



**Meetings of Council**

The next regular meeting of Municipal Council is Monday, April 8th at the Municipal Office in Sherbrooke at 4:00pm. Committee of the Whole meeting will take place Wednesday, April 3rd and Wednesday, April 17th at 4:00pm in Council Chambers. The Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday, April 15th, 2024 at 5pm. Agendas, minutes and audio files are available at [www.saint-marys.ca](http://www.saint-marys.ca).

**First Responder Awards**

On behalf of the St. Mary's Municipal Council, the Municipality is pleased to follow suit with Federal and Provincial practices and name May 1st Municipal First Responder Day! Through Parliament and the Nova Scotia Legislature, May 1st is designated as "First Responder Day," an opportunity to recognize the outstanding contribution that first responders give to our communities. St. Mary's has many individuals who selflessly contribute to the health and safety of the municipality. Paramedics, RCMP officers, and more than 150 volunteer firefighters stand daily to respond to the needs of our citizens. The contribution of these individuals is recognized by a day of remembrance, it is only fitting that the Municipality do no less. Most importantly: Council has long understood and appreciated the incredible value of our local First Responder's Services.

Valour - For any person who at the risk of personal danger, commits an act, either attempted or successful, of rescue, aid, or other lifesaving procedure within the scope of their duties.

Outstanding Service - For anyone who goes above and beyond the normal scope of their duties, This can involve community service, special programs, and other community activities outside the First Responder Service.

Time in Service - For anyone who has completed a certain number of years in service to the community. Prior service to neighboring communities can be counted to the newest resident first responders.

**St. Mary's Monthly Moment:**

April is celebrated as National Oral Health Month, which is dedicated to raise awareness about the importance of good oral hygiene. People are encouraged to focus on their oral health by practicing regular brushing, flossing, and scheduling dental check-ups. Through educational campaigns, National Oral Health Month aims to emphasize the connection between oral health and overall well-being, highlighting the role of good oral hygiene in reducing the risk of dental diseases. By promoting proper oral hygiene habits, this initiative aims to help people take steps towards achieving optimal oral health and maintaining beautiful smiles for a lifetime.

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The deadline for the May Municipal Newsletter is Wed., April 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).

**First Responder Awards**

View the list of award recipients for the May 1st Municipal First Responder Awards on page 2 of the Monthly Newsletter. Recipients represent our Volunteer Firefighters, Emergency Health Services Paramedics, and Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

**MacMillan's Recyclable Pickup**

Recyclable collection will take place on the second (April 13th) and fourth (April 17th) Saturday starting at 10am at the St. Mary's Recplex.

**April 2024 Solid Waste Collection**

Eastern Shore Cartage: 1-800-261-0372

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

# St. Mary's First Responder Award Recipients

The following recipients were nominated by a Supervisor, Fire Chief or their management. There are 3 types of awards; Valour, Outstanding Service, and Time in Service.

Sherbrooke Fire Department		
Name:	Award:	Time:
Brian Hallet	Valour	40+
Wayne Feltmate	Valour	20+
Edwin Wier	Outstanding	30+
Wayne Auton	Outstanding	20+
Herbie Scott	Outstanding	40+

Liscomb Fire Department		
Name:	Award:	Time:
Barbara Ann Croft	Outstanding	20+
Laurie Croft	Outstanding	20+
Timothy Spears	Outstanding	20+
Trevor Tibbo	Outstanding	30+
Terri Lynn Tibbo	Outstanding	20+
Steve Langille	Outstanding	10+
Irvin Hartling	Outstanding	30+
Eric Nauffts	Outstanding	40+
Keith Veinotte	Outstanding	10+

St. Mary's Fire Department	
Name:	Time:
Anne Scheid	20+
Gwenith Boutlier	10+
Bradley Archibald	10+
Kerry Archibald	30+
Danny Baird	10+
Robert Sarson	20+
Linda Archibald	10+
Kevin MacDonald	10+
Timmy MacDonald	30+
Ralph Jack	10+

Paramedics		
Name:	Award:	Time:
Keith Veinotte	Outstanding	30+
Cory Worth	Outstanding	20+
Andrew Pace	Outstanding	30+

