight. 9am-3pm. register by 1pm, BBQ at noon.

Sunday, September 10th, 2023 - St. Mary's Shooters Association annual meeting. 2pm, Stillwater Center, 9558 Hwy. 7. Dues for 2024 payable.

Saturday, September 16th - Canadian Restricted Firearms Safety Course - Stillwater Centre 9558 Hwy 7, 9am start. Apply & pay online at Safety Services NS. Sunday September 17th - Bob Michaud Skeet Shoot, 9am. Department of Natural Resources and Renewables Range, 9240 Hwy 7.

Sherbrooke Show and Shine

Sherbrooke
SHOW & SHINE **SHERBROOKE SHOW & SHINE CAR SHOW** will be running for the 29th season. The annual gathering of antique, custom and classic vehicles will feature a road rally through the Sherbrooke Village, music and food in the field both days from 10am to 4pm and a Lions Club Dance Saturday evening from 9pm to 1am. Registration and awards for participants is free. For more information call 902-318-5453. We hope to see you there! Call out for volunteers: If you are interested in the car show and would be willing to help out during the event please call 902-318-553. Your time would be greatly appreciated.

Notice from the Liscomb Playground and Ball Field

The garbage cans at the Liscomb Playground and Ball Field are not community dumpsters. Please do not dispose of household waste in these garbage cans. Community volunteers are responsible for the care and maintenance of this facility and should not have to clean up household waste. Thank you for your cooperation.

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 86 Liscomb

31 MacKinley Point Road, Liscomb (902)779-2006. Open Thu, Fri & Sat from 6pm. Bring your friends to check out the pool table, dart board, shuffleboards. Bar open 7pm on Thursdays and 6pm Friday & Saturdays. Rafflebox 50/50 Online (see Facebook page for details). Cribbage: Thursday and Saturday evenings at 8pm. General meeting will be on Tuesday, September 5th at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to attend and bring ideas. Legion Hall is available for rental, please contact the Legion at 902-779-2006. National Notable Dates are posted weekly on our Facebook Page. Please join us in a warm welcome to Kait Herritt, our new Hall/Bar Manager! We are so very grateful to have her join the team! If you haven't met her, stop in and say hello!

Looking to Form a Band for Legion Shows

Bassist with lead vocals on the lookout for interested vocalists, skilled guitarists, versatile keyboardists, a groovy drummer, or any other talented instrumentalists. If you have lead vocal abilities, that's a plus, but strong backup vocals are also more than welcome. Bring in your material you like to perform. Must have your own equipment and reliable transportation. Striving for a diverse repertoire, including old time rock n roll, classic party rock from the 60's, 70's & 80's, country music, easy listening, and even some waltz music. This is all about having a great time. Legion gigs will be our starting point, but there may be an opportunity to explore other local venues. If you're interested, feel free to reach out at branch86cl@gmail.com. Let's make some music magic!

Goshen Community Recreation & Centre

Bargain Shop Hours are Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 1-3pm. Game Day is Wednesday from 1-4pm. Cribbage takes place on Tuesday's starting at 7:30pm. Recyclable Bottles are still welcomed and can be dropped off at Centre. Volunteers and Committee members are always welcomed. Please contact Laurie Chisholm 902-783-2291 or Lisa Myers 902-318-4401 if you would like more information.

Grandmothers' Day

The St. Mary's Genealogy Research Centre at Sherbrooke Village invites you to share memories of your grandmothers and great grandmothers at Grandmothers' Day, September 17th, 2023 at the Exhibit Centre, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Bring photos, mementos and stories to share with others. Bring your grandmothers. With permission, Research Centre volunteers would like to scan photos and/or record stories to add to the collected history of the Municipality of St. Mary's. Light refreshments will be served. Everyone welcome! For more information, contact Martha at mjmacdonald06@gmail.com

Stillwater Community Center

Join us for an evening of fun and prizes. Cards begin Friday, September 8th @ 7:30pm (doors open @ 7pm). Every Friday, September 8th - November 24th.

Concert for the Port Hilford Old School House



*It's that time of year
again!*

**A summer evening of musical entertainment
with many of the Sherbrooke Market
Musicians and special guests!**

**When: Wednesday, September 20th
7:00 pm**

**Where: Indian Harbour Lake
Community Centre**

**Light refreshments following the music.
Voluntary contributions gratefully accepted
for continued maintenance on this historic
building.**

Doors open at 6:30pm. See you there!

