

## Municipal Office

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## HOURS of OPERATION

Monday - Friday  
8:00am - 5:00pm

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## Council Meetings

The Public is invited to attend meetings of Guysborough Municipal Council, which are held the third Wednesday of each month.

March 16, 2022  
April 20, 2022

All meetings will be held at  
4:30pm  
in the Council Chambers.



MODG Council passed a proclamation at the February 2nd, Special Council meeting, proclaiming February as African Heritage Month.

A joint meeting with members of the African Nova Scotian community and Council was held before the passing of the proclamation as well as a flag raising in front of the Municipal Office to commemorate the launch of African Heritage Month 2022!

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# News From the Municipality

## Internet for Nova Scotia Initiative

The Internet for Nova Scotia Initiative, through Develop Nova Scotia, is a project to bring reliable, high-speed Internet to communities across the Province. With projects announced to date, access to Internet connections will extend to 99% of Nova Scotia in 2023. More information on this Provincial Initiative can be found by visiting <https://internet.developns.ca/>. For project updates in the Eastern Strait/Guysborough (Zone 9) Region, which encompasses MODG, please visit <https://internet.developns.ca/zones/eastern-strait-guysborough/> and find your area on the maps provided. An anticipated completion date is listed for each area as well.

## To All Property Owners of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough

2022 Assessment Notices were mailed in January. Please note that it is the **responsibility of all property owners** to notify the Property Valuation Services Corporation @ 1-800-380-7775 of any changes in the mailing address of your assessed properties and to ensure that the address on your assessment notice is the **correct mailing address**.

If you are **buying or selling** real property or a mobile home, please ensure that all Municipal Taxes and Charges are paid in full before purchasing or selling same. The Purchaser will be responsible for any and all outstanding taxes and charges which have been levied on Real Property or Mobile Homes.

Your 2022 assessment notice will be used to determine your tax bill for the fiscal period starting April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023.

### OTHER ASSESSMENT PROGRAMS

1) **The Cap Assessment Program (CAP)** is a program designed to protect Nova Scotia property owners from dramatic increases in market value by limiting or “capping” annual taxable assessment increases in eligible properties.

#### **Eligibility Criteria, You Need Not Apply:**

In order to qualify for an assessment cap, your property must:

- be at least 50% owned by a Nova Scotia resident.
- be classified as taxable residential or taxable vacant resource property.
- have an increase in market value assessment greater than the CAP percentage excluding any new assessment value as a result of construction or renovations to the property.
- have not transferred, or if transferred, then only to certain close relatives such as a spouse, child, grandchild, great grandchild, parent, grandparent, brother or sister. The property may also be transferred to family trusts or farm cooperatives and remain eligible.
- be an owner-occupied condo
- be a mobile home

2) **Seasonal Tourism Business Program** is a program for businesses that are closed for at least four (4) months in the taxation year and is, a restaurant, a roofed accommodation, or a camping establishment. In order to be eligible for the reduced commercial tax rate, property owners must apply and demonstrate that the seasonally operated tourist business meets all established criteria. For further information visit the following web site at [www.nsassessment.ca](http://www.nsassessment.ca) or call the Property Valuation Services Corporation (PVSC) @ 1-800-380-7775.

# News From the Municipality

## Notice Of Pending Tax Sale:

Residents of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough are hereby given notice that the Municipality of the District of Guysborough is currently reviewing outstanding tax accounts and other levies and are now preparing to proceed to tax sale. Those accounts that will be considered for tax sale will be any account that is in arrears for 2018/2019 or prior along with those accounts with outstanding sewer, and other capital charges.

Residents are asked to immediately attend to the payment of their accounts in order to avoid the additional cost involved in a tax sale of having your account searched by our Solicitor and having your property advertised for tax sale. If you receive either an overdue notice or a letter regarding your outstanding taxes, and/or sewer charge, please do not ignore our request for payment. Failure to make payments will result in your property being scheduled for "Tax Sale" and the assessed property owner will be responsible for all cost associated with a tax sale including legal fees, advertising costs, administration costs, surveyor costs, if required, and all other costs associated with a tax sale. Anyone wishing to set up a payment schedule please call (902) 533-3705 extension 229.

Under the **Municipal Government Act (MGA)** to collect overdue taxes, a municipality can sue on the debt, issue a warrant for collection, use the tax sale procedure to sell the real property or mobile home, or set off the sum due against a claim that the person has against the municipality. Tax sale proceedings can start after June 30 in the year immediately following the taxation year to which the taxes relate (S-s134 (1)). It is now mandatory for the treasurer to put up property on the tax sale list when taxes on the property are three (3) years in arrears.