Seashore Fire Department		
Name:	Award:	Time:
Keith Horton	Valour	40 +
Doug Acker		20 +
Arlene Bingley		10 +
Debbie Bingley		20+
Telly Bingley		10+
Wallace Bingley		30+
Walter Bingley		40+
Stephen Gagnon		10+
Robert Harpell		10+
Robert Horton		30+
Catlin Jack		10+
Peggy Jack		10+
Sandy Jack		30+
Anthony Kaiser		20+
Brian Kaiser		40+
Chris Kaiser		10+
Ellis Kaiser		40+
Shelley Kaiser		20+
Gordon Keith		20+
Gary Mansfield		10+
Diana Schanz		10+
Georgie Stevens		10+

Goshen Fire Department	
Name:	Time:
Bruce Sinclair	30+
Sheldon Olson	10+
Ron Chisolm	30+
Larry Feltmate	10+
Jim Sinclair	30+
Brian Feltmate	20+
Wendell Hendsbee	40+
Andrew Feltmate	20+
Marcel Martin	10+
Raymond Feltmate	10+

Ecum Secum Fire Department		
Name:	Award:	Time:
Bear the Dog		10+
Tiffany Pye	Outstanding	
Chelsea Herrmann	Outstanding	
Micheal Durnford	Outstanding	10+
Cody Jewers	Outstanding	
John Timmons	Outstanding	
Mateo Fleet		10+
Jesse Pye		10+
Aaron Herrmann		10+
Dianne Pace		20+
Coady Keefe		20+
Danny Hape		40+
Micheal Fleet		40+
Randy Turner		40+
Wesley Fleet		40+
Blair Fleet		40+
Alan Publicover		40+
Harold Keefe		40+
Ronald Bezanson		40+
Lawrence Fleet		40+
Claude Bezanson		40+
Douglas Pace		40+
Ivan Fleet		30+
Late Burnell Jewers	Outstanding	40+
Late Lawrence (Bub) Keefe		40+

RCMP	
Name:	Award:
Cpl. Marc Michon	Valour
Cst. Thomas Thordarson	Valour
Cst. Justin Greene	Valour

# Community Development & Recreation

## **Spring Eco Explorers**

Eco Explorers is a fun and exciting outdoor education program for youth in grades 3-7. Participants will learn about safe fire building techniques, outdoor cooking, leaving no trace, and all about local wildlife. This program will start on Thursday, April 25th and takes place from 2:30-4pm for 6 weeks. This is a free after school program. Register online at [www.saint-marys.ca](http://www.saint-marys.ca) under the recreation tab. There is a minimum registration requirement of 5 participants for this program to take place. Participants must wear appropriate footwear and clothing every week as we will be outside no matter what the conditions are. Call 902-522-2598 for more information.

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## **Summer Day Camp Leader Positions**

The Municipality is seeking three individuals to fill the positions of Day Camp Councillors. Working under the direction of the Active Living Coordinator, the Day Camp Councillors will be tasked with the delivery of recreational programming throughout St. Mary's during the summer season with a focus on Summer Day Camps. Requirements include: Must be between the ages of 15-30, must be returning to high school or post-secondary school in September, and experience working in recreation program setting would be considered an asset. Only applicants with scheduled interviews will be notified. Apply by resume with attached references along with a 250-word essay describing a recreational opportunity from your past, and how you feel it has impacted you today. Applications can be dropped off in person at the Municipal Office, by email at [tyler.maclaughlin@saint-marys.ca](mailto:tyler.maclaughlin@saint-marys.ca), faxed to at 902-522-2309 or by mail to 8296 Hwy. 7, PO Box 296 Sherbrooke, NS, B0J 3CO. The deadline for applications is 4:00pm, Friday, May 3rd, 2024. For full job description, visit [www.saint-marys.ca/table/business/employment-opportunities/](http://www.saint-marys.ca/table/business/employment-opportunities/)

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## **Family Open Gym**

Family Open Gym is a free play program that allows school aged children to be the masters of play! Open Gym will take place in the small gym at St. Mary's Education Centre and Academy using the Memorial Place Entrance. Children must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or family member over the age of 18. A cart of assorted equipment will be available. Family Open Gym will take place Mondays from 6-7pm starting on April 8th. All participants must register online at [saint-marys.ca](http://saint-marys.ca) under the residents and Community Development & Recreation tab.

