

Municipal Newsletter

January/ February 2026



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www.facebook.com/modgcounty

Council Meetings

The Public is invited to attend meetings of Guysborough Municipal Council on the following dates:

January 21, 2026 at 4:30pm
February 18, 2026 at 4:30pm

All meetings will be held in the Council Chambers.

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REMINDER TO RESIDENTS

FREEZERS ARE NOT APPROVED CONTAINERS FOR REGULAR GARBAGE COLLECTION



Safety First

Both provincial and municipal solid waste by-laws mandate that any large item with a door, including freezers, must have the door and lid removed. This is to prevent individuals, especially children, from becoming trapped inside. Municipalities **do not** accept freezers as containers for regular garbage collection.

Recycling Mandate

Freezers and other large household appliances (white goods) are banned from landfill disposal in Nova Scotia because they can be recycled.

For more information about household appliance disposal, visit modg.ca or erswm.ca
Residents can also call the Municipal Office at 902-533-3705, or
Eastern Region Solid Waste Management at 1-888-377-9622

Download the Waste Info app for reminders, schedules and more:



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Recreation Report

Chedabucto Lifestyle Complex

Fitness Center and Building Hours of Operation

Monday – Friday 6:00am – 9:00pm
Saturday and Sunday 9:00am – 5:00pm

We offer rentals for meetings, birthday parties, weddings and more. Call us at 902-533-2088 to discuss your booking. We have free equipment rentals on scooters, roller blades and helmets and other equipment that can be used on site. Contact us for fitness centre membership pricing.

Follow us on Facebook (@GuysboroughRecreationDepartment) for all up to date announcements and information regarding upcoming Recreation Programs and Events. Phone: 902-533-2088

You can view the online facilities calendar and make online bookings for our facilities at this link:
<https://app.univerusrec.com/modgpub/index.asp>

Fanning Fitness Center

The Fanning Fitness Center is now closed. The new fitness center, located at the Canso Arena will begin construction this summer, with anticipated opening date of late February 2026.

Canso Arena

The Canso Arena is now open for the season. Weekly programming is as follows:

Wednesdays

Public Skate: 4pm- 5pm

Adult Drop In Hockey: 8pm- 9pm

Fridays

Youth Drop In Hockey (age 12 and under): 6pm- 7pm

Youth Drop In Hockey (age 13-18): 7pm-8pm

Sundays

Public Skate: 5pm- 6pm

Adult Drop In Hockey: 7:00pm- 8:00pm

Private Ice Bookings are available and can be booked by calling the Recreation Department at 902-533-2088.

Recreation Report

CLC Shinny Rink and Figure 8 Skating Loop

The CLC Shinny Rink and Figure 8 Skating Loop will soon be opening for the winter 2026 season . Please follow us on Facebook (@Guysborough Recreation Department) for all up to date announcements on ice conditions and schedule. Also check out our online booking system and facility calendar.

The figure 8 skating loop is always open to the public during our regular hours, the shinny rink can be booked privately and also offers free public skate times, please check our online schedule or call for availability.

We have skates, helmets and sledges available for loan.

CLC Shinny Rink Time Slots for Private and Team Bookings

Every winter, we have hosted a number of rentals including family skates, birthday parties, school bookings, Minor Hockey team bookings and much more. Our available time slots are as follows:

Friday Night
7:30pm- 9:00pm

Saturday & Sunday
Time Slot 1: 9:30am- 10:30am
Time Slot 2: 11:00am- 12:30pm
Time Slot 3: 1:30pm- 3:00pm
Time Slot 4: 3:30pm- 4:30pm

The cost for a 1 hour booking is \$75.00. The cost of a 1.5 hour booking is \$112.50.

If you, your team or school are interested in booking with us please call 902-533-2088 or book online through our online booking system. (app.univerusrec.com/modgpub/index.asp) We look forward to hearing from you.

Snowshoe and Cross Country Ski Loan Program

The Recreation Department is pleased to announce that once again this winter season community members can take advantage of the Snowshoes and Cross Country Skis loan program. Our snowshoes and skis are available for loan at the Chedabucto Lifestyle Complex in Guysborough.

Please **call ahead** to ensure items are available. MODG Recreation Office 902-533-2088.

Recreation Report

PACY Afterschool Program

The PACY After School Programs at Chedabucto Lifestyle Complex and Fanning Education Centres continue to provide children with the opportunities to be active and have fun with their peers.

Chedabucto Lifestyle Complex

Grades Pre-Primary to 6: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 2:30pm-4:00pm

Fanning Education Centre

Grades Pre-Primary to 2: Monday & Friday 2:45pm-4:00pm

Grades 3, 4 & 5: Wednesday 2:45pm-4:00pm

The objective of the PACY program is to teach children that physical activity is something that can be fun and they can enjoy every day of their life.

PACY is a free program. Please call 902-533-2088 for more information.

Community Recreation Grants

The Community Recreation Grant Program is designed to encourage community recreation in a manner consistent with the recreation principles, goals and plans of the Municipality of Guysborough. In addition, it is to be used to improve the quality and quantity of community recreation opportunities by financially assisting community groups with new Recreation & Culture Initiatives, Leadership, Youth Programming and Individual training and development.

Community Grants are received and assessed on an “as needed” basis. In addition, it is the policy of council to approve only one community grant per year (April 1st - March 31st) per group or individual.

