



Meetings of Council

The next regular meeting of Municipal Council is Monday, February 10 at the Municipal Office in Sherbrooke at 6:00 pm. Committee of the Whole meetings will take place Wednesday, February 5 and Wednesday, February 19 at 6:00 pm. in Council Chambers. Agendas, packages, minutes and audio files are available at www.saint-marys.ca. Please note that the Municipal Office, Recplex and Transfer Station will be closed February 17, for Heritage Day.

Warden's Message

February is African Heritage Month. First enacted in 1988 as Black History Month, then re-named in 2008, this is a time to recognize and reflect on the countless contributions made to Canadian society by those of Caribbean and African descent. In the 1800's Elijah McCoy invented lubrication systems that vastly improved the railroad system in Canada, yet efforts to have a park named after him failed. Viola Desmond, from Nova Scotia, was a successful businesswoman was jailed, convicted, and fined for defying a whites-only theatre in 1946. Her portrait now graces our \$10.00 bill. Take some time and discover some of the many contributions that these Canadians have made to our society, not just in February but throughout the year. You'll discover an incredible history. In municipal news, work has been completed on accessibility upgrades to our community library. An electric door entry and expansion of interior doors and passageways will eliminate barriers to those who have mobility issues. Have a good month and take advantage of some of the MANY activities and offerings found in this newsletter. Warden, James Fuller

RCMP: From the Cruiser Report

This newsletter details what the RCMP in our area have been up to including traffic control, assisting the public, crimes against property, crimes against persons, road safety and more. To read the "From the Cruiser" Report please visit <https://www.saint-marys.ca/protective-services.html>.

PVSC - 2025 Property Tax Assessment Notice

January 13, 2025 - Assessment Notices have been mailed to property owners by Property Valuation Services Corporation. February 13, 2025 is the deadline to appeal your 2025 assessment with PVSC. Contact information for assessment questions, appeals, mailing address change, etc. call PVSC at 1-800-380-7775, email inquiry@pvsc.ca or visit www.pvsc.ca. All information can be found on the reverse of your assessment notice.

Searching for Audit Committee Members

The Municipality is currently seeking a qualified and dedicated individual to join the Municipalities Audit Committee. The Audit Committee plays a key role in overseeing financial operations and ensuring that public resources are managed with the highest standards of integrity. Interested applicants can email marian.fraser@saint-marys.ca to apply.

Garbage Collection Schedule

The Municipality would like to inform residents that the garbage collection schedule will no longer be featured on the front page of the newsletter. To better serve our community, there will be a detailed garbage collection schedule included every 3 months at the back of the newsletter (see page 11). This new format will make it easier for you to plan ahead and stay informed about upcoming collection dates. Thank you for your understanding and continued cooperation.

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Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the March Municipal Newsletter is Wednesday, February 19 at 4:00 pm. Submissions can be dropped off in person at the Municipal Office, faxed to 902-522-2309, or emailed to newsletter@saint-marys.ca.

Municipal Transfer Station

The St. Mary's Transfer Station is open Monday's from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm and every second Saturday from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Visit saint-marys.ca/facilities. The Transfer Station is open Saturday, February 8 and Saturday, February 22.

MacMillan's Recyclable Pickup

Recyclable collection will take place on the second and fourth Saturday monthly starting at 10:00 am. at the St. Mary's Recplex.

Happy Groundhog Day



Municipal News

No Over Night Parking at 16 Main Street

Please be advised that during the winter months, there will be no overnight parking from December 1 to March 30 from 10:00 pm to 7:00 am at the 16 Main Street Parking Lot in Sherbrooke. Please make alternate parking arrangements. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Seniors Care Grant

The Seniors Care Grant helps low-income seniors with the cost of household services such as healthcare. Apply at <https://beta.novascotia.ca/apply-help-household-healthcare-and-home-heating-costs-seniors-care-grant> or at the Municipal Office.

Heating Assistance Rebate Program:

Eligible Nova Scotians can receive a \$600 rebate on their home heating bills by applying to HARP, Families earning a net, or after-tax, income of up to \$75,000 or single-person households earning a net income up to \$55,000 are eligible to apply for the HARP rebate, whether they rent or own. As part of the program requirements, applicants may be asked to provide a heating bill. Applicants can speed up the process by providing a heating bill when they apply. For information on HARP or to apply online starting October 1, visit: www.novascotia.ca/heatinghelp Application Forms are available at Access Nova Scotia, Community Services and MLA offices. Applications are due March 31, 2025.

