



NOTICE

MEETING: St Mary's Municipal Council
Committee of the Whole

DATE: Wednesday, February 7th, 2018

TIME: 10:00am

PLACE: St. Mary's Municipality
Council Chambers, Sherbrooke, NS

Please advise if unable to attend

Dated: January 23, 2018

Marvin MacDonald, CAO

**Municipality of the District of St. Mary's
Committee of the Whole
Wednesday, February 7th, 2018**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda and Any Additions
4. Approval of Minutes from Committee Meeting held January 17, 2018
5. Business Arising from Minutes
6. Budget Deliberations
7. Other Matters of Business
 - a. Chedabucto Lifestyle Complex
 - b. Low Income Exemption
 - c. St. Mary's Volunteer Recognition
 - St. Mary's Volunteer of the Year
 - St. Mary's Community Volunteer of the Year
 - St. Mary's Fire Fighter Volunteer of the Year
 - St. Mary's Youth Volunteer of the Year
 - St. Mary's Senior Volunteer of the Year
 - St. Mary's Rookie Volunteer of the Year
 - d. ESREN – Mulgrave Request to Join
 - e. Fracking
 - f. Single Use Plastic Bag Ban
8. Adjournment

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Meeting, Date & Time:

The Committee of the Whole meeting of St. Mary's Council was called to order on Wednesday, February 7th, 2018 at 10:00am in the Council Chambers Sherbrooke, N.S.

Attending:

Warden Mosher
Deputy Warden Dort
Councillor Malloy
Councillor Findlay
Councillor Kaiser-Kirk
Councillor Baker
Councillor Smith

Also Attending:

Marvin MacDonald, CAO
Marian Fraser, Director of Finance
Denise Sawlor, Municipal Clerk/Special Projects Coordinator

Approval Of Agenda:

On motion of Deputy Warden Dort and seconded by Councillor Smith that Council approve the agenda with the following additions:

- 7.g Visitor Information Centre
- 7.h DEANS Gala Dinner
- 7.i Traffic Cameras
- 7.J In-Camera (legal matters)

Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

On motion of Councillor Kaiser-Kirk and seconded by Councillor Malloy that Council approve the minutes of the Committee Of The Whole held January 17th, 2018

Motion carried.

Business Arising From Minutes:

- The office of Mr. Hines, MLA has yet to provide possible dates for a visit. Marvin will contact the office again for an update.
- Mr. Pitts from the Department of Transportation will be attending the March 7, 2018 COTW.
- Transfer Station backhoe
 - Backhoe has been repaired.
 - Bill has not yet been received for the repairs.
- Antigonish Community Transit
 - Answers to the Councillor's questions regarding the transit proposal have not been received.
 - Marvin is trying to set up a meeting to discuss the questions.
- Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities (UNSM) Name Change
 - A new name for the UNSM was approved at a recent UNSM board meeting. The new name will be Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM).

Budget Deliberations – Marian Fraser, Director of Finance

- Marian presented the first draft of the 2018/19 Municipal Budget
- Topics covered included
 - Municipal Transfer Station
 - Revenue options for solid waste charges

On motion of Councillor Findlay and seconded by Deputy Warden Dort Council moved into an in-camera session to discuss a confidential matter at 10:27am.

On motion of Deputy Warden Dort council reconvened to regular session at 10:46am.

 - Expenditure highlights
 - St. Mary's Public Works
 - Water Utility
 - Sewer Utility
 - Economic Development

On motion of Deputy Warden Dort and seconded by Councillor Findlay Council moved into an in-camera session to discuss a personnel matter at 11:13am.

On motion of Deputy Warden Dort council reconvened to regular session at 12:16pm.
- Council postponed remaining the budget deliberation discussion until the end of the meeting.

12:17pm Break

1:01pm Resume

Other Matters of Business

- Chedabucto Lifestyle Complex
 - See attached proposal

On recommendation of Councillor Kaiser-Kirk and seconded by Councillor Baker that Council give \$5,000 to the Chedabucto Lifestyle Complex project.

Recommendation adopted.

- Low Income Exception
 - Current form has been updated to specify applicants must be Canadian citizens and permanent residents of St. Marys. Also, the annual income amount has increased to \$19,600 to reflect the increase in cost of living.
 - Council approves the changes.

- St. Mary's Volunteer Recognition

On motion of Councillor Kaiser-Kirk and seconded by Councillor Malloy Council moved into an in-camera session to discuss a confidential matter at 1:27pm.

On motion of Deputy Warden Dort council reconvened to regular session at 1:41pm

- Eastern Strait Regional Enterprise Network (ESREN) – Mulgrave Request to Join
 - Based on the ESREN formula, Mulgrave would pay approximately \$10,000 to become a member.
 - Membership would give Mulgrave an opportunity to hire an Economic Development Officer.

On recommendation of Councillor Smith and seconded by Councillor Baker that Council support Mulgrave in their request to join ESREN.

Recommendation adopted.

- Fracking
 - The Municipality of Guysborough has requested that the Municipality of St. Mary's send a letter to the Premier urging the province to create regulations and legislation that removes the ban of fracking in Nova Scotia and design a program that provides strict guidelines and parameters under which a pilot project can be initiated to determine if this resource can be safely developed for the benefit of all Nova Scotians.
 - Council discussed various health and environmental concerns associated with fracking.
 - Based on the information in the Onshore Petroleum Atlas, should a ban be lifted in Nova Scotia the fracking would occur within municipalities outside the Strait region.
 - Council decided not to send a letter to the Premier supporting the removal of the fracking ban.
 - Council will send a letter to the Municipality of Guysborough in response to their request.
- Single Use Plastic Bag Ban
 - See attached.
 - The Minister of Environment has asked if there is support for a ban on single-use plastic bags.

On recommendation of Councillor Smith and seconded by Councillor Kaiser-Kirk that Council be in support of a ban on single use plastic bags. Further that the Minister of Environment continue to work towards implementation of extended producer responsibility province wide.

Recommendation adopted.

2:14pm Councillor Smith left meeting

2:16pm Councillor Smith returned to meeting

2:16pm Break
2:24pm Resume

- Visitor Information Center
 - There has been talk of moving the Visitor Information Centre (VIC) out of Sherbrooke Village.
 - The River Association has expressed interest in having the VIC at their building on highway #7.
 - It was suggested that the River Association approach both Sherbrooke Village and Destination Eastern & Northumberland Shores (DEANS) regarding the VIC.
- DEANS Gala Dinner
 - DEANS is hosting a gala dinner on April 12, 2018

On recommendation of Deputy Warden Dort and seconded by Councillor Baker that Council have Councillor Kaiser-Kirk and Councillor Findlay attend the DEANS Gala dinner.

Recommendation adopted.

- Currently there is no one from St. Mary's serving on the DEANS board. Marvin will look into this.
- Traffic Cameras
 - The highway camera on Cochrane Hill is not connected to the Weather Channel. Many other highway cameras across the province have been connected to the Weather Channel curtesy of the Nova Scotia Government.
 - There are no cameras on highway #7 along the Eastern Shore.

2:37pm Marian left meeting

2:41pm Marian returned to meeting

- Council will send a letter to Mr. Hines, MLA requesting that the Cochrane Hill camera be added to the Weather Channel and that a new camera be placed somewhere on highway #7 along the route from Sherbrooke to the Halifax County Line.
- In-Camera (legal matters)
On motion of Councillor Findlay and seconded by Councillor Dort Council moved into an in-camera session to discuss legal matters at 2:47pm.

On motion of Councillor Findlay council reconvened to regular session at 3:10pm

Budget Deliberations – Marian Fraser, Director of Finance

- Marian continued the presentation of the first draft of the 2018/19 Municipal Budget
- Topics covered included
 - Municipal operating budget
 - Revenue
 - Taxes
 - Grants in Lieu of taxes
 - Other revenue from own sources
 - Unconditional & conditional transfers from other governments
 - Expenditures

- General Government Services
- Protective Services
- Transportation Services
- Environmental health services
- Environmental development services
- Recreation and cultural services
- Education
- Public health services
- Succession Planning
- Budget meeting set for February 15th, 2018 at 9am to continue discussion of the 2018/19 Municipal budget.

Adjournment

On Motion of Deputy Warden Dort and seconded by Councillor Baker there being no further matters of business, Council adjourned at 4:13pm.

Recorded By
Municipal Clerk

Approved By
Warden Mosher

January 8, 2018

As you may be aware, the Municipality of the District of Guysborough (MODG) recently released plans and started construction on the Chedabucto Lifestyle Complex.

For your information, I have attached a copy of the **Municipality's Facility & Funding Proposal for the new Chedabucto Lifestyle Complex (CLC)**.

The MODG is widely recognized for its progressive approach to community development and supportive environment for investment. This new complex offers an opportunity to provide evidence, once again, of the symbiotic relationship between enhanced services for residents and the value brought by investors such as Central Home Improvement Warehouse.

Since 2001 MODG has been considering the need and feasibility of constructing a recreation facility adjacent to Chedabucto Place P-12 School, building on our partnership with the Strait Regional School Board. Together, we are focused on creating a superb recreation and educational campus destination. Our existing facility is broadly recognized in Nova Scotia for its "Open Community" approach.

In addition to the excellent school gymnasium, the complex includes a soft-seat (capacity 307) Performance Centre; heated outdoor pool; baseball field; tennis courts; fitness centre; and soccer field.