## Tax Exemptions For Organization:

For those organizations who received either a partial or 100% tax exemption for property taxes for the fiscal year 2021/2022, new applications will be mailed to these organizations in the month of January 2022. Applications for the tax exemption will be received until the end of February 2022. New organizations who wish to be considered for either a Partial or 100% exemption must complete the necessary application forms for "Tax Exemption" pursuant to Schedule One of the "Tax Exemption By-Law" and who have provided the necessary supporting documentation as may be required by the Municipality of the District of Guysborough. Please call 533-3705 extension 229 for a copy of the appropriate application.

## Low Income Tax Exemption:

Applications for the Low Income Tax Exemption for 2022-2023 fiscal years will be available in the spring and summer Newsletters. If your income is \$30,000.00 or less, one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or the value of the taxes will be applied to your tax account. Please remember to keep your copy of the previous year's Income Tax Assessment Form as verification of income for the year 2021. A copy of this "**NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT FROM CANADA REVENUE AGENCY**" **must be included with your application for the exemption.**

In order to qualify for this exemption, previous year taxes must be paid in full or if there is an outstanding tax balance, a repayment schedule must be set up and followed with the municipal office. Applications for the low income tax will be received up to July 31, 2022. Please call 533-3705 extension 229 for a copy of the application. The application will also be in the spring and summer Municipal Newsletter.

**IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO CALL FOR THIS APPLICATION, IF NOT YOU WILL MISS OUT ON THIS TAX EXEMPTION.**

*Municipal Green Fund Funding Application  
2022/2023*

1) **APPLICANT**

b. **Name :** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail (if applicable) :** \_\_\_\_\_

c. **Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

d. **Phone # :** \_\_\_\_\_ **Fax #:** \_\_\_\_\_

1) **DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT/ACTIVITY REQUESTING FUNDING**

b. **Summary Description:**

c. **Impact of Environment:**

d. **Community Benefits:**

e. **Funding:**

Total project/activity cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Amount requested from Municipal Green Fund: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Detailed Budget for total project must be attached)

*(Invoices for any approved funding must be submitted before March 31<sup>st</sup> of the fiscal year the funding was approved.)*

f. **Schedule to start and complete project/activity: Start Date :** \_\_\_\_\_ **Completion Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

1) **AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE:**

**Name (print):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Position (print):** \_\_\_\_\_

2) **DATE SUBMITTED:** \_\_\_\_\_

# Recreation Report

## Fanning Fitness Center

The Fanning Fitness Center located in Hazel Hill at the Fanning Education Center, is currently running at reduced hours, members must call to book an appointment at this time. The hours are as follows:

3:00pm to 8:30pm Monday to Friday

9:00am - 3:00pm Saturday

11:00am- 3:00pm Sunday

We thank all members for their patience over the last number of months as we deal with closures due to Covid 19. Please call 902-366-2924 to book an appointment or if you have any questions about the center or memberships.

## Chedabucto Lifestyle Complex

### **Fitness Center and Building Hours of Operation**

Monday – Friday 6:00am – 9:00pm

Saturday and Sunday 9:00am – 5:00pm

Fitness center is currently by appointment only. Please call ahead to book your appointment.

We offer rentals for meetings, birthday parties, weddings and more. Call us at 902-533-2088 to discuss your booking.

Follow us on Facebook (@chedabuctolifestylecomplex) for all up to date announcements and information.

## PACY Afterschool Program

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

### **Chedabucto Lifestyle Complex**

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

### **Fanning Education Centre**

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

Grades 3 to 5: Wednesday 2:45pm-4:00pm

# Community News

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 maximum of \$600,000 with flexible 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 \$10,000.
- 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

## Guysborough County Kids First

Kids First Family Resource Center is a non-profit organization serving families throughout Guysborough County. We hold weekly programming year-round for families with young children while offering the Enhanced Home Visiting Program (EHV) as well as the Canada Prenatal Nutrition Program (CPNP).

### Kids Programs

- **Drop-In** programs Guysborough, Canso, and Country Harbour. (0-6yrs)
- **3+ Drop-Off** Little Chefs, Little Sprouts, Shimmy & Shake, and Tumble Bugs. (3 and up)
- **Fun with Friends** This program is for families with children(0-6yrs).
- **Enhanced Home Visiting Program (EHV)**
  - This program is designed to help new parents with goal planning using a family-centered, strengths-based approach.
- **Prenatal Program (CPNP)**
  - This is a program for all pregnant women in Guysborough County. Supports include:
    - Prenatal vitamins
    - 4 liters of free milk per week
    - 4 small food boxes
    - Breast pump loans
    - Free car seat installation
    - Baby play groups
    - Home Visits
- **Parenting Journey** and youth. (3-16yrs)
  - Parenting Journey is a home visitation program providing support for families experiencing challenges that may impact overall family functioning.
- **Giving Cupboard**
  - Guysborough Kids First now has a fully operating **Giving Cupboard** for families. Donations are welcome.
  - **To contact Kids First**, call 902-533-3881 or toll free 1-888-533-3881 or message us privately on our Facebook Page.