Community Development & Recreation

Mallory Fraser, Director of Community Development & Recreation
mallory.fraser@saint-marys.ca 902-522-2598

Open Gym

Looking for a way to stay active and have fun? Come out to Open Gym every Wednesday evening at the SMECA small gym from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm! Whether you're shooting hoops, practicing volleyball, or just looking for a space to get moving, the gym is open for everyone to enjoy. This is a great chance to connect with others, stay fit, and make the most of your midweek evening. All skill levels are welcome, so bring your energy and enthusiasm! No registration required - just show up and join the fun. For more information, contact Mallory. See you at the gym!

February Winter Walking Challenge

Ready to step into a healthier you this February? Join our Winter Walking Challenge and keep moving all month long! Whether you prefer strolling through snowy trails or walking indoors, every step counts. Challenge yourself, track your progress, and enjoy the benefits of staying active during the winter season. This is a fantastic opportunity to set goals, have fun, and maybe even make walking a regular habit. Let's make February the month we step up to wellness together! For more details or to register email Mallory, Don't wait - lace up and join the challenge today!

Drop In Curling

Offered in partnership with the St. Mary's Curling Club, Drop In Curling is on Tuesday's from 6:30 pm -8:00 pm. \$10 drop in fee.

Free Skate

Free skates are held on Saturdays at 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm at the St. Mary's Recplex.

50+ Hockey

50+ Hockey is on Thursday evenings from 8:00 pm-9:00 pm. \$10 drop-in fee.

Snowshoe Rentals

The Recreation Department has a wide variety of snowshoes available to rent. Adult snowshoes are available for \$3 per day and children/youth are free. There are several adult and children's sizes along with walking poles. Take the roof off winter and explore some of our amazing trails this winter.

St. Mary's Co-Ed Youth Recreation Softball League

Plans are in motion to start a Youth Co-Ed Softball League and T-Ball Program in St. Mary's. This initiative aims to provide children with an exciting opportunity to learn and enjoy the game of softball in a supportive and fun environment. The program will be open to kids of all skill levels, with age groups tailored to different stages of development. The T-Ball program will be designed for children ages 2 to 4, offering a great introduction to the basics of the game. For older kids, the softball league will include two divisions: ages 5 to 10 and ages 10 to 15. Each group will focus on fostering skill development, teamwork, and a love for the sport. To make this program a reality, the support of the community is essential. Volunteers are needed to fill key roles, including coaches, and assistants. No prior experience is necessary - just a passion for helping kids and building a positive recreational program. **All volunteers will be required to submit a clean Criminal Record Check, Vulnerable Sector Check & Child Abuse Registry Check.** Feedback is crucial in shaping this initiative. Are you interested in signing your child up? Would you be willing to volunteer? Input on preferred days and times for games and practices would also be valuable. If this sounds like something your family would enjoy, or if you'd like to help make it happen, please get in touch. Contact Mallory or fill out the survey at to share your thoughts and express your interest. With enough support and enthusiasm, this program can be a wonderful addition to the community!

Community Development & Recreation

St. Mary's Co-Ed Adult Recreation Softball League

Are you looking for a fun way to stay active, meet new people, and enjoy a bit of friendly competition? The Department is exploring the idea of starting an Adult Co-Ed Recreation Softball League in St. Mary's! What it could look like: A casual, recreational atmosphere – no experience required; weekly games beginning in the spring; Games held at local fields throughout the Municipality; and affordable registration fees. Your feedback is needed to determine interest. Would you play? Would you umpire? Could you make a whole team? Preferred game days/times? Any other ideas or suggestions? Help spread the word and gather input to make this idea a reality! For questions or to share feedback, contact Mallory.

