



Municipality of the District of St. Mary's Newsletter

April 2026

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Meetings of Council

The next Council Meeting will be on Wednesday, April 15th at 5:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole (COTW) meetings will be held on Wednesday, April 1st and 15th. The annual general Meeting of Council will be on April 27th at 5:30 p.m. The COTW meets at 5:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month. On the third Wednesday, the Council Meeting is held first at 5:00 p.m., followed right after by the COTW meeting. Agendas, minutes, and audio recordings are available at www.saint-marys.ca from the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's.

Warden's Message

As I am writing this Spring is only a week old, and it's snowing. Again. I believe that Shubenacadie Sam should henceforth be declared persona non grata until further notice. Hopefully, by the time our newsletter comes out things will have changed, and Spring will finally be here.

As we all are aware, the potential for devastating budget cuts to social and arts programs are in the offing by the province. Most noticeably, the budget for historic Sherbrooke Village will be slashed in both funds used for operations and for maintenance and upkeep. The village is an important part of our community. They provide employment for many local residents as well as encouraging visitation to all of our local retail and service establishments. The importance of this site (as well as other local programs that provide direct services) was highlighted by the overwhelming attendance at our special council meeting.

What can we all do in response? In addition to making your feelings known to the provincial officials, I would highly suggest that we all make an effort to visit the museum, frequent our local restaurateurs, shop at our local retailers, and show that our community is important and we support each other. If you have out of town friends, encourage them to visit. (Yeah, yeah, I know, they went to the village on a field trip in elementary school,) but it's time they came again. And spend some time frequenting our community.

A reminder that the provincial fire ban is now in place so (if the snow ever melts) please check for the daily status online before you burn.

-Warden, James Fuller

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Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the May 2026 Newsletter is Wednesday, April 15th at 4:00 p.m. Submissions can be made at the Municipal Office, faxed to [902-522-2309](tel:902-522-2309), or emailed to newsletter@saint-marys.ca.

Municipal Transfer Station Hours

Saturday, Apr. 4th: 10:00a.m.-3:30p.m.
Monday, Apr. 6th: Closed
Monday, Apr. 13th: 9:00a.m.-4:30p.m.
Saturday, Apr. 18th: 10:00a.m.-3:30p.m.
Monday, Apr. 20th: 9:00a.m.-4:30p.m.
Monday, Apr. 27th: 9:00a.m.-4:30p.m.
Visit saint-marys.ca/facilities for more information.

Municipal Facilities Closure

The municipal office and transfer station will be closed on Friday, April 3rd for Good Friday and Monday, April 6th for Easter Monday.

MacMillan's Recyclable Collection

Recyclable collection is on the second and fourth Saturday of the month from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the St. Mary's Recplex. For more info call [902-863-1127](tel:902-863-1127).

Low-Income Property Tax Exemption

The Low-Income Property Tax Exemption form is available on Page 9 The deadline to apply is December 31, 2026.

Battery Disposal

You can safely dispose of batteries at the Municipal Office. Safely store your batteries to prevent explosions or damage. Do not dispose of batteries in the garbage or recycling. Check your devices for damaged batteries.

Solid Waste Collection Schedule

The new solid waste collection schedule for April to December can be found on page 11-12. You can also find more information about solid waste and subscribe to receive solid waste collection reminders at <https://www.saint-marys.ca/waste-management.html>.

Department of Community Development & Recreation

St Mary's Co-Ed Adult Recreation Softball League

Looking for a fun way to stay active, meet new people, and enjoy some friendly competition? The Adult Co-Ed Recreational Softball League is back for another season in St. Mary's!

This casual, welcoming league is open to all skill levels—no experience required—and is for ages 14 and up. Games will be held weekly on Tuesdays starting on June 2nd at local fields throughout the Municipality, with affordable registration fees to keep it accessible for everyone. Do you have a team to enter, a home field available, or would you like to umpire? Deadline to submit a team is May 15, 2026, so gather your friends and get ready to play! Help spread the word and join the fun this season! For questions or to provide feedback, contact us at recreation@saint-marys.ca or 902-522-2598.

St. Mary's Youth Co-Ed Softball League

The St. Mary's Youth Co-Ed Softball League is returning for its second season, providing a supportive and fun environment for kids ages 5–9 and 10–14. Participants will focus on skill development, teamwork, and enjoying the game. This program will run on Mondays & Wednesdays from June 1st until August 19th at Veteran's Memorial Ball Field in Spanish Ship Bay. Monday's focus will be on skill development from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. and Wednesday's will be on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. There is a \$25 registration fee per participant. You can register online at [Program Registration Form](#) or stop by the Municipal Office to register in person. Sign up your child and help make this season a home run! If you'd like to volunteer with the program, please contact us at recreation@saint-marys.ca or 902-522-2598. The registration deadline is May 15th.

