

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF ANTIGONISH

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA

Tuesday, February 20th, 2018 5:30pm

Municipal Administration Centre

- 1) Call to Order – Chairman, Warden Owen McCarron
- 2) Approval of Agenda
- 3) Approval of February 13th, 2017 Committee of the Whole Minutes
- 4) Business Arising from the Minutes
- 5) In Camera – Contract Negotiations (EDPC)
- 6) Consideration of the EDPC Annual Operating Budget
- 7) Consideration of Dissolution of the Havre Boucher Village Commission
- 8) Discussion of NS Onshore Petroleum Atlas
- 9) ERSWM Request to Support a Province-Wide Ban on Plastic Bags
- 10) Festival Antigonish 2018 Season Launch Invitation
- 11) Staff Reports
- 12) Adjournment

COUNCIL PRIORITIES	
NOW <ol style="list-style-type: none"> BROADBAND PROPOSAL: Agreement – Jan. INTERNET SERVICE: Business Case – March CELLULAR SERVICE: Business Case – May NEW BUSINESS PARK: Options – March REN STRATEGY: Review – Feb. 	
NEXT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ACCESSIBILITY: Audit INFRASTRUCTURE funding: strategy WATER: Study & Projects SEWER: Report & Projects GUYSBOROUGH: Collaboration Meeting TOURISM PROGRAM: Review 	ADVOCACY/PARTNERSHIPS <i>Broadband System Funding (Province)</i> <i>Senior Care Facility Funding (Province)</i> <i>Aging In Place Program (Province)</i> <i>NS Broadband Study (Province)</i> <i>PFN: CEDI Initiatives</i>
CLERK TREASURER	Finance
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> REN STRATEGY: Review – Feb. INDUSTRIAL PARK –LAND AD, SALE & NEW BUSINESS PARK: Options - Mar. Asset Management System: Phase 1 – June <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emergency Management Coordination Leadership Team Development Program 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGY: Priorities – Jun Water Meter System: Integration Landfill Billing System: Review – Mar. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water Utility Rates: Review – Oct. Internet System: Audit
Public Works	Recreation
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> SEWER TREATMENT: Study – Nov. WATER SYSTEM: Report – Jan. WATER SYSTEM: Upgrades – Jan. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Active Transportation: Action Plan – Jan. MPAL: Recreation Plan – Mar. Community Initiatives – June <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recreation for All Program Part Time Staff Leadership Program
Sustainability	Planning
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> ACCESSIBILITY: Audit – Jan. Emergency Business Continuity Plan – Feb. Renewable Energy: Options – April (Prov.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PFN: CEDI Initiative – April? Municipal Awareness Strategy 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> EASTERN ANTIGONISH PLAN REVIEW – Sept. <i>Civic Address Internal Audit</i> – April Amendments – PAC Jan/Feb. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Antigonish Affordable Housing (Phase 3) MacDonald Dairy Warehouse Levy's Leather Warehouse
Administration	ADMINISTRATION
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> BROADBAND PROPOSAL: Agreement – Jan. INTERNET SERVICE: Business Case – March CELLULAR SERVICE: Business Case – May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newsletter Review Online Media Refresh 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> GUYSBOROUGH: Collaboration – Mar. TOURISM Review/Scan – Jan. Information Technology Strategy – June? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Court House: Assessment Dog Control Program: Review
CODES: BOLD CAPITALS = NOW Priorities; CAPITALS = NEXT Priorities; Italics = Advocacy; Regular Title Case = Operational Strategies December 2017	

TO: COMMITTEE MEMBERS
FROM: STAFF
SUBJECT: *COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEMO*
DATE: FEBRUARY 20TH, 2018

IN-CAMERA –CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

This subject matter falls within Section 22(2) of the Municipal Government Act as that which a committee may discuss in a closed session. It is recommended a motion be made to initiate an in-camera session. Materials will follow.

CONSIDERATION OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT PLANNING COMMISSION ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET

Mr. John Bain, Director of the EDPC, will present the annual operating budget for the Committee's consideration.

CONSIDERATION OF THE DISSOLUTION OF THE HAVRE BOUCHER VILLAGE COMMISSION

Municipal Council is being asked to give consideration to the dissolution of the Havre Boucher Village Commission.