Communities, Culture, Tourism & Heritage (CCTH) Grant Opportunities

The Provincial Department of CCTH is currently accepting applications for many grant programs including their *Community ACCESS-Ability Program*, *Business ACCESS-Ability Grant Program*, *Community Facilities Improvement Program*, *Legion Capital Assistance Program*, & *Recreation Facility Development Grant*. The deadline for applications is February 14. For more information visit <https://cch.novascotia.ca/>.

Skate Sharpening

Skate Sharpening services are available at the St. Mary's Recplex. The cost is \$5 per pair.

Girls Group

Are you in grades 7-9 and looking for something fun and engaging to do after school? Come join us for the Girls' Group Recreation Program, happening every Wednesday afternoon from 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm at SMECA! This is the perfect opportunity to connect with friends, try exciting new activities, and unwind in a supportive and welcoming environment. Whether you're into sports, crafts, or games, there's something for everyone to enjoy. This program is designed to inspire creativity, build friendships, and make Wednesday afternoons the highlight of your week. Don't miss out! For more information or to sign up, contact Mallory. We can't wait to see you there!

St. Mary's Winter Fun Fest

St. Mary's Winter Fun Fest will take place on March 8 & 9, 2025! Visit www.saint-marys.ca for updates.

Adult Hockey

Adult hockey is held on Wednesdays. The first game is at 7:00 pm and the second game is at 8:00 pm. \$10 Drop in fee per game.

St. Mary's Coyotes House League Hockey

Check out the St. Mary's Coyotes House League Hockey Program on Saturday's from 10:00 am-12:00 pm. Stop by to catch the kids on the ice and support the program by grabbing a snack and hot drink from the canteen.

Congregational Services

United Baptist Church Services

February services will be at the Port Hilford United Baptist Church, Sunday at 3:00 pm. By Rev. Scott Chandler

Indian Harbour Lake/Jordanville Pentecostal Church

Pastor Terry Rideout
February 2, 2025 - Service Time 10:30 am
February 9, 2025 - Service Time 10:30 am
February 16, 2025 - Service Time 10:30 am
February 23, 2025 - Service Time 10:30 am

Calvary Faith Baptist Church in Sonora

Sunday Services:
February 2, 2025 - 6:00 pm
February 9, 2025 - 11:00 am
February 16, 2025 - 6:00 pm
February 23, 2025 - 11:00 am
Weekly Bible Study and Prayer meetings Wednesdays at 7:00 pm.

St. Paul's Catholic Church Sherbrooke

Mass is on Sunday's at 11:00 am
Parish Priest: Fr. Tom Stephan
Parish Council Chairperson: Rennie Beaver

St. Mary's Pastoral Charge

9:30am at Bethany/Zion, East River St. Mary's
11:00am at St. John's, Sherbrooke
6:30pm at Kirk, Glenelg

Women's Bible Study: 10:00am Thursdays at St. John's in Sherbrooke.

Men's Group: 7:00pm Wednesdays at St. John's in Sherbrooke.

UCW: First Thursday of every month, 2:00pm at Jo-Ann McGrath's in Aspen.

JAM Club Jesus And Me: is our charge's program for children and all ages Sunday school held from 2:00pm, every second Sunday at Kirk. This year's theme: "Team Jesus!"

Youth Group: is our charge's program for youth, grades 9 -12 at 7:30-9:00pm every second Friday at Kirk.

The Living Room: join us in a relaxed, living room/cafe atmosphere, for contemporary worship, prayer, praise, and time for just being together as community! Held in the lower hall of St. John's United Church, Sherbrooke.

Finding Freedom AA Closed* Meeting: held Thursdays, at 8:00-9:00pm at St. John's United Church, Sherbrooke. *Closed means attendance is limited to those who have a desire to stop drinking.

Economic Development

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.

Community Business Development Corporation (CBDC)

Project Prep Fund 2025. Does your business require financing to prepare for future projects within Guysborough County?
Maximum Loan: \$20,000, Maximum Term: 3 Years. Low Interest Rates. For additional information email: wanda.macdonald@cbdc.ca

Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA)

ACOA funds Atlantic Canada businesses, whether they are starting up, looking to grow, adopting environmentally friendly approaches, becoming more competitive, modernizing their equipment or increasing exports. It also works with local communities to build their economies. For more info, visit <https://www.canada.ca/en/atlantic-canada-opportunities/services/how-can-acoa-help-me.html>

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.