Community Program Grant (\$500.00) – This grant is for community organizations that are planning programs or events for residents of MODG

Community Hall Grant (\$1,000.00) - All Community Halls and Community Centres in MODG are eligible to apply to assist with the ongoing cost of maintaining a community space.

Please feel free to contact our Recreation Department for more information on our grant program, 782-452-4003 or atavares@modg.ca.

Forms for these grants can be picked up at Recreation Office or found on our website at:

<https://modg.ca/residents/your-municipal-services/recreation/programs>

Recreation Report

Holiday Tree Lighting and Festival of Lights

Thank you to all who took part in our Holiday Tree Lighting and Festival of Lights. The event was held at the CLC on Friday, December 5th. A great way to kick off the Holiday season!

The event included the lighting of the tree and the Festival of Lights on the Figure Eight. Councillor Mary Desmond shared the story of Kwanzaa and Alicia Clyke performed some traditional African drumming. We also had a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus.

The lights will remain over the Holiday period every evening from 5pm to 10pm.

Thank you to Hilary Hendsbee for the wonderful pictures.



Recreation Report

On Wednesday, October 22nd - Recreation Nova Scotia awarded the Equity, Diversity Inclusion, and Access award to Amber Hart, Devoted to Diversity Guysborough County.

In 2021 Amber launched Sensory Saturdays at the Chedabucto Lifestyle Complex. This is a free, inclusive recreation program designed to support families with children who have sensory sensitivities or diverse needs. What started as open gym play quickly grew into a well-rounded program featuring meals, guest speakers, and a resource library. The initiative created a safe, welcoming space for children to play and for caregivers to connect, share experiences, and access information on local supports.

The Municipality of the District of Guysborough supported the program by providing a safe space, and supportive staff, while additional funding from the Community Health Board allowed it to expand even further. Sensory Saturdays became more than a recreation program - it became a community hub that fostered inclusion, connection, and understanding.

Building on its success, Amber founded Devoted to Diversity Guysborough in 2022. This is a community led organization that promotes inclusion and peer support across Guysborough County. The group organizes regular events and programs for all ages, helping families feel accepted and supported, regardless of physical, mental, emotional, or developmental needs.

Through Amber's advocacy, community events at the CLC; Halloween, Christmas, and Canada Day celebrations now include sensory friendly spaces and activities. These small but meaningful changes ensure that everyone can take part comfortably, without being separated or singled out.

From scavenger hunts to family gatherings, Devoted to Diversity continues to weave accessibility and joy into community life showing that true inclusion means designing events where everyone feels seen, safe, and welcome.

"Sensory Saturday's has grown into more than a program. It is a community connector, offering dignity, joy and support for families who have long felt over looked in traditional recreation spaces."

Congratulations Amber - our team is so proud and happy to work with you!



Community News

Maritime Launch



Successful Suborbital Launch Demonstration at Spaceport Nova Scotia

On November 20, 2025, Maritime Launch completed its second suborbital launch demonstration from Spaceport Nova Scotia, in partnership with T-Minus Engineering. Liftoff took place at 11:54 a.m. and marked another important step in building Canada's sovereign launch capability from right here, in the Municipality.

This mission was significant for several reasons. It was the second suborbital launch from Spaceport Nova Scotia and the first international suborbital launch conducted at the site. The demonstration helped the team advance readiness, strengthen coordination among regulatory teams and refine the safety, security, and operational procedures that guide all activities at Spaceport Nova Scotia.

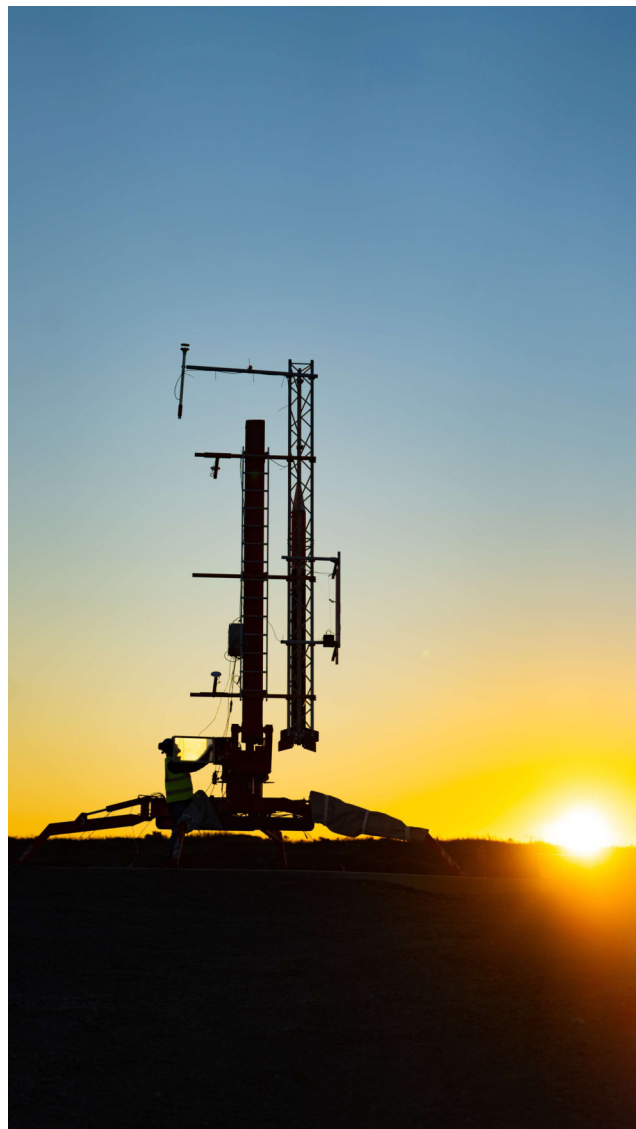
The Barracuda vehicle used for this flight is a single-stage, solid-fuel suborbital rocket, about four metres tall. It is designed to carry small payloads to high altitudes.