Programs at St. Mary's Kids First

Just Me and My Friends

3+ Group

Tuesday's, 9:30-11am - Drop-off program for any child three by December 31, 2023. Starting Tuesday, September 19th, 2023

- Play based with age-appropriate toys
- Nutritious snack provided
- Toys cleaned after each use
- Gas cards to help with travel
- Opportunity for children to experience the sights and sounds of the school
- Provides children a chance to separate from parents & caregivers in a healthy setting
- Social time for children with their peers

Drop-in Play Group

Wednesday's 9:30-11am – All parents/caregivers and children age birth to six years are welcome. Starting Wednesday, September 13th, 2023

- Age-appropriate toys
- Nutritious snack provided
- Toys cleaned after each use
- Gas cards to help with travel
- Social time for adults and children



Both programs take place at St. Mary's Education Centre/Academy in Sherbrooke in the Kids First Room. Please use the door on the right side of the building . For more information call/text Paula at 902-870-7437 or email parentingjourney@kids1st.ca.

Follow us on Facebook at St Mary's Kid's First

Also available to families in the St. Mary's Municipality and all residents of Guysborough County:

- Pre-natal Nutrition Program – all expecting and postnatal families up to one year, for more information call 1-888-533-3881
- Parenting Journey Program – a parenting support program for families with children age 3-16, for more information call 902-870-7437



September 23, 2023

Port Bickerton Community Center - 4874 Hwy 211
from

3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Admission:

\$16.00 for adults *and* \$8.00 for children

TAKE-OUT and DINE-IN



\$300.00



\$100.00



\$25.00



\$25.00



\$25.00



\$25.00



Duck Race

September 24, 2023

300 toy ducks are released at Port Hilford
Bridge and race to Port Hilford Beach.

**6 Prizes—ducks can be purchased from
firehall members**

September 2023 Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Maple Manor Bake Sale 11am-3pm Deadline for Snow and Ice Removal Tender 1pm Deadline for Treadmill Bid Submissions 12pm	2 Henry Tibbo Ball Tournament Sherbrooke Saturday Market 9am-1pm Firearm Safety Course 9am Liscomb Crib 8pm
3 Henry Tibbo Ball Tournament Falling Target Shoot 9am-3pm	4 Labour Day Municipal Office & Transfer Station Closed	5 Maple Manor Tea 9:30-11am Liscomb Legion AGM 7pm Goshen Crib 7:30pm	6 Goshen Game Day 1-4pm Committee of the Whole Mtg. 4pm Lion's Bingo 7:45pm	7 Liscomb Crib 8pm	8 Maple Manor Bake Sale 11am-3pm Stillwater Cards 7:30pm Deadline to apply for Rec. Leader	9 Sherbrooke Saturday Market 9am-1pm Show and Shine 10am-4pm Recyclable Pickup 10am Liscomb Crib 8pm Lion's Dance 9pm-1am
10 Show and Shine 10am-4pm Shooters Assoc. AGM 2pm	11 Quilters Gathering 10am Regular Council Mtg. 4pm	12 Maple Manor Tea 9:30-11am Goshen Crib 7:30pm	13 Kids First Play Group 9:30-11am Goshen Game Day 1-4pm Lion's Bingo 7:45pm	14 Liscomb Crib 8pm	15 Maple Manor Bake Sale 11am-3pm Stillwater Cards 7:30pm Deadline for Transfer Station RFP 3pm	16 Sherbrooke Saturday Market 9am-1pm Restricted Firearm Safety Course 9am Liscomb Crib 8pm
17 Skeet Shoot 9am Grandmothers Day 2-4pm	18	19 Maple Manor Tea 9:30-11am Kids First 3+ Program 9:30- 11am Goshen Crib 7:30pm	20 Kids First Play Group 9:30-11am Goshen Game Day 1-4pm Committee of the Whole Mtg. 4pm Port Hilford Concert 7pm Lion's Bingo 7:45pm	21 Liscomb Crib 8pm	22 Maple Manor Bake Sale 11am-3pm Stillwater Cards 7:30pm	23 Sherbrooke Saturday Market 9am-1pm Recyclable Pickup 10am PB Fish Fry 3-6pm Liscomb Crib 8pm
24	25	26 Maple Manor Tea 9:30-11am Kids First 3+ Program 9:30- 11am Goshen Crib 7:30pm	27 Kids First Play Group 9:30-11am Goshen Game Day 1-4pm Softball Skills Program 2:30-4pm Lion's Bingo 7:45pm	28 Liscomb Crib 8pm	29 Maple Manor Bake Sale 11am-3pm Stillwater Cards 7:30pm	30 Sherbrooke Saturday Market 9am-1pm National Truth and Reconciliation Day Lion's BBQ Dinner 3:30-5pm Liscomb Crib 8pm