## **Athletic Association Establishment**

The Municipality is looking for volunteers who would be interested in creating an Athletic Association for St. Mary's. This would be a new, non-profit organization that would host recreational or minor sport programming for youth in St. Mary's such as soccer, curling, hockey, softball, or martial arts (to name a few opportunities). An Athletic Association would develop relationships with provincial sport organizations to assist in hosting programs in St. Mary's. Municipal staff will help volunteers who are interested in moving this organization forward. An Athletic Association would help to increase quality sport programming in St. Mary's. If you are interested or would like to understand more about an Athletic Association, please contact Tyler MacLaughlin at [tyler.maclaughlin@saint-marys.ca](mailto:tyler.maclaughlin@saint-marys.ca) or call 902-522-2598.

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## **Geocaching for Beginners**

The Community Development and Recreation Department is partnering with St. Mary's Trails Association to host a Geocaching for Beginners event on April 27th. The event will take place at the Municipal Office, beginning at 10am. This event will consist of a presentation of how to use the Geocaching app, information about geocaching and geocaches, and a hike/trail cleanup in Stonewall Park. This event is for all ages! Preregistration is required for this event. Preregister by emailing [tyler.maclaughlin@saint-marys.ca](mailto:tyler.maclaughlin@saint-marys.ca) or call 902-522-2598.

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## **Volunteer of the Year Nomination Process**

It's time to celebrate volunteerism in St. Mary's! If you know someone who has gone above and beyond to serve their community, nominate them for Volunteer of the Year. Municipal Council will select a 2024 St. Mary's Volunteer of the Year and the remaining nominated volunteers will be recognized at this year's Volunteer Appreciation Event. Nominations are now open. The form can be found online on Facebook or [www.saint-marys.ca](http://www.saint-marys.ca). The deadline to submit a form is May 3rd, 2024. Contact Kerri at 902-522-2598 for more information.

# Economic Development

## **Sherbrooke's Source Water**

The Sherbrooke Lake watershed landscape and its lakes make it a great destination for recreational activities such as hiking, fishing, boating and ATVing (All Terrain Vehicle). The Municipality encourages passive recreation throughout the watershed. This includes but is not limited to: walking, hiking, low impact camping, picnicking, canoeing, kayaking and bird watching. Other than on active ATV trails, no person should operate any motorized vehicle, boat or vessel, in the lands or lakes of the Sherbrooke Lake watershed. This includes Tates Lake, Little Lake, T Lake, Rocky Lake, Second Lake, Third Lake, Fourth Lake and Fifth Lake.

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## **Quick Train Canada**

Quick Train Canada education is fully funded, offered through select Canadian colleges, and comes in multi-week courses with options to learn virtually, in-person or both. Microcredentials are accelerated training programs offered by post-secondary education institutions that are intended to help people retrain or upgrade their skills. [www.quicktraincanada.ca](http://www.quicktraincanada.ca)

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## **Skills Online NS**

The Province is supporting Nova Scotia employers and job seekers with the new home for skills development in Nova Scotia including thousands of FREE online courses, at your fingertips! Skills Online NS is an online upskilling portal that provides all Nova Scotians with an opportunity to acquire today's in-demand skills. The program is offered through a partnership between the Department of Labour, Skills, Immigration and the NS Association of CBDCs. Visit [www.SkillsOnlineNS.ca](http://www.SkillsOnlineNS.ca)

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## **New Grants for Apprentices**

Two new grants will help Nova Scotian apprentices purchase tools and technology to support their training and launch their careers. The Province will provide a one-time grant of up to \$1,000 to purchase new tools, equipment and clothing required; opens March 5th. While a technology support grant will offer up to \$900 for a computer and accessories to apprentices enrolled in training; available now for those registered in technical training as of January 2024. To apply visit [www.nsapprenticeship.ca](http://www.nsapprenticeship.ca).

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## **Coastal Nova Scotia Calendar**

Looking for something to do this weekend? Want your event to be on that list? Visit [www.coastalnovascotia.ca](http://www.coastalnovascotia.ca) or contact [kara@coastalnovascotia.ca](mailto:kara@coastalnovascotia.ca).

