



Municipality of the District of St. Mary's Newsletter

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Meetings of Council

The next regular meeting of Municipal Council is Wednesday, March 19 at the Municipal Office in Sherbrooke at 6:00 pm. Committee of the Whole meetings will take place Wednesday, March 5 at 6:00pm and Wednesday, March 19 at 6:30pm. in Council Chambers. Agendas, packages, minutes and audio files are available at www.saint-marys.ca.

Warden's Message

Spring is just around the corner (March 20 for those who are counting!) But that does not mean the end of great winter activities is slowing down at all. Winter Fun Fest will be happening on March 8 & 9. Mallory has lots of events for everyone. Sledding (snow permitting of course,) free skates, a talent show, bon fire, and more, what's not to like? Check back for further details. A belated congratulations to Tammie Vautour and Beanie's Bistro for winning the prestigious Community Engagement Award from the Restaurant Association of Nova Scotia.

Do you redeem your bottles and cans for cash? Here is a helpful hint when dropping them off to the redemption center. Pre-counting is good. It helps the folks at the redemption center, they appreciate it. However, please be sure to have the items separated for them (Bottles with bottles, cans with cans, wine and liquor bottles together.) This will help you get in and out with a minimum of effort.

An update on C&D disposal, we are working with provincial officials to get the final sign-off of the (now gone) waste and a permit for drop off bins. It's still looking like we'll be able to offer this service for our residents in the coming months. Fingers crossed.

Check this newsletter and take advantage of the many activities going on this month and most of all, Happy (almost) Spring.

Warden, James Fuller

Change to COTW/Council Meetings Dates

On February 10, 2025 Council passed a motion to agree to change the regular council meeting from the second Monday at 6:00pm every month to the third Wednesday at 6:00 pm every month followed by a COTW meeting directly afterwards.

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>.

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.

St. Patrick's Day

Celebrated on March 17, honors St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, and has become a global celebration of Irish culture. Originally a religious feast day, it now includes parades, music, dancing, and wearing green to symbolize the lush Irish landscape and the shamrock St. Patrick used to explain the Holy Trinity. Across the world, people come together to celebrate with traditional Irish foods, drinks, and festivities, making it a day of joy and unity for all.

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Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the April Municipal Newsletter is Wednesday, March 19 at 4:00pm. 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 9:00am to 4:30pm and every second Saturday from 10:00am to 3:00pm. Visit saint-marys.ca/facilities. for more information. Saturdays the Transfer Station is open Saturday, March 8 and Saturday, March 22.

MacMillan's Recyclable Pickup

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

March 12, 2025 - Happy St. Patrick's 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 10:00pm to 7:00am 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 6:00pm to 8:00pm! 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!

Drop In Curling

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

Free Skate

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

50+ Hockey

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

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 7:00pm 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 10:00am-12:00pm. Stop by to catch the kids on the ice and support the program by grabbing a snack and hot drink from the canteen.

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.

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 2:30pm to 4:00pm 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!

Congregational Services

Goshen Gospel Church

20672 Highway 316 Goshen, 902-783-2972

Pastors: John Luten, Kenan Grant

Worship and Fellowship Service - Sunday at 11:00am

Eagles, children's program - Monday at 6:00pm

Bible Study and Prayer - Thursday at 1:00pm

Ladies Fellowship - every second Tuesday of the month.

Men's Breakfast - Saturday at 8:30am, next: March 15.

Indian Harbour Lake Pentecostal Church.

March 02 at 10:30am

March 09 at 10:30am

March 16 at 10:30am

March 23 at 10:30am

March 30 at 10:30am

Memorial Hymn Sing, March 13, 2025 at 6:30pm.

To remember and celebrate the memory of our loved ones, If you have a hymn that you would like to have sung in their memory, please let me know by March 13 at ihlpcpastor@oulook.com or phone 902-522-2759 and leave a message.

This event will last one hour and will have opportunity to share about your loss and to light a candle in memory of your love ones. All are welcome.