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

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.

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.

Tourism Development Package For Your Business

February 6 from 1:00pm-4:00pm Jost's Wharf Building, Guysborough

Create Tourism Experiences for Your Business!

Join Coastal Nova Scotia, The Guysborough County Tourism Association, Tourism Nova Scotia, fellow businessowners, and tourism industry partners for a Tourism Experience Workshop.

During the presentation and hands-on activities, learn about: What Nova Scotia's visitors want, Opportunities to attract new visitors, Maximizing your tourism profile, Exploring partnerships to grow your business, Tips and tools to create experiences and packages. To RSVP for this free event, please email: marketing@coastalnovascotia.ca

Community Services

Naomi Society

Naomi Society supports women, children, and all genders through trauma-informed community prevention, outreach, support, and advocacy. We provide services to those who have experienced domestic, family, intimate partner, and sexual violence. For more information call 902-863-3807 or visit <https://naomisociety.ca/>

St. Mary's District Food Bank

Please contact 902-833-2920 to access services. Confidentiality is strictly upheld. There is a donation box at Sherbrooke 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 to all who contribute.

Community Services

Nova Scotia Early Childhood Development Intervention Services (NSECDIS)

NSECDIS provides province-wide specialized services to families of young children between birth to school entry, who are experiencing delays in their development or are at biological risk for delays.

Our Services Include:

Information to support your child's development, connections to services in your community, home visiting services, service coordination and program, planning for your child and family, consultation to child care and other, community programs, assistance with your child's transition to community programs, including pre-primary & primary

Additional Services: Toy Libraries, Resource Libraries, and Family Events. Visit: www.NSECDIS.ca or call: 1-844-292-6730. Funded by the Department of Education & Early Childhood Development. There is no fee for our services.

Eastern Counties Regional Library (ECRL)

Hours of Operation:

Tuesday: 9:00am-12:00pm & 12:30-2:30pm

Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday: 12:30pm-5:30pm

Saturday: 9:00am-12:00pm & 12:30-2:30pm

Visit Sherbrooke Public Library this winter and escape the chill into a new world! Discover a new favorite, take a brain break with our selection of word puzzles and coloring sheets, or bring a friend and try some of our puzzles or board games. Don't forget to stop by to restock on menstrual or incontinence products for you or someone you know!

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.

NS RCMP

Prioritize off-highway vehicle (OHV) safety this winter. Whether you're on an ATV, side-by-side, or other OHV: Wear a helmet; helmets are required by law for all OHVs. Ride sober; riding under the influence of drugs or alcohol is illegal. Only ride with the number of passengers your OHV allows. Ride in single file, keep a safe distance, and stick to designated trails. Supervise youth riders and travel in a group. All OHV riders must obtain a safety training certificate (some exceptions apply). For more info visit <https://novascotia.ca/road-trails-actoverview/> & <https://nslegislature.ca/sites/default/files/>

SHOPS

SHOPS would love to congratulate our latest winner and a great supporter of our SHOPS toonie draw, congratulations BOB WEAGLE winning \$1,629.00! Don't forget to play your toonies by noon every Tuesday for your chance to win! Pre-play options are available, please contact for more details. We also offer confidential shredding services @ \$1.00 per pound and laundry service @ \$7.00 a load, wash dried and folded, have any recyclables (bottles, cans, glass bottles) kicking around? SHOPS has a refundable drop off located behind the bus garage on old road hill, have bottles you'd like to donate but no drive? Give us a call and we can pick them up within Sherbrooke! Any services YOU use pays our participants for all their hard work! As always if you have any questions regarding our services or toonie related questions please give us a call at 902-318-7467 Monday to Friday, 8:00 am until 3:00 pm. Or send us a Facebook message!

Guysborough Adult Learning Association (GALA)

A series of workshops, developed by ABC Life Literacy Canada, empowering Canadians to confidently manage their health, advocate for their families, and navigate healthcare effectively.

Healthy Caregiving

Tuesday, February 11, 2025 (Storm date: February 18) at 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM at Goshen Community Centre

Organizing Care

Tuesday, March 18, 2025 (Storm date: March 25) at 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM at Goshen Community Centre Refreshments will be served, Door Prize Draw at each session! For more information, contact 902-533-4252.