St. Mary's T-Ball

The St. Mary's T-Ball Program is back for its second season, offering a fun and supportive introduction to softball for children ages 3–5. This program helps little ones develop basic motor skills, learn teamwork, and enjoy being part of a group. T-Ball will take place at the SMECA back field on Thursdays from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. This program will run from June 4th until August 20th. There is a \$10 registration fee per participant. You can register online at [Program Registration Form](#) or stop by the Municipal Office to register in person. If you'd like to volunteer with the program, please contact us at recreation@saint-marys.ca or 902-522-2598. The registration deadline is May 15th.

Contact the Municipality's Accessibility Coordinator

The Municipality of the District of St. Mary's is committed to ensuring that all residents can access our programs, facilities, and services. If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions regarding accessibility, please don't hesitate to contact our Accessibility Coordinator at [902-522-2049](tel:902-522-2049) or info@saint-marys.ca. We are here to help and to make our community welcoming for

St. Mary's Easter Egg Hunt at Sherbrooke Village

Hop on over to Sherbrooke Village on Saturday, April 4th, at 2:00 p.m. for the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's Annual Easter Egg Hunt held in partnership with the Whale Sanctuary! This fun-filled event is open to all ages, with a special hunt for young children in Heritage Park. This free event will take place rain or shine, so dress for the weather and don't forget to bring your own basket or bag!

Eco Explorers

Get ready to explore, discover, and connect with nature! The Eco Explorers Program is a fun and engaging outdoor experience for youth who love being outside and learning about the environment. Participants will enjoy activities like hiking, wildlife observation, nature crafts, and hands-on environmental projects—all while building friendships and developing a deeper appreciation for the natural world. Whether your child is a budding nature lover or just looking to try something new, Eco Explorers is the perfect way to spend time outdoors. Participants must wear appropriate footwear and clothing every week as we will be outside no matter what the conditions are. This a free program for Grades 2-6 and will be held on Wednesdays from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. starting April 15th and running until June 17th. To register visit <https://www.saint-marys.ca/residents/municipal-department-s/recreation/programs-and-activities/program-registration-form.html> or stop by the Municipal Office. For more information contact us at recreation@saint-marys.ca or 902-522-2598.

Equipment Loan Program

The Municipality offers free short-term loans of outdoor equipment to help residents enjoy the spring season. Available equipment includes items such as walking poles, scooters, yard games, and other outdoor recreation gear. There are no rental fees, only a refundable deposit. Calling ahead is recommended to make sure the items you want are available. For more info, call 902-522-2598 or email Recreation@saint-marys.ca.

Join the St. Mary's Active Women's Group!

The Active Women's Group is your weekly go-to for fun, fitness, creativity, and connection. Participants enjoy a mix of fitness classes, outdoor adventures, hikes, craft sessions, wellness activities, and more, with options suitable for all fitness levels. For more information or to register, email Recreation@saint-marys.ca or call 902-522-2598.

St. Mary's Fitness Centre

Get your fob for \$20 & complete a registration package and attend an orientation session and find a buddy to join! For more information or to register, contact Victoria at [902-522-2598](tel:902-522-2598) or Recreation@saint-marys.ca.



join us for an

EASTER EGG HUNT

April 4th, 2026

2:00 p.m. Start at Heritage Park, Sherbrooke Village

Rain or Shine

Children must be accompanied by an adult

Held by the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's in partnership
with the Whale Sanctuary



Department of Economic Development

Business Help Desk

Help Desk link for Business Supports and Inquiries is now up and running on the Municipal website.

If you have business inquires, questions or requests for supports, go to <https://www.saint-marys.ca/business.html> and submit your request.

Get Help Starting A Business: Business Navigators www.novascotia.ca/get-help-starting-business-business-navigators and <https://www.novascotia.ca/documents/starting-business-guide>.

Business Navigators help you understand the steps you need to take when starting a business, including regulations and requirements (like licences, permits and registrations) you need to follow. Business Navigators help you navigate provincial regulations and requirements for new businesses.

A Business Navigator can help you by: Providing an overview of how to start specific types of businesses (like a restaurant or a garage), Identifying what regulations you need to follow, Identifying what licences and permits you need to operate your business , determining any inspection requirements, Providing contact information for additional requirements like financing, taxes and staffing, and Providing resources to help with start-up funding.