This mission also carried a STORIES of Space payload, connecting communities to the launch in a unique way. Through this non-profit initiative, storytellers, students, and educators from local communities, the province, and across Canada submitted original stories and artwork that were launched to the edge of space. This marked Stories of Space's fifth successful mission and the first to include artwork. By including these creative contributions, the launch helped inspire curiosity, promote STEM learning, and involve more young people in discussions about Canada's future in space.

As always, safety and coordination were central to the demonstration campaign. Maritime Launch worked closely with Transport Canada, NAV CANADA, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Kluskap Security Services, provincial regulators, local emergency management teams, and the Municipality of the District of Guysborough to ensure a smooth and secure operation throughout the launch window.

The demonstration mission was a success and delivered valuable data to support future launch operations. Each suborbital demonstration brings Spaceport Nova Scotia closer to welcoming orbital missions from Canadian soil.

Maritime Launch extends its thanks to local community partners, regulatory partners, and residents for their excitement, ongoing support and engagement as the spaceport continues to grow and demonstrate its capabilities.



Community News



Goldboro Project: Key Regulatory Milestones Achieved

Since Summer 2025, the Goldboro Gold Project has reached two critical permitting milestones that mark significant progress toward construction and operations.

Industrial Approval Secured

On August 27, 2025, NexGold Mining Corp. received its Industrial Approval (IA) from Nova Scotia's Department of Environment and Climate Change. This approval represents the final major provincial permit required for the project and follows seven years of engagement efforts and rigorous environmental review. The IA sets stringent conditions governing daily operations, environmental safeguards, and reclamation obligations under the Environment Act.

Fisheries Act Authorization Granted

The final federal authorization was completed on November 4, 2025, when Fisheries and Oceans Canada issued the Fisheries Act Authorizations (FAA) for Goldboro. These authorizations, granted under the Fisheries Act, permit construction and operational activities that may affect aquatic habitats, subject to strict mitigation and offsetting measures. NexGold has committed to ongoing collaboration with the Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia, including participation in habitat offset projects.

This milestone allows NexGold to make a final investment decision in the second half of 2026, potentially advancing construction in late 2026.

The project is projected to deliver socio-economic benefits, including 540 direct jobs, \$2.1+ billion in GDP contributions, and \$528 million in tax revenue over its 15-year lifecycle.

With both provincial and federal approvals now in hand, NexGold can proceed to finalize feasibility work ahead of construction.

What This Means for MODG and the Region

- Access to Jobs & Training: Hundreds of direct jobs during construction and operations, plus training programs for MODG and Mi'kmaq workers.
- Infrastructure Investment: Upgrades to local roads and utilities to support project logistics.
- Next Steps: Workforce readiness programs and community engagement sessions planned for early 2026.

Community Activity Update

- NexGold hosted two exploration information sessions in Country Harbour and New Harbour in October and November
- Awarded 16 grants to not-for-profit organizations in the MODG in 2025
- Awarded \$5000 in bursaries to graduating students in MODG
- Stay tuned for Goldboro Project Open House sessions in early 2026!

Community News

EverWind's Exciting Project Updates Across Guysborough County

Setapuktuk Wind Project – EA Approval Achieved!

We're thrilled to share that the Setapuktuk Wind Project, developed in partnership with Membertou, has officially received Environmental Assessment approval from Nova Scotia Environment and Climate Change. This is a major milestone for Phase 2 of EverWind's renewable energy buildout and an exciting step forward for clean energy development in MODG.

Setapuktuk will bring long-lasting benefits to the region, including new construction and operations jobs, important municipal tax revenue, and annual contributions to a community benefits fund that supports local priorities like recreation, education, and infrastructure. With approval now in hand, we're moving confidently into the next stages of permitting and development, with construction expected to begin in late 2026 and power generation by 2028.

Upper Afton Wind Project – Community Engagement Kicks Off January 2026

We're looking forward to connecting with local residents as community engagement for the Upper Afton Wind Project begins in late January 2026. A series of open houses will be held in Paq'tnkek First Nation, Heatherton, and Upper Big Tracadie and we'll be sharing dates, times, and locations very soon. We're excited to start these conversations and hear directly from community members.

Wind Farm 2 and Wind Farm 3 – Progressing in 2026

EverWind will also be advancing Wind Farm 2 and Wind Farm 3 in Guysborough County throughout 2026. We can't wait to share more details and engagement opportunities in the new year as these projects move forward.

Guysborough Office Holiday Hours

Our Guysborough office at the mall is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. During the holiday season, the office will be closed on December 23, 24, 30 and 31.

Have Questions or Want to Learn More?