Our new Lifestyle Centre will provide the MODG Recreation Department Staff with the appropriate space and facility to improve on their delivery of programming and provision of services. This new facility will offer programming across our broad demographic makeup. The synthetic surface soccer facility responds to high demand and growth among youth – 80% of students in grades P-7 participate. A four-lane track encircling the soccer field offer opportunities to grown the local track and field program and provides an opportunity for all residents to run and walk to increase physical activity levels. Likewise, the artificial ice shinny surface and 1000 foot skating trail will serve to offer these opportunities throughout the calendar year.

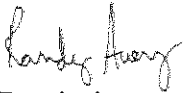
The total budget for the Lifestyle Centre is \$9.9 million. In addition to the commitment of \$600,000 to complete the engineering and design for the facility, Council has committed to provide one-third (1/3) of project funding in the amount of \$3.294 million. We received support from both the Federal and Provincial government. The local Community Liaison Committee has already raised \$320,000 and has taken on the task of raising money from the community and local business.

The Municipality's significant financial commitment to both construction and ongoing operation of this Lifestyle Centre highlights its importance to the future of the District and it is hoped other funding partners will similarly understand the necessity and urgency of this project.

MODG plans to invest in the provision of services and amenities that help future employees work and live in a comfortable, well serviced community. We would ask that you consider being part of the financing of this new facility. Any contributions are greatly appreciated. The MODG would also welcome multi-year funding commitments if that would fit better.

I thank you in advance for your consideration and assistance in making this very important project a reality. If you have any questions or would like additional information I can be reached at your convenience at (902) 533-3705, Extension 223 or email atavares@modg.ca.

Yours Truly,



Randy Avery
President of CLC Steering Committee



CHEDABUCTO LIFESTYLE COMPLEX

FACILITY & FUNDING PROPOSAL

APRIL, 2016

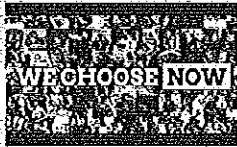


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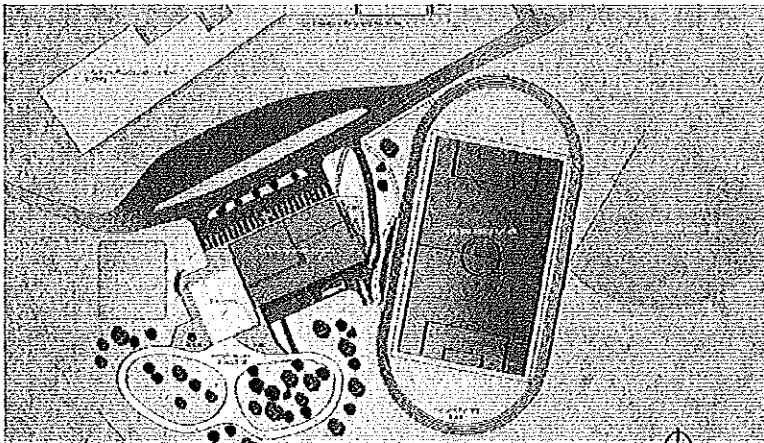
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

People do not get excited about living in a community with a brand defined by low taxes. In fact, people want to live in a community that has good quality of life for their families. When people buy a house, they look for one they feel can be a home. When people look at communities they view it as an extension of the home they want to be in. We want the District of Guysborough to feel like home! Economic success requires investment in beautification, developing a vibrant arts community, celebrating cultural diversity, providing excellent services related to health care, education and recreation, encouraging youth to return someday, and addressing the needs of the seniors in our community. We feel Guysborough is a leader in that respect!



Opportunities to connect with family and friends, a sense of security, healthy living experiences, opportunities for work and education, and access to desired infrastructure are elements that maintain the vitality and sustainability of our community. Recent years have seen significant declines in traditional industries in many parts of Canada with the Municipality of the District of Guysborough (MODG) suffering significantly higher percentages of out-migration of young people and families.

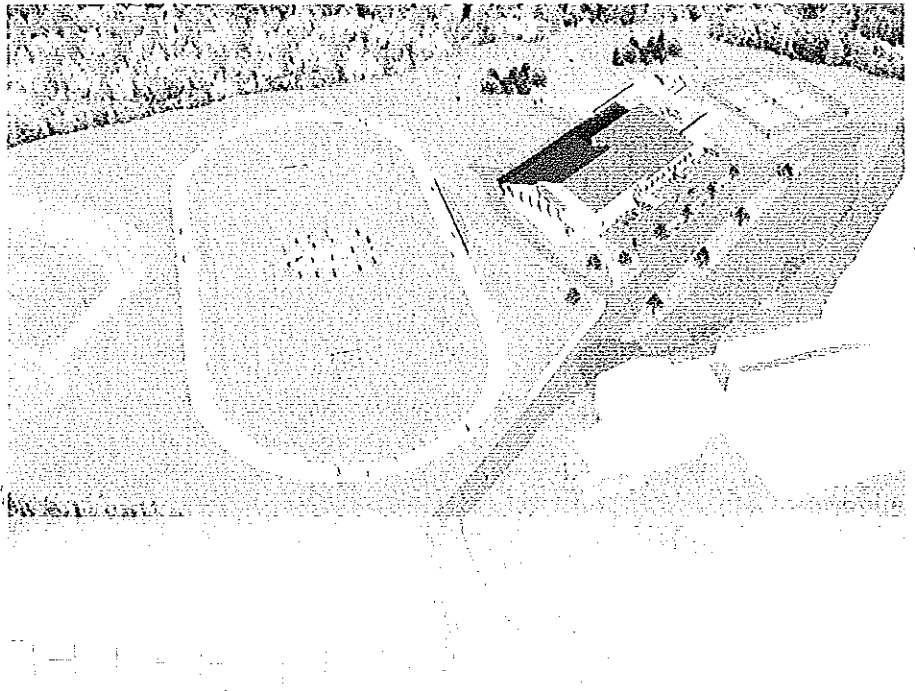
Ongoing marketing efforts by municipal council have proven successful in attracting the attention of several large scale economic investment opportunities to the area including a deep-water container port on the Strait of Canso, a potential aggregate quarry, multiple LNG facilities, and ongoing offshore development projects. The goal for the proposed Chedabucto Lifestyle Complex is to create a facility which has the potential to have a positive effect on the socio-economic environment of MODG and be complementary to the goals of the Municipality and surrounding areas.

Through excellence in design and efficiency in delivering programs/services to the public, the Complex, in a symbolic sense, will continue to remind citizens of the positive role that a recreation complex can, and does, play in their daily lives. Such a facility will also contribute to

the economic development objectives of the region along with the health and wellness of current and potential residents

This proposal will demonstrate how the Chedabucto Lifestyle Complex will generate healthy living opportunities, significant economic growth and human resource retention and attraction. There is little question that modern leisure facilities contribute to a community's quality of life, health of its residents, the growth of individuals and the stability and economic viability of an area.

The importance of such facilities to the economic attractiveness of local business and industry is well documented. The MODG and the Chedabucto Lifestyle Complex Steering Committee (CLC) are working cooperatively to ensure a complete living package is provided. Help us to build this part of rural Nova Scotia...come and be a partner with us!!



PROJECT BACKGROUND



The concept of developing a recreational complex in MODG has existed for over a decade as growing demands for recreational facilities support the need to develop new and expanded levels of programming for all ages. A facility of this type will assist in establishing an improved sense of community identity and respond to the diverse needs of residents of all ages, abilities and interests.

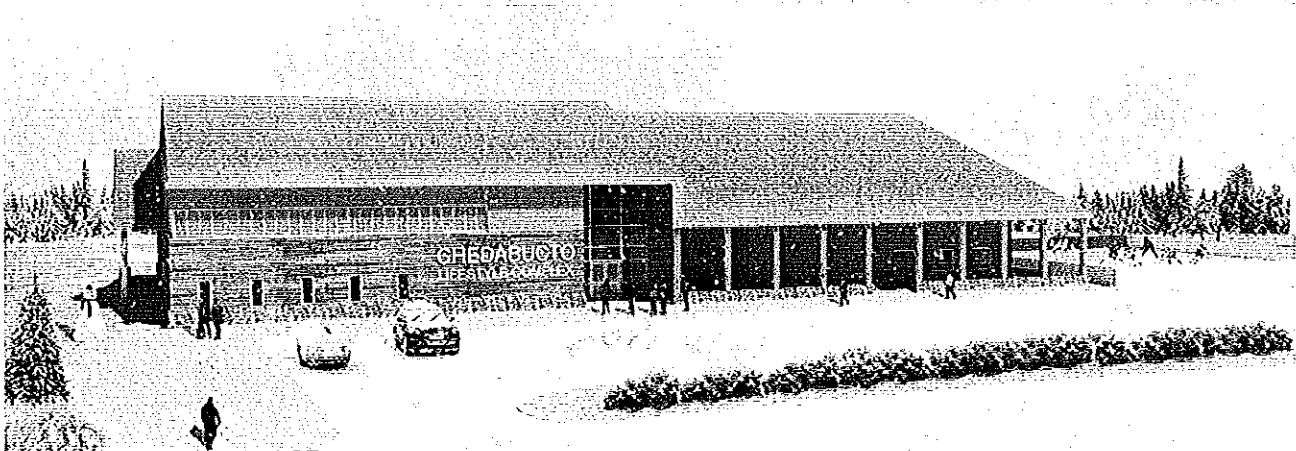
The Chedabucto Lifestyle Complex has been designed to serve the District for many decades into the future. The Complex has been carefully planned to be the right size, have the right features and facilities and the right degree of flexibility to adapt to an uncertain future and serve our demographic. This modern complex will

be conveniently and naturally situated together with the P-12 school, performing arts centre, pool, tennis courts and playing fields to provide MODG with a superb recreation and educational campus destination that you will not find anywhere else in Canada.