St. Mary's Pastoral Charge

9:30am at St. John's, Sherbrooke

11:00am at Kirk, Aspen

6:30pm at Bethany/Zion at Bethany, East River, St. Mary's

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, at 2:00pm at Jo-Ann MacGrath's in Aspen.

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

Youth Group - (our charge's program for youth, grades 9 -12) 7:30pm-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 - Thursdays, 7:00pm -8:00pm at St. John's United Church, Sherbrooke. *Closed means attendance is limited to those who have a desire to stop drinking.

Calvary Faith Baptist Church, Sonora

Weekly Bible Study and Prayer Meeting Wednesdays at 7:00pm. Pastor: Wayne Bray, 902-522-2520

March 2 at 6:00pm

March 9 at 11:00am

March 16 at 6:00pm

March 23 at 11:00am

March 30 at 6:00pm

Economic Development

Government of Nova Scotia—Tariff Response Hotline

Potential US tariffs on Canadian goods entering the United States may pose challenges for Nova Scotians. The Nova Scotia government is working closely with the Federal government to ensure a coordinated response. Understanding concerns of Nova Scotia businesses and individuals will help inform government's approach. If you have questions about tariffs visit: <https://novascotia.ca/tariffs/> or call 1-800-670-4357.

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.

Screen Nova Scotia/ Tourism Nova Scotia

To further support the new **Distant Location Incentive** introduced as part of the NS Film and Television Production Fund, Screen Nova Scotia is seeking rural property owners to list their properties as potential filming locations. Interested in seeing your location on the big screen? Screen Nova Scotia is promoting a property registration program for property owners to list their properties as potential filming locations for the consideration of local, national and international producers. The **Starring Your Property** program allows owners to include their home or business as a potential filming location for feature films, television series, music videos, and commercials. The database currently lists over 1000 properties, but with the recent announcement of the new **Distant Location Incentive**, which incentivizes film producers to expand their projects into rural areas, Screen Nova Scotia is especially interested in registering properties from outside of the HRM to the database. Visit: <https://tourismns.ca/news/intouch-blog/screen-nova-scotia-starring-your-property-program>

CBDC

Micro Loans available. A Financing program for small and medium sized businesses. Loans up to \$20,000, 5.5% Interest, No application fee, Fast approvals, and Flexible Repayment Plans. Call 902-533-2770 or email: wanda.macdonald@cbdc.ca for more information.

NS Provincial Budget 2025 to 2026

Budget 2025-26 lays the groundwork to strengthen our economy and create our own opportunities for the future. It invests in supporting local businesses and industries, creating good paying jobs to lift up our communities, and unlocking our resource potential. Visit: <https://novascotia.ca/budget/>

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 CBDs. Visit www.SkillsOnlineNS.ca

Nova Scotia Young Farmers Leadership Development Opportunity

Nova Scotia Young Farmers recognizes the importance of continuous learning and networking in agriculture. By attending conferences, young farmers can build leadership skills, meet new people in the industry, and gain insights into emerging trends, innovative practices, and new technologies that can enhance their farming operations and the industry in general. This opportunity is designed to empower young agricultural professionals, strengthen the industry, and foster a culture of knowledge-sharing within the local farming community. Investing in young farmers today ensures a more resilient and sustainable future for Nova Scotia's agricultural sector.

This **leadership development opportunity** will support young farmers in attending national or local agricultural or leadership conferences to enhance their knowledge, skills, and networks. Successful candidates can have registration, accommodation, and travel expenses provided, go to website for details. <https://nsyoungfarmers.ca/resources-2/>

Government of Canada - Business Benefits Finder

The Innovation Canada Benefits Finder is an online tool to help find programs and services for businesses in Canada. Whether you're an entrepreneur, a business, or a not-for-profit organization. Tell us your story. Visit: https://innovation.canada.ca/innovation/s/?language=en_CA

IGNITE Atlantic

IGNITE Atlantic is a rural innovation hub dedicated to sparking change in rural communities throughout Nova Scotia with two offices in Yarmouth and New Glasgow. We have a focus on helping early-stage companies get off the ground and are committed to fostering a culture of innovation. By bringing together youth, communities, startups, and industries we aim to explore and implement solutions that create opportunities across the province. Visit: <https://igniteatlantic.com/>

Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada

Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED) works with Canadians in all areas of the economy and in all parts of the country to improve conditions for investment, enhance Canada's innovation performance, increase Canada's share of global trade and build a fair, efficient and competitive marketplace. Visit: <https://ised-isde.canada.ca/site/ised/en>

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.