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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 both Students (scholarships listings!), Clients and Employers. NS Works Career Connections can be found on Facebook or contact the Antigonish County office at 902-863-8244 and [antigonish@careerconnections.ca](mailto:antigonish@careerconnections.ca). Contact the Guysborough County office at 902-533-2805 and [guysborough@careerconnections.ca](mailto:guysborough@careerconnections.ca).

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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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## **Registration for Tourist Accommodations Extended**

Current registration for tourist accommodations, short-term rentals and accommodation platforms, such as Airbnb and Expedia, will be extended to September to give visitors and hosts more time to adapt to new regulations coming this fall. Registration for the 2024-25 season will open by this fall. Until then, registered tourist accommodations can continue to operate with their current registration numbers and fees. New tourist accommodations can still register for the extended 2023-24 season at: <https://beta.novascotia.ca/register-your-tourist-accommodation>

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## **Digital Marketing Training Resources**

Visit [digitalnovascotia.com](http://digitalnovascotia.com) for the list of online training courses available for entrepreneurs and small businesses looking to move their business online or to enhance their virtual presence. Each of these platforms provides a wealth of free training material beyond the introductory courses. This free collection is designed as a starting point and includes Google Skillshop, Facebook Blueprint, Digital Photography and Shopify Compass.

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# Community Services

## **Eastern Counties Regional Library**

Spring is just around the corner, and Sherbrooke Public Library is ready to welcome you in with materials, resources, and activities for all ages! Stop by and take a brain break with our selection of word puzzles and colouring sheets, or contribute to our community coloring poster. Don't forget to stop by to restock on Covid tests, menstrual or incontinence products for you or someone you know!

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](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).

## **Sherbrooke Opportunities Society**

SHOPS hopes everyone had a great St. Patrick's Day, and a wonderful Easter, SHOPS will be hosting a social on April 18th, 2024, which is supported by the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's. SHOPS offers laundry services at \$7/load. This includes: washed, dried & folded. SHOPS can take care of documents that you no longer need with confidential shredding service at \$1/lb. You can call us at 902-318-7467 or reach out to us on our Facebook page. Reminder that our toonie draw takes place on Wednesday afternoons. Toonies can be dropped into the local toonie boxes or brought directly to SHOPS on Tuesdays by noon. If you have any questions regarding the toonie draw, please call us at 902-318-7467 or reach out to us on our Facebook page. SHOPS would like to congratulate Norma Jack on her \$600.00 win on January 31st, 2024. SHOPS is looking for some lovely volunteers to come in and help us out with our socials. If you are interested in this, please contact us at 902-318-7467 or contact through our Facebook page. We wish everyone a fabulous April. Every day is a great day at SHOPS.

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

Please contact 902-833-2920 if you know of a need in the community. Confidentiality is strictly upheld. The box to receive 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 to the organizations and community members for the food and financial support that you give throughout the year and thank you to the volunteers who ensure that food is made available throughout the District of St. Mary's including SHOPS participants for packing boxes.

## **Kids First in St. Mary's Municipality**

Gas cards are available to help with transportation costs when requested. Tuesdays - 3+ drop-off program at 9:30-11am open to all children age 3 by December 31, 2023. Tuesdays in Goshen-April 9th, 16th & 23rd - Busy Babies is taking place at the Community Centre from 1-2pm. For families with babies 0-18 months (older siblings welcome). See poster on St. Mary's Programming Facebook page for more details. For more information, call Emilie at 902-533-3881 or toll free 1-888-533-3881. Wednesdays - Play group open to all parents/caregivers and children age birth to six years. 9:30-11am. Healthy snack provided. Thursdays at Kids First in Sherbrooke - April 11th, 18th & 25th - Busy Babies from 1-2pm. For families with babies 0-18 months (older siblings welcome). See poster on St. Mary's Programming Facebook page for more details. For more information, call Emilie at 902-533-3881. For more information on these programs, text/call 902-870-7437. Follow us on Facebook at St. Mary's Kids First Programming for update information. The Guysborough County Prenatal Program is open to all women expecting a baby who live in Guysborough County. Self-referrals are welcome! Call Emilie 902-533-3881 or toll free at 1-888-533-3881 for more information. The Parenting Journey Program is a support for parents with children up to 18 years. Self-referrals are welcome. For more information, contact email [parentingjourney@kidsfirst.ca](mailto:parentingjourney@kidsfirst.ca) or text/call Paula at 902-870-7437.