In 2001 the Strait Regional School Board constructed a new P-12 school in Guysborough. Together, through partnership with MODG, a community campus was developed which included improvements to the existing Drysdale Ballfield; soccer field, fitness centre, outdoor pool, tennis courts and performing arts centre. This community partnership was so unique that it set an example for all schools across the Province; and in particular rural Nova Scotia.

As a result of the success of this partnership, the Guysborough & Area Amateur Athletic Association (GAAA) approached the Municipality asking that they consider building on this vision of a community campus by investing in the construction of a new facility which would include an arena and community use space.

A community steering committee was formed and Guysborough Municipal Council provided support and approved funding to complete the design and prepare a draft "Civic Centre Functional Use Study – Planning Context Report" for this facility.



An application was prepared for submission to government seeking financial support for this project; however, at the time there were no funding programs available to assist with construction of recreational type facilities. Although plans to construct this facility were delayed, community consultation was still carried out by the Committee with fund raising initiatives undertaken to date resulting in a total of \$93,000 in community funding support.

In 2012 MODG had to shift its' focus as a result of the dissolution of the former town of Canso. Although there were many challenges faced throughout the dissolution process, being faced with aging and failing

infrastructure including water, sewer and an electric utility, the Municipality "stepped up to the plate" and worked with the Province resulting in a very successful transition. As part of this process, the Municipality inherited a number of properties and buildings held by the former town including the Canso Arena. Although the Arena is operated by the Canso Arena Commission, the Municipality provides funding and professional advice and guidance with day to day operations so that this facility can continue to provide recreational opportunities to Canso and surrounding communities for many years to come.

In 2015 the Municipality was again faced with dissolution of another adjoining municipal unit. On October 1st 2016 the Town of Mulgrave will officially become part of MODG.

Guysborough Municipal Council have again "stepped up to the plate" and are working diligently to make this transition as successful as the Canso dissolution in a much shorter timeframe.

Since the vision of a community campus destination emerged in 2001, the Municipality has made significant investment in the health and wellbeing of its residents. The Municipality owns and operates two fitness centres one at Chedabucto Place and one Fanning Education Centre. The Municipality has also provided funding to community groups to establish several satellite fitness centres and outdoor Green Gym facilities, multipurpose outdoor courts, playgrounds, trail development, four (4) tennis courts and extensive recreation programming providing opportunities for residents of all ages. In addition, the Municipality committed \$800,000 to the Guysborough Memorial Hospital expansion project.

The Municipality of the District of Guysborough has a vision of thriving people living healthy lifestyles in a vibrant community. To achieve this vision we will continue to invest in enhanced cultural, recreational and sustainable public infrastructure. "Our Mothers told us fresh air made us healthy....she would love the District of Guysborough" and she would love the Chedabucto Lifestyle Complex!

DEFINED NEEDS

Since 2001 the Municipality, along with the community steering committee, has been considering the need and feasibility of constructing a recreation centre adjacent to Chedabucto Place Theatre where we intend to build on the partnership with the Strait Regional School Board that has been developing and expanding over the years. The committee, made up of a group of residents which includes coaches, parents, residents, council representation, business owners, etc., have been building on this vision over the years by hosting fundraising events, distributing petitions of support and spending countless hours on the phone and in person with citizens detailing the benefits to their community and lives.

The Municipality's Recreation Department are currently offering programming and managing the fitness centres and recreation facilities from office space in the basement of the Municipal Building. Staff are also trying to work around school and classroom schedules at Chedabucto Place to offer daytime programming that is not disruptive to the students. Office space for the Recreation Department will be located in the new Complex where Staff will have the greatest flexibility to improve and expand recreation programming for all ages. In addition, Recreation Staff will also perform all management and administrative functions for the day to day operation of the Complex.

The Chedabucto Lifestyle Complex will provide the Recreation Department Staff with the appropriate space and facility to improve on their delivery of programming and provision of services to all age groups.

The type of programming that will be offered at the Complex includes, but is not limited to:

YOUTH PROGRAMMING (3 Years and Up)

- Tumblebugs*
- Taekwondo*
- Sport Ball*
- Mobile Day Camp*
- Girl Guides*
- Art Classes*
- Youth Gymnastics*
- Minor Soccer*
- Specialized Sports Camps*
- Steve Nash Youth Basketball Program*
- After School Programming (PACY Program)*
- Blossoming In Balance*
- Family Intramural Night*
- Accountability Me Fitness and Nutrition*

ADULT/SENIOR PROGRAMMING

- Indoor Walking*
- Dance Classes*
- Carpet Bowling*
- Cooking Classes*
- Quilting Classes*
- TOPS Classes*
- Yoga Classes*
- Fitness Classes (Zumba, Taichi, etc.)*
- Coaching Clinics/Officiating Courses*
- Seniors Fun Day Activities*
- Scrapbooking Classes*
- Weight Watchers*
- Seniors Exercise Classes*
- Indoor Shuffle Board*

The Recreation Department will also continue to provide snowshoe, x-country skiing and skate rentals free of charge to the public.

The Guysborough Lifestyle Complex will enable the Strait Regional School Board to expand programming and increase physical activity among students. The Municipality currently maintains a small non-refrigerated outdoor ice surface that is highly used by the community and the school. In addition, Guysborough has a very successful minor soccer program with an overwhelming participation rate that has 80% of the students taking part in this program. This Complex will also give the School Board the ability to host regional meets, expand track and field and other programming creating more opportunities overall for our youth.

For many years the Strait Regional School Board has offered a program for adult learners faced with either physical or mental disabilities operated under the Guysborough Options for Adaptive Living Society (GOALS). Clients of this program are from all over the Municipality and are able to attend this program on a daily basis by travelling on the school buses already transporting children to Chedabucto Place. Clients of this program are able to learn important life skills and offer a clothing exchange program, woodworking shop and hot cooked meals to the community one day per week. Classroom and kitchen facilities for this program are not located in Chedabucto Place, therefore clients using the fitness centre and gymnasium must do so while working within regular school and classroom schedules. The Guysborough Lifestyle Complex will provide GOALS with a new commercial kitchen, classroom, program room and office space. In addition, their clients will have the ability to use all of the facilities located at the Complex such as the gymnasium and fitness centre along with new outside facilities thus giving GOALS the ability to improve and expand their programs and services.

The Chedabucto Lifestyle Complex will serve as the main Emergency Coordination Centre (ECC) for the Municipality in the event of an incident that requires the activation of the ICS (Incident Command System). Municipal Employees now have training in Basic Emergency Management (BEM), ICS 100, ICS 200 and ECC Management & Operations. MODG has the ability to completely staff the ECC with fully trained qualified individuals. The Multi-Purpose Room/Gymnasium and adjacent kitchen and full washroom/shower facilities will serve as a comfort center for residents and the Community Meeting Room will serve as the Municipality's primary Command Centre.

In 2005, a Toronto business man, Mr. Glynn Williams purchased DesBarres Manor (a five star Inn), the Rare Bird Pub and the Skipping Stone cafe located in the centre of Guysborough. Since that time, under the Authentic Seacoast umbrella, Mr. Williams has continued to make significant investment in the community with the Osprey Golf Resort, the Harbour Bell Bakery, the Full Steam Coffee Company, a craft brewing business and more recently the Authentic Seacoast Distilling Co. Ltd (seen here). It is estimated that Mr. Williams has invested well in excess of \$15 million in this community in addition to local job creation and other economic activity in the County by attracting visitors to the area.

The MODG recognizes and supports investments in the community like that of Mr. Glynn Williams which is evident in the visitguysborough.ca website. The Municipality's Signage Strategy, Façade Program, recreational and cultural amenities and other tourism related

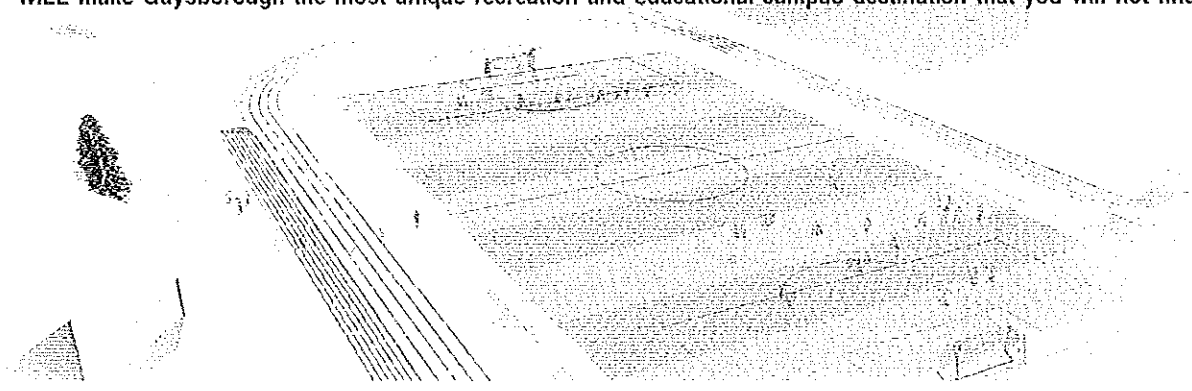


infrastructure such as the Chedabucto Lifestyle Complex will help build on the Authentic Seacoast experience. We need to build on what is being done by Authentic Seacoast to make Guysborough a sought after complete tourism destination. It is our hope that visitors coming to enjoy the breath-taking scenery of our seaside community and share in our culture and heritage will be encouraged to return to the area during the various seasons throughout the year.