We've updated our contact email. Please reach out to us at info@guysboroughwind.com. Our previous email will continue to work, but we encourage you to begin using the new address moving forward. We're always happy to connect. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you'd like to learn more about any of our wind projects or upcoming community engagement sessions.

We wish everyone a warm, restful holiday season and a happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you in 2026 and sharing more exciting updates soon!

Devoted to Diversity Guysborough County.

Supporting a Diverse community with a focus on inclusion for all ages and abilities. Removing barriers for a county where everyone feels welcome.

Monthly gatherings for families and friends alike. A safe place to share the challenges and triumphs of life.

Community Events, activities, and engagement throughout the year.

Devoted2diversityguys@gmail.com



Community News

The Miles MacDonald Performance Centre

ONLINE TICKET PURCHASES NOW AVAILABLE at: www.chedabuctoplacetheatre.com
CONCERT TICKETS make GREAT GIFTS!

Upcoming Shows

Evans and Doherty

Sunday, March 15 @ 2:00pm

An afternoon of great music!

Advance tickets: \$35 (at the door \$40)

Bette MacDonald & Maynard Morrison

“ Made In Cape Breton”

Sunday, April 19 @ 2:00pm

An afternoon not to be missed; one of pure delight!

Advance tickets: \$40 (at the door \$45)

A sincere “Thank You” and deep appreciation to everyone who helped make the Community Christmas Concert a huge success. We raised \$2005, to be divided equally among the recreation programs at Milford Haven Home (Guysborough) and Seaside Manor (Canso).

Book ticket event ONLINE anytime or call the box office to book your tickets at: 902-533-2015

Box Office Hours: 2pm-9pm Mon-Fri

9am-5pm Sat & Sun

Wesley United Church- Lenten Luncheon

When: Each Tuesday during Lent.

February 24, March 3, March 10, March 17, March 24

Time: 11:30am-1:00pm

Where: Wesley United Church Hall

Cost: Soup, Roll & sweet - \$8.00

Take Out or Eat in available!

Thanks for your Support!!!

Community News



902-338-0959
DISPATCH OPEN
9 AM - 1 PM
MONDAY TO FRIDAY

- reserve at least one day before your ride (Friday by 1 pm for Monday rides)
- pay by cash or e-transfer
- subsidies available for those who qualify



dispatch@guysboroughtransit.com

Door-to-Door Rides

Goldboro Interpretive Centre

Quilters Group

The group meets every Monday morning, 9:00 to 12:00. No fees, experience or supplies required. Hand quilting is NOT a lost art! Call 902-328-4144.

Guysborough Food Bank

Located at 10 Green St, Guysborough. The Food Bank is open Thursday 12:00pm - 2:00pm.

Pick-up can be arranged outside normal hours for emergencies only.

For inquiries please contact 902-533-2836. For emergencies please contact 902-870-2400

Community News



Eastern Light Lodge #72, A.F.
& A.M., Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia
(<http://www.grandlodgens.org>)



Eastern Light Lodge #72, A.F & A.M., (established 1875) meets the 2nd Wednesday monthly at 26 Queen Street, Guysborough.

Eastern Light Lodge is pleased to have donated to the following: \$1000 to the Guysborough Academy for their Breakfast Fund and \$1000 to the Guysborough Hospital Foundation.

If you are in need of a secure, clean and dry storage unit, Eastern Light Lodge can assist you. Self-storage units are located within the lower level of the masonic-lodge building at 26 Queen Street, Guysborough. Inquiries about the self-storage units may be directed to 902.870.0515.

"Freemasonry is an organization of like-minded men who accept a lifestyle based on a universal system of morality dedicated to the self-improvement of its members and thereby contributing to the building of a better community."

Who we Are: Like-minded men who accept a lifestyle based on a universal system of morality!

What we do: We are dedicated to the self-improvement of our members!

What is Important to us: Contributing to the building of a better community!

**Our New Website
IS NOW LIVE!**

**Community
First**
Guysborough County
Housing Association

www.community-first.ca

Community News



Community Business Development Corporation
Corporation au bénéfice du développement communautaire

Are you interested in starting your own business?

THE CBDC Guysborough County can help...

- Need financing for your business? Loans available to any legally operated business in Guysborough County. Some sectors include, fishing, trucking, retail, manufacturing, service, accommodations, food service, etc.
- Business loans up to a **\$300,000** (additional loans available) with interest rates starting at prime plus 2% with flexible re-payment schedules.
- Loans available for business start-up, expansion, renovations, line of credit, etc.
- Quick approval Micro Loans available up to **\$20,000**.
- Business start-up information and counseling available.
- Self-Employment Benefits Program -. (SEB) - Qualifying participants can receive benefits and training opportunities during business startup.

Guysborough County Community Business Development Corporation Limited

PO Box 199, 46 Main Street, Guysborough County, NS B0H 1N0

Guysborough Office: phone: (902)533-2770 fax: (902) 533-2016

Email: wanda.macdonald@cbdc.ca

Canso Lions Club

The Canso Lions Club holds its regular meetings on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. New members are welcome to assist with Lions Club projects and information on Lions activities available from any Lion's Club member or our web site at <http://e-clubhouse.org/sites/canso/>. Or Canso Lion's Club Facebook page.