# Congregational Services

## **Port Hilford United Baptist Church**

April Session: Sunday at 3pm in Port Hilford.  
Rev. Scot Chandler.

## **Calvary Faith Baptist Church. Sonora**

Weekly Bible Study and Prayer Meeting Wednesday at 7pm. April 7th, 11am. April 14th, 6pm. April 21st, 11am. April 28th, 6pm. Pastor Wayne Bray 902-522-2520.

## **Indian Harbour Lake Pentecostal Church**

1643 Highway 211, Sherbrooke, NS, B0J 3C0. Regular service time, 10:30am Sunday mornings. All are welcome! Hope to see you there. Terry Rideout, Pastor 902-522-2759 or [ihlpcpastor@outlook.com](mailto:ihlpcpastor@outlook.com). [ihlpentecostal-church.ca](http://ihlpentecostal-church.ca).

### **Goshen Gospel Church**

Our services: Sunday: 11am - Worship Service (also available on Zoom, send us a request if you would like to be part of the service. Thursday: 1pm – Midweek Bible Study and Prayer. If we can be of any help, please contact us: phone: 902-783-2972 or 902-318-0711 or email johnluten2@gmail.com

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### **St. Paul's Catholic Church, Sherbrooke**

Mass Time: Sunday at 11:30am Parish Priest: Fr. Tom Stephan: Cell 437-366-0731; Residence: 902-783-2631 Parish Chairman: Rennie Beaver 902-833-2341

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### **St. Mary's Pastoral Charge/The United Church of Canada**

Sundays in April: 9:30am St. John's, Sherbrooke 11:00am Kirk, Glenelg 6:30pm Bethany/Zion, East River St. Mary's Weekly Activities: Women's Bible Study-10am Thursdays at St. John's in Sherbrooke. Men's Group-7pm Wednesdays at St. John's in Sherbrooke. UCW-First Thursday of every month, 2pm at Claire McKeen's in Glenelg. JAM Club Jesus And Me (our charge's program for children and all ages Sunday school)-2pm, every second Sunday at Kirk. This year's theme: "The Journey!". Youth Group (our charge's program for youth, grades 9-12)-7:30-9pm every second Friday at Kirk. The Living Room-Join us in a relaxed, living room/café atmosphere, for contemporary worship, prayer, praise, and time for just being together as a community! Held in the lower hall of St. John's United Church, Sherbrooke.

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## Community News & Events

### **Country Harbour Gun Club**

Country Breakfast-Saturday, April 20th 8:30-10am Adults: \$10, Children: \$5, 5 and Under: Free Vendor Sale-Saturday, April 27th Tables \$10-Book a table by calling Honey at 902-328-2210 or Samantha at 902-328-2063. Open Mic-Saturday April 27th starting at 7pm \$5 entry fee Bingo-Thursday, April 25th starting at 7:30pm

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

Shooters are reminded that the Provincial .22 rifle indoor shoot will take place April 13th & 14th at the PCMRA range on Foster Ave., Stellarton. The Spring meeting for St. Mary's Shooters Association will take place Sunday, May 5th at 2pm at the Stillwater Community Centre. St. Mary's Shooters will conduct a Canadian Firearms Safety Course on May 4th at the Stillwater Centre, 9558 Highway 7. Apply online and pay online at [safety-services.ca](http://safety-services.ca). Gun show in New Glasgow, May 17th and 18th. SMSA Military Rifle Shoot, Sunday, May 19th DNRR Range, 9240 Highway 7. 9am start.

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### **Stillwater Community Centre**

Please join us for some fun and an evening of cards. Open every Friday night at 7pm, beginning April 5th to June 28th. Doors open at 6:45pm.