Since the demolition of the former Lion's Centre building in Guysborough, aesthetically appealing, modern facilities available in that area to host wedding events, dances or large gatherings are less than plentiful. The new Complex would provide a large area capable of hosting events, weddings and numerous other functions.

Since the Municipality identified Guysborough as the residential Growth Centre in 2011, the focus has been on making the District a place where people can live, work, play and retire. Therefore, having infrastructure to serve families throughout their life stages is very important and a high priority for the Municipality. The Municipality has always taken a proactive, rather than reactive approach. We must be able to provide a high quality of life for our existing and new residents. We must continue to support our outstanding local health care system and provide programs and infrastructure that will enable our residents to live healthy vibrant lives. We must be ready when development occurs in our District so that people not only choose to work here but also choose to call Guysborough home.

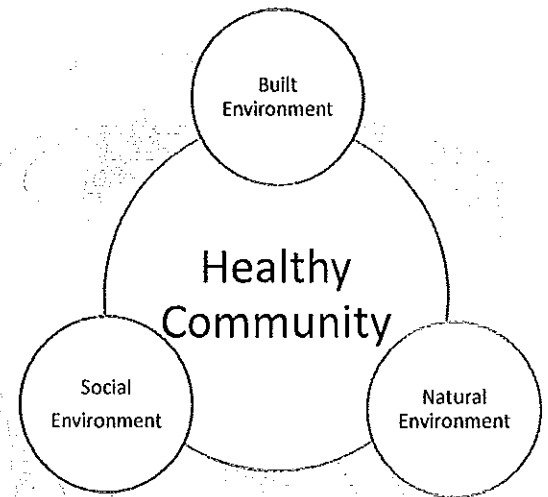
We must continue to invest in tourism so that visitors want to get off Highway 104 and take the time to experience all of the wonderful things Guysborough has to offer. The Chedabucto Lifestyle Complex will do all of those things. By working with our community we WILL make Guysborough the most unique recreation and educational campus destination that you will-not find anywhere else.



HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES

Over the last few decades, governments and public health agencies have taken an aggressive and integrated approach as their focus shifts towards prevention as opposed to treatment of chronic illness. The MODG has supported this approach and have been an active proponent and advocate of healthier lifestyles for several years with spending priorities focused towards recreation infrastructure programs and community amenities. To date significant dollars have been invested locally in trail development, playground and park development and improvements. Numerous programs have also been developed that promote access to a broad range of recreational/leisure activities. This recreational complex will serve to complement these initiatives and provide a venue through which public access to health and fitness programs may be enhanced and expanded. This represents a tremendous opportunity to cooperatively put into action, the plans and directions currently being pursued by recreation, sport, education and healthcare sectors.

The Chedabucto Lifestyle Centre is the next logical infrastructure investment in combating physical inactivity while promoting healthy lifestyles for current and future residents of the Municipality. The outdoor shinny rink, skating/walking loop, gymnasium/community space, fitness centre, commercial kitchen, classroom, office space, regulation size turf soccer field, four lane running track, tennis courts and ballfield will create an inviting social atmosphere and countless year round opportunities providing immeasurable benefits to residents and visitors to live happier, healthier and more fulfilling lives.



In 2015 the Municipality was recognized for our commitment to health and wellness when we were presented with the Gold Award titled the Workplace Wellness Award from the Association of Nova Scotian Municipalities Association. This award is given to workplaces who demonstrate a comprehensive workplace health promotion approach to wellness programming. In order to have the greatest impact on the wellness of our employees, elected officials and municipality, a variety of health promotion strategies were considered and applied in our wellness programming.

The four key health promotion strategies included:

- Awareness Raising – providing information to employees about the benefits of making healthy choices e.g., health fairs, newsletters, lunch and learns, intranet wellness information, etc.
- Skill Building – helping employees develop the necessary skills to make healthy choices e.g., promoting challenges, contests, series, workshops, etc.
- Supportive Environment – strengthening employees' health practices by making it easier within the work environment to make healthier choices e.g. providing bike racks, organizing ongoing walking or running groups, etc.
- Policy Development – further enhancing and sustaining healthy practices by implementing healthy workplace policies e.g., healthy food choices at meetings, smoke-free entry

Statistics have proven that a reduction in healthcare services and costs to medicare programs are a result of more active ways of living. The benefits of this Complex inviting individuals to get involved cannot accurately be measured in dollars and cents but will assuredly be present in the overall health and welfare of residents from the very youngest to the most senior.

According to the Childhood Obesity Foundation, Canada is in the midst of an epidemic of overweight and obesity. Between 1978/79 and 2004, the combined prevalence of overweight and obesity among those aged 2 to 17 years increased from 15 percent to 26 percent. Increases were highest among youth, aged 12 to 17 years, with overweight and obesity more than doubling for this age group, from 14 percent to 29 percent.

Childhood overweight and obesity has both immediate and long-term health outcomes. Increasingly, obese children are being diagnosed with a range of health conditions previously seen almost exclusively among adults. Childhood unhealthy weights may result in serious medical problems in childhood such as:

- type 2 diabetes
- high blood pressure and elevated blood cholesterol
- liver disease
- bone and joint problems
- respiratory problems such as asthma
- sleep disorders such as difficulty breathing while asleep (sleep apnea)
- earlier than normal puberty or menstruation
- eating disorders such as anorexia or bulimia
- skin infections due to moisture from sweat being trapped in skin folds
- fatigue

Overweight or obesity in childhood can also result in serious psychological difficulties as these children are more likely to be teased or bullied, bully others, may have poor self-esteem, feel isolated and be at an increased risk for depression. These children are also likely to have poorer social skills, have high stress and anxiety and behavior and/or learning problems.

“As a result of obesity it is possible that for the first time in history our children may have a shorter lifespan than their parents.”

-Childhood Obesity Foundation

It was stated that most adolescents do not outgrow this problem and in fact, many continue to gain excess weight. Research has shown that if the current trend continues, by 2040 up to 70% of adults aged 40 years will be either overweight or obese.

Currently, 59% of adult Canadians are either overweight or obese with cities in Alberta, Saskatchewan, Ontario, New Brunswick, and *Nova Scotia* having a significantly higher overweight/obesity population than the national average for adults.

It is well documented that adults who have unhealthy weights are at increased risk of heart and liver disease, cancer, strokes and type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure and dementia and affected adults may die up to 3 to 7 years earlier than counterparts with a healthy weight.

In 2008 the total cost of obesity to Canadians was \$7.1 billion: \$3.9 billion in direct healthcare costs, and \$3.2 billion in indirect costs. These costs include lost productivity as a result of absenteeism and weight-related illnesses among Canada's aging and more obese workforce.

The Chedabucto Lifestyle Complex will provide individuals with an opportunity to combat various health concerns including childhood obesity, physical inactivity as well as combatting chronic diseases especially affecting low-income senior and minority populations. Healthy living is influenced by the socio-cultural, economic and physical environments where people live, learn, work and play; and, these environments influence a person's ability to live in healthy ways. The Municipality believes that by providing this much needed infrastructure, individuals will obtain a healthier quality of life while reducing the negative targeted conditions and the strains on an already overburdened health care system.

We do Choose NOW; Recommendations from ONE Nova Scotia

If you pick up a copy of The Ivany Report you can quickly see that it is a report not only focused on growing Nova Scotia, but innovative ways to do so. Many of the reasons why this report has made such an impact on the province as a whole is its far-reaching recommendations for rural areas that outlie the boundaries of HRM. The Ivany Report refers many times to the importance that rural areas and small communities have on our economy and will be relied upon in the coming decade to facilitate economic growth.

This project aligns directly with the recommendations of the report by "upping our game" in the 5Cs: Culture, Creativity, Community, Charm and Character. This inventive and unique recreational complex is reflective of our past and present *cultural* attributes, yet strengthens our already strong sense of *community* in a *creative* manner adding *charm, character* and encouraging growth.

The Ivany Report states directly that the province as a whole has to do a better job on capitalizing on our communities' proximity to the Ocean and using that to catapult us in the direction of growth and increased global presence. Building on this and the investments that the Authentic Seacoast brand have made in our Municipality uniquely positions this project to create a resort-community and satisfy the recommendations to drive growth and better serve the tourism sector. Choosing to take advantage of the low hanging fruit- which in our case is the growing craft brewery and distillery businesses located within our Municipality- to create that unique tourist experience that cannot be replicated anywhere else.



We all
have a role
to play.

MUNICIPAL INVESTMENT

In 2011 Guysborough Municipal Council completed a comprehensive land use planning review process that resulted in the consolidation of four land use planning documents and the identification of both residential and industrial growth centre designations. The intent was to direct most future development toward the growth centres where it is expected that a full range of municipal services will be provided. As a result, the area in and surrounding the community of Guysborough was identified as the primary Residential Growth Centre which is currently the main service area for the Municipality.