Every Tuesday at 6 PM TV Bingo is broadcast from the Lions Club on Cable 6 and streaming on Canso lions TV. Bingo players can buy cards and play at the Lions Club. Weekly card plays are held every Thursday at 7:30 PM Thursday evening. Meat Rolls are held on the first and third Friday of each month.

Canso Lions Club Executive

King Lion Wayne Sullivan 902-366-2950

Treasurer Lion Marie Sullivan 902-366-2950

Secretary Lion Catherine DeRabbie 902-366-2721

Hall bookings Lion Juanita Dort 902-366-2639

Membership Chair Lion Donna Grant 902-302-7259



Community News

Harbourview Community Centre – New Harbour

9503 Hwy 316 New Harbour

Our monthly meeting is the first **TUESDAY** of the month @ 7pm
You don't have to be a board member, maybe you can provide ideas and would like to help us keep the Centre up and running, this will be greatly appreciated.

Bottle Drive

Monday January 12 & Tuesday, January 13, 2026
Hall will be open for drop off from Noon- 7pm each day
To arrange pick up of your bottles on January 14, from Drum Head to New Harbour, contact
Marlie at 902-328-7544

Valentines Basket

Draw date February 13, 2026
Live at the Community Centre **at 6:00pm**
A basket filled with great items ~ so contact a hall member and get your tickets
\$5.00 each or 3 for \$10

Watch our *Facebook* page for updates and upcoming events
For Bookings call 902-387-2252
if no answer leave a message and we will get back to you.

We are honored to have “Club 7” using our facilities watch their Facebook site for dates and times. – upcoming dates are January 7 & February 7, 2026

Ocean Lake Riders ATV Club

Our meetings are at the Harbourview Community Centre - New Harbour on the first Monday of the month (*unless it is a holiday – then it's the following Monday –*) at 7pm (*if there is no meeting it will be posted on our Facebook site*).

**** Everyone Welcome****

ATVans membership / trail passes are available @ \$50.00 per bike. The 2026 trail passes are now available. Contact Anna Nickerson and she will help you out OR you can go online and purchase your pass there just click on Ocean Lake Riders, we will get all your information and membership

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Brunch & Homemade Ice Cream  
Saturday, February 21, 2026 (*Storm date February 28*)  
10:30 am – 1pm  
watch our Facebook page for more details

When out on the trails enjoying the winter weather, adhere to OHV Rules and Regulations  
Our motto  
'Pack it in – Pack it Out!'

# Community News

## New Harbour & Area Fitness Center

Our hours *(subject to change)*

### *Mornings*

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday – 6-7am

### *Evenings*

Monday to Thursday 6pm - 8pm

Remember we are volunteers and sometimes we just can't be there to open, check the Facebook site for updates or call 902-387-2252 (hall #) or make contact with the supervisor directly

**Closed Holidays**

## New Harbour Dart League

9503 Harbourview Community Centre

Our dart season has begun, just drop in, play a few games, maybe even win a prize.

Same time, same rules, same place

*Friday nights*

Meat / prize Darts

register to play @7pm, play starts 7:30pm

\$5.00 per person to play

19 and over

You don't need a partner just come out and throw a few darts and spend the evening with friends and have a few laughs

## Canso Curling Club

Upcoming Bonspiels:

January 30th - Industrial/Commercial

February 7th - MacKenzie/Davie Memorial

February 20th - Hartley Memorial

March (TBA) - MacDonald Memorial

The Canso Curling Club has successfully completed the new ice plant installation in 2025. We now have many other upgrades from the new metal roof, new lighting and electrical upgrades and many more. Drop in and see for yourself. We offer rentals to individuals and groups. Night league plays on Monday and Tuesday evenings. The Daytime League will begin in January and be on Wednesdays. Please contact Susan O'Handley if you want to curl in either League at 902-366-2146 or on Facebook.

# Community News

## Boylston Community Center

“The Little Red School House” also known as Boylston Community Center  
Our spacious and versatile Community Center is available for rent!

### Ideal for:

- Birthday/Anniversary/Holiday Parties
- Baby/Bridal Showers
- Family reunions
- Meetings and workshops
- Social gatherings
- Group Classes/workshops(weekly/monthly basis etc.)
- Fundraisers
- Yard Sales
- Funeral reception
- Celebration of Life Gathering

### Features:

- Fully renovated and stocked kitchen facilities
- Large open meeting room
- Accessible for all guests

Location: 11728 Highway 16 - Boylston

Rental Rates: Competitive Pricing (by donation)

Booking Info: Call/Text Dawn Grant @ (902)863-7995 or email [dawn.grant@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dawn.grant@ns.sympatico.ca) for availability.

The flexibility of the community hall has made it a popular choice for various gatherings, large and small!

## Club 7

Weekly Wednesday Games Day, 10:00am - 12:00pm

Tea/Coffee

Come join us for fun, laughs and friendship. Open To All.

January 7 - New Harbour Hall

January 14 - Port Felix Hall

January 21 - Larry's River Brad Pellerin Room

January 28 - Whitehead Hall

February 4 - New Harbour Hall

February 11 - Port Felix Hall

February 18 - Larry's River Brad Pellerin Room

February 25 - Whitehead Hall

Please check the Club 7 Facebook page for upcoming events.

# Community News

## Chedabucto Curling Club

Looking for something to do this winter? The Chedabucto Curling Club is a welcoming organization and an excellent source of recreation and socialization.