Based on the understanding of municipal officials, the Commission is not active and has not been active in some time. Financial Statements have not been submitted to the Municipality, a requirement of all Villages under the MGA, for over a decade. Nor is there any record of meetings of electors of the Village Commission. For many years the Commission's only responsibility was for street lights; this responsibility was handed to the Municipality in the fall of 2017. It would appear that the Commission is now completely dormant.

The MGA outlines the process for dissolution of a Village:

Dissolution of village

- 448** **(1)** The Minister may, by order, dissolve any village upon the request of the village commission authorized by a meeting of the electors of the village.
- (2)** The Minister may, by order, dissolve a village upon the request of a municipality if
- (a) there has been, to the knowledge of the Minister and the clerk of the municipality, no meeting of the electors of the village for at least two years; and
 - (b) ninety days notice of the proposed dissolution has been served on the latest village commissioners and village clerk known to the Minister, and no objection to the proposed dissolution has been filed with the Minister.
- (3)** The Board may, by order, dissolve a village on the request of not fewer than ten per cent of the electors of the village.
- (4)** The Board shall serve notice of the proposed dissolution at least sixty days before the dissolution on
- (a) the village clerk and any village commissioner;
 - (b) the clerk of the municipality in which the village is located; and
 - (c) the Minister.

(5) The notice shall provide that any objection to the proposal shall be filed with the Board within forty-five days of the service of the notice.

(6) Where any objections are received to the proposal, the Board shall hold a hearing with respect to the proposed dissolution, and the clerk of the Board shall notify the village clerk, the municipal clerk, any person who filed an objection and the Minister of the date and location of hearing.

(7) Upon the making of an order dissolving the village, the village ceases to be a body corporate and this Act no longer applies to it.

(8) All assets and liabilities, including outstanding debentures, of the former village are vested in the municipality in which the former village is located and the municipality may transfer, free of cost, property of a village that is dissolved to a body incorporated to provide community services in the area served by the dissolved village.

(9) Any net liability shall be funded by an area rate levied on the area of the former village.

(10) An order dissolving a village is regulations within the meaning of the *Regulations Act*, 1998, c. 18, s. 448.

In 2015 the MGA was amended to prevent the creation of new villages. Therefore, if the Village was dissolved it could not be re-established in the future.

If Council would like to consider this further, the following steps would be taken:

- Confirmation that the Commission has no outstanding liabilities.
- Confirmation that no meeting of electors has been held for two years.
- Provision of ninety days notice to the latest village commissioners.
- After ninety days, a motion to dissolve the Commission would be presented to Municipal Council for formal consideration.
- If approved, a letter is issued to the Minister requesting dissolution of the Village.

DISCUSSION OF NS ONSHORE PETROLEUM ATLAS

Please see the attached letter from the Municipality of the District of Guysborough. Municipal Council is being asked to consider supporting the District of Guysborough in calling for the Government of Nova Scotia to design new regulations that would permit investors to assess the potential of onshore natural gas production through a pilot project at one of the sites identified in the new Onshore Atlas. The Atlas can be accessed here: <https://energy.novascotia.ca/onshore-atlas-version-1-2017>.

ERSWM REQUEST TO SUPPORT A PROVINCE-WIDE BAN ON PLASTIC BAGS

At their last meeting, ERSWM discussed the Special Regional Chairs meeting with Minister Rankin and his question to Regional Chairs, asking if they would support a Province Wide Ban of Single Use Shopping Bags. They have asked municipalities in their service area to show support through a Resolution. A copy of the memo received from the Regional Chairs, as well as an information page regarding plastic bag recycling, is attached for the Committee's reference.

FESTIVAL ANTIGONISH 2018 SEASON LAUNCH INVITATION

On Friday, March 2nd, an announcement is taking place for the 2018-19 season for Festival Antigonish Summer Theatre at a public event, with a small fundraising dinner to follow. They have provided an invitation and requested to have representatives from the Municipal Council join them for this occasion.

The fundraising dinner will include a champagne reception, banquet meal, entertainment by singer/actor Laura Teasdale, and of course all the exciting news on our upcoming season. Details about the event can be found on the attached invitation.

STAFF REPORTS

Administration

- Staff underwent training sessions on February 12th and 14th regarding “difficult customer interactions”.
- Internet speeds are being upgraded in the Administrative Building, as part of an ongoing refresh of technology intended to improve performance as more day-to-day operations move to a hosted and/or cloud environment.