Guysborough Adult Learning Association (GALA)

GALA offers programs to help develop and enhance computer skills, work-related skills, soft skills, and other essential skills. We also help people prepare for the CAEC (Canadian Adult Education Credential which replaced the GED which ended in May 2024). Our computer program includes: basic computer skills, email, social media skills, online safety, soft skills and so much more! **We can help you learn how to use many devices including computers & laptops, Chromebooks, smartphones, tablets & iPads.** These skills help people succeed in the workplace, in the classroom, in their community as volunteers, and in other activities of daily life. Our programs are open to any adult who is 18 years or older and is a Canadian citizen. We have classes in Guysborough, Canso, Sherbrooke, Goshen and Mulgrave. We can also do online classes and packages. We offer Family Literacy programs including free books for children (depending on availability). All GALA programs are FREE. We may be able to provide support for transportation to our classes. To find out more or to register for our programs, please call 902-533-4252 or email: admin@guysboroughlearning.ca

Community News & Events

Greenfield Oldsters

Auction 45 is on Tuesday's at 1:00 pm. 8 rounds per hand, Admission \$5.00 per person, with a 50/50 draw and cash prizes. Contact Gloria at 902-870-1512.

Cribbage is on Thursday's at 7:00 pm. No partner necessary. Admission \$5.00 per person, with a 50/50 draw and cash prizes. There will be 8 games. Contact John Watson at 902-823-2247.

Sonora/St. Mary's River Community Centre

Crokinole will be held each Thursday evening starting January 9, 2025.

Our next senior social will be held Wednesday February 5, 2025 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, Come out and join us.

St. Mary's District Lions Club

St Mary's District Lions will be holding their Annual Heart and Stroke Luncheon on Saturday February 8 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm.

Cost of Meal is by DONATION, all donations are for the NS Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Your choice of Chilli or Turkey Soup/ Biscuit/Dessert/ Tea/Coffee. Eat in or Takeout.

St Mary's District Lions Weekly Wednesday Bingo will be returning on Wednesday April 2, 2025.

Liscomb Legion Branch 86

Open Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm. Pool table, shuffleboards, canteen, and bar. WIFI is available at the Legion Hall, inquire at the bar. Debit is available, No credit card & no tap available.

Membership Renewal & Donation can be made by cash, debit, cheques or e-transfer at branch86rcl@gmail.com. The Membership fee is \$50. We thank you for your continued support. Together we make a difference!

Royal Canadian Legion Nova Scotia Weekly 50/50 Fundraiser (Rafflebox) - Please help us grow our Jackpot by sharing the draw with your family & friends.

<https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/rclns/58>

Cribbage Thursday and Saturday at 7:30 pm.

Shuffleboard every Friday at 7:00 pm.

Bar/Hall Manager: If you haven't met Doug, please stop in and say hello. **Check our Facebook group** for updates and Notable Dates in February. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/381388507073984>

Pickleball

Wednesday's at 6:00 pm in the SMECA gym. Paddles are available, previous experience is not required, play for fun, laughs and healthy competition.

Nova Scotia Firefighters Weekly 50/50

Support your local fire department. Draw is every Thursday. Purchase your ticket(s) at www.firefighters5050.com

Greenfield Oldsters: Space Available

The Greenfield Oldsters Club has space available for lease at its building, 7575 Highway 348 in Melrose. The space is approx. 200 square feet and includes heating and lights. The tenant would have access to washrooms, and ample parking. Interested parties are asked to contact John Watson by email at: john.jd.watson@gmail.com or by phone 902-823-2247.

Indian Harbour Lake/Jordanville Community Centre

The next hall meeting will be Monday, February 10, 2025 at 1:00 pm. Everyone welcome. The next social will be Friday, February 14, 2025 and Friday, March 14, 2025, They will begin at 10:00 am. The Municipality of the District of St. Mary's supports these social events.

St. Mary's ATV Club

St. Mary's ATV Club has changed the 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 regular monthly meetings at the Indian Harbour Lake and Jordanville Community Centre at 6:00 pm on the February 12, 2025. Also, you can purchase 50/50 ticket(s) for the ATVANS monthly draw and choose St. Mary's ATV Club. When you select St. Mary's ATV Club, 40% of the sales goes to the club. 2025 registrations are now available at Fraser's Garage 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.

