



Meetings of Council

The next regular meeting of Municipal Council is Monday, May 13th at the Municipal Office in Sherbrooke at 4:00pm. Committee of the Whole meeting will take place Wednesday, May 1st and Wednesday May 15th at 4:00pm in Council Chambers. Agendas, minutes and audio files are available at www.saint-marys.ca.

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 2024/2025 year is \$25,280 with a provided tax exemption of \$180 for those that qualify. Contact the Municipal Office at 902-522-2049 for more information.

St. Mary's Monthly Moment:

May is Hypertension Awareness Month, a time when we come together to shine a spotlight on the silent but important health issue of high blood pressure. It's a month-long opportunity to gain a better understanding the ins and outs of this condition, which affects countless individuals worldwide. High blood pressure often goes unnoticed, quietly wreaking havoc on our bodies and increasing the risk of serious health complications such as heart disease and strokes. Throughout May, the aim is to raise awareness about the importance of checking our blood pressure regularly, making informed lifestyle choices, and engaging in meaningful conversations with healthcare professionals about maintaining heart health. This month serves as a reminder for us to take steps in managing our health. From checking our blood pressure readings to embracing healthy habits like balanced nutrition and regular exercise, every action we take contributes to our overall well-being. By coming together to learn more about hypertension and its impacts, we empower ourselves and others to make heart health a priority and make informed decisions for a healthier future. Let's use this month as an opportunity to spread knowledge, encourage positive lifestyle changes, and support one another on our journey towards better cardiovascular health.

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The deadline for the June Municipal Newsletter is Wed., May 15th 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 every Monday from 9am-4:30pm and every other Saturday from 10am-3pm. Dates of operation in May include May 4th, May 6th, May 13th, May 18th, May 20th, and May 27th.

MacMillan's Recyclable Pickup

Recyclable collection will take place on the second (May 11th) and fourth (May 25th) Saturday in May starting at 10am at the St. Mary's Recplex.

May 2024 Solid Waste Collection

Eastern Shore Cartage: 1-800-261-0372

Tuesday (Zone 1)	April 30 Recyclables Only	May 7 Garbage Only & 1 Bulky Item	May 14 Recyclables Only	May 21 Garbage Only & 1 Bulky Item	May 28 Recyclables Only
Wednesday (Zone 2)	May 1 Recyclables Only	May 8 Garbage Only & 1 Bulky Item	May 15 Recyclables Only	May 22 Garbage Only & 1 Bulky Item	May 29 Recyclables Only
Thursday (Zone 3)	May 2 Recyclables Only	May 9 Garbage Only & 1 Bulky Item	May 16 Recyclables Only	May 23 Garbage Only & 1 Bulky Item	May 30 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

2024-25 Municipal Approved Budget

On April 15th, 2024 St. Mary's Municipal Council approved the Municipal Operating and Capital Budgets for 2024-25 and set the tax rates. The total operating budget is \$4,081,988, an 5.58% increase over last year's budget.

St. Mary's Council is pleased to inform residents, that due to careful planning and efficiencies found within the 2024-2025 budget a 1 cent tax rate reduction will occur for this fiscal year. Although this is a small amount it is a significant accomplishment versus the long-term trend in Nova Scotia for taxes to increase. Residential and resource property tax rate will be set at \$0.96 cents per \$100 of assessment and the commercial tax rate will be set at \$2.27 per \$100 of assessment.

The Municipal Operating budget has many key highlights some of which include but are not limited to;

Emergency Measures Services – Additional administrative support has been budgeted to leverage grant funding to increase emergency measures co-ordination efforts and training within the Municipality.

Economic Development and Tourism Focus – Funds have been budgeted to support Non-profit Housing Association, re-design the Municipal website, partner with organizations on climate changes initiatives and foster tourism promotion within the Municipality and support non-profit tourism association.

Department of Community Development and Recreation - Council recognizes the need to support childcare within the Municipality therefore has increased supports and resources for Summer Day Camp programs to help elevate those pressures on caregivers during the summer months. New to the department budgets this year is funding to create recreation facility lifecycle plans and \$5,000 towards equity diversity inclusion and accessibility initiatives within the Municipality.