Recreation

- Planning for March Break Programming, in partnership with the Town Recreation Department and Schools Plus, is underway. Efforts will include a listing of all of the March Break activities held throughout the County for the public’s information.

Finance

- Finance staff attended a meeting to discuss inter-municipal IT support with the Group-of-9 team in Port Hawkesbury on February 12th.

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF
ANTIGONISH

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

A Committee of the Whole Meeting was held Tuesday, February 13th, 2018 at 6:30pm in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Administrative Centre, 285 Beech Hill Road, Antigonish NS.

Present were: Warden Owen McCarron, Chair
 Deputy Warden Hughie Stewart
 Councillor Mary MacLellan
 Councillor Donnie MacDonald
 Councillor Rémi Deveau
 Councillor John Dunbar
 Councillor Neil Corbett
 Councillor Bill MacFarlane

 Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer
 Allison Duggan, Director of Finance
 Shirlyn Donovan, Strategic Initiatives Coordinator
 Laurie Boucher, Mayor Town of Antigonish
 Stephen Scannell, Special Projects Coordinator

Regrets: Councillor Vaughan Chisholm
 Councillor Gary Mattie

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Committee of the Whole was called to order by the Chair, Warden McCarron, at 6:32pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda.

- Crime Prevention Curling Bonspiel
- AED's in Community Halls
- Letters of Request Class Trips

Moved by Deputy Warden Stewart and seconded by Councillor MacLellan that the agenda be approved as amended. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Warden McCarron called three times for any errors or omissions in the January 16th Committee of the Whole minutes.

Moved by Councillor MacDonald and seconded by Councillor Corbett that the Committee of the Whole minutes of January 16th be approved as presented. Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

ANTIGONISH BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT PROPOSAL

Mr. Steve Scannell, Special Projects Coordinator at the Town of Antigonish, presented a proposal under consideration, for the establishment of a Business Improvement Area (to market and promote Antigonish).

Councillor MacFarlane asked if there was acceptance from the business community. Mr. Scannell said they are just starting to receive responses back from the business community and will have more information soon.

Warden McCarron thanked Stephen for his presentation and the committee looks forward to hearing how this moves forward.

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE PROVINCE'S ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING THE DISBANDING OF ELECTED REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARDS

This was an opportunity for members of the Committee to further discuss the announcement made by the Province on January 24th, where they identified their intent to eliminate the province's seven English language school boards and remove principals and vice-principals from the teachers union as part of their proposed changes to the education system.

There were concerns expressed by members of Council regarding who the local residents will talk to about issues if there is no local school board or elected official.

Council will continue to have discussions and would like to talk to MLA Randy Delorey about this topic.

MURAL DISCUSSION

Further to the update provided by staff at the January 16th Committee of the Whole meeting, this is an opportunity for further discussion and planning for the 2018/2019 cycle of the community mural program.

We have heard from one community member who would like to see a Mural at the Mini Trail Community Centre in Lakevale.

Councillors presented the following options for consideration

- Heatherton Community Centre
- Pomquet
- St. Andrews Community Centre
- Lochaber
- St. Josephs Lakeside Community Centre
- Cape George
- Arisaig
- Havre Boucher Community Centre
- District 10

The Municipality budgets about \$4000 per mural. Municipal Council discussed this and would like to consider 3 per year.

Council discussed that they can either use the money toward a mural or a community sign.

Mr. Horne brought up the concept of partnering with the Town and the University to have a Special Olympics Mural commissioned which would be a legacy piece of the National Special Olympics taking place this summer. Committee agreed that they would like to continue discussions on this and make a decision once there is more information.

CRIME PREVENTION CURLING BONSPIEL

Crime Prevention is hosting their 13th Annual Curling Bonspiel on February 25. The organizing Committee is looking for a \$125 sponsorship for the event.

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane and seconded by Councillor Dunbar that Municipal Council approve a \$125 Sponsorship for the Crime Prevention Curling Bonspiel. Motion carried.

AED's for COMMUNITY HALLS

Concerns were raised about community centres around Antigonish County not having AED Machines on hand. After some brief research it was found that 3 community centres currently have AED machines while 7 do not. Mr. Horne discussed the option with the committee about the Municipality providing AED's to all community centres and providing back up batteries to the Community Centers that currently have AED machines.