Culture Club Sherbrooke

Artist Group Show at Culture Club Sherbrooke

Gallery 17, Opening Reception: Friday January 31, 2025 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Artists: Tom Lowe and Friedhelm Wolfrat. If you are not able to join the opening but would like to visit the International Artist Group Show call for an appointment. The show is running until Saturday March 15, 2025. , Meinhard Pfanner, Gallery 17, 17 Main Street, Sherbrooke NS, B0J 3C0, Phone: 902-318-1699 Email:

ccs21@mail.com **Jazz Music Session** with Paul Tynan/ Jake Hanlon Duo on Saturday February 15, 2025 at 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm at Culture Club Sherbrooke.

Country Harbour Gun Club

Spaghetti Dinner Saturday, February 1, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm, \$15 per person includes spaghetti, caesar salad, garlic bread, and dessert.

pick up, pre order or walk In.. Call 902-328-2210

Country Breakfast

Saturday, February 15, from 8:30 am to 10:00 am Adults \$12 , Children \$5, 5 & under are free.

Concert Series Saturday, February 22, from 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm, Admission \$15 per person. Light lunch served, bar will be open.

Monthly BINGO

Thursday, February 27, 2025 at 7:30 pm.



SMART-GO

ST. MARY'S ASSOCIATION FOR RURAL TRANSIT



REDUCED RATES AVAILABLE

Are you on a fixed income?

Do you need transportation to grocery shopping, medical appointments, or social events?

**CALL (902) 522-2000
TO APPLY FOR SMART-GO'S
FARE REDUCTION PROGRAM**



HOW TO BOOK A RIDE:

Call (902) 522-2000

or email info@smart-go.ca

Rides must be pre-booked by 3pm the day before.

For all non-flexible trips (medical appointments) we recommend contacting us as far in advance as possible.



GRANTS TO ORGANIZATIONS *APPLICATION*

Municipality of the District of St. Mary's Box 296, 8296 Highway 7, Sherbrooke, NS B0J 3C0

Phone: (902) 522-2049 Fax: (902) 522-2309 Email: council@saint-marys.ca

Overview

The Municipality of the District of St. Mary's provides grants to organizations annually through an application process to Council with focus on capital projects. Organizations must be active with Registry of Joint Stocks and must be located within the Municipality or serve/benefit residents within the Municipality.

Grant Timing

Grant applications are accepted until February 15th.

Grant Eligibility

- Organization must be within the Municipality or serve/benefit residents within the Municipality.
- Organizations must be active with registry of joint stocks - or – provide evidence of incorporation under the Societies Act of Nova Scotia and identify how long the applying organization has existed, or if co-sponsored similar proof from the co-sponsoring organization.
- Organizations are only eligible if they have not received the grant within the last two years.

Grant Criteria

- Grants to Organizations focus on capital projects, program costs are eligible if they are not ordinary operating costs of an organization.
- A demonstrated need must be shown to exist and shall be the deciding factor for approval. Need shall be defined as a situation where applicant does not have sufficient resources to carry out a particular activity, task, or service to the community.
- Organizations may be requested to make a presentation on their request Council.
- Grants are meant to be of a specific nature and shall not be construed as being a regular or annual occurrence.
- Any group or project cannot exceed funding of more than 50% of the total funds allocated in the Grants to Organizations category.
- Funds are not to be used for any personal gain or for any commercial or private enterprise.
- There is a minimum total project of \$2000 for the applicant with the potential to receive up to 50% funding from the Municipality.

Documents to Include with the Application

- Most recent Annual Financial Statement (Income Statement and Balance Sheet) – along with a copy of the Motion where the statements were approved by your organization.
- Current Year to Date Income Statement.

Notification & Grant Distribution

- Successful organizations will receive 80% of the funding up front. The remaining 20% will be released after reporting all expenses of the project and completing the Grants to Organization Funding Evaluation form. If the form is not completed the organization/group will not be eligible for a grant in the following year of eligibility.
- The Grants to Organization Funding Evaluation Form must be completed by February 15th of the current fiscal year. The Grants to Organization Funding Evaluation which is due by February 15th, 2025.