St. Mary's Tourism Website

Go to <https://saintmarysnovascotia.com/> to see what St. Mary's Municipality has to offer from activities, to where to eat, and where to stay.

Be sure to also check out the Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/people/St-Marys-Tourism/61575905308792/>

Do you have photos or video you would like to share for use on the St. Mary's Tourism website or social media?

If so you can submit content anytime by going to <https://saintmarysnovascotia.com/contact-us/>

Municipal Business Directory

If you are a local business and are currently listed, take a moment to ensure your information is current, if you are a new or unlisted business and would like to be added go to: <https://www.saint-marys.ca/business-directory.html>

General Business Starter Guide

Review the General Starter Guide for an overview of how to start a business in Nova Scotia.

Access the guide at www.novascotia.ca/documents/starting-business-guide.

Community News & Events

Thank you From Florence Baker

It is with a grateful heart that I wish to thank each and everyone of you who attended my 90th birthday celebration held on February 21st at the Indian Harbour Lake Community Center. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make my birthday such a beautiful memory.

Thank you!

-Florence Baker

2nd Annual Rhubarb Festival

We have started to plan the 2nd Annual Rhubarb Festival and wanted to give you a heads up so you can start thinking about how you can participate.

So, save the date of Saturday June 13th. We are looking for craft vendors, plants or gardening items, yard sale participants and of course ALL THINGS RHUBARB. More information to follow in the coming weeks. Any questions or ideas you can email: kingwellcindy@gmail.com.

Pickleball

Join us Wednesday evenings in the main gym at St. Mary's Education Centre / Academy. Play begins at 6:00 p.m. No experience is needed—we play for exercise, laughs, and fun. All equipment is provided, along with a basic introduction to the game and rules. Clean indoor sneakers are recommended. For more information, call Debbie Feltmate at [902-522-2281](tel:902-522-2281). Hope to see you there!

Wine Harbour Community Clean Up

We all love Wine Harbour, and now Wine Harbour needs us! Come take an hour to cleanup the beach, the roadways and into our woods with friends, and neighbours. Every year, the community gets better and better! Please dress for the weather and bring your own gloves. April 26th, 2026 215 Wine Harbour Rd, Wine Harbour 1-2 p.m.

Port Bickerton Rain Barrel Sale

The Port Bickerton & Area Planning Association has teamed-up with RainBarrel.ca to hold a rain barrel fundraising sale in support of the Port Bickerton Lighthouse. The affordable, high quality, food-grade rain barrels come in various sizes & colours and each includes a leaf and mosquito filter basket, spigot/tap, overflow adaptor and overflow hose. Other related products are also available for sale. This sale will take place online with pick-up on Saturday, May 23rd, 9 a.m.-noon at Kaiser Marine Inc., 4807 NS-211, Bickerton West, NS B0J 1A0. To see the products being offered and to order, go to: rainbarrel.ca and click on "truckload sales". Order early to avoid disappointment.

Compass Rose Quilter Guild

Compass Rose Quilter Guild is hosting their annual quilt show + tea on April 25th from 1-3:30 p.m. at Sherbrooke Village Exhibit Centre. Admission by donation. We would love to see you there.

HAPPY EASTER!



Goshen & Area Volunteer Fire Department

The Annual Ratepayers meeting for the Goshen & Area Volunteer Fire Department will be held on Wednesday April 15th at 7:00 p.m. In the Goshen Community Centre. The annual financial statements for 2025/2026 and the proposed budget for 2026/2027 will be presented and reviewed. The tax levy for 2026/2027 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.

Royal Canadian Legion, Liscomb Branch 86

We are open Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. Pool table, shuffleboards, canteen, and bar. WIFI available at the Legion Hall, inquire at the bar. Debit is available, No credit card & no tap available. Cribbage is every Thursday & Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. Membership Renewal & Donation can be made by cash, debit, cheques or e-transfer at branch86rcl@gmail.com. Free New Membership for 2026. Renew your Legion membership and qualify to WIN a Ford F-150! Add two more chances to win by shopping on the Legion's store and donating to the Poppy Fund! Holiday Closure Liscomb Branch 86 will be closed Good Friday April 3rd We will be open Thursday April 2nd and Saturday April 4th. Stay Tuned Spring Flee Market TBA. Check our Facebook Group for details. Check our Facebook page for any updates and Notable Dates in April.

