



## Municipality of the District of Argyle

Item: RFD – Grants to Organizations Spring 2019 Applications for Wedgeport Nature Trail Committee and Wedgeport Tuna Museum

Date: June 21, 2019

### VISION

We see Argyle as home to a healthy and thriving rural population. Our municipality promotes and supports economic and social opportunities for the region and engages in the active expression of our unique Acadian heritage. We are a place of choice for rural living and are widely recognized for our warm hospitality and joie de vivre. Surrounded by fresh air and cool ocean breezes, we work and play in the great outdoors. People choose to live in Argyle because of our commitment to each other, to our community and to our neighbors. Argyle is a place we are proud to call home.

### MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is founded on the belief that our community assets are plentiful, none more precious than its people, and that Argyle's assets possess the answers to our most difficult challenge. As such, Argyle will:

- Provide affordable traditional municipal services for our citizens.
- Engage with the business community to understand their needs, and facilitate economic growth.
- Invest in innovative ways to foster growth both for community and industry
- Create an environment where our residents seek our partnership in the projects that matter most and provide the expertise to our community to ensure successful projects.
- Support and instill cultural pride and a sense of place in our communities.

### **Background:**

During the application process for the Spring Grants to Organizations 2019, two applications that were submitted via the same email were missed on the document that went to Council for consideration. These two organizations are the Wedgeport Tuna Museum and Wedgeport Nature Trail Committee. The applications were submitted in one email on April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019, which was prior to the April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 spring deadline. Council has been supporting the applications from both the Wedgeport Tuna Museum and the Wedgeport Nature Trail Committee for a number of years, with the amounts listed under the Attachments / Additional Information section.

### **Attachments/Additional Information:**

The table below lists what has been requested of each organization, as well as what council has approved since 2015. Please note the Wedgeport Nature Trail Committee did not apply in years 2015 or 2017, which is why they're not listed on the table below:

Organization	Year	Request	Approved Amount
Wedgeport Tuna Museum	2015	\$ 4,390.00	\$ 1,600.00
Wedgeport Tuna Museum	2016	\$ 5,228.00	\$ 2,100.00
Wedgeport Nature Trail Committee	2016	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 2,500.00

Wedgeport Tuna Museum	2017	\$ 4,060.00	\$ 2,400.00
Wedgeport Tuna Museum	2018	\$ 4,775.00	\$ 2,700.00
Wedgeport Nature Trail Committee	2018	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,900.00
Wedgeport Tuna Museum	2019	\$ 4,480.00	
Wedgeport Nature Trail Committee	2019	\$ 4,500.00	

**Budget and Cost Considerations:**

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Currently, our budget has \$7,500.00 allocated for the fall portion of the Grants to Organizations applications. Council approved \$51,700.00 as part of the Spring 2019 Grants to Organization application process.

**Suggested Motions:**

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**Option 1:**

Be moved that council approve a portion of each application submitted for both the Wedgeport Tuna Museum and the Wedgeport Nature Trail Committee, effective immediately, at which time the funds will come from the Fall Grants to Organization budget.

**Option 2:**

Be moved that council defer approval of each application submitted for both the Wedgeport Tuna Museum and the Wedgeport Nature Trail Committee to the Fall 2019 Grants to Organization approval process, at which time the funds will come from the Fall Grants to Organization budget.