

Down Home News



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THANK YOU TO OUR MCDC VOLUNTEERS

National Volunteer week will be celebrated April 19-25, 2026. Volunteers are on the front lines of our community services - community health care, heritage and arts, administrative committees, community organizations, school life, the list is impressive. Take the time this week to recognize volunteers by saying thank-you. They offer their time, energy, and skills to improve the lives of their neighbours and surroundings. Their hours of service ensure that many events are held and many people are helped.

Alice Renaud
Aline Visser
André Gingras
Ann Marie Powell
Ann-Marie Campbell
Brenda Trenfield
Darlene Menard

Dianna Beattie
Heather Whitcomb
James Allan
Jan Lowry
Jim Barber
Jo Visser
Joan McCammon

Leo Thomas
Lorna Campbell
Lyne Falardeau
Madeleine Brisson
Maureen Small
Mercedes Font
Michelle Mathieu

Ozzie Beattie
Pauline Davidson
Peter Whitcomb
Roger Allan
Ross Davidson
Sheilagh Brown
Shirley Picknell
Suzette Mainville

We would also like to thank students from St. Patrick's Elementary School who participated in the "I Volunteer" program.



Health activity & capsules

Please call MCDC to register for each of the following health sessions:

MOVIE: "UN Sung HERO"



Date: **Wed April 1, 2026**
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Place: MCDC
Please call or email Jennifer
info@mcdc.info

MOVIE: Biography "AMELIA EARHART"



Date: **Wed April 8, 2026**
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Place: MCDC
Please call or email Jennifer
info@mcdc.info

MOVIE: "THE BOY WHO HARNESSSED THE WIND"



Date: **Wed April 22, 2026**
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Place: MCDC
Please call or email Jennifer
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Mom's Night Out!

Paint & Sip



Join us for an enjoyable evening filled with painting and laughter! No prior experience is necessary! Light refreshments will be provided, but feel free to bring your own alcoholic beverages if you wish.

Date: **Thur April 2, 2026**
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: MCDC
Please call or email Kaylea
youthmentalhealth@mcdc.info

PROTECTING YOURSELF FROM SCAMS

Learn how to recognize scams before they happen. Gain confidence and learn simple, practical strategies to protect yourself from fraudsters.

TOPICS:
Text scams
Social Media scams
Email scams
And more.....

Date: **Thur April 23, 2026**
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Place: To be determined
Please call or email
Michelle Mathieu (Michou)
health@mcdc.info



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What's happening?

McGill Health & Social Services Bursary Program 2026-2027 CALL FOR APPLICANTS

McGill University, in collaboration with MCDC, is pleased to launch the call for applicants for Health and Social Services Community Leadership Bursaries for the 2026-2027 academic year. This program provides financial incentive to students from selected Quebec regions with English and French language skills pursuing full-time studies in the area of health and social services in a government recognized educational institution. Depending on the level of studies (university, college, or vocational) and whether or not the applicants are pursuing their post-secondary studies inside or outside their region, the amount of the bursary may vary between \$1,000 and \$10,000 for the 2026-2027 academic year.

You must verify your eligibility before starting the application process. Please contact Maureen Small at MCDC 418-332-3851 community@mcdc.info to make an appointment. The current deadline to submit your application is **Thursday May 7, 2026**.

Masons' Sugar Party



DATE: **Sat April 25, 2026**

TIME: 4:00 p.m.

PLACE: Kinnear's Mills Community Hall

4 - 6 p.m. Taffy on snow

6 - 7:30 p.m. Homemade supper

Bring your own beer, wine, refreshments and lawn chair!

WATER PAINTING AFTERNOON



Date: **Wed April 15, 2026**

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Place: Kinnear's Mills Municipal Hall

Please call or email Jennifer

info@mcdc.info

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Toll free : 1.877.332.3851

Drop-Ins 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.



April 6

April 13

April 20

April 27

Easter Monday, **NO DROP-IN**

MCDC

Kinnear's Mills Municipal Hall

IOOF, Inverness

Church Services

K.I.T. Pastoral Charge:

- Apr 3, 8:00 a.m. Candlish, Kinnear's Mills
- Apr 5, 10:30 a.m. St. Andrew's, Inverness
- Apr 12, 10:30 a.m. Gamache & Nadeau Chapel, Thetford
- Apr 19, 10:30 a.m. Candlish, Kinnear's Mills
- Apr 26, 10:30 a.m. St. Andrew's, Inverness

Anglican Easter Service:

- Apr 4, 4:00 p.m. Church of the Ascension, Inverness

SHARP videoconference "Moving into Care: What to Expect and How to Prepare"

Date: **Wed April 15, 2026**

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Place: MCDC basement & via ZOOM

Coffee & muffins will be served.

Please call or email Michelle Mathieu

health@mcdc.info

FUN FAMILY GAME AFTERNOON



MCDC & MCF Board of Directors and the staff would like to wish you all a very Happy Easter.

Please note that the office will be closed on Good Friday April 3, and Easter Monday April 6, 2026



All members of the English-speaking community of Chaudière-Appalaches and l'Érable are invited to become members of MCDC. Membership is free and it is a great way to get involved and show your support for your community. Please call us 418.332.3851 or email communications@mcdc.info