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/>

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.

Sherbrooke Opportunity Society (SHOPS)

SHOPS offers laundry service at \$7 a load, this includes wash, dried & 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.

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/>

Kids First Programs

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 31, 2024. Please call/text Paula at 902-870-7437 or email parentingjourney@kids1st.ca if you would like to register your child. 9:30am -11:00am.

Wednesdays at Kids First in Sherbrooke– Play group open to all parents/caregivers and children age birth to six years. 10:00am -11:30am. Healthy snack provided. 10:00am-11:30am. 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 text/call Paula at 902-870-7437 or email parentingjourney@kids1st.ca

Eastern Counties Regional Library (ECRL)

Visit Sherbrooke Public Library this winter and escape the chill into a new world! Discover a new favourite, take a brain break with our selection of word puzzles and colouring 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!

Tuesday from 9:00am-12:00pm & 12:30pm-2:30pm
Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 12:30pm-5:30pm

Saturday from 9:00am-12:00pm & 12:30pm-2:30pm
Visit the library to use the computers, browse and borrow books, movies, and more. We also have a Community Use Room that individuals or groups can book (free of charge). 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 current by following ECRL on social media: facebook.com/ECRLibrary | twitter.com/ecrlibrary.

Community News & Events

Stillwater Community Centre

The Stillwater Spring Card Parties will begin on Friday, April 4 and end on June 27.
Please join us for some fun and an evening of cards.
Open Friday nights at 7:00pm. Doors open at 6:45pm.

Senior Luncheon Club

Location: Moser River Community Hall
Date: March 25, 2025 at 12:00pm
Ham, veggies, and dessert will be served. Donation box at the door. Music prior to the serving. Free Bingo following.

Tea & Talk

Sherbrooke Village Exhibit Centre
Wednesday, March 19, 1:00pm.
Emma Lang, Executive Director

Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia

Do you want to learn how to research older buildings in Nova Scotia? Have you ever wondered what it means to register a heritage property with a municipality or the province? Do you own a property that's already registered and want to know what that means? This presentation will explore how to research older buildings in Nova Scotia including tips, tricks, and helpful resources. We'll also talk about the whys and hows of registering a heritage property in the province. This talk is for everyone, property owners, those who maintain heritage sites and or anyone interested in heritage preservation.

Culture Club Sherbrooke

Classical Music Concert

Sunday, March, 9 at 3:00pm-4:00pm
with Christina Boyer, Jen Yang and Emery van de Wiel
RSVP by March 7!

Stand-Up Comedy with host Isaac Patton

Friday, March, 14 at 7:00pm-8:00pm RSVP by March 12!

Finissage Art Show

Saturday, March, 15 at 7:00pm-9:00pm
with Artist Tom Lowe and Friedhelm Wolfrat
Registration Encouraged - Save your Seat by email:
ccs21@mail.com

St. Mary's Shooters Association

St Mary's Shooters Association has about 90 paid up members so far for 2025. Members are asked to please check membership cards to see if you are up to date. The calendar of events has been made up for 2025. Sunday May 4 will be the Spring Meeting at the Stillwater Centre. 9558 Hwy 7 Stillwater at 2:00pm topics discuss the shoots, work to be done on range, financial status. The St Marys Shooters Association will conduct a Canada Firearms Safety Course (NON RESTRICTED) on Saturday May 10 starting at 9:00am. Register online & pay online at Safety Services Nova Scotia 12 seats available.

Sonora/St. Mary's River Community Centre

Crokinole will be held each Thursday evening at 7:00pm. Our next Socials will be held;
Wednesday March 12 at 10:00am and Wednesday April 9 at 10:00am.