Municipal Council saw an opportunity with the savings that will be realized from reducing municipal districts from seven to five after the election and re-invested those funds into the annual Municipal General Government Grants.

Municipal General Government Grants- Additional funding in the amount of \$10,000 has been granted as part of the 2024-2025 operating budget. These are distributed in three different ways, District Grants, Grants to Organizations (\$22,000) and School Scholarships (\$3,000). Additional grants are also provided, including the Non-Profit Organization Property Tax Exemption, grants to individuals through the Municipal Low-Income Property Tax Exemption and additional.

In addition to the Municipal Operating Budget, Council also passed a **Capital budget**. Council recognizes importance of reinvesting into vital municipal infrastructure, the capital budget was set at \$1,189,340 which includes secured and non-secured (pending) grant funding that includes the following project:

- Dry Hydrants (2) for Fire Services
- Sewer Inflow Report Recommendations
- Potential Recplex Zamboni
- Active Transportation Project
- Housing Project – Neighborhood Concept Plan
- Recplex Siding Repairs & Walking Track
- Installation of New Water Hydrant
- Hospital Road Sewer Lift Station Piping
- Accessibility Upgrades to the Library and Recplex
- Sewer Utility Testing Equipment Upgrades
- Municipal Facilities Fire/Security Upgrades
- Repairs to Port Bickerton Lighthouse Road
- Water Treatment Plant System Upgrades
- Sewer Plant- Outside tank railings/grating

Join St. Mary's Municipal Council at the annual Budget Open House on Monday, May 13th, 2024 from 6-7pm. For additional details on both the operating and capital budgets please visit the municipal website at www.saint-marys.ca/finance.html or drop by the municipal office to pick up a copy. Tax bills will be mailed at the end of May 2024, with payments due by July 31st, 2024.

Community Development & Recreation

Thank You - Kerri Jack

After 11 years with the Municipality, I would like to announce that I have accepted the role of Inclusion and Accessibility Coordinator with Recreation Nova Scotia. My last day with the Municipality is May 3rd, 2024. This new role will give me an opportunity to support recreation organizations and municipalities throughout Nova Scotia to offer inclusive and accessible programs and spaces. I'd like to say a sincere thank you to the community for the past 11 years. It has been an amazing experience to have worked collaboratively with municipal council, staff, community members, organizations and partners to deliver a wide variety of programs, projects, and events over the years. All the best in the future – Kerri.

Canada Day 2024

Planning is underway for the St. Mary's Canada Day Celebrations in 2024. 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.

Register a float in the Canada Day Parade

We are calling on all businesses and organizations in St. Mary's to help make this year's Canada Day Parade the biggest ever! Register to walk or enter a float or vehicle in this year's Canada Day Parade. We will be bringing back prizes for the best overall float as voted for by residents. Email tyler.maclaughlin@saint-marys.ca to register for free.

Municipal Wellness BINGO Challenge

Participate in the May Municipal Wellness BINGO Challenge for a chance to win great prizes! To participate in this monthly challenge, pick up a copy of the BINGO card at the Municipal Office, download a copy from our Municipal Facebook page or contact Tyler MacLaughlin at tyler.maclaughlin@saint-marys.ca to be emailed a copy. Mark off challenges as you complete them, and submit your bingo card either physically or by emailing a picture to tyler.maclaughlin@saint-marys.ca by 4pm on May 31st.

Family Open Gym

The last week of Family Open Gym will take place on May 6th from 6-7pm.

Summer Day Camp Registration now open

Registration is now open for the Municipality's Summer Day Camp program. The Summer Day Camp is a free program for children entering grades pre-primary to grade 6. This year, Summer Day Camp will start on July 2nd, 2024 and will take place at St. Mary's Education Centre and Academy in the Kids First Room. The program takes place from 8am to 4:30pm, Monday to Thursday. The deadline for completing the online registration form for Day Camp is June 7th, 2024. Families will then be provided a complete registration package that must be returned prior to July 2nd, 2024. If you have further questions, contact tyler.maclaughlin@saint-marys.ca or call 902-522-2598.