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### **Greenfield Oldsters**

The Greenfield Oldsters Club has a space available for lease at their building located at 7575 Hwy. 348 in Melrose. This space is approximately 200 square feet and includes heat and lights. The tenant would have access to a washroom. Interested parties are asked to contact John Watson by email [john.jd.watson@gmail.com](mailto:john.jd.watson@gmail.com) or by phone at 902-823-2247.

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### **Well Women's Clinic**

A Well Women's Clinic will be held at St. Mary's Memorial Hospital on Thursday, May 9th from 4-8pm. Call Norah-Lee at 902-522-2882 to book. Please arrive 10 minutes before your appointment.

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### **Culture Club Sherbrooke**

Friday, April 5th from 7-9pm Venissage/Opening Reception 3. Solo Art Show with Painter Tom Lowe. New work with a lot of Spirit surrounded by Nature. Sunday, April 14th from 3-5pm Literature Event/Book Reading Session: "If Nietzsche were a Narwhal" with Author Justin Gregg, PhD Senior Research Associate & Vice President, Dolphin Communication Project Adjunct Professor, Department of Biology, St. Francis Xavier University. Saturday, April 27th from 7:30-8:30pm Jazz Music Session with Jake Hanlon-Guitar (Associate Professor of Music, St. Francis Xavier University) and Paul Tynan-Trumpet (Full Professor of Music, Department Chair, St. Francis Xavier University. Public Welcome! Admission free! Donation welcome too! 17 Main Street, Sherbrooke, NS. Phone: 902-318-1699. Email: [ccs21@gmail.com](mailto:ccs21@gmail.com).

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### **Earth Day 2024: Annual Port Hilford Clean-Up**

Dear friends and residents of the Port Hilford Area, we are getting a jump on Earth Day this year! On Saturday, April 20th, you are invited to join us for our annual cleanup of the Port Hilford roadsides and shoreline. From 9:30-11:30am, we will be cleaning the ditches and the beach. Even if you can offer an hour of your time, it would be greatly appreciated. You do not need to be a resident of Port Hilford to participate. If interested, please join us at the Port Hilford Beach parking lot at 9:30am. Please bring gloves, safety jacket and garbage bags.

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### **The Compass Rose Quilters Guild**

Annual Quilt Show and Tea on April 27th from 1:30-4pm, at the Sherbrooke Village Exhibit Center. Fee will be an offering. Come see what we've been working on this year.

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### **Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 56**

Your Local Legion is looking for Champions. Your local Service Club, the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 56, is in serious trouble. Over the years, Branch 56 has supported such Community Activities as Remembrance Day Services, Canada Day Parades, the Local Foodbank, and providing Bursaries to any graduate of St. Mary's Education Centre/Academy who is attending a local Community College program. Recently, we have been working with the Sherbrooke Village Development Society to restore our Cenotaph and present an appropriate centerpiece to Honour our Fallen. We are requesting everyone to consider becoming a member to help us further our work, whether it be an Ordinary Member (served in any of the forces or RCMP), Associate Member (relatives), Affiliate Member (Canadian or Commonwealth citizen) or Affiliate non-voting (those from an Allied Nation who support RCL). Without your assistance, I'm afraid we will not be able to continue our service to the community and our responsibility to our Veterans. Please visit [legion.ca/home](http://legion.ca/home) or [legion.ca/join-us](http://legion.ca/join-us) to review the opportunities and benefits of membership. For additional local information, speak with any Legion Member or contact [russmayne@bellaliant.net](mailto:russmayne@bellaliant.net) or [bjtate@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:bjtate@ns.sympatico.ca).

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

Bargain Shop open every Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 1-3pm. Donation items can be dropped off at this time. Game Day: Wednesday 1-4pm. Cribbage, no partner required: Tuesdays 7:30pm, admission fee is \$5. Blood Pressure Clinic will be held April 17th and 24th from 1-3pm. Coffee Breaks will be on April 1st, 15th, and 29th starting at 9:30am. G.A.L.A. Tutoring Sessions are every Tuesday from 10am-3pm. Foot Clinics will be held on April 13th and 15th, to book an appointment call 902-783-2291. Kids First Program will be hosting a Busy Babies Program from April 2nd to April 23rd from 1-2pm. Recyclable bottles are still welcomed and can be dropped off at the Centre. Regular Committee Meeting will be held April 3rd at 7pm. Volunteer 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.