Ecum Secum Volunteer Fire Department

The Ecum Secum Volunteer Fire Department will hold its Annual General Meeting on April 7th at 7:00 p.m. at the Ecum Secum Fire Hall. The meeting will include a review of the department's 2025 finances and discussion about the future of fire services in our community. All community members are welcome to attend.

Country Harbour Gun Club

Country Breakfast on Saturday April 18th, 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m., 13 plus \$12, 6 to 12 \$5, 5 and under Free. Spring Prize Bingo Sunday April 26th, starts at 2 p.m. Regular Monthly Bingo Thursday April 30th, starts at 7:30 p.m.

Tea & Talk

Join us Wednesday, April 15th, 2:00 p.m. at the Exhibit Centre. Philip Hartling presents an illustrated talk "A Methodical and Accurate Businessman: J.A.S. Wilson, Sherbrooke Druggist and Photographer, 1903-1909" The Tea & Talk series is supported by Sherbrooke Village and the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's.

Goshen Community & Recreation Centre

The Bargain Shop will be open on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Game Day takes place on Wednesdays from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Cribbage is held on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., with no partner required, and an admission fee of \$5.00.

Coffee breaks are held every second Monday, with April dates on the 6th and 20th, starting at 9:30 a.m. Friday Night Supper April 17th from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Pork Roast Dinner \$ 15.00. New this month the Centre is starting a Food Pantry, anyone in need please call Laurie Chisholm to book appointment. Donations of nonperishable food can be dropped off during regular bargain shop hours.

The Goshen Community Centre AGM meeting will be held April 15th, 7:00 p.m. all are welcome to attend. 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.

Greenfield Oldsters

Join us at the Greenfield Oldsters Club in Melrose for a variety of fun and social activities! Every Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., the Club hosts a Craft & Create Coffee Social, where participants can bring their crafting supplies to work on projects or simply enjoy a cup of tea and friendly conversation. Everyone is welcome.

On Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m., join us for Auction 45. Admission is \$5.00 per person, with a 50/50 draw and cash prizes. Cribbage is held on Thursday evenings, with registration starting at 7:00 p.m. and cards beginning at 7:30 p.m. No partner is required. Admission is \$5.00 per person, with 8 games, a 50/50 draw, and cash prizes. The Greenfield Oldsters Club also offers a 200 sq. ft. office space for lease at which includes heat, lights, access to washrooms, a kitchen, and ample parking. For more information about crafting or coffee socials, contact Liz at glene1g@duck.com. For Auction 45, contact Gloria MacKeen at [902-870-1512](tel:902-870-1512), and for office space inquiries, contact John Watson at john.jd.watson@gmail.com or [902-823-2247](tel:902-823-2247).

St. Marys Shooters Association

Spring News From St Marys Shooters Association: Sunday May 3rd Spring Meeting at the Stillwater Community Center, 9558 Hwy 7, at 2 p.m. The summer events will be discussed. Sunday May 17th Military Rifle Shoot at the DNRR range, 9240 Hwy 7.

Community Services

St. Mary's District Food Bank

Please contact [902-833-2920](tel:902-833-2920) to access services. Confidentiality is strictly upheld. There is a donation box 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 for supporting your local Food Bank.

RCMP - From the Cruiser Report

Every month, the RCMP issue a From the Cruiser report to update residents on recent events within the Municipality and to offer safety information. To view the report visit: <https://www.saint-marys.ca/protective-services.html>

Community Services

Eastern Counties Regional Library

Sherbrooke Public Library hours are Tuesday from 9:00 am–12:00 pm and 12:30–2:30 pm; Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 12:30 pm–5:30 pm; and Saturday from 9:00 am–12:00 pm and 12:30–2:30 pm. 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 at no 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 sherbrooke@ecrl.ca, or visit ecrl.ca. Stay current by following ECRL on social media.

Alzheimer Society of Nova Scotia

Caregiver Education Series: This program is for family members and care partners of persons diagnosed with dementia. Participants will learn about the symptoms of dementia, coping strategies, future planning, and available community resources. Registration is required. Sessions will be held at the Sherbrooke Public Library each Wednesday from 1–3pm, beginning April 8 and running until May 13. To register, contact Heather at 902-422-7961 ext. 243 or heather.murdock@asns.ca.