Recreational Fishing Derby

Join us on Saturday, June 8th, 2024, for a recreational fishing derby at Nimrod's Campground (Sixth Lake) from 9am-12pm. Participants under 16 do not require a fishing license. It is the responsibility of ALL anglers ages 16+ to purchase a fishing license. There will be prizes in three categories: children, youth and adult. Each angler will be able to register three fish caught during the derby. Residents and campers are asked to only catch and release at Sixth Lake between stocking and the derby. If businesses or individuals would like to sponsor this event or provide a prize, please contact Tyler at tyler.maclaughlin@saint-marys.ca or 902-522-2598.

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, faxed to at 902-522-2309 or by mail to 8296 Hwy. 7, PO Box 296 Sherbrooke, NS, B0J 3C0. The deadline for applications is 4:00pm, Friday, May 3rd, 2024. For full job description, visit www.saint-marys.ca/table/business/employment-opportunities/

Economic Development

Sherbrooke's Source Water

Summer is around the corner and the St. Mary's municipality would like to remind residents living within the Sherbrooke watershed to not start, maintain, or be responsible for an open fire between April 1st and October 15th of each year, except for an open fire in a barbeque designated for cooking purposes. For more information and to see if your residential dwelling is within the Sherbrooke watershed, please visit saint-marys.ca/policies-bylaws Zoning Map.

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

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

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 5. 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.nsaprenticeship.ca.

Digital Marketing Training Resources

Visit 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.

Tourism Nova Scotia RADIATE

The Tourism Nova Scotia RADIATE Tourism program is now open for applications. RADIATE helps tourism businesses and attractions develop and market packaged tourism activities and services Nova Scotia and Atlantic region travellers during fall and winter. The deadline to apply is Wednesday, May 22nd, at 4:00 p.m. Visit tourismns.ca/radiate-tourism-program for details or contact Melanie.Lowe@novascotia.ca (902) 790-2379.

Coastal Nova Scotia Calendar

Looking for something to do this weekend? Want your event to be on that list? Visit www.coastalnovascotia.ca or contact kara@coastalnovascotia.ca.

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 & antigonish@careerconnections.ca. Contact the Guysborough County office at 902-533-2805 & guysborough@careerconnections.ca.

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, email busnavigation@novascotia.ca, or call toll-free at 1-844-628-7347.

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>

Community Services

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 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 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.

Programs at St. Mary's Kids First

Gas cards are available to help with transportation costs when requested. Tuesdays at Kids First in Sherbrooke - Three+ drop-off program open to all children age 3 by December 31st, 2023 from 9:30-11am. Wednesdays at Kids First in Sherbrooke - Play group open to all parents/caregivers and children age birth to six years from 9:30-11am. Healthy snack provided. For more information on these programs, text/call 902-870-7437. Follow us on Facebook at St. Mary's Kids First Programming for updated 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 at 902-533-4680 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, text/call Paula at 902-870-7437 or email parentingjourney@kids1st.ca.

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, or visit ecrl.ca. Stay up to date by following ECRL on social media: [facebook.com/ECRLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/ECRLibrary) | twitter.com/ecrlibrary.

Sherbrooke Opportunities Society

SHOPS offers laundry services at \$7 a load, this includes wash, dried and folded. SHOPS also offers confidential shredding at \$1 per pound. You can give us a call at 902-318-7467 or send us a message on our Facebook page, Sherbrooke Opportunities Society-SHOPS. Reminder that our toonie draw collection happens on Tuesdays at noon so play your toonies before then by dropping by SHOPS or in any of the boxes throughout our community. If you have any questions regarding your toonie, please give us a call. Thank you for supporting SHOPS.