Deputy Warden Stewart suggested that any Community Centre that currently has an AED be reimbursed for the cost of the AED instead of receiving a new battery.

Mr. Horne suggested that this request be considered under budget deliberations.

LETTERS OF REQUEST CLASS TRIPS

A discussion was held around groups and individuals requesting funding from Councillors for cultural trips. The Committee would like staff to gather information regarding district grants and recreation grants and recommend how to move forward on requests like these in the future. The Committee has decided that a subcommittee be struck to look into these types of requests. Councillor MacDonald and Councillor Deveau would like to be part of this working group.

IN-CAMERA – ACQUISITION, SALE, LEASE AND SECURITY OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY; CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS; PERSONNEL MATTERS

This subject matter falls within Section 22(2) of the Municipal Government Act as that which a committee may discuss in a closed session. It is recommended a motion be made to initiate an in-camera session. Materials will follow.

Moved by Councillor Deveau and seconded by Councillor MacLellan that the Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned to an In-Camera Session to discuss the Acquisition, Sale, Lease, and Security of Municipal Property, Contract Negotiations and Personnel Matters at 8:24pm. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Deveau and seconded by Councillor Dunbar that the In-Camera session be adjourned at 9:37pm. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Dunbar and seconded by Councillor MacLellan that the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 9:37pm. Motion carried.

Warden Owen McCarron

Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer



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John D. Bain
Director
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January 15, 2018

Mr. Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk
Municipality of the County of Antigonish
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Dear Mr. Horne,

Attached please find our Operating Estimates for the 2018-2019 fiscal year as approved by our Board today in accordance with the requirements of the *Municipal Government Act* Section 258(1) which requires that these estimates be provided to the clerk of each participating Municipality no later than January 15. As in years past the approval relates to the specifics of the total budget with the exception of the Municipal shares which will be revised when we receive the new Uniform Assessment Sharing Base numbers for next year.

On behalf of the staff of the Commission I would like to take this opportunity to thank-you for the support we have received from you and your Council last year. We look forward to providing our services to your municipality again in the coming year.

Please let me know if you require me to be present at your Council to discuss these estimates.

Yours truly,

John D. Bain
Director

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enc. (1)

c. Bill MacFarlane, Chair

**2018 – 2019 Draft Operating Estimates
Eastern District Planning Commission**

	Budget
Staff	
Wages	\$705,178
EI, CPP, Group Insurance	\$82,826
Workers Compensation	\$10,911
Company RRSP	\$56,414
Membership Dues and Fees	\$6,000
	\$861,329
Administrative Overhead	
Advertising	\$500
Bank and Service Charges	\$2,500
Computers	\$4,000
Insurance	\$35,000
Misc. Operating Costs	\$1,500
Office Rent	\$35,000
Office Supplies	\$7,000
Photocopying and Printing	\$5,500
Postage	\$5,500
Telephone and Fax	\$15,000
	\$111,500
Travel and Training	
Mileage Compensation	\$78,000
Conference Fees and Expenses	\$15,000
	\$93,000
Additional Fees	
Legal	\$5,000
Auditor	\$7,000
Special Projects	\$10,000
Technical and Mapping	\$13,000
Commission Expenses	\$5,500
	\$40,500
TOTAL	\$1,106,329

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	Budget
	\$1,106,329
Building Permits	
Building Permits Fees	\$210,000
Subdivision Fees	\$40,000
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$9,000
E-911 Funding	\$18,500
Net Budget	\$828,829
Base Contribution (\$35,000):	\$175,000
Net Budget for Uniform Assessment:	\$653,829
Total Contributions	
Antigonish County	\$218,577
Inverness County	\$202,678
Richmond County	\$180,819
Victoria County	\$157,064
Port Hawkesbury	\$69,690
Total	\$828,829

Uniform Assessment Sharing Base (2017-2018)

Municipality	Assessment
Antigonish	\$1,088,710,331
Inverness	\$994,421,025
Richmond	\$864,785,937
Victoria	\$723,904,350
Hawkesbury	\$205,731,125
	\$3,877,552,768

January 15, 2018



Office of the Warden

January 24, 2018

Warden Owen McCarron & Council
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Dear Warden McCarron & Council:

Re: The Nova Scotia Onshore Petroleum Atlas

Recently the Nova Scotia Department of Energy released "*The Nova Scotia Onshore Petroleum Atlas*" (<https://energy.novascotia.ca/onshore-atlas-version-1-2017>). Based on available geological data the report indicates that the Windsor and Cumberland sub-basins hold significant potential for hydrocarbon development. The total estimated economic potential within Nova Scotia is projected at US\$20 Billion to US\$60 Billion.