Guysborough County Home Support Agency Society

Guysborough County Home Support Agency Society is governed by a volunteer Board of Director. Its Mission Statement is to provide Home Support Services for unmet, authorized needs of clients thus enabling these people to remain independent in their own homes under viable conditions as long as possible.

Sherbrooke Village Legion Hall

March 5, at 2:00pm Swearing in of new members, for those looking for uniforms please check with Stellarton Legion. Light lunch will be served.

Coffee and Connections in Melrose

Regular meeting: Friday's at 10:00 to 12:00pm.
Come join us for a coffee or tea, meet with others from the neighborhood, help us set up local bulk purchasing, or just kick up your heels and have a gab.
Coffee and Connection: meets every FRIDAY from 10:00am-12:00pm at the Greenfield Oldsters Clubhouse in Melrose. Kids and babies welcome. Contact Liz for more information: zets@duck.com

Annual Meeting of Saint John's Liscomb Cemetery Society

held at 7:00pm on Tuesday, March 4, at the home of Judy Hartling, 5055 Highway 7, Liscomb. Wednesday, March 5 will be our storm date, just in case we have to postpone. Please mark this on your calendar and plan to attend, so we can continue to arrange for the on-going care and maintenance of our community cemetery. We are always happy to welcome new members! 2025 dues of \$10 per person are now due and can be paid at that time or given / sent to Rachel Baker, Treasurer. For further information, please call Ruth Legge at 902-779-2931 or Rachel Baker at 902-870-4214.

Indian Harbour Lake/Jordanville Community Centre

The next hall meeting will be on Monday March 10 at 7:00pm. Everyone welcome. The next social will be on Friday March 14 beginning at 10:00am. The Municipality of the District of St. Mary's supports these socials.

Country Harbour Gun Club

March 1 - Benefit Concert for Todd Maclsaac
Starting at 7:00pm
March 15 - Breakfast 8:30am to 10:00am
Adults \$12 Children 6 to 12 \$5 5 & Under Free
March 27 - Bingo Night
Starts at 7:30pm

Wine Harbour Community Clean Up

Sunday, April 13 at 1:00pm to 2:00pm at 215 Wine Harbour Road. Our Community needs a clean up! We all love Wine Harbour and now Wine Harbour needs us! Come take an hour to clean up the beach, the roadways, and into the woods every year. The Community gets better and better. Please bring your own gloves, and dress for the weather.

Community News & Events

Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board – Water Rate Study

In the matter of an application by the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's, on behalf of Sherbrooke Water Utility, for approval of amendment to its Schedule of Rates and Charges for Water and Water Services and amendments to its Schedule of Rules and Regulations. This matter will be considered in a public hearing as follows:

Hearing starts: Monday, March 31, 2025 at 11:00am

Evening Session: Monday, March 31, 2025 at 7:00pm

Hearing Location: St. Mary's Municipality Council Chambers, Board Hearings are open to the public and you may participate as follows: You may speak at the hearing. You must notify the Board by Thursday, March 13, 2025, of your request to speak. You may make written comments by sending a letter to the Clerk of the Board at P.O. Box 1692, Unit "M", Halifax, NS B3J 3S3, or by email at: board@novascotia.ca or by fax at 902-424-3919 by Thursday, March 13, 2025. You may request formal standing as an Intervenor, subject to Board approval. This will allow you to present evidence or cross-examine witnesses. Your request must be received by the Board by Thursday, February 6, 2025, and a copy of your written evidence by Thursday, March 13, 2025.

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 086

Open Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 6:00pm to 11:00pm. Pool table, shuffleboards, canteen, and bar. Cribbage Thursday and Saturday at 7:30pm. Shuffleboard Fridays at 7:00pm. WIFI available at the Legion Hall, inquire at the bar. Debit is available, No credit card.

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! Check our Facebook page for Notable Dates in March.

Crib Tournament:

Another successful Crib Tournament. Thank you to all the participant for supporting the Legion. Thank you to the people that brought the delicious food and thank you to all the volunteers.