## Need a Primary Care Provider?

**The Need a Family Practice Registry** is a provincial list for people without a family doctor or nurse practitioner.

You can add your name to the registry by visiting **[needafamilypractice.nshealth.ca](http://needafamilypractice.nshealth.ca)** or calling **811**.

Once a family practice in your area is accepting new patients, people on the registry are contacted in chronological order to join that practice.

**[needafamilypractice.nshealth.ca](http://needafamilypractice.nshealth.ca)**



*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 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday monthly at 26 Queen Street, Guysborough.

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!

Questions: Rt. Wor. Bro. Darrell Grant, Worshipful Master (902.631.1531) [darrell.grant@martinmarietta.com](mailto:darrell.grant@martinmarietta.com)  
V. Wor. Bro. Gary MacMaster, Secretary (902.533.3595) [gaemac@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:gaemac@ns.sympatico.ca)

**To be a Mason --- Ask a Mason**

# Community News

## Goldboro Interpretive Centre

Auction 45's: Card night is every Wednesday evening at 7:30pm.

Admission is \$5 per person; partner not required.

## Rocky shores Seniors Association

Rocky Shores Seniors Association had to cancel meetings due to Covid19. We will resume when it is safe to do so. For more information contact Cynthia Childs at 902 387-2583 or Mary Sangster at 902 387 - 2455

## Guysborough Memorial Hospital Auxiliary

The Guysborough Memorial Hospital Auxiliary has been able to provide funding of over \$25,000.00 in 2021 for medical supplies and equipment for Guysborough Memorial Hospital. This funding could not be possible without the generosity of the residents of Guysborough Co. and beyond.

Through your generosity this past year we were able to provide funding for the following items: *Ice machine*; Vacuum drill/file system for the Foot Clinic; Bariatric Broda chair and a Wander Guard System which is specifically designed for Alzheimer and dementia patients. We have just approved funding to the Occupational therapy department to purchase a wheelchair used in the rehabilitation of patients, approximately \$4000.

We once again thank you all for supporting our wonderful hospital.

Donations can be given to an Auxiliary member in your area or by mailing to:

**GMHA PO Box 181, Guysborough NS B0H1N0.**

## ***Nova Scotia Curling Association's 2015 & 2019 "Organization of the Year"***

The Chedabucto Curling Club Community Activity Society (CAS) in addition to being a welcoming organization is an excellent source of recreation and socialization.

**Curling is a game with enjoyment plus socialization being its intent.** Curlers are encouraged to participate at their comfort levels. The Club invites applicable members to consider becoming **delivery-stick curlers** --- with no sliding required.

**Equipment needed to curl** --- a clean pair of sneakers and comfortable clothing. All other equipment such as curling brooms, sliders, stabilizers and delivery sticks are provided free of charges to members by the Chedabucto Curling Club.

If you or your child(ren) have questions about becoming a Chedabucto Curling Club member, whether as a Full, Social or Juniors (ages 10 – 19 years), please inquire.

**Questions?** Maurice Landry, President

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

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Phone: 902-533-4068 [mmp.landry@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:mmp.landry@ns.sympatico.ca)

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



# Community News

## Royal Canadian Legion

Royal Canadian Legion, Canso Branch #46 is proud to welcome back existing members, former members and new members.

Hours of Operation:

Monday - Thursday 2PM-8PM

Friday & Saturday- 2PM-11PM

Sunday- Closed

Tel (902)366-2960

Email [08-046@legion.ca](mailto:08-046@legion.ca)

Membership renewal and applications for new membership can be completed online or at the Legion. Please follow our Facebook page for upcoming events!

## Nova Scotia Works Career Connections Guysborough County

We provide FREE employment related services to all Nova Scotians. We help access government sponsored programs designed to assist with employment, training, and supports.

Our **Career Practitioners** assist people with the job search process. We help you create a resume and cover letter. We offer guidance during decision making and prepare you for the interview. We help you identify your skills, qualifications, and interests. You will discover your suitability for potential employers, educational programs, or self employment. We offer a starting point and ongoing encouragement as you strive to meet your employment/career goals.