Congregational Services

Calvary Faith Baptist Church

Bible Study and Prayer Meeting Wednesdays at 7pm
Sunday Services as follows:
April 5 11 a.m.
April 12 6 p.m.
April 19 11 a.m.
April 26 6 p.m.
Pastor: Wayne Bray
902-522-2520

Goshen Gospel Church

Sundays at 10:00 : Adult Bible Class at 11:00 a.m. :
Worship and Fellowship Service.
Mondays: Eagles, our children program at 6pm.
Thursdays: Bible Study and Prayer at 1p.m.

Special Announcement: Saturday, May 2 at 1 p.m.- We will host a Creation Ministries seminar in the Goshen Community Centre. It will deal with the origin of the universe, our world, and our hope. We lovingly encourage you to come.

For more information, please call John Luten (902) 318-0711.

Indian Harbour Pentecostal Church

April 3rd: Good Friday Service
Bill Gather Hymn Sing Style
Special guest: Majors Bruce & Mildred Jennings From Truro.
Time: 11 AM All Welcome!
Sunday services are as follows:
April: 05 Time: 10:30 a.m.
April: 12 Time: 10:30 a.m.
April: 19 Time: 10:30 a.m.
April: 26 Time: 10:30 a.m.

Easter Blessing:
"Wishing you and your family a blessed Easter."

Bayview Baptist Church

Easter sunrise service at Bayview Baptist church Liscomb on Easter Sunday April 5 at 7:30. Join us as we celebrate!

Port Hilford United Baptist Church

Services will be held at the Port Hilford church every Sunday at 2pm for the month of April.
Rev. Scott Chandler.

April 2026 Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			Zone 2: Recyclables Kids First Playgroup 9:30 a.m. Goshen Game Day 1 p.m. COTW Meeting 5 p.m. Pickleball 6 p.m.	Zone 3: Recyclables Oldsters Crib 7 p.m. Sonora Crokinole 7 p.m. Liscomb Crib 7:30 p.m.	Good Friday Municipal Office Closed	Transfer Station 10 a.m.—3:30 p.m. Easter Egg hunt 2p.m. Liscomb Crib 7:30 p.m.
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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26	27	28	29	30		
Wine harbour Community Clean up 1-2 p.m. Gun club Spring Prize Bingo 2 p.m.	Transfer Station 9 a.m.—4:30 p.m. AGM—5:30 p.m.	Zone 1: Recyclables Maple Manor Café 9:30 a.m. Oldsters 45s 1 p.m. Goshen Crib 7:30 p.m.	Zone 2: Recyclables Kids First Playgroup 9:30 a.m. Goshen Game Day 1 p.m. Caregiver Education Series 1 – 3p.m. Pickleball 6 p.m.	Zone 3: Recyclables Oldsters Crib 7 p.m. Sonora Crokinole 7 p.m. Gun club monthly bingo 7:30 p.m. Liscomb Crib 7:30 p.m.		



Application for Residential Low Income Property Tax Exemption 2026/2027

The Municipality of the District of St. Mary's provides assistance to homeowners to help pay their residential property taxes. Qualified applicants will receive a credit which is applied directly to the tax account.

To Qualify:

- You must be a **Canadian citizen and permanent resident** of St. Mary's Municipality, and
- Own the assessed property and occupy it as your primary residence, and
- Prior year's property taxes must be paid in full, and
- Annual income from all sources for the previous calendar year for yourself, spouse, and other adults that reside in the same household/assessment account must total to one of the ranges below (based on line 150 of the income tax *Notice of Assessment*), and

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

Total Income Range	Tax Exemption Amount
\$25,776-\$29,899	\$210
\$20,621-\$25,775	\$260
\$15,446-\$20,620	\$310
\$0-\$15,465	\$365

How to Apply:

- After you have filed your personal income tax return for 2025 and received your Notice of Assessment from Canada Revenue Agency, complete the Municipal Application for Residential Low Income Property Tax Exemption form
- Attached copies of the 2025 Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) Notice of Assessment for each adult residing in the home/assessment account
- Sample Notice of Assessment from Canada Revenue Agency (CRA)
- If you do not have your CRA Notice of Assessment for 2025 you can call 1-800-959-8281

Canada Revenue Agency		Agence du revenu du Canada		NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT		T451 E (005)	
Date	Name	Social Insurance no.	Tax year	Tax centre			
May 5, 2007	Jane Doe	123 456 789	2007	Shawinigan QC G9N 7S6			
Summary						000000	
Line						\$ Amount	
150	Total Income.....					00,000	
	Deductions from total income.....					000	
236	Net Income.....					00,000	
260	Taxable Income.....					00,000	

- Applications must be received by the Municipality no later than December 31, 2026
- Applicants must re-apply each year.