First prize went to Lloyd Hape

Second prize went to Elaine MacDonald

Third prize went to Scott Pye

Lucky winners of the skunk prizes went to Allan Nauffts and Eric Nauffts

50/50 winner Keith Lewis and Melissa Mackeen.

Thank you again for the support and we look forward to the next tournament

Volunteers Needed Our Branch thrives on the dedication of volunteers who make it possible to deliver programs for our members, Veterans, and the community. We're always in need of volunteers for various activities like suppers/lunch fundraisers, dances, meals, bartending, and more. If you're interested in helping out with a specific event, we'd love to hear from you. Please reach out to us at branch86rcl@gmail.com. Your support in volunteering at your local Legion makes all the difference.

Goshen Community Recreation & Centre

Bargain Shop opened every Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 1:00pm- 3:00pm. Donation of items can be dropped off at this time.

Game Day Wednesday 1:00pm-4:00pm.

Cribbage No Partner required Tuesday's 7:30pm, Admission fee \$5.00.

Coffee Breaks will be on March 10 and 24 starting at 9:30am. Friday Night Supper will be held March 28 from 4:00pm to 6:30pm this will be takeout only to preorder your meal call Laurie at 902-783-2291. For more information and menu follow us on Facebook at Goshen Community Centre. 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.

Sherbrooke Village Children's Workshop

Thursday March 13 at 2:00pm – Baking Workshop

Shake off the winter chill and get hands-on in the kitchen! Our Baking Workshop for Kids is a fun and interactive way for young bakers to learn the joys of making food from scratch. During this 2-hour session, kids will create delicious treats and put together their own recipe book to take home.

Parents/Guardians must accompany children 12 and under. Registration is \$5 plus tax.

Friday March 14 at 2:00pm – Bird Feeder Workshop

Get hands-on with nature during our Bird Feeder Workshop and Nature Walk (weather permitting)! Kids will learn basic woodworking with our Woodturner before building their very own wooden bird feeder. They'll also have the chance to make suet blocks and other nature-based feeders to help local birds thrive. Parents/Guardians must accompany children 12 and under. Registration is \$5 plus tax.

For Sale: Zamboni 520

The Municipality is selling a 1999 propane powered Zamboni model 520 ice resurfacers. This machine has approximately 11,800 running hours. Has brand new studded winter tires installed last year and comes with a spare set of studded winter tires. This machine will also come with 6 spare cutting blades. This will not come with any propane cylinders; this is the buyers responsibility. Always stored in doors. Has had a lot of new parts installed over the past 2 years. Bids will be accepted until February 21, 2025 at noon with a minimum bid of \$2500 plus HST. Where is, as is and the delivery will be at the expense of the purchaser. Full purchase price to be paid within 3 business days from the successful award and buyer has 1-2 weeks to remove the machine from the facility.



TENDER FORM –February 1, 2025

Zamboni Sale by Sealed Tender

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE #: _____ E-MAIL: _____

BID AMOUNT (Minimum bid of \$2,500) _____

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____

Summary Instructions for Sealed Tenders; by signing above the bidder agrees to the Zamboni Sale by tender instructions listed below.

1. One tender form per bidder shall be submitted.
2. The Municipality of the District of St. Mary's makes no representations or warranties to any purchaser regarding the Zamboni offered for sale for any particular use being sold on an "as is" basis.
3. The successful bidder will be given three full business days after the awarding of the tender to pay amount in full.
4. Faxed/electronic tenders will not be considered.



ST. MARY'S BEAT THE WINTER BLUES FUN FEST

**MARCH 8 & 9, 2025
SHERBROOKE, NS**

Saturday, March 8

10am: Stonewall Park Group Hike

11am: Friendship Bracelet workshop at SMECA

1pm: Free skate at the St. Mary's Recplex

3pm: Sledding Party at SMECA

7pm: St. Mary's Got Talent at the St. Mary's District
Lion's Hall, Ages 19+

Sunday, March 9

10am: Brunch & Paint at Beanies

11am: Scrabble Tournament at SMECA

1 pm: Cookie Baking Competition at SMECA

2pm: Capture the Flag at SMECA

Visit www.saint-marys.ca for a detailed
schedule of events.