Congregational Services

Anglican Parish of Liscomb/Port Bickerton

May 5th - Rev. Denman - 9am, St. Paul's, Port Bickerton. 11am, St. Thomas, IHL. May 12th - 9am, St. Luke's, Liscomb. 7pm, St. Paul's, Port Bickerton. May 19th - Rev. Denman - 9am, St. Thomas, IHL. 11am, St. Luke's, Liscomb. May 26th - 9am, St. Thomas, IHL. 11am, St. Paul's, Port Bickerton. 7pm, St. Luke's, Liscomb. June 2nd - Rev. Denman - 9am, St. Paul's, Port Bickerton. 11am, St. Thomas, IHL.

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

United Baptist Church

3pm Scott Chandler: May 12th - Port Bickerton, May 19th - Sonora, May 26th - Port Hilford

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

Sundays in May: 9:30am, Kirk, Glenelg 11am, Bethany/Zion, East River St. Mary's 6:30pm, St. John's, Sherbrooke 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 MacKeen'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.

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. Ihlpentecostalchurch.ca.

Calvary Faith Baptist Church, Sonora

May 5th - 11am, May 12th - 6pm, May 19th - 11am, May 26th - 11am and 6pm (special meetings with Evangelist Rich Tozout) Pastor Wayne Bray 902-522-2520

Port Hilford United Baptist Church

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

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

Community News & Events

Tea at Maple Manor

Tuesdays at 9:30am. Come out and enjoy!

Greenfield Oldsters

The Greenfield Oldsters Club has an office space available for lease at their building located at 7575 Highway 348 in Melrose. The space is approximately 200 square feet and includes heat and lights. The tenant would have access to the washrooms. There is ample parking available as well. Interested parties are asked to contact John Watson by email john.jd.watson@gmail.com or by phone at 902-833-2247.

Card Socials

The Greenfield Oldsters Club is hosting Auction 45s on Tuesday afternoons at 1pm. There will be 8 rounds of 8 hands per round. Admission is \$5 per person, with a 50/50 draw and cash prizes. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Gloria MacKeen at 902-870-1512. There is Cribbage at Greenfield Oldsters Club on Thursday evenings. Registration starts at 7pm, with cards starting at 7:30pm. No partner necessary. Admission is \$5 per person, with a 50/50 draw and cash prizes. There will be 8 games. If you are interested or have questions, please contact John Watson by phone at 902-833-2247 or email john.jd.watson@gmail.com.

Community Social

The Greenfield Oldsters Club will be hosting a community social on Thursday, May 16th from 11am-2pm. Everyone is welcome. Bring your knitting, drawing, or whatever pastime you would like to share. Come meet your community neighbors and make new friends. Light snacks and refreshments will be served.

Guysborough Adult Learning Association

Guysborough Adult Learning Association (GALA) will be hosting a trivia afternoon at the St. Mary's Lions Club on Friday, May 31st from 2-4pm. Door prizes and refreshments provided. For more information, contact GALA at 902-533-4252.

St. Mary's ATV Club

St. Mary's ATV Club has changed its meeting night to the second Wednesday of each month. St. Mary's ATV Club needs the support of its members. You can show your support by attending the regular monthly meetings at the Indian Harbour Lake/Jordanville Community Centre at 6pm on May 10th, 2024. Also, by purchasing 50/50 tickets for the ATV ANS monthly draw and choosing St. Mary's ATV Club. 2024 Registrations are now available at Sherbrooke Garage, the Port Bickerton Post Office and from Milton Gallant. All you need to register is your ATV license number, make, model and year. Register now and support the St. Mary's ATV Club.

Stillwater Community Centre

Please join us every Friday evening from April 5th to June 28th for some fun and great prizes. Doors open at 7pm, cards begin at 7:30pm. For community centre reservations, contact Gordon MacIntosh at 902-497-1201.

Goshen & Area Volunteer Fire Department/Goshen Community Centre

The Annual Ratepayers Meeting for the Goshen & Area Volunteer Fire Department will be held Monday, May 6th at 7:30pm in the Goshen Community Centre. The annual financial statements and the proposed budget for 2024-25 will be presented and reviewed. The tax levy for 2024-25 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.

