



Municipality of the District of Argyle

Item: Assistant returning officer

Date: July 27, 2020

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.

Background:

As you are well aware, Kim Rowley has been appointed, by Council, as the Returning Officer for the 2020 municipal election. In prior years, the Returning Officer would have been supported by municipal staff. In 2016, Chris Frotten, and in 2012, Alyssa LeBlanc. Both would have acted in the capacity of revising the voting lists, deleting and adding voters as the campaigns unfolded. Other tasks included general support for nomination papers, research and any other services the Returning Officer may need more support. In the past, we did not appoint an Assistant Returning Officer, and probably should have.

Lori Murphy was designated as that support person, which she willingly accepted.

MGA considerations:

None of significance, the naming of an Assistant Returning Officer is in accordance with the Municipal Elections Handbook.

CAO's Recommendation:

Recommend Council appoint Lori Murphy as the Assistant Returning Officer.

Suggested motion:

Move that Lori Murphy be named Assistant Returning Officer for the 2020 municipal election.