Reporting

If the Organization receives \$1000 or more the Grants to Organization Funding Evaluation Form must be completed by February 15th of the current fiscal year.

Application forms can be picked up at the Municipal Office or online by visiting: www.saint-marys.ca

WE'RE HIRING

Active Living Coordinator

The Municipality is seeking an enthusiastic candidate to fill the role of Active Living Coordinator for St. Mary's.

Responsibilities

- Coordinate and implement the St. Mary's Active Living Strategy.
- Assist with and/or coordinate events to support and implement active living opportunities within the events.
- Manage the St. Mary's Fitness Centre.
- Management of Municipality's Equipment Loan Program.

Qualifications

- Degree or Diploma in: Recreation & Leisure Services Management, Community Development, Human Kinetics or related field, or a combination of education and experience that demonstrate the ability to be effective in the position.
- Hold a valid driver's license.

Submission Deadline:

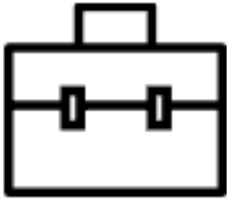
Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Benefits:

Salary: \$44,600 to \$55,750 per year pending final approval.
Pension & Health Insurance

Send your CV and portfolio to:
mallory.fraser@saint-marys.ca

For more information:
<https://www.saint-marys.ca/job-opportunity-active-living-coordinator-1.html>



Employment Opportunity



Community Project Support Coordinator

The Municipality of the District of St. Mary's is seeking an individual with proven skills and capability in project management who is ready to assist with initiatives that will help realize the great potential of St. Mary's and its residents. This position is a 25-week term position, 35 hours per week at \$25 an hour. Key work location shall be the Municipal Office, 8296 Hwy 7, Sherbrooke, Nova Scotia.

Education and Qualifications:

1. Certificates in project management, tourism, business, marketing, economic development, or a related field of study, (or equivalent experience).
2. Experience and proven success in project management work.
3. Excellent communication, interpersonal and organizational skills with specific emphasis on business writing and business proposal writing skills.
4. Familiar with municipal government operations.

Applications, resumes, and cover letters will be accepted until the position is filled.

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For more information about the recruitment, please visit:

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Solid Waste Winter 2025 Collection Schedule

Eastern Shore Cartage: 1-800-261-0372 or 902-885-2382



Tuesday ZONE 1	Wednesday ZONE 2	Thursday ZONE 3
February 4 Recyclables Only	February 5 Recyclables Only	February 6 Recyclables Only
February 11 Garbage Only and 1 Bulky Item	February 12 Garbage Only and 1 Bulky Item	February 13 Garbage Only and 1 Bulky Item
February 18 Recyclables Only	February 19 Recyclables Only	February 20 Recyclables Only
February 25 Garbage Only and 1 Bulky Item	February 26 Garbage Only and 1 Bulky Item	February 27 Garbage Only and 1 Bulky Item
March 4 Recyclables Only	March 5 Recyclables Only	March 6 Recyclables Only
March 11 Garbage Only and 1 Bulky Item	March 12 Garbage Only and 1 Bulky Item	March 13 Garbage Only and 1 Bulky Item
March 18 Recyclables Only	March 19 Recyclables Only	March 20 Recyclables Only
March 25 Garbage Only and 1 Bulky Item	March 26 Garbage Only and 1 Bulky Item	March 27 Garbage Only and 1 Bulky Item
April 1 Recyclables Only	April 2 Recyclables Only	April 3 Recyclables Only
April 8 Garbage Only and 1 Bulky Item	April 9 Garbage Only and 1 Bulky Item	April 10 Garbage Only and 1 Bulky Item
April 15 Recyclables Only	April 16 Recyclables Only	April 17 Recyclables Only
April 22 Garbage Only and 1 Bulky Item	April 23 Garbage Only and 1 Bulky Item	April 24 Garbage Only and 1 Bulky Item
April 29 Recyclables Only	April 30 Recyclables Only	May 1 Recyclables Only
May 6 Garbage Only and 1 Bulky Item	May 7 Garbage Only and 1 Bulky Item	May 8 Garbage Only and 1 Bulky Item
May 13 Recyclables Only	May 14 Recyclables Only	May 15 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.
QUESTIONS? Call Eastern Shore Cartage 1-800-261-0372 or 902-855-2382

*Weekly Pickup: June 1 – September 31

*Bi-Weekly Pickup: October 1 – May 31

To view the garbage schedule visit: <https://www.saint-marys.ca/waste-management.html>

February 2025 Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	League Curling 5:30pm-8:30pm IHL/Jordanville Meeting 7:00pm	Maple Manor Tea 9:30am Greenfield Oldsters Auction 45's at 1:00pm Drop In Curling 6:30pm - 8:00pm IHL/Jordanville Community Centre Auction 45's 7:30pm	Sonora Senior Social 10:00am Goshen Community Centre GameDay 1:00pm Girls Group 2:30pm-4:00pm Pickleball 6:00pm Open Gym 6:00pm - 8:00pm Adult Hockey 7:00pm - 9:00pm COTW Meeting 6:00pm	House League Hockey 6:00pm Liscomb Legion Cribbage 7:30pm Greenfield Oldsters Cribbage 7:30pm 50+ Hockey 8:00pm - 9:00pm	Liscomb Legion Shuffleboard 7:00pm	House League Hockey 10:00am - 12:00pm Lions Heart & Stroke Luncheon 11:30am - 1:00pm Free Skate 1:00pm - 2:00pm Liscomb Legion Cribbage 7:30pm Municipal Transfer Station Open 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	League Curling 5:30pm-8:30pm Regular Council Meeting 6:00pm	Maple Manor Tea 9:30am Greenfield Oldsters Auction 45's at 1:00pm Drop In Curling 6:30pm - 8:00pm IHL/Jordanville Community Centre Auction 45's 7:30pm	Goshen Community Centre GameDay 1:00pm Girls Group 2:30pm-4:00pm Open Gym 6:00pm - 8:00pm Adult Hockey 7:00pm - 9:00pm	House League Hockey 6:00pm Liscomb Legion Cribbage 7:30pm Greenfield Oldsters Cribbage 7:30pm 50+ Hockey 8:00pm - 9:00pm	Liscomb Legion Shuffleboard 7:00pm	House League Hockey 10:00am - 12:00pm Free Skate 1:00pm - 2:00pm Culture Club Jazz Session 7:00pm - 9:00pm Liscomb Legion Cribbage 7:30pm
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Heritage Day	Maple Manor Tea 9:30am Greenfield Oldsters Auction 45's at 1:00pm IHL/Jordanville Community Centre Auction 45's 7:30pm	Goshen Community Centre GameDay 1:00pm Girls Group 2:30pm-4:00pm Open Gym 6:00pm - 8:00pm Adult Hockey 7:00pm - 9:00pm COTW Meeting 6:00pm	House League Hockey 6:00pm Liscomb Legion Cribbage 7:30pm Greenfield Oldsters Cribbage 7:30pm 50+ Hockey 8:00 pm - 9:00pm	Liscomb Legion Shuffleboard 7:00pm	House League Hockey 10:00am - 12:00pm Free Skate 1:00pm - 2:00pm Country Harbour Concert 7:00pm - 9:30pm Liscomb Legion Cribbage 7:30pm Municipal Transfer Station Open 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
23	24	25	26	27	28	
	Municipal Office Closed	Maple Manor Tea 9:30am Greenfield Oldsters Auction 45's at 1:00pm Drop In Curling 6:30pm - 8:00pm IHL/Jordanville Community Centre Auction 45's 7:30pm	Goshen Community Centre GameDay 1:00pm Girls Group 2:30pm-4:00pm Open Gym 6:00pm - 8:00pm Adult Hockey 7:00pm - 9:00pm	House League Hockey 6:00pm Liscomb Legion Cribbage 7:30pm Greenfield Oldsters Cribbage 7:30pm Country Harbour Bingo 7:30pm 50+ Hockey 8:00pm - 9:00pm	Liscomb Legion Shuffleboard 7:00pm	House League Hockey 10:00am - 12:00pm Free Skate 1:00pm - 2:00pm Liscomb Legion Cribbage 7:30pm