In September 2014, then Nova Scotia Energy Minister Andrew Younger, introduced legislation banning hydraulic fracking in Nova Scotia. This technology, which has been used extensively in other jurisdictions, including Alberta and more recently 21 states in America utilize hydraulic fracking. This process has unlocked a period of unprecedented economic growth and has been a major contributing factor to energy independence from reliance on unstable foreign energy sources.

In Nova Scotia, we are rapidly approaching the decommissioning of both the Sable Offshore Energy project and Deep Panuke. The Sable project has had a profound impact on the Nova Scotia economy with more than \$2.7 billion spent in Nova Scotia since 1999 and annual operating expenditures of \$150-200 Million. In addition, 100's of millions of dollars have been paid to Nova Scotia in royalties as well as significant federal and municipal taxes.

Despite the potential for onshore development evidenced in the Petroleum Atlas there is currently no path to development. Recently the Province of Quebec lifted its moratorium and introduced updated guidelines to minimize risks associated with hydraulic fracking.

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For Nova Scotia to grow our economy access to competitive energy is imperative. Within the next two years we will be importing natural gas to supply Nova Scotia industry, commercial businesses, institutions and residences.

The Strait area is poised for significant developments (including Bear Head LNG and Goldboro LNG) – many will be making final investment decisions in 2018. The competitiveness of each of these developments is negatively impacted by Nova Scotia's current position related to hydraulic fracking.

We are asking our neighboring municipal partners in the Strait region to join us in calling for the Government of Nova Scotia to design new regulations that would permit investors to assess the potential of onshore natural gas production through a pilot project at one of the sites identified in the new Onshore Atlas. These new regulations would enable Nova Scotia to develop evidence-based decisions on the opportunity for development.

We all see, first-hand, the challenges we face in health care, education, highway infrastructure, etc. We owe it to our citizens to fully consider all opportunities so that we can continue to enjoy a high quality of living and offer the services of a modern society.

We hope that you will support the following motion:

THAT the Council of the Municipality of the County of Antigonish write the Premier of Nova Scotia, with copies to all members of the Legislature, indicating that, in light of the recent release of the Nova Scotia Onshore Petroleum Atlas Project confirming the economic potential for onshore hydrocarbon development, that we strongly urge the Province to create regulations and legislation that remove the ban on fracking in NS and design a program that provides strict guidelines and parameters under which a pilot project can be initiated to determine whether this resource can be safely developed for the benefit of all Nova Scotians.

Yours Truly,

Vernon Pitts
Warden

01.15.2018

Memo

To

ALL REGIONAL CHAIRS

From

LELAND ANTHONY

Re

Plastic bag ban

Comments:

On Thursday, January 11, Minister Rankin asked our members if they support a ban on single-use plastic bags.

Please use the attached template letter to communicate your regional support for such an action.

Nova Scotia Solid Waste-Resource Regional Chairs

Tel 902-624-1339

PO Box 639 Mahone Bay

Valda.Walsh@Region6SWM.ca

TO BE CONSIDERED AS A RESOLUTION FROM THE REGION:

(Date)

Dear Mr. Anthony,

Re: Plastic bag ban

Thank you for offering to collaborate on this issue. The overall goal is to cut down on Nova Scotian's use of single-use plastic bags. If putting a provincial ban in place will help achieve this, we support any initiative to reach the goal.

WHEREAS film plastic bags including single-use plastic bags are a world-wide source of persistent and widespread pollution on land and in the sea; and

WHEREAS markets for film plastic (including single-use plastic bags) are limited and very costly where they do exist; and

WHEREAS preferred options to reduce plastic film are available to the consumer; and

WHEREAS a province-wide ban in Nova Scotia is an important step in educating Nova Scotian's to use reusable products rather than disposable ones.

THEREFORE, be it Resolved:

That Region _____ supports enacting a province-wide ban on single-use plastic shopping bags, provided it is part of a province-wide strategy (that focuses on Extended Producer Responsibility for Packaging and Paper to involve industry in the solution) and a promotion campaign to reduce use of all single use products.