The curling season is in full swing, but if you would still like to curl this year, be it full time or as a spare, let us know. Whether it's your first time trying, an experienced curler who's been away from the game for a while, or just looking to get some exercise, all are welcome and we have something available for everyone.

We have a Stick League (no sliding required) on Tuesday's starting at 3:00pm, Day League Monday and Wednesday mornings at 9:30am, and Night League Tuesday and Thursday evenings starting at 6:30pm. We are also hoping to start a Fun League on Friday evenings in the new year, so come out to play, watch or just socialize.

Bonspiel dates:

Edgar Sceles Bonspiel - Jan 23/24

Ladies Bonspiel - Feb 14

Skins Bonspiel - Feb 27/28

Closing Bonspiel - Apr 10/11

With possible other FunSpiels throughout the season, such as a 2-person game using stick curling rules with or without sticks.

The Club is also available to rent for party's and events throughout the year. If you have questions please inquire by calling, texting or emailing us or visit our facebook page.

Equipment such as curling brooms, sliders, stabilizers and delivery sticks are provided free of charge by the Chedabucto Curling Club.

Byron Grady 250-263-7916

Email: [chedabuctocurling1963@gmail.com](mailto:chedabuctocurling1963@gmail.com)

Website: [www.chedabuctocc.ca](http://www.chedabuctocc.ca)

Like us at [www.facebook.com/ChedabuctoCC](http://www.facebook.com/ChedabuctoCC)

## Guysborough & Area Dementia Support Group

The Guysborough & Area Dementia Support Group meet from 1-2 pm at the Chedabucto Lifestyle Complex on the first Monday of each month, the exception being holidays, we then meet on the second Monday. This is a respectful, non-judgemental atmosphere.

Upcoming 2026 Meeting Dates: January 5, February 2, March 2, April 6, May 4, June 1, July 6, August 3, September 14, October 5, November 2, December 7

For further information contact Ursula at (902)870-1029 or email [ursularyan55@gmail.com](mailto:ursularyan55@gmail.com)

# Community News

## Guysborough Memorial Hospital Auxiliary

The Guysborough Memorial Hospital Auxiliary would like to thank everyone who donated or assisted in any way to the great success of our recent Fall Bazaar and Quilt raffle. It is through your consistent support and continued generosity that enables us to purchase medical equipment and furnishings to improve the comfort and care of our hospital patients.

Our mission is to raise funds and to provide equipment that directly supports patients, nurses and doctors, ensuring compassionate and effective care for those who live in Guysborough and the many surrounding communities.

We are always interested in attracting new members. Both men and women are welcome to join. We meet 4 times a year on the second Wednesday of September, November, March and May at 7pm. Our next meeting is scheduled for March 11/26 in the Hospital Boardroom. Reach out to Maureen at 902-533-4068 or email [mmp.landry@gmail.com](mailto:mmp.landry@gmail.com)

We appreciate and thank you all for your continued support.

Donations can e-transferred to [gmhadonations@gmail.com](mailto:gmhadonations@gmail.com) (remember to include your address so we can send a receipt) or by mailing to GMHA PO Box 181, Guysborough NS B0H1N0.



## Guysborough County Home Support Agency

Guysborough County Home Support Agency is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors.

Our mission is to provide Home Support Services for the unmet, authorized needs of clients to enable them to remain independent in their own homes as long as possible.



Contact us:  
(902) 533-3655

[guysboroughcountyhomesupport.ca](http://guysboroughcountyhomesupport.ca)



# Community News

## Message From MLA Greg Morrow

Welcome to 2026! I hope you enjoyed the holiday season and were able to spend some time with family and friends.

2025 ended with good news on several fronts in the municipality- the long-awaited announcement of 18 childcare spaces for Fanning Education Centre/Canso Academy, while the Setapuktuk Wind Project received environment assessment approval. The wind farm has the potential to create 350-400 jobs during the two-year construction period, and 20-35 full-time jobs once operational, but we need infrastructure like childcare to attract these workers- and their families- to our area.


From the wind project, to another successful MLS test launch near Canso, to a proposed new gold mine becoming closer to reality in Goldboro to ongoing work by Vulcan Materials and Morien Resources to advance aggregate projects, MODG is on the cusp of big things on the economic development front, and I'm happy to help usher these projects along in whatever way I can in an environmentally-responsible manner.

I want to pass along a quick note of congratulations- Kendall Doiron of Boylston recently captained Team Atlantic to a historic silver medal at the 2025 U18 Women's Hockey National Championship in Newfoundland- it was Team Atlantic's highest-ever finish at the tournament. Congrats, Captain Kenny- you made not only your hometown, but all of Atlantic Canada proud!


As always, if there is anything we can do to help, never hesitate to reach out to me or Charla- by phone at 902-533-2777, email [GregMorrow4GT@gmail.com](mailto:GregMorrow4GT@gmail.com) or stop by our constituency office.


