



VILLAGE OF PORT WILLIAMS THE PORT NEWS

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You Make a Difference!

The Village Commission would like to thank the residents of Port Williams for the many letters sent in expressing the opposition to recommendations 13 and 14 in the Provincial—Municipal Fiscal Review and also for all the signatures collected on the petition to the Department of Municipal Affairs.

As you can see from the news release, your efforts have made a difference!

Minister Confirms Provincial Position on Villages

MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

March 12, 2015 10:06 AM

Municipal Affairs Minister Mark Furey confirmed today, March 12, that government will not force amalgamation or dissolution on villages in the province.

"We are working collaboratively with all our community leaders to engage in an open dialogue on the best municipal governance structure for the province, and this includes villages," said Mr. Furey. "We want to work with municipalities and villages on sustainable solutions and not force them to dissolve or amalgamate."

Mr. Furey met with representatives of the Association of Nova Scotia Villages this week to discuss the draft provincial-municipal fiscal review report. The report contains 41 recommendations.

The fiscal review was led by a steering committee of elected municipal officials and deputy ministers. A working group of senior municipal and provincial staff supported the committee in its work.

The steering committee and departmental officials are analyzing the feedback received during consultations before finalizing the report and presenting it to government.

Port Williams Apple Blossom Princess Selection

The Village of Port Williams is seeking candidates

for

Princess Port Williams 2015

to represent our community during the

83rd Annapolis Valley Apple Blossom Festival!

Are you between the ages of 18 and 23?

(must be a High School Graduate or equivalent & no older than 23 before Dec 31, 2015)

Do you live in the Port Williams School district and
take pride in being a role model?

Would you enjoy being an ambassador/leader for your community?

If so, please contact **Betty Jean Tupper at 542-3432 or email at
bbj@accesswave.ca** for more information.



We are also in search for a **Child Attendant**

The Village of Port Williams is in search for a Child Attendant who would accompany Princess Port Williams at the 83rd Apple Blossom Festival, Queen Annapolis Leadership Competition and our Princess Dessert Party.

Applicants, Male or Female, must attend one of the schools in the Port Williams School District and be age 8 or 9.

Please contact **Betty Jean Tupper at 542-3432 or email at
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March and April at the Port Williams Library...

Bookworms Pre-School

STORY TIME!

Friday mornings at 10:30 for ages 3-5

For more information call 902-542-3005 or visit
www.valleylibrary.ca

Port Williams Branch
Murdoch C. Smith
Memorial Library

HOURS

Monday 2-5 & 6:30-8:30 pm
Tuesday Closed
Wednesday 10-5
Thursday Closed
Friday 2-5 & 6:30-8:30
Saturday 10-2 pm



The Port Williams United Baptist Church

The Port Williams United Baptist Church book club will meet on Wednesday, April 8th at 7pm in the ladies' parlour at the church to discuss the Time Keeper by Mitch Albom. This group is open to anyone in the church and community.



The Port Williams Princess Dessert Party

The 2015 Princess for Port Williams will be crowned at the Annual Princess Dessert Party on Friday evening April 24 at the Community Centre, hosted by the Women's Institute. Please come and join us at 7:00 p.m.



Lions Club Celebrates 45 Years of Community Service

The Port Williams and District Lions Club will celebrate the 45th Anniversary of its Charter Presentation with a Dinner featuring *Jimmie Lamb's* BBQ pork and a Dance with live music by The Groove Kings commencing at 6:30 PM on Saturday, **11 April, 2015**, at the Port Williams Community Centre. *Non-Lions Club members are cordially invited to attend.* Dinner and Dance \$50/couple. Dance only \$15/couple. For tickets call 902-542-3933 or e-mail

emhovell@ns.sympatico.ca.



News from the Commission

With the snow melting & spring just around the corner, remember when are out walking your dog remember to be respectful of your neighbors and pick up after your dog. There are a number of doggie bins located throughout the Village to help you keep our community clean. Also a friendly reminder that garbage bins located throughout the Village are not intended to be used for house hold garbage.

Celebrate Sparky's Birthday



Port Williams Volunteer Fire Department

will be holding **Sparky's Birthday on March 22 from 2-4** in the fire hall! We will be having cake, colouring, put out a "house fire" with a real house! And have a visit with the guest of honour himself Sparky!

Hope to see you there!



DanceTime at Port Williams

DanceTime at Port Williams invites you and your dance partner to join them every Sunday afternoon from 3 PM until 5 PM at the Community Centre in Port Williams. Keep fit, have fun and meet new people!

Membership per semester is \$30.00 per couple. Drop in fee for a Sunday afternoon dance practice is \$5.00 per couple.

For more information, please contact (902) 698-2806 or DanceTime_PortWilliams@hotmail.com

Don't forget to mark May 9th on your calendar as DanceTime will be hosting their annual Spring Dance!

Soccer Registration

Mark your calendars for the following dates:



- March 30th 6:30-8:00pm Louis Millet Complex, New Minas
- April 2nd 3:00-7:00pm Wolfville School
- April 9th 7:00-8:30pm Louis Millet Complex, New Minas

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The Port Williams Village Commission meets on the third Tuesday of each month in the Board Room at the Community Centre.

The next Commission meetings are:

- March 17th
- April 21st
- May 19th

All Village residents are welcome to attend.

**Port Williams Village Office**

Hours of Operation:

Monday to Friday

9 am to 1 pm

Please note we will be closed on:

April 3 Good Friday

April 6 Easter Monday

For **water** or **sewer** issues contact

Joe Keddy, Public Works

At 902-542-0087 or

by cell at 902-670-5231

Port Williams TOPS

Will be holding a Ticket Auction at the St. John's Anglican Church Parish Hall Church Street, Port Williams on March 21, 2015

If you want to know more about tops, feel free to drop in on Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm in the Multi-purpose room at the Community Centre

Tickets 20 for \$1.00
Cake Draw 1 for 1.00
Canteen
50-50 Tickets



Viewing 12 – 1

Drawing starts at 1:00pm

All new items!

**DEADLINE FOR SCHOLASTIC AWARD
MAY 31ST**

The Port Williams Jam Scholastic Award is available annually to a Canadian citizen who has been a resident in the Village of Port Williams for at least five years and will be entering Acadia University in the fall. The recipient will have exhibited scholastic merit, will be able to demonstrate financial need and have made a positive contribution to community life and church affairs. The award has an approximate value of \$1400 for the 2015-16 academic year. Students can download and print a copy of the application form from Acadia's website at

http://financialaid.acadiau.ca/new_student.html

Port Williams Days are just around the corner...

June 12 & 13

Start your spring cleaning and get ready for the 10th annual village wide yard sale.



Don't forget to mark these days on your calendar, there is always lots to do and see during Port Williams Days.

Would like to Pay Your Water Bill online?

- ✓ Login to your online bank account
- ✓ In the pay bill section, set up a new payee, you might find it under:



- Port Williams, Village of—Water
- Port Williams—Water

- ✓ For the account number, enter the number that your bank has associated with the Port Williams Water Utility:

BMO—0261 SCOTIABANK—3576

CIBC—3115 TD 6673

RBC—0479 VALLEY CU—9008

President's Choice—9943