Building on the Municipality's Strategic and Land Use Planning goals, objectives and policies, significant investment in economic development initiatives, including the creation of the Goldboro, Melford and Black Point Industrial Parks, have been made. The Municipality is committed to attracting and supporting investment and business. Current developments such as the Maher Melford Container Terminal Project, Goldboro LNG, AC LNG and the Black Point Quarry Project present outstanding opportunities for our Municipality and all of Nova Scotia. This is in addition to existing clients like Exxon, Encana, Maritimes Northeast Pipeline/Spectra Energy, Mariin Marietta, Authentic Seacoast, our traditional industries & others. Significant investment has also been made in the residential, recreational, cultural and tourism sectors seeking to attract visitors and new residents to the Municipality.

Starting in 2009 the Municipality began investing in programs and strategies to make the District more visually appealing. A Signage Strategy was adopted to enhance the area highlighting larger communities and to make the area more attractive to tourists. Since that time additional community and way signage programs have also been initiated to build on this Strategy and to direct travellers off Highway 104 and into the Municipality. In 2015 the Municipality adopted a Façade Program providing grants to local businesses wishing to increase their "curb appeal". This program was a huge success and it is intended that funding will be made available in 2016 to continue this initiative. In addition, in 2015 a new website was launched titled *Visit Guysborough County* which is aimed at promoting business in Guysborough County with a particular focus on tourism businesses. This web-based database is designed around creating user-friendly maps that allow people to browse listings of the many businesses, services and events in the area. For more information, please refer to www.visitguysborough.ca.

Over the years MODG has also made significant investment in renewable energy. We are the first municipality in Nova Scotia to own and operate multiple turbines through the Provincial Small Wind (<50 kw) ComFIT program. Three of these turbines are located in Goldboro and two in Melford. These small wind turbines represent a \$2 million investment for the MODG and will provide a source of revenue for at least 20 years. In 2012 the Municipality was one of three successful bidders (from 17 bidders) for the development of large-scale wind development. The MODG was the first municipality in Nova Scotia to be the majority owner/operator of a large scale wind-farm. This 13.8 MW project represented a \$30 million investment located in the Canso/Hazel Hill area. These projects have provided many direct and indirect benefits to MODG in addition to benefits from tax revenues, turbine land rents and wind turbine electricity revenues. The ComFIT and Sable Wind Projects are a perfect example of initiatives undertaken by the Municipality to diversify revenue sources making us less reliant on property tax revenue.

In 2015 the Municipality invested in the Cutler's Brook Estates Subdivision project and developed a 10 lot residential subdivision. Plans are also underway to complete Phase II of this project creating an additional 25 building lots. The Municipality not only wants to create jobs and generate tax revenue from our many proposed projects but we also want to ensure people employed in the Municipality choose to live here as well.

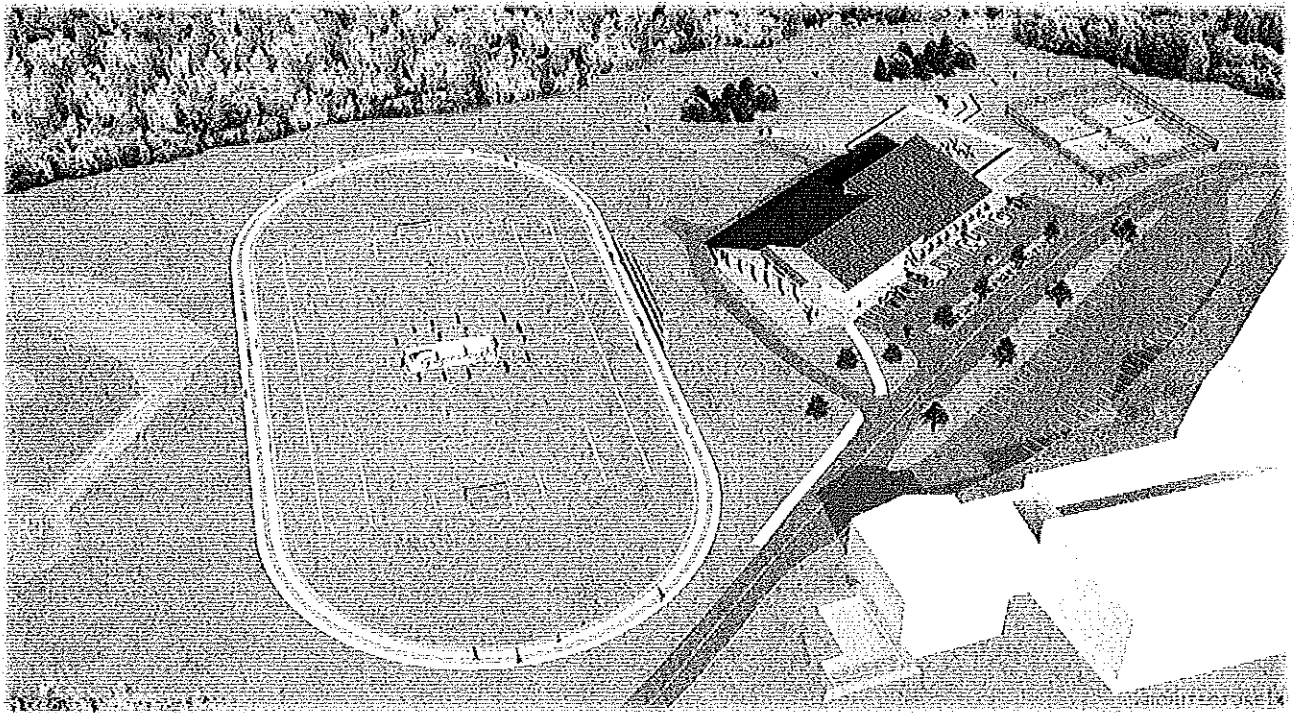
In 2016 the Municipality signed a contract with Efficiency Nova Scotia to offer a Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program to its residents. Residents are now able to take out low interest loans up to a maximum of \$10,000 to be repaid over time through their property taxes. These loans are to cover energy efficient upgrades to homes such as heat pumps, insulation, windows, doors, etc. The Municipality has budgeted \$400,000 towards this program.

The Municipality of the District of Guysborough is a forward thinking municipality like no other in the Province of Nova Scotia. We are leaders focusing on diversification and sustainability relying less and less on revenues from property taxation. That is evident in everything we do such as our Second Generation Landfill Site with 20 year contracts serving 15 municipal units and our investment in wind and other economic development initiatives.

Guysborough was captured and described more than 150 years ago by Joseph Howe (1804 – 1873), Premier and Lieutenant Governor of the Province in this quote. His words are as true today as they were then.

“Indeed every step you take – every turn of the eye – furnishes some new combination of land and water, some scenic grace that was not at first observed; and the result of the whole survey satisfies....that there are few places in the province whose natural beauties and great commercial advantages are more agreeably blended.”

FACILITY COMPONENTS AND COSTS



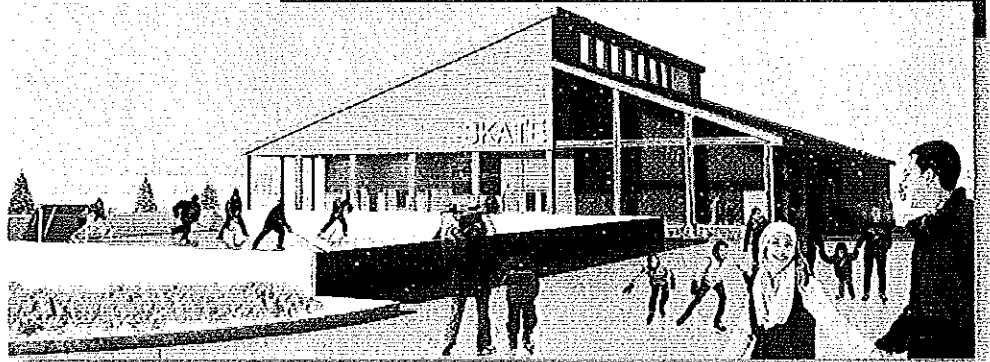
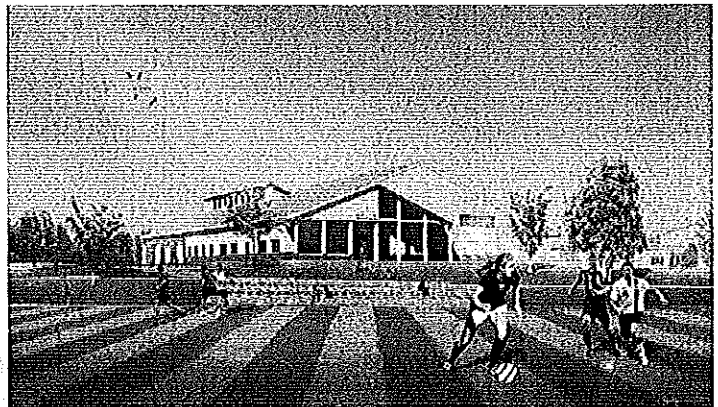
COMPONENTS

The Chedabucto Lifestyle Complex will complement the existing recreational infrastructure (outdoor swimming pool, baseball field, tennis courts and existing playgrounds) by providing a more community-centric campus.

The new complex will consist of a regulation size artificial turf soccer field with a four lane running track and new seating area. A new building will be constructed which will house the Chedabucto Fitness Center, community meeting/event space, Recreation Department office space, an elementary-sized gymnasium that can easily be converted into community space for weddings, etc., and most importantly a new home for the GOALS organization and their students. In addition, the Complex will be used as the main Emergency Coordination Centre for the Municipality in the event of an incident that requires the activation of the ICS (Incident Command System).