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## Country Harbour Marina

Hello from the Country Harbour Marina! We hope you're all wintering well and the holidays were happy and healthy! As you dream of warmer days to come we remind you the marina opens in May and in addition to berth rentals, slipway accessibility and the beautiful harbour, we will be stocked with ice cream/cones, sundaes, ice cream novelties, drinks, snacks etc. We are planning our Annual General meeting (AGM) on January 18th at 1:00pm at the Country Harbour Community Center and as always we are looking for new members/volunteers - stop by and we can answer any inquiries you may have and update you on who we are and what we do! - Save the date - for our 5th annual land and sea boat poker rally on September 5 (rain date September 6) - this is our fundraising event for the year and we appreciate your continued support! It is our intention to hire a student again this summer - if you or someone you know would like to work with people, watercrafts and have a view of the harbour every day this is an excellent opportunity! As always we have launch passes for sale and if you're interested in a berth please contact us for availability. Wishing you all a safe and healthy winter!

# Community News

## Guysborough County Adult Learning Association (GALA)

The place for lifelong learning

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). Our 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.

**GALA classes are being held in Guysborough, Canso, Sherbrooke, Goshen, Mulgrave and Queensport.** 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](mailto:admin@guysboroughlearning.ca)

The Guysborough County Adult Learning Association (GALA) is sponsored by the NS Department of Labour, Skills and Immigration and Nova Scotia School for Adult Learning (NSSAL).



## Rising Sun Taekwondo

Child and adult classes available. Classes will start Thursday, January 8th, 2026.

Tuesdays & Thursdays

Tiny Tigers (ages 4-7): 5:45- 6:15pm

Family Class (ages 8- Adult): 6:15- 7pm

Pricing

Tiny Tigers- \$40/month

Family Class- \$50/ month

\* Family discounts for 2 or more.

All classes held at the CLC Gymnasium.

Gain confidence, athleticism and community. Contact us for more information.

[risingsuntaekowndo@gmail.com](mailto:risingsuntaekowndo@gmail.com)

# Community News

## Updates from ArtWorks East

### “Exploring Our Cultural Roots” Workshop Series

We have launched a new workshop series thanks to the Cultural Innovation grant we received from the Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism & Heritage to be used for highlighting culture and heritage in the Guysborough County region. We've already started with a Lantern Making Workshop highlighting a German tradition, a Samhain Mask-Making Workshop highlighting a Celtic tradition, a Chinese Arts & History Workshop that highlighted aspects of Chinese artistry and traditions, and a kids workshop series celebrating Acadian heritage. We plan on introducing more workshops that will touch on Métis, Eastern European, African-Canadian, and other cultural traditions from various backgrounds.

Brian Gary will be working with the Guysborough Academy's African Studies class to create a mural piece to highlight African-Canadian culture and heritage. Cairista MacIsaac is planning a workshop for February to celebrate the Celtic festival of Imbolc. In this workshop, participants will learn how to make St. Brigid's crosses and dolls, and will learn more about this Celtic tradition. Keep an eye on our Facebook page and website event calendar for announcements and more details about these workshops.

For upcoming workshops visit: [artworkseast.ca/events](http://artworkseast.ca/events)

### ArtWorks East in the Community

We are starting back for the second half of our art classes with GOALS starting again in January. We have a few of our artists on board to teach classes with Sandy Winter being the head of this program. The classes cover different art techniques and allow the participants to build and develop new skills. We are very impressed with the artwork that has come out of the GOALS art classes.

Moni Duersch is continuing her workshops in the nursing homes in Guysborough and Canso, helping the residents unleash their inner creativity. We are working on expanding our art workshops to other nursing homes and seniors apartments in the Guysborough County area.

To learn more about our community involvement, visit:

[artworkseast.ca/community-outreach](http://artworkseast.ca/community-outreach)

### Where You Can Buy Our Arts and Crafts

Our summertime gallery is closed for the season. However, the 70+ members of ArtWorks East also sell their creative work at Cast Away Cafe, Crazy Daisy, Canso Library and some other businesses and accommodations in the area. If you run an Airbnb or other business and would like to feature some of our artwork, let us know. Some of our artists are currently selling their artwork on our online shop where we offer free shipping within Canada. Commission requests are also available, see more information under the Shop menu on our website.

### Find Out More In Our Monthly Newsletter!

In December we launched our first monthly online newsletter. This newsletter highlights what we have been up to, an artist of the month, our weekly art classes with GOALS, current and upcoming events, and more. To subscribe, send us an email. To view our current newsletter, visit: [artworkseast.ca/artworks-east-newsletters](http://artworkseast.ca/artworks-east-newsletters).

You can learn more at [artworkseast.ca](http://artworkseast.ca) or Email: [info@artworkseast.ca](mailto:info@artworkseast.ca)

Facebook: [facebook.com/ArtWorksEast.Guysborough](https://www.facebook.com/ArtWorksEast.Guysborough)

# Community News

## Antigonish Women's Resource Centre (AWRCSASA)

**The Antigonish Women's Resource Center and Sexual Assault Services Association- Guysborough Office**

Located in the Chedabucto Mall in Guysborough Nova Scotia. For more information or to book an appointment with the Outreach worker or other staff, please call 782-452-6221

Outreach and Office hours:

Monday 9-4 Sherbrooke and surrounding area Outreach  
 9-4 Mental Health Clinician biweekly Guysborough office  
 Please call for more information

Wednesday 9-4 Canso/Little Dover and surrounding area Outreach  
 9-4 Trauma Therapist biweekly – call for more information

Thursday 9-4 Guysborough and surrounding area Outreach

Friday 10-3 Immigration Support Service Bi Weekly



Natalie Sangster- Women's Rural Outreach and Community Engagement Worker for Guysborough County 902-318-7679

### **Community Engagement Guysborough County**

Working with partners and women in Guysborough County to offer programs and workshops that engage and connect women to their communities and resources available to them. Community engagement promotes ongoing connections through workshops, presentations and partnerships.

