



2015 COUNCIL PRIORITIES

#1 – Community Infrastructure Improvements. Volunteers and community groups are the heartbeat of the community. Recreation infrastructure and community halls in particular are aging and require renewal. These assets have been identified by Council and staff as critical to the lifeblood of a community. The municipality, along with community organizations, needs to lead the community and foster a sustainable, cooperative spirit which will carry us through the challenges to come.

Initiative	Initiative Description	Initiative Team	Measurable outcomes	Date
Recreation Infrastructure Repairs	Increase commitment to repairing and renovating recreation infrastructure, as prioritized by the Argyle Recreation Commission, in an effort to provide safe and quality service and programs to residents of all age groups.	Argyle Recreation Commission (ARC), Recreation Department & Department of Property Inspection and Public Works	▲ Developed a maintenance plan for recreation infrastructure.	Oct.
			▲ Completed tennis court renovations at West Pubnico, Wedgeport and Amirault's Hill.	Oct.
			▲ Supported the construction of a multipurpose court at École Belleville.	June
			▲ Improved the condition of the Tusket and Wedgeport ballfields by tiling and removing weeds from the warning track, grading and repairing or replacing infrastructure.	Oct.
			▲ Developed possible options for the East Side Ballfield which will be presented to the community.	Aug.
Community Infrastructure Improvements	Contact local community halls to learn of their needs and support them by prioritizing funding through our grants to organizations program and other provincial and federal funding opportunities.	Council, Community Development Office & CAO Muise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ Proactively contacted hall presidents to get an idea of their needs. ▲ Sent 3 information packages to halls regarding funding options. ▲ Confirmed funding for 7 seniors group and submitted a number of application on behalf of halls. ▲ Council provided \$49,500 in grants to community halls. 	All year.



#2 – Economic Development. Our communities will continue to face challenges for our natural resource economy, so we must focus our economic growth efforts on areas that will help to sustain our community in long term.

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Aquaculture Development	Proactively engage our community and businesses to see the economic development opportunity in aquaculture by informing and exciting our community regarding this industry and offering valuable information and gathering input throughout the process.	Community Development Office, District Planning Commission & CAO Muise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ Provincial legislation delays have delayed some start work on this item. ▲ Attended the Aquaculture Association’s annual conference. ▲ Meeting regularly with the Department of Fisheries & Aquaculture to determine the best locations in Argyle de develop. ▲ Our warden attended an Aquaculture Mission to Europe. ▲ Department of Fisheries will be installing 1 current meter and 4 temperature readers for 1 year to test our waters. 	Nov. Jan. All year. Aug. Sept.

#3 – Fire Services. The service needs of our residents are vast, and evolve. Most value the services they see (garbage pick-up, sidewalks, sewer system) however, the Municipality provides a wide array of other services that residents may not be fully aware of. Furthermore, as our community needs change, so does the need for different services.

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Eel Brook Fire Hall	Assist the fire department and community in choosing a location and support them in the planning and designing phases, along with assisting in finding funding support for the project.	Council, Department of Property Inspection and Public Works & CAO Muise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ Met with the fire department to determine their location and plan/design expectations. ▲ Helped the fire department gather information on a potential new location. ▲ Council to determine whether the fire hall will require post disaster design. 	Jun. Aug. Oct.



#4 – Telecommunication Improvements. Creating and protecting jobs in Argyle and neighboring communities are key to maintaining a youth population in our area, and growing our population. While retaining our youth in the region is another strategic objective, jobs will be what will enable our youth to stay and live in Argyle.

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Increase Internet Service Quality	Concentrate its efforts in lobbying internet service providers and the provincial government to provide better internet connection. Partnering with local economic development organizations and the community will also be important to support the claim.	Council, Chambre de commerce d'Argyle, WREN & CAO Muise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ Documented 6 specific complaints received regarding inaccessibility to internet or cell phone coverage. ▲ Obtained information that Bell is looking to install fiber op in the Quinan area in 2016. 	All year.
Increase Cell Phone Service Coverage	Build a business case for cell phone towers in areas of the municipality that have minimal cell phone reception; such as Quinan and East Kemptville, and lobby cell phone service providers to make them aware of the issues and benefits.	Council, Chambre de commerce d'Argyle, WREN & CAO Muise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ Drafted a mobile coverage report outlining the coverage within the municipality. ▲ Obtained a commitment from Bell that they will be installing cell towers on the 340 that may provide service to Kemptville and Quinan. 	All year.