McKeen Lake Lodge Fishing Derby

Co-sponsored by the St. Mary's and Broadhorns ATV Club. Come on out to 12110 McKeen Road, Aspen on June 1st for our annual Fishing Derby. Registration is from 9-10am with fishing from 10am-1pm. There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes for both the adult and children divisions, door prizes, 50/50 tickets and of course the bragging rights! Admission: Adults \$15, kids 12 and under free, family \$25. 2 hot dogs and a drink for \$7. Hope to see you there! *NO LICENSE REQUIRED*

Goshen Community and Recreation Centre

Bargain Shop open every Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 1-3pm. Donation of items can be dropped off at this time. Game Day Wednesdays from 1-4pm. Cribbage, no partner required, Tuesdays at 7:30pm. Admission is \$5. Blood pressure clinic will be held May 15th from 1-3pm. Coffee Breaks will be on May 13th and 27th starting at 9:30am. G.A.L.A. Tutoring sessions are every Tuesday from 10am-3pm. Take Out Friday Night Supper will be held Friday, May 10th from 4:30-6pm, serving sweet & sour meatballs with rice and dessert for \$15. Flea Market May 24th from 10am-12pm, to reserve a table call Laurie Chisholm at 902-783-2291. Turkey Supper June 1st from 4:30-6pm, \$20 including dessert. 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.

Culture Club Sherbrooke

Sunday, May 19th from 3-4pm: Literature Event/Book Reading with the Journalist/Editor/Write Alec Bruce. "The Cooperators" The People Behind the Rebirth of a Nova Scotia Movement 1949-2024. Public welcome, admission free. 17 Main Street Sherbrooke.

The Whale Sanctuary

Save the date! On Saturday, June 1st from 1-4pm, The Whale Sanctuary will be hosting an Oceans Day event at the Visitors and Operations Centre. The first in St. Mary's. It is sure to be a fun afternoon with something for everybody. Please keep any eye out for exciting details as we continue to develop this one of a kind event!

Ecum Secum Fire Department

The members of the Ecum Secum Volunteer Fire Brigade are selling tickets on FRESH LOBSTER just in time for Mothers Day! There are 3 draws of approximately 20 pounds of lobster plus additional draws of what remains of donated lobster. Tickets are \$2 each or 3/\$5. Contact a member to get yours, they are also available at Buds Kwikway and Beans Bistro. A 50/50 chip bingo will be taking place at the Firehall on Monday, May 13th at 7pm. Cards are 25¢ each, and the jackpot is winner takes all.

St. Mary's Garden Club

Hello Garden Club Members and all our greater communities. April's meeting escaped me. For those that made the trip, you deserve a shout out and recognition for your loyalty and efforts-many, many, many thanks. May brings us to a Plant Exchange with our budding future gardeners of SMECA. If anyone within the community has any extra starter plants (any kind will do) that you would like to donate, please reach out to either Cynthia Smith or Deborah Banks. We are hoping to collect approximately 150 starters to make sure all our new Gardeners each get a plant. Garden Club Members, keep checking your emails for updates!

Royal Canadian Legion, Liscomb Branch 86

31 Mackinley Point Road, Spanish Ship Bay, NS B0J 2A0 Open Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 6-11pm. Pool table, shuffleboards, canteen and bar. Cribbage Thursday and Saturday at 7:30pm (new time). Wi-Fi available at the Legion Hall, inquire at the bar. Debit is available at the Legion Hall, no credit card or tap available. Membership renewal and donation can be made by cash, debit, cheques or e-transfer at branch86rcl@gmail.com. The Membership fee is \$50. Thank you for your continued support. Together we make a difference! New members welcome. Annual General Membership Meeting on Tuesday, May 7th at 7pm. All members of Branch 86 are encouraged to attend, your opinions, contributions and offer to volunteer are appreciated. Karaoke Night - May 3rd from 8-11pm. Hall opens at 6pm, Karaoke starts at 8pm. Your host - B.J. Chambers. Admission: Donations to the bathroom upgrade project. Mothers Day: May 12th. Royal Canadian Legion Liscomb Branch 86 would like to wish our members and friends Happy Mothers Day. Check out Facebook page for updates and notable dates in May.