Application for Residential Low Income Property Tax Exemption 2026/2027

Tax Account #	
Name of Property Owner(s)	
Complete Mailing Address	
Telephone #	
# of Adults (age 18 or over) residing in home/ assessment account	

- (a) Applicant total income (line 150) \$ _____
- (b) Spouse/Common-Law Partner (line 150) \$ _____
- (c) Other individuals (including tenants living on the AAN or others within the household) (line 150) \$ _____
- TOTAL of all income from above** \$ _____

***Proof of income must be provided (Copy of 2025 CRA Notice of Assessment for each adult living on the property (AAN))**

I _____ of _____
in the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's, in the County of Guysborough and Province of Nova Scotia,
hereby apply for the **RESIDENTIAL LOW INCOME PROPERTY EXEMPTION** on taxes.

I/we, residents of the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's, the owners and occupants (including all rental tenants on property) of the above property, certify that the information on the application is true and complete, and that the total income from all sources during 2025 was below the limit set out in this application. I/we understand the exemption for **2026/2027** is **based on total income range**. I/we understand that no application for an exemption will be received after December 31, 2026. I/we understand that no exemption will be granted to low-income applicants if prior year's taxes remain unpaid.

Signature(s) _____ **Date:** _____

To be signed by Councillor, Municipal Admin Staff or Commissioner of Oaths

Sworn to in the County of Guysborough and the Province of Nova Scotia this ____ day of
_____ 20__

Signature: _____



Solid Waste April – December 2026 Collection Schedule



Tuesday ZONE 1	Wednesday ZONE 2	Thursday ZONE 3
March 31 Recyclables Only	April 1 Recyclables Only	April 2 Recyclables Only
April 7 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item	April 8 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item	April 9 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item
April 14 Recyclables Only	April 15 Recyclables Only	April 16 Recyclables Only
April 21 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item	April 22 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item	April 23 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item
April 28 Recyclables Only	April 29 Recyclables Only	April 30 Recyclables Only
May 5 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item	May 6 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item	May 7 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item
May 12 Recyclables Only	May 13 Recyclables Only	May 14 Recyclables Only
May 19 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item	May 20 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item	May 21 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item
May 26 Recyclables Only	May 27 Recyclables Only	May 28 Recyclables Only
June 2 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item	June 3 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item	June 4 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item
June 9 Garbage and Recyclables	June 10 Garbage and Recyclables	June 11 Garbage and Recyclables
June 16 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item	June 17 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item	June 18 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item
June 23 Garbage and Recyclables	June 24 Garbage and Recyclables	June 25 Garbage and Recyclables
June 30 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item	July 3 instead of July 1 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item	July 2 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item
July 7 Garbage and Recyclables	July 8 Garbage and Recyclables	July 9 Garbage and Recyclables
July 14 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item	July 15 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item	July 16 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item
July 21 Garbage and Recyclables	July 22 Garbage and Recyclables	July 23 Garbage and Recyclables
July 28 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item	July 29 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item	July 30 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item

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Tuesday ZONE 1	Wednesday ZONE 2	Thursday ZONE 3
August 4 Garbage and Recyclables	August 5 Garbage and Recyclables	August 6 Garbage and Recyclables
August 11 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item	August 12 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item	August 13 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item
August 18 Garbage and Recyclables	August 19 Garbage and Recyclables	August 20 Garbage and Recyclables
August 25 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item	August 26 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item	August 27 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item
September 1 Garbage and Recyclables	September 2 Garbage and Recyclables	September 3 Garbage and Recyclables
September 8 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item	September 9 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item	September 10 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item
September 15 Garbage and Recyclables	September 16 Garbage and Recyclables	September 17 Garbage and Recyclables
September 22 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item	September 23 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item	September 23 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item
September 29 Garbage and Recyclables	September 30 Garbage and Recyclables	October 1 Garbage and Recyclables
October 6 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item	October 7 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item	October 8 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item
October 13 Recyclables Only	October 14 Recyclables Only	October 15 Recyclables Only
October 20 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item	October 21 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item	October 22 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item
October 27 Recyclables Only	October 28 Recyclables Only	October 29 Recyclables Only
November 3 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item	November 4 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item	November 5 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item
November 10 Recyclables Only	November 11 Recyclables Only	November 12 Recyclables Only
November 17 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item	November 18 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item	November 19 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item
November 24 Recyclables Only	November 25 Recyclables Only	November 26 Recyclables Only
December 1 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item	December 2 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item	December 3 Garbage and 1 Bulky Item

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