Attached to the building will be a refrigerated shinny rink with removable boards which can be used for countless skating/hockey purposes and a refrigerated skating loop that will measure about 1,000 feet in length. The shinny rink can be used in off season for ball hockey, basketball and other outdoor activities. The skating loop can be used in off-season months for roller blading, walking etc.

This unique group of facilities will serve not only residents of MODG but those outside of the Municipality who wish to access it. The new Complex is expected to provide a strong community presence, convey permanence and demonstrate a progressive and modern community.



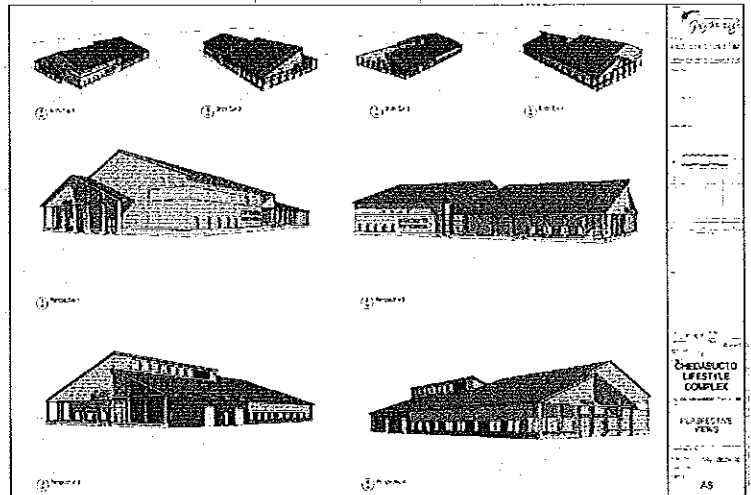
PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Interior Program Component	Net Area (SF)	Comments	Interior Program Component	Net Area (SF)	Comments
Lobby	400		Public Washrooms	1,000	Close to entry or access to exterior
Single Gymnasium	5,264	Adjacent kitchen, change rooms, capacity for 280 person event at tables	Change Rooms	1,200	Adjacent gymnasium and fitness centre
Gymnasium Storage	500	2 rooms (250 sf each) gym equipment & furniture	Mechanical Room	800	
Fitness Centre	2,000	Adjacent change rooms	Electrical Room	200	
Recreation Offices	360	3 medium offices, adjacent lobby near entry	Refrigeration Room	1,000	Nearby exterior ice skating features
Kitchen	500	Commercial equipment, adjacent GOALS and gym	LAN Room	75	Adjacent offices
Classroom	700		Ice Re-Surfacers Room	800	
GOALS Program Room	800	Adjacent kitchen, separate entrance, to suit 25 people	Custodian Storage	75	
GOALS Offices	160	2 small offices	General Building Storage	200	

The building will be distinctive, prominent and recognizable in relation to any surrounding buildings, but not dominating. It will respect the character, scale and massing of its context. It will be designed to make a significant contribution to the fabric of the community and essentially serve as a new anchor point. This modern complex will be conveniently and naturally situated together with the P-12 school, a \$2.3 million state of the art Chedabucto Place Performance Centre, outdoor heated (solar) pool, two tennis courts and the Drysdale ballfield to provide the Municipality with a superb recreation and education campus destination.

New buildings of all types are increasingly designed with sustainability in mind, specifically economic, social and environmental. This Complex will be designed as a durable but attractive, low maintenance building, with flexible efficient spaces right sized for their anticipated use and situated with minimal impact on the natural landscape. This Complex will provide an inspiring, highly efficient and user friendly sports facility in an efficient, economical design. It will convey a strong community image for MODG while respecting its locational context.

It will also support the Municipality's continuing efforts to design and build projects in a responsible, cost effective, energy efficient fashion, placing particular emphasis on those aspects. This will increase the quality and performance of the athletic facilities in order to maximize participation and use by the community. The facility will be a highly visible beacon for recreation and wellness providing a flexible, durable, multi-use building for the community for generations to come.



CHEDABUCTO LIFESTYLE COMPLEX PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Exterior Program Component	Criteria	
Shinny Hockey Rink	100' long x 85' wide (1/2 NHL size arena)	
Skating Plaza	Partially covered, skate floor, between complex and skating features	
Skating Trail	12' wide, connected to shinny hockey rink, approximately 1,000' long	
Artificial Turf Field		
Track	4 lane	
Parking	24 new parking spaces	
Landscaping	Soft and hard landscaping, skating trail landmarks	

CAPITAL COSTS

BUDGET ESTIMATES

DESCRIPTION	COST	COMMENTS
Building & Site work/Parking	\$4,500,000	16,000 ft ² @ \$250/ft ²
Turf Field & 4 Lane Track	\$2,300,000	Based on precedents from recent & relevant projects i.e.: SMU and University of Moncton
Skating Trail & Shinny Rink	\$2,400,000	Based on precedents from recent & relevant projects i.e.: Bannerman Park in St. John's & Halifax Emera Oval
Design & Project Management	\$800,000	Based on 11%
Small Zamboni (used), Furniture, Minor Operation Equipment, Material Testing, Survey's Geotechnical Investigation, Client Change Contingency, Signage, Maintenance Equipment, etc.	\$500,000	Owner's costs
SUBTOTAL	\$10,500,000	
NET HST	\$420,000	
TOTAL	\$10,920,000	

PROPOSED FUNDING PARTNERS



The key to the success of the Chedabucto Lifestyle Complex will be the ability and willingness to develop partnerships with other levels of government, public service agencies and the community. The Municipality's significant financial commitment to both the construction and ongoing operation of this Complex highlights its importance to the future of the District and it is hoped other funding partners will similarly understand the necessity and urgency of this project. The MODG is financially stable, we are determined, we are unlike any other rural municipality in the Province and we are confident that our funding objectives can be achieved.

FACILITY OPERATIONS

Anticipated operational functions of the Chedabucto Lifestyle Complex will be carried out by existing municipal Staff. More specifically, the Recreation Department will oversee day to day operations and programming and provide reception services. The Public Works Department will oversee general maintenance including operation of the ice plant, maintenance of outdoor ice surfaces, snow removal, etc. It is expected that the Strait Regional School Board will continue to oversee the Guysborough Options for Adaptive Living Society's (GOALS) programming within the Complex.

SITE SELECTION

In 2007 dmA Planning and Development Services prepared a "Civic Centre Functional Use Study -- Draft Planning Context Report" which considered three potential sites. Important factors in considering site selection included the following:

- Good access from the highway and internal arterial roads
- Bring users and visitors into the community, and have a positive or complimentary impact on surrounding areas
- Provide pleasant surroundings – encouraging visitors to stay, come often, etc.
- Do not intrude on or disrupt surrounding and existing uses (e.g., that would be inconvenienced by noise, excessive traffic, etc.)
- Are easily found (visible) and accessed by visitors to the community
- Are well used throughout the day, week and year, so that the Complex contributes to the well-being of adjacent services
- Entail the lowest additional costs and time delay with respect to development.

The three original candidate sites including a brief description of each is as follows:

Site A: Guysborough Lions Club Site – approximately 18 acres

This site is bordered by Highway 16 and Green Street and is across the street from Chedabucto Place. It incorporates a number of land parcels, including municipally owned land and land owned by the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal.

Site B: Royal Canadian Legion Site – approximately 10 acres

This site is located along Highway 16 about 4 km to the north of the community of Guysborough. It is owned by the Royal Canadian Legion. Access from the north is somewhat hazardous due to the significant bend in the Highway immediately north of the site and poor visibility beyond the bend.

Site C: Nova Scotia Transportation and Public Works – approximately 7 acres

This site is located across the east side of Highway 16 and across from the Legion Site. Access from the north is somewhat hazardous due to the significant bend in the Highway immediately north of the site and poor visibility beyond the bend. The site was formerly an area of petroleum hydrocarbon contamination, however the impacts were remediated in 2003.

In the 2007 report the consultant also developed selection criteria to allow each site to be ranked based on a number of factors such as site development costs, traffic impact, complementary uses, centrality to population, etc. As a result of the site review, the Guysborough Lions Club Site (adjacent to Chedabucto Place) was determined to be the preferred location. The location chosen for the Chedabucto Lifestyle Complex will position this facility so that it can complement the cluster of educational, cultural and recreational facilities that serve the Municipality. It is perfectly aligned with Chedabucto Place building on our vision of a community campus destination like no other in Canada. The design is shaped by the landscape of the site using existing elevations to create outdoor spectator seating adjacent to the soccer field. Paved parking will be provided adjacent to the soccer field and in front of the Complex with a strong pedestrian link between Chedabucto Place and the facility. In addition, trail connections will be made to the Chedabucto Shopping Centre and the Trans Canada Trail.

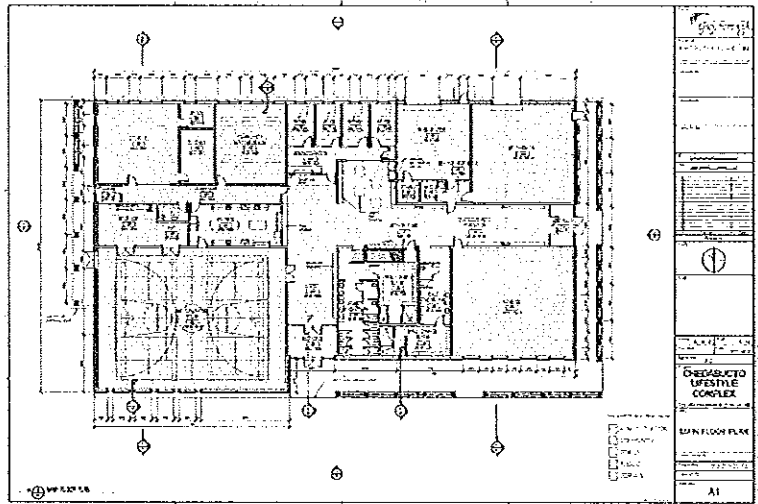
Space will also be provided in the Complex for GOALS that will improve and enhance programming for the clients of this program.