Riverside Cemetery Spring Clean-up

Members of the community are invited to join in with the annual spring spruce-up at the Riverside Cemetery in Sherbrooke on Saturday, May 4th from 8:30am-12pm. Bring a rake if you have one.

Seashore Volunteer Fire Department

Volunteers age 12 and over are needed to help collect trash from the roadside areas in Port Bickerton, Harpellville, and Fisherman's Harbour. Saturday May 4th at 9am, meet at the Port Bickerton Community Centre. Garbage/recyclable bags and reflective vests supplied. For more information, call Shelley at 902-863-8434.

SMART-GO St. Mary's Association for Rural Transit

SMART-GO is excited to announce Heather Kreffer as the new Executive Director who will lead the charge in getting our service on the road! Heather grew up in Pictou County and graduated from Acadia University. Under her leadership, we look forward to bringing reliable community transportation to the residents of St. Mary's. We are also growing our leadership team! SMART-GO is looking for two more dedicated volunteers to join our Board of Directors. For more information, please email info@smart-go.ca.

St. Mary's Shooters Association

Sunday, May 5th – Spring Meeting Stillwater Center (old school by church) 9558 Highway 7, Stillwater Guys. Co. Sunday, May 19th - Military Rifle Shoot DNRR range 9240 Highway 7. Sunday, June 2nd Skeet Shoot DNRR range 9240 Highway 7. Public may shoot as guests. Trained range safety officers on site. BBQ lunch available at noon. Everyone welcome.

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.

Thank You

I would like to send my most sincere thanks for such kind expressions of sympathy during the recent loss of my husband, Tink, and my son, Darcy. For all who sent cards, online condolences, memorial donations, phone calls, visits, and food. Special thanks to the doctors, nurses, homecare, Giffin's Funeral Home, and Rev. Derek Elsworth for his compassion, prayers, wonderful words of remembrance and music at the service. I also want to thank everyone that prepared the delicious food for after the service. Please know that your love and kindness has brought great comfort and will always be remembered. Love, Deanna Graham.

Benefit Concert

Carl Simon has received a diagnosis of prostate cancer, which has spread to other areas. He is currently receiving chemotherapy treatments and is unable to work. Let's come together to show our support and help him with the financial burden he is facing. Benefit concert will take place on May 4th at the Indian Harbour Lake Community Centre starting at 7pm. Musicians include Gary Jordan, Lisa Hallet, Joey Jordan, Kenny Langley, Belinda Jordan, Hank Avery, Sandy MacDonald and friends. For more information, contact Gary Jordan at 902-522-2761 or Amy Simon at 902-318-4387.

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 or 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 or bjtate@ns.sympatico.ca.

St. Mary's District Lions Club

St. Mary's District Lions Club is holding a FREE Generational Social. Drop in and have some fun! Play a game or do some crafts with others! Old and young playing and learning together. It's open to all residents of the Municipality. Inside and outside games. We'll have games but bring your own if you want. Free refreshments served. Sunday, May 26th 11:30am-3:30pm. This event is sponsored by the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's.

On April 27th, the St. Mary's District Lions Club will be doing some highway clean-up along the #7 Highway. Warning markers will be out but, for our safety and yours, please take care when passing our members along the route and give them a toot!

Sherbrooke Village Development Society

You are Invited

Historic Sherbrooke Village Development Society Annual General Meeting 6:30 pm (open to all)

Volunteer Reception 7:30 pm (must be 19+ to attend)

The Annual General Meeting will be held at the Sherbrooke Village Exhibit Centre on Friday, May 31, 2024.

Membership open to all individuals interested in the cultural and historical significance of Sherbrooke Village Museum. We invite you to join us and become a member of the Historic Sherbrooke Village Development Society. A members & HSVDS volunteer reception will follow. We hope to see you there!



Are you interested in starting your own business?

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- 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 information 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

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**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.**



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

DIRECTOR OF RECREATION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Municipality of the District of St Mary's is seeking an energetic, results-driven individual with strong organizational skills and a passion for public service to join our team as the Director of Recreation and Community Development.

