

Briefing Note

Reference to: Guysborough County's "Concerned Citizens United" Group Petition

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Submitted to: Guysborough Municipal Council

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As you are aware, the Guysborough County's "Concerned Citizens United" Group presented a petition to Committee of the Whole on February 15th indicating that it was signed by 578 people. I would like to note that this petition does not appear to be a petition in favor of or against the project, but rather a petition seeking the following:

1. "That the Municipality of the District of Guysborough (MODG) temporarily halt the "Lifestyle Complex" Project."
2. "That the MODG put in place a fair and open process to present the Project to the citizens and gather input and concerns regarding the Project from the citizens of the County by hosting advertised, open meetings in all Districts."
3. "That the MODG will consider the opinions of all citizens."
4. "After the process of education and opinion gathering, that the MODG hold a Plebiscite with voting stations convenient to all citizens held throughout the County to vote on the spending of \$11m on a Lifestyle Complex to be built in the County."

Municipal Staff have reviewed the Petition and have broken down the numbers by District. In addition, names of "non-residents" have been removed as well as a number of other names where individuals have signed the petition more than once. As a result, the total number of Resident signatures is 484 people. A comparison was also completed using total signatures compared to total electors per district as well as total signatures compared to the 2016 census as follows:

	Total Electors	Total Signatures	Percentage of Electors
District 1	696	29	4.17%
District 2	248	6	2.42%
District 3	620	46	7.42%
District 4	622	53	8.52%
District 5	561	62	11.05%
District 6	579	19	3.28%
District 7	487	43	8.83%
District 8	652	226	34.66%

In addition, the 2016 Census for the MODG shows a total population of 4,670 people. The total signatures on the petition represent 10.4% of the total population of MODG.

On February 15th the Group also presented a 2nd Petition asking MODG to halt the construction of the CLC and to support the construction of community indoor swimming pools in outlying communities such as Hazel Hill, Country Harbour and Guysborough. This petition had 70 signatures attached which represents 1.5% of the population.

This is for your information.

Signed:

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