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### **Sherbrooke Village Old Fashioned Christmas Association (OFCA)**

Meet the NEW Board! The OFCA would like to invite all community members and businesses to the Sherbrooke Village Old Fashioned Christmas Association's Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, May 2nd, at 6:30pm at the Exhibit Building in the Historic Sherbrooke Village. Come and explore the great things the OFCA plans for this year, and have your input on the exciting opportunities. Membership is free, and we encourage all community members to join this dynamic Christmas community that brings the spirit of Christmas to Sherbrooke Village; the reward is priceless. If you would like more information or wish to join, please email the OFCA president, Wendy Shelly, at [wshelly1962@gmail.com](mailto:wshelly1962@gmail.com).

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

Open Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 6-11pm. Pool table, shuffleboards, canteen, and bar. Cribbage Thursday and Saturday starting at 7:30pm (new time). WiFi is available at the Legion Hall, inquire at the bar. Debit is available, no credit card or tap accepted. Membership renewal and donation can be made by cash, debit, cheques, or e-transfer at [branch86rcl@gmail.com](mailto:branch86rcl@gmail.com). The membership fee is \$50. We thank you for your continued support. Together we make a difference! Liscomb Branch 86 would like to thank everyone for supporting the Legion at the Cribbage Tournament March 16th, everyone had a good time and there was lots of food. That is what this is all about. None of it would have been possible without our volunteers, so a big thank you goes to the volunteers and those who supplied the food for the potluck. The comradery and a joyous atmosphere made it a memorable event. Seniors Social 55+ on Wednesday, April 17th from 10am-2pm. Games starting at 10am, lunch at noon, more games after lunch. Cribbage, shuffleboard, auction/45s, crokinole. Free for seniors. Come and join us! Karaoke night on May 3rd, 2024 from 8-11pm. Your host, B.J. Chambers. Check our Facebook group for details and notable dates in April.

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### **Goldenville Interpretive Centre**

Thank you to everyone who participated in our February online 50/50 Go for the Gold raffle! There is still time to get your March tickets! Simply go to [www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/hgs](http://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/hgs) to purchase tickets. March Draw will be held April 1st, 2024 and the winner will be posted on our Facebook page. Notice of Heritage Goldenville Society Annual General Meeting to be held April 28th at 4pm. Please contact Executive Director Vickie Bruce at [goldenvillemuseum@gmail.com](mailto:goldenvillemuseum@gmail.com) if you are interested in attending.

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### **Thank You**

We would like to thank all our friends and family, far and wide, for your thoughtful messages, calls, cards, food and visits. Thank you for lending a shoulder to cry on, a listening ear and for being a constant support. We lost a husband, father, brother, uncle, precious son and friend. So hard to let go of such a special man. We are forever grateful to you all for your kindness. As Perry would say, "It is, what it is". The Family of Perry Kaiser.

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

Lion's Bingo is back! Bingo will be held on Wednesdays. Doors will open at 7:00pm, games will start at 7:30pm. St. Mary's District Lions Club is holding a Generational Social on May 26th from 1-4pm.. An afternoon to play some games or do some crafts with others! Old and young playing and learning together. It's open to all in the Municipality. Inside and outside games. Games are provided but bring your own if you want. Free for all, with refreshments served. This event is sponsored by the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's.

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## Call for Applications Casual List

Our mission is to engage adults with diverse abilities 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, as well as educational & recreational activities. Community interaction is important.

### CREDENTIALS

Caring and dedicated person with an interest or experience in the field of human services.

Work experience is a definite asset.

High School & University students with exceptional skills and references may also be considered.

Ability to perform all physical duties of the job

Ability to perform all duties related to supporting adults with diverse abilities.

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.