In addition, the Municipal Planning Strategy positions the community of Guysborough as the main service area for the Municipality, containing various branch offices for all levels of government, a hospital/nursing home, RCMP headquarters, various professional and business offices and a number of private businesses, including retail outlets and food service establishments. Therefore, locating the facility in the Municipality's Growth Centre is strategic providing the necessary quality of life elements for children, their parents and grandparents with activities and opportunities to experience a comparable and competitive lifestyle to other centres.

PROJECT TIMELINES

Financial commitments have already been made by MODG and the CLC have already assembled and are prepared to immediately ramp up their local fundraising campaign with assistance from the Municipality. The balance of facility funding will therefore rest with the priorities and availability of resources at the provincial and federal levels of government.

Much of the background work is already completed; therefore, preparations to advance the construction of this project are moving forward. The Municipality has awarded a tender for Detailed Design Work which is likely to span the next 6-8 months. The Municipality would like to move forward with the tendering process at the beginning of the 2017 calendar year and commence construction in the Spring of 2017.



SUMMARY

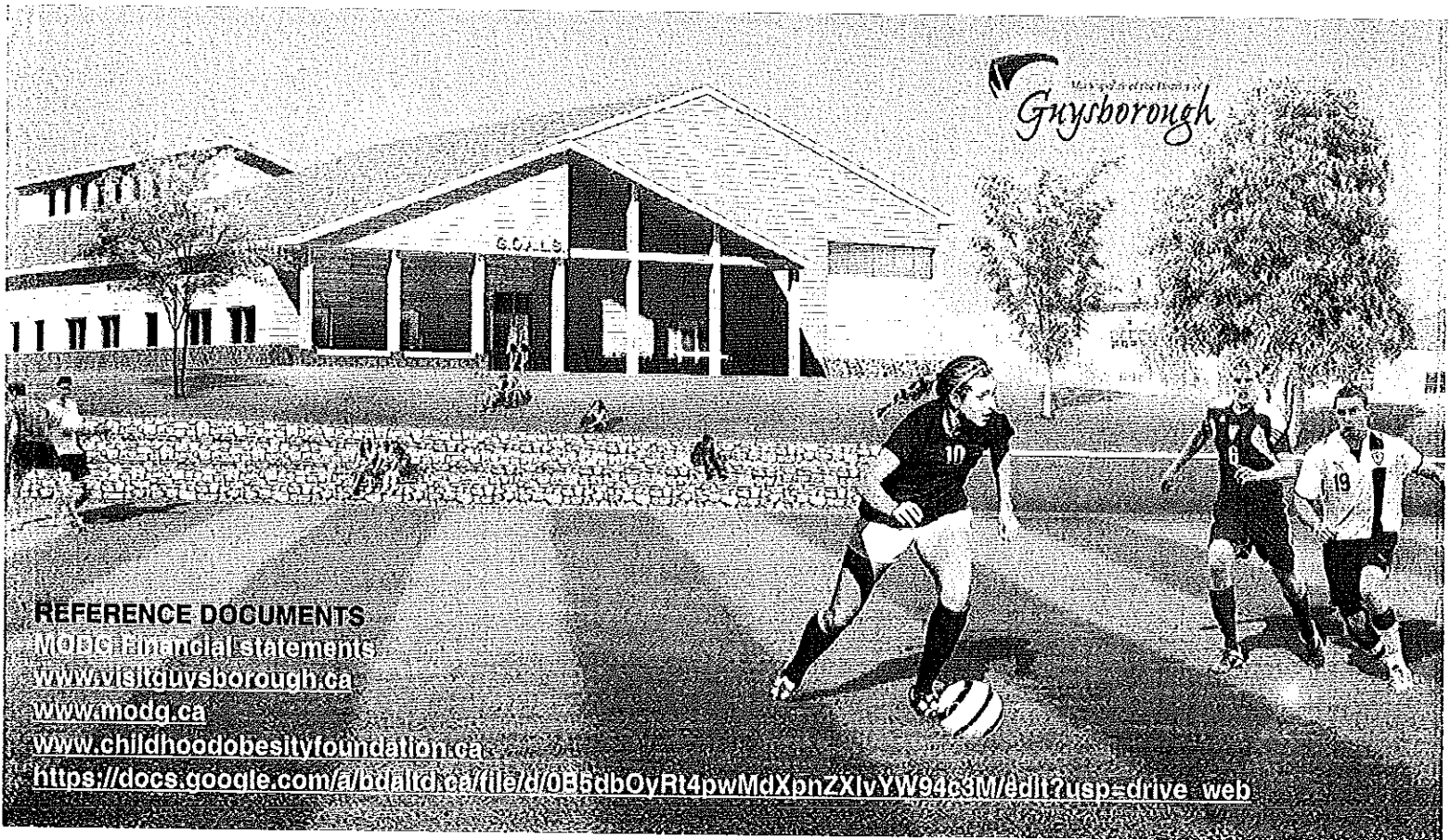
Consider the Municipality's demographics.

According to Statistics Canada 2011 data the median age in Guysborough County was 52.3 years. According to the 2008 summary report for the Age-Friendly Rural and Remote Communities it is projected that by the end of this year, 3 in 10 residents (30 percent) in the County are expected to be over the age of 65. Now imagine the opportunities that could arise from providing services to seniors in our community. Communities attract seniors because there is an entire base of business services within the community to serve them. The existence of these services will draw more seniors, which in turn will draw more businesses.

Then consider watching your community grow because they have created and provided programs and services that encourage youth to return after they are finished school bringing their education with them, often starting businesses of their own. We want to build a vibrant niche community in Guysborough that retains and attracts both seniors and youth. The MODG know what makes us strong, what makes us weak and what we want our community to become. The Municipality's revitalization efforts have been ongoing and include many successful projects committed to making the area more attractive to families. The installation of sidewalks, streetlights, creation and operation of municipally maintained parks, fitness centres, subdivision, waterfront and downtown development, branding and signage campaigns are but a few of the many improvements which have made the area more competitive and successful. MODG is now poised to experience an economic boost from various oil & gas projects, as well as potential port and related industrial development. The ability of the Municipality to maximize on these benefits will be dependent on the presence of social, recreational and health infrastructure which will be a key consideration for those migrating to the area for employment when deciding to relocate and grow their families in Guysborough. The Municipality has been an avid proponent of health and fitness and accordingly has made significant community investments in this regard.

The Chedabucto Lifestyle Complex will help establish our community as a destination. People will want to live here because we will be able to provide a community that has good quality of life for their families. They will view Guysborough as a welcoming well-served and managed community prepared to take on leadership in the new millennium. Economic success requires more than investment in land and zoning incentives. Economic success also requires the ability to provide excellent services related to health care, education and recreation, encouraging youth to return someday, and addressing the needs of the seniors in our community. This signifies the importance of such a facility to the future sustainability and wellbeing of the people of the District of Guysborough.

Help us to build this part of rural Nova Scotia...come and be a partner with us!!



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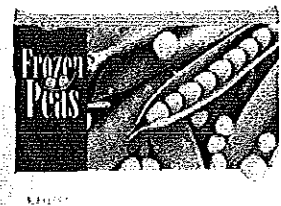
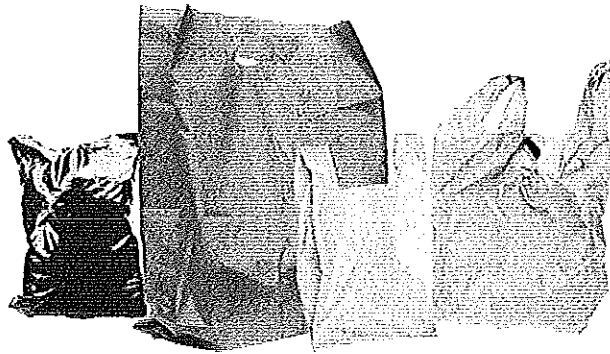
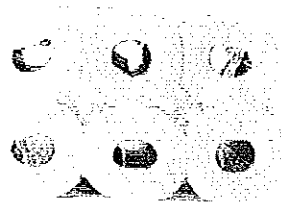
STATUS OF PLASTIC FILM

Report to Members

January 31, 2018

WHAT IS PLASTIC FILM?

- ▶ #2 LDPE and #4 HDPE thin plastics
- ▶ Shopping Bags
- ▶ Overwrap, Pallet wrap
- ▶ Soil, produce, frozen vegetable bags
- ▶ Blue bags (for recycling)



BACKGROUND

- ▶ The People's Republic of China announced in July 2017 they will ban the import of 24 types of scrap (including film plastic) by the end of 2017.
- ▶ Still some uncertainty on how long and how strict the ban will be enforced.
- ▶ Plastic film is banned from landfill by the Province of Nova Scotia.
 - ▶ Strong markets for film when regulations were created.