### **Women's Health and Wellness**

Allison Grady- Women's Health and Wellness Coordinator for Antigonish and Guysborough Counties

The Women's Health and Wellness Coordinator addresses women's wellness through a variety of partnerships and activities held throughout Guysborough County that engage women to participate and learn about various topics related to their health and wellness. 902-863-6221

## Square Roots Guysborough

Partnering with local Nova Scotia farmers & wholesalers to bring fresh produce to our community at affordable prices. Supporting local, eating fresh, and helping close the food insecurity gap. Everyone is welcomed at Square Roots.

Location: Kids First Guysborough, 105 Queen Street, Guysborough.

Time: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm, every second Saturday.

Follow our Facebook page 'Square Roots Guysborough' for updates & order form.

|  |                           | 2026             |  |  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|--|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>JANUARY</b>                                                                        | <b>FEBRUARY</b>           | <b>MARCH</b>     |  |                                                                                       |
| JAN 10<br>JAN 24                                                                      | FEB 7<br>FEB 21           | MAR 7<br>MAR 21  |  |                                                                                       |
| <b>APRIL</b>                                                                          | <b>MAY</b>                | <b>JUNE</b>      |  |                                                                                       |
| APR 4<br>APR 18                                                                       | MAY 2<br>MAY 16<br>MAY 30 | JUN 13<br>JUN 27 |  |                                                                                       |
| <b>JULY</b>                                                                           | <b>AUGUST</b>             | <b>SEPTEMBER</b> |  |                                                                                       |
| JUL 11<br>JUL 25                                                                      | AUG 8<br>AUG 22           | SEP 5<br>SEP 19  |  |                                                                                       |
| <b>OCTOBER</b>                                                                        | <b>NOVEMBER</b>           | <b>DECEMBER</b>  |  |                                                                                       |
| OCT 3<br>OCT 24                                                                       | NOV 7<br>NOV 21           | DEC 5<br>DEC 19  |  |                                                                                       |

# WASTE COLLECTION SCHEDULE



QUESTIONS? CALL: 902-533-3705

WASTE MUST BE CURBSIDE BY 7AM ON COLLECTION DAY  
GET SCHEDULES AND SORTING INFORMATION AT [modg.ca](http://modg.ca) or [erswm.ca](http://erswm.ca) or call ERSWM at 1-888-377-9622

| January 2026           |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| S                      | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
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| JAN. 1 MOVED TO JAN. 2 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| 4                      | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 |
| 11                     | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18                     | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25                     | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |

| February 2026 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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## COLLECTION LEGEND:

-  CLEAR BAG, BLUE BAG, GREEN CART COLLECTION
-  HOLIDAY NO COLLECTION
-  BULK WASTE, CLEAR BAG, BLUE BAG & GREEN CART COLLECTION



## Waste Sorting Guide



### Paper / Fibre - Blue Bag 1



No plastic, disposable cups, milk cartons; Must be clean and dry

### Containers - Blue Bag 2



No paper, plastic cutlery or straws; Must be rinsed and cleaned

### Enviro-Depots



Lids on, clean and dry, no absorbent pads or film wrap on meat trays

### Organics Green Cart



No plastic, metal, glass, cigarette butts, ashes, feces or cat litter

### Waste Clear Bag



### Household Hazardous Waste

Contact waste authority or municipality for residential drop-off locations



**Batteries**  
Check [erswm.ca/www](http://erswm.ca/www) for nearest drop off location

**Leftover Paint in Can, Empty Paint Can (with lid and label)**  
[Productcare.org](http://productcare.org) for nearest drop off location

**Oil Filters, Oil, Antifreeze, & Empty Containers**  
[Uoma-atlantic.com](http://uoma-atlantic.com) for nearest drop off location

### Others

#### Electronics

[RecycleMyElectronics.ca/ns](http://RecycleMyElectronics.ca/ns) to find recycling locations

#### Medications and Sharps

Ask at your pharmacy to pick up a **FREE** safe sharps container. Visit [pans.ns.ca](http://pans.ns.ca) for more information.

#### Light bulbs and tubes

[Productcare.org](http://Productcare.org) for nearest drop off location

Get waste collection information specific to your address by visiting the **Waste Wizard and Collection Calendar** at <https://www.erswm.ca/www> and entering your civic address. Or scan the QR code to the right.

You can also call our office at: 902-533-3823



## BULK WASTE COLLECTION

**MAXIMUM 4 ITEMS  
UP TO 200 lbs**

Residents are encouraged to call ahead at **902-533-3705** to advise of larger bulk items, or for any questions. Visit [modg.ca](http://modg.ca) for the 2026 bulk collection schedule.

### ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

- FURNITURE
  - APPLIANCES
  - AUTO TIRES UNDER 20"
  - TOYS
- (ITEMS TOO LARGE FOR A REGULAR CLEAR BAG)

### UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

- CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS
- AUTO PARTS
- AUTO TIRES WITH RIMS
- YARD WASTE
- CLOTHING
- ELECTRONICS