Please send resume to one of the following:

**Email:** SHOPS Secretary: [lisamac1796@outlook.com](mailto:lisamac1796@outlook.com)

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

SHERBROOKE OPPORTUNITIES SOCIETY  
ANNUAL MEETING  
IN SHOPS ROOM  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2024  
7 PM



# Application for Residential Low Income Property Tax Exemption 2024/25

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:

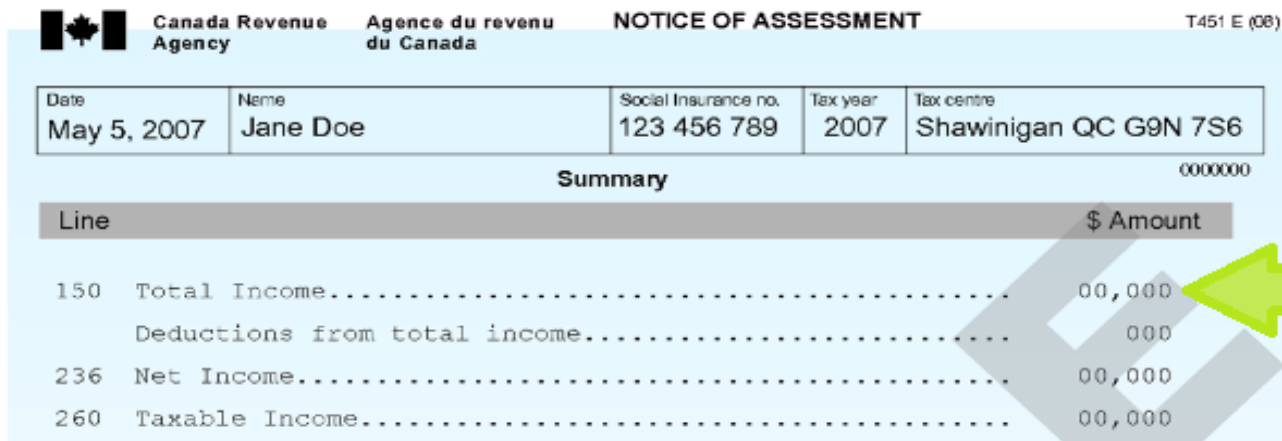
The exemptions provided will be based on the following income levels:

Annual Income	Tax Exemption
Less than or equal to \$25,280	\$180

## How to Apply:

After you have filed your personal income tax return for 2023 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 2023 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 2023 you can call 1-800-959-8281

Applications must be received by the Municipality no later than December 31, 2024

Applicants must re-apply each year



**LOVING ONE ANOTHER IN A  
COMMUNITY OF FAITH**



*Community*  
**Worship Service**

**MAY 5TH AT 11 AM**

**LIONS CLUB SHERBROOKE**

**Come and join us for a time of Worship &  
the Word with Deanna Stearns'  
encouraging testimony & hope filled story.**

## April 2024 Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		Goshen Cribbage 7:30 pm	Kid's First Play Group 9:30 am – 11:00 am Goshen Game Day 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm Committee of the Whole Meeting 4:00 pm St. Mary's Lion's BINGO 7:00 pm		Culture Club Sherbrooke Venissage/Opening 7:00 – 9:00 pm Stillwater Cards 7:00 pm	Liscomb Cribbage 8 pm
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Regular Council Meeting 4:00 pm SMECA Open Gym 6:00 – 7:00 pm	Kid's First 3+ 9:30 am – 11:00 am Goshen Cribbage 7:30 pm	Kid's First Play Group 9:30 am – 11:00 am Goshen Game Day 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Liscomb Cribbage 8 pm	Maple Manor Bake Sale 11:00 am – 3:00 pm Liscomb Shuffleboard 7 pm Stillwater Cards 7:00 pm	Liscomb Cribbage 8 pm
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Culture Club Sherbrooke Literature Event 3:00 – 5:00 pm	Municipal Annual General Meeting 5pm SMECA Open Gym 6:00 – 7:00 pm	Kid's First 3+ 9:30 am – 11:00 am Goshen Cribbage 7:30 pm	Camp 8:30 am – 4:00 pm Kid's First Play Group 9:30 am – 11:00 am Goshen Game Day 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm Committee of the Whole Meeting 4:00 pm	Liscomb Cribbage 8 pm	Maple Manor Bake Sale 11:00 am – 3:00 pm Liscomb Shuffleboard 7 pm Stillwater Cards 7:00 pm	Port Hillford Clean-Up 9:30 -11:30 am Country Harbour Gun Club Break-fast 8:30 am -10:00 am Liscomb Cribbage 8 pm
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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