CURRENT SITUATION - WORLDWIDE

- ▶ Some recyclers have diverted material to India, Vietnam, Malaysia, Mexico and other countries.
 - ▶ At least for now, none of these options have been enough to replace China's demand from recent years.
- ▶ Facility operators are slowing down their sorting lines, adding labour or investing in new equipment.
- ▶ It has also led service providers in some non-regulated jurisdictions to suspend service, raise prices or exclude certain materials from recycling programs.

CURRENT SITUATION – NOVA SCOTIA

- ▶ Facilities in Nova Scotia are stockpiling bales of plastic film.
- ▶ Halifax requested the province allow them to landfill film until market conditions become available. Other facilities are considering the same request.
 - ▶ Halifax has been granted permission to landfill for 6-month period.
 - ▶ Our contractor is not supportive of landfilling film at this time and is seeking alternative markets.

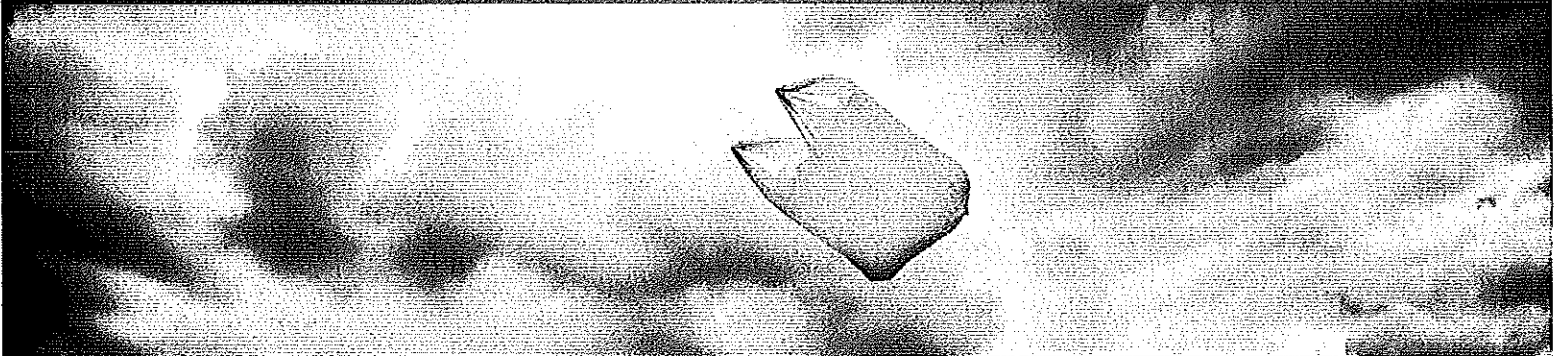
MANAGEMENT OF PLASTIC FILM – EASTERN REGION

- ▶ Recycling: ~74 metric tonnes of plastic film recycled annually from the Eastern Region (2016-2017 datacall)
- ▶ Nova Scotians use 300-500 million shopping bags annually (estimated 8.5-13 million in the Eastern Region)

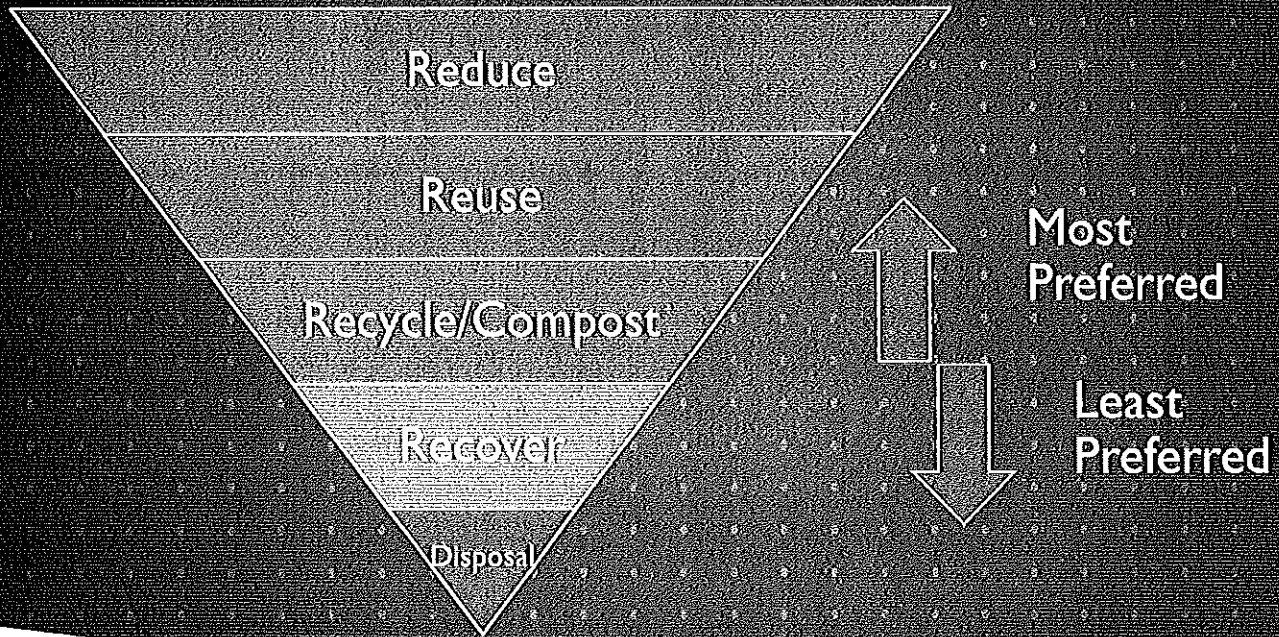


OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- ▶ **Litter:** Because they're lightweight, plastic bags are easily carried by wind and water and end up as litter.
- ▶ They take at least 1,000 years to break down.
- ▶ They don't biodegrade; rather, they fragment into small pieces.



WASTE HIERARCHY



OUR GOAL: WASTE REDUCTION

- ▶ Recycling, Waste to Energy and Landfilling should be viewed as the least preferred options to our plastic woes.
- ▶ The best solution is to generate less waste.
- ▶ Reducing our use of plastic bags is an easy place to start.
 - ▶ Single use bags are an inefficient use of resources. They are in most cases unnecessary.
 - ▶ Most retailers offer reusable alternatives.

OUR MESSAGE

- ▶ Consume less - use reusable bags and ReThink all disposables.
- ▶ Refuse a bag when one is not necessary.
- ▶ Continue to *Vast majority of our recycling is still being recycled.*



OPTION TO REDUCE PLASTIC FILM #1

Banning Single Use Plastic Bags

- ▶ Recently implemented in Montreal; announced for Victoria B.C.
 - ▶ Some exceptions (produce bags, thicker/reusable bags)
 - ▶ Some retailers have own bans (Costco)
- ▶ Banned in many jurisdictions worldwide and by all levels of government. (Countries, States, Municipalities)
- ▶ In a 2012 national opinion poll conducted by Angus Reid, Atlantic Canadians showed the highest support in the country for banning the distribution of single-use plastic bags by retailers; 63% of Atlantic Canadian participants supporting the idea.
- ▶ *Environment Minister Rankin asked Regional Chairs if they would support a provincial ban on January 11, 2018.*

OPTION TO REDUCE PLASTIC FILM #2

Incentive Program

- ▶ Jurisdiction regulates that consumers bring own bags or pay for each plastic bag. Retailers would responsible for issuing fees.
 - ▶ Recently initiated by Walmart & Bulk Barn
 - ▶ Some jurisdiction have banned plastic bags but leave it up to retailers to charge for paper or compostable bags.
- ▶ Reduces plastic shopping bag usage by approximately 50%

OPTION TO REDUCE PLASTIC FILM #3

- ▶ Voluntary Participation
 - ▶ Education to public sector to use reusable alternatives.
 - ▶ Retailers volunteer to participate.

RETAIL COUNCIL OF CANADA POSITION ON REDUCTION

By order of preference, RCC supports the following approaches to working with municipalities and governments to reduce single-use items:

- ▶ Mandate businesses to develop individual plans on single use item reduction
- ▶ Impose that a voluntary fee be charged on single use items (funds allocated by retailers)
- ▶ Impose a mandatory fee set by regulation/bylaw, but leaving businesses to decide what they are to do with the collected funds. Retailers do not support fees remitted to the government due to significant administrative burdens.

RCC POSITION ON A BAG BAN

If a jurisdiction is considering a ban:

- ▶ Harmonization is needed and, if the ban is for single use plastic shopping bags, the bylaw/regulation should align with Montreal (50 microns). If thickness is mentioned with regards to single use plastic shopping bags, no requirement on handle material should be considered.
- ▶ Mandating recycled content/certification requirements will likely yield worse outcomes from a cost and administrative perspective than outright bans.
- ▶ N.B. Quebec municipalities discussing shopping bag actions are considering bans using thickness as a threshold to define what a reusable bag should be. As such, the order of preference cannot apply to bags in Quebec.

MOVING FORWARD

- ▶ Any municipality can legislate the banning of or a fee for single-use plastic bags through a bylaw.
- ▶ A province wide approach is preferable.
 - ▶ Creates harmonization of programs.
- ▶ Regional Chairs are reaffirming their support for an Extended Producer Responsibility program for packaging and paper.
- ▶ The province is contemplating a single use plastic bag ban and are seeking support from municipalities.
- ▶ Provincial and municipal staff are committed to the development of a waste reduction education campaign.