Yours Truly,

Chairman of Region _____

Member Background:

- China imported from 51 -56% of the world's plastic film and other low grade plastic to feed their marketplace of making lawn furniture, and other products for export back into our marketplace.
- In July 2017, China announced that by January 1, 2018 they would cease accepting this material (and a few others) to help their local environment
<https://www.bloomberg.com/view/articles/2017-07-20/china-s-war-on-foreign-garbage>
- Nova Scotia is one of the many affected by this decision. If your recycling processor is not seeking to bury the material currently, it will in the near future or be paying a lot to store it for an alternative (fuel has been cited as one -
<http://thechronicleherald.ca/opinion/1528543-convert-waste-plastic-into-fuel>
- The bigger problem is over-consumption of not just plastic film but of all single-use, disposable products. <http://www.cbc.ca/radio/day6/episode-372-china-s-waste-ban-syrian-cuisine-oprah2020-the-colour-of-2018-letterman-returns-and-more-1.4479480/wasted-what-happens-when-china-no-longer-wants-our-trash-1.4479601>
- To help start this change – behaviors must change. Of the plastic film (which is less than 5%, by weight, of what is in your blue bag) only 20% of this (which, if math works right, is less than 1% of all bluebag contents) is shopping bags. However, EVERYONE touches a shopping bag, uses it and/or is quite familiar with it so it becomes a valuable education tool.
- Prior to a ban being implemented EDUCATION on a reduction campaign must ensue.
- Immediately following the announcement of a ban; EPR or some other legislated policy MUST take place to target the bigger issue of changing behavior.
- On January 11th the Regional Chairs held a meeting with Minister Rankin where there was an expressed interest to ban the plastic bag. Endorsing this interest with a resolution would encourage follow-through by our provincial government.

Are you still collecting plastic bags when you shop? Say no to plastic bags

Currently it is difficult to find a market to recycle film plastics like plastic shopping bags. China was the largest recycler of the bags but recently changed their import rules to reduce the amount of garbage the country was receiving. This caused a global issue for film plastics recycling. Now bales of film plastic are in storage waiting for an opportunity to recycle but the storage space is reaching capacity due to space and safety concerns. Please note, the current market issues are with film plastic ONLY, this is less than 5% of what goes into your blue bag. Please continue to recycle right, there is no change to the recycling program.

What can you do?

Reduce First!!!

ReThink all disposables – Stop waste before it happens

Ninety percent of the plastic items in our daily lives are used once and then chucked: grocery bags, plastic wrap, disposable cutlery, straws, coffee-cup lids. Take note of how often you rely on these products and replace them with reusable versions. It only takes a few times of bringing your own bags to the store, silverware to the office, or a travel mug to your favorite coffee shop before it becomes habit.

Refuse Single Use Plastic & Switch to Reusable Bags

Reusable shopping bags hold more, they make carrying heavy loads much easier, they hold larger volumes than most plastic bags, they save energy and resources, and they prevent litter. Recycling helps to manage a waste that is created; refusing unnecessary waste is always best.



Recycle Right!!!

Reduce all that you can, then properly recycle. This means properly sorting recycling. All clean and dry paper should be placed into a blue bag and all clean containers/plastic bags into another blue bag. Paper and containers/bags should never be mixed in the same bag. Confused about what can and can't go in the blue bag? For the specifics you can check online at erswm.ca, call your municipal office or 1-888-377-9622.

FESTIVAL ANTIGONISH SUMMER THEATRE

Artistic Director Andrea Boyd



Please Join Us

2ND ANNUAL SEASON LAUNCH DINNER
Friday, March 2, 2018

5 PM MEDIA ANNOUNCEMENT | BAUER THEATRE

6 PM DINNER | DENNIS HALL | COADY INSTITUTE
Champagne Reception • Banquet Dinner
Entertainment by Actor/Country Singer Laura Teasdale

Let's gather...

To celebrate the joy of performing arts,
To preview our exciting 2018 summer program,
To raise much-needed funds for our professional theatre,
And to enjoy a gala evening while doing it!

Dinner tickets are \$50 or \$300 for a table of 6 (to cover event costs). We will gratefully accept donations of any amount by cheque or credit card at the event. An average gift of \$150 per person will help us meet our goal of \$10,000. All funds raised will directly support fees for professional artists.

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