Key Responsibilities: Management and successful execution of recreation programs ensuring a strong focus on inclusion and public benefit for all ages. Management of a recreation support team, project and event planning, community liaison, budget management and efficiency.

Hours and Working Conditions: This position is full time, 40 hours per week. Key work location shall be the Municipal Office, 8296 Hwy 7, Sherbrooke, Nova Scotia. Work will involve frequent on-site evening and weekend leadership of recreation events.

Qualifications Include:

Degree or Diploma in Recreation, Community Development, Human Kinetics or a related field.

Several Year's experience in developing, managing, and supervising public recreation projects, event management in physical education, and health programs.

Leadership experience including people management and supervisory experience.

Experience in municipal government or other level of government would be considered an asset.

Salary Range: \$50,429-\$63,036 dependant on skills and experience.

Excellent benefits package including but not limited to pension, group health/dental plan and wellness program.

A complete job description is available on the municipal web page under the business tab/Job

Opportunities at www.saint-marys.ca.

Applications Deadline: Noon on Monday May 13, 2024.

Please forward applications including cover letter and resume to:

By email. Attn: Chief Administrative Officer: doug.patterson@saint-marys.ca

By mail. 8296 HWY 7, PO Box 296, Sherbrooke NS, B0J 3C0. We thank and appreciate all applicants. However, only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

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 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		
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		
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		
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		40+

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

May 2024 Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			Kid's First Play Group 9:30-11am Goshen Game Day 1-4pm Committee of the Whole Meeting 4:00 pm St. Mary's Lion's BINGO 7:00 pm	Eco Explorers 2:30-4pm Greenfield Oldsters Cribbage 7:30pm Liscomb Cribbage 7:30pm	Stillwater Cards 7:00 pm Liscomb Legion Karaoke Night 8-11pm	Riverside Cemetery Clean-up 8:30am-12pm Liscomb Cribbage 7:30pm
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	SMECA Open Gym 6-7pm Goshen & Area VFD Annual Ratepayers meeting 7:30pm Goshen Community Centre Meeting (immediately after)	Tea at Maple Manor 9:30am Kid's First 3 + 9:30-11am Greenfield Oldsters Auction/45s 1pm Liscomb Legion AGM 7pm Goshen Cribbage 7:30 pm	Kid's First Play Group 9:30-11am Goshen Game Day 1-4pm St. Mary's ATV Club Meeting 6pm	Eco Explorers 2:30-4pm Well Women's Clinic 4-8pm Greenfield Oldsters Cribbage 7:30pm Liscomb Cribbage 7:30pm	Maple Manor Bake Sale 11:00 am – 3:00 pm Liscomb Shuffleboard 7pm Stillwater Cards 7:00 pm	Liscomb Cribbage 7:30pm
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Regular Council Meeting 4:00 pm Budget Open House 6-7pm	Tea at Maple Manor 9:30am Kid's First 3 + 9:30-11am Greenfield Oldsters Auction/45s 1pm Goshen Cribbage 7:30 pm	Kid's First Play Group 9:30-11am Goshen Game Day 1-4pm Committee of the Whole Meeting 4:00 pm	Greenfield Oldsters Community Social 11am-2pm Greenfield Oldsters Cribbage 7:30pm Liscomb Cribbage 7:30pm	Maple Manor Bake Sale 11:00 am – 3:00 pm Liscomb Shuffleboard 7pm Stillwater Cards 7:00 pm	Liscomb Cribbage 7:30pm
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Culture Club Sherbrooke Literature Event 3-4pm		Tea at Maple Manor 9:30am Kid's First 3 + 9:30-11am Greenfield Oldsters Auction/45s 1pm Goshen Cribbage 7:30 pm	Kid's First Play Group 9:30-11am Goshen Game Day 1-4pm	Greenfield Oldsters Cribbage 7:30pm Liscomb Cribbage 7:30pm	Maple Manor Bake Sale 11:00 am – 3:00 pm Liscomb Shuffleboard 7pm Stillwater Cards 7:00 pm	Liscomb Cribbage 7:30pm
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