We provide the following employment services to people:

- Job search assistance
- Help with resumes, cover letters, and interview skills
- Free Wifi access
- Mock interviews
- Case management/career counselling
- Free workshops
- Access to the latest (LMI) Labour Market Information
- Access to desktop and fully accessible computers
- Employment Nova Scotia Funding Programs Information

**Address:**

9996 Highway 16, Unit C  
Guysborough, NS, B0H1N0

**Phone:** 1-844-344-1369 (Toll Free)

# Community News

## ArtWorks East

We are looking forward to another *AWE Summer* in 2022.

The waterfront gallery will open again in the marina building. Plus, we have 4 special events planned.

- **Plein Air on the Guysborough Waterfront**, hosted by Moni Duersch and Julie Anne Fox, for seasoned artists and newcomers, young and old.
- **The Places We Call Home** with photographer Kas Stone. An afternoon presentation followed by a take-home project that encourages everyone to submit a picture with a brief backstory inspired by our theme, which will then be assembled into a PDF booklet and made available on the AWE website, with printed copies potentially available.
- **Driftwood Framed Chalk Boards**—make your own—with artist, printer, and crafter Sandy Winter.
- **Bin to Birth**. Look at discarded materials with an artist's eye and make your own unique piece of “assemblage” art with Andrea Pottyondy. Learn about composition, texture, shape and how to assemble and collage junk into a beautiful artwork.

Watch out website and Facebook page for more information on dates, times, prices, and how to sign up.

<https://www.artworkseast.ca/>

## Eastern Counties Regional Library

There are so many ways to access Eastern Counties Regional Library (ECRL) services:

- **Staffed Library Hours** – Visit the library, use the computer or free Wi-Fi, browse the collection, and get in-person or telephone assistance from local staff.
  - Canso Public Library: Wed, Thu, Fri – 12:30pm -5:30pm
  - Guysborough - Cyril Ward Memorial Public Library: Tue, Wed, Fri – 12:30pm-5:30pm
- **Extended Library Hours** – Help yourself to the library in Guysborough – Cyril Ward Memorial Public Library, Atlantic Canada's first Open Library! Use your adult library card and PIN to unlock the door during extended hours (7:00am-9:00pm daily).
- **Borrow by Mail** – available to all residents of ECRL's service area. Select items in our online catalogue and place a hold, selecting “Borrow by Mail” as the pickup location, or call your library for assistance.
- **Digital Library Services** – accessible for free anytime, from anywhere with an internet connection. With downloadable ebooks and audiobooks, newspapers, magazines, music, television and film, English and French encyclopedias, video tutorials, and language learning courses, there is something for everyone at [ecrl.ca/digital-library-services/](http://ecrl.ca/digital-library-services/)

Get the latest library service updates by visiting our website often, or by following ECRL on social media:

[facebook.com/ECRLibrary](https://facebook.com/ECRLibrary/)| [twitter.com/ecrlibrary](https://twitter.com/ecrlibrary).

# Community News



## PROJECT UPDATES

- On February 11, Nova Scotia Power Inc. (NSPI) released the Rate Base Procurement Request for Proposal (RFP) for the sale of renewable electricity. EDF Renewables (EDFR) plans to submit the Upper Afton Renewable Energy Centre (the Project) into the RFP for an opportunity to be awarded a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with NSPI.
- EDFR is proposing to develop the Upper Afton Renewable Energy Centre, a wind energy facility located south of the community of Upper Afton in County of Antigonish & Guysborough in Nova Scotia.
- The Project will have the capacity to generate up to 90 megawatts (MW), which will consist of up to 17 wind turbines and be connecting to NSPI's existing 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line.
- As EDFR continues to develop the Project, we will continue to engage with the community of Upper Afton to ensure that the Project is developed with the community in mind.



## VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

We have created a virtual open house website where you can learn more about the Project, such as:

- Updates to the proposed Project;
- The permitting and engagement processes, including timelines;
- Benefits to the local community; and
- Construction and operations.

You will have the opportunity to ask questions and share your feedback with the project team through the project website.

Virtual Open House is available anytime and can be accessed here:

<https://bit.ly/UpperAfton>

We look forward to connecting with you!

## ANTICIPATED PROJECT TIMELINE



Stay connected.



Website: [www.edf-re.com/project/upper-afton-wind/CA](http://www.edf-re.com/project/upper-afton-wind/CA)  
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## Canso Lions and Covid Challenges

The Canso Lions Club will meet monthly due to Covid restrictions. The weekly TV bingos on Cable 6 and at the Lions Hall are held every Tuesday. Lions continue to deliver Meals on Wheels from Eastern Memorial Hospital. You can contact any Lions Club member if you are interested in becoming a Lion.

The Lions encourage your support for the Eastern Memorial Hospital Portable Ultrasound Fundraising project. As Covid restrictions ease additional activities at the Lions Club will return.