



**Argyle Municipal Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes through Zoom
Thursday, June 18, 2020
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

Present: Kathy Bourque, Nicole Albright, Josh Greene, Lorelei Atkinson, Sandra Hubbard-LeBlanc, Mariette d'Entremont, Natalie d'Entremont, Ginette d'Entremont

Regrets: Maurice Babin, Justine White, Vicky Belliveau, Aldéric Boudreau, Scott Surette, Malcolm Madden, Roderick Murphy Jr.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Nicole Albright at 6:00 pm.

Welcome: Nicole Albright welcomed the members of the ARC.

Review & Acceptance of Agenda/ Conflict of Interest Declaration: On motion by Lorelie Atkinson and seconded by Sandra Hubbard-LeBlanc that the agenda is approved as circulated. *Motion Carried*

Approval of April 16, 2020 minutes:

On motion by Kathy Bourque and seconded Lorelei Atkinson by that the minutes are approved as circulated. *Motion Carried*

Business arising from the minutes:

- **Facility closure update** – PEB remains closed as the soccer field is not ready for use due to the newly seeded grass. Parc des Jeunes in Wedgeport opened on Friday June 19. The playground will be disinfected weekly, users are encouraged to bring their own cleaning kits and they are to use the facility at their own risk.

Financial Report:

Ginette read through the financial report. It was moved by Ginette d'Entremont and seconded by Mariette d'Entremont to accept the financial report as discussed. *Motion Carried*

Director of Programming and Active Living Report/Information Items:

Ginette went through her report. A discussion was had on the events listed.

It was moved by Ginette d'Entremont and seconded by Kathy Bourque to approve the Director of Programming and Active Living Report as presented. *Motion Carried*

Director of Recreation Services Report:

Natalie read through her report. A discussion was had on the events listed. It was moved by Natalie d'Entremont and seconded by Sandra Hubbard-LeBlanc to approve the Director of Recreation Services Report as presented. *Motion Carried*

Old Business:

- **Facility Maintenance Update** – The fencing at PEB surrounding the track was repaired as well as sand, loam and seeds were put on the soccer field. The new grass is starting to grow. A base plate for the Pubnico Tennis court was damaged and a larger one was made to replace it. It holds the metal bar for the cable of the center partition post. Hockey nets and basketball netting was placed at the Kempt multi-purpose court. The field has been cleaned up from the work that was done to the dugouts. The Parc des Jeunes now has a fake camera and signage to discourage vandalism. The work to deal with the drainage at the East Pubnico Bike Park has done begun yet.

New Business:

- **Argyle Minor Soccer** – The soccer club has decided not to offer soccer this season due to the restrictions being placed on the sport and the liability surrounding the rules and regulations due to Covid.
- **Argyle Minor Baseball** – The minor baseball association has decided to ask for an expression of interest before making a decision to see if there was an interest in the sport.
- **Ballfield booking and procedures** – We are not taking bookings yet for the ballfields. No procedures are in place yet. There is signage and users are to play at their own risk.
- **Survey results** – We went over the results of the public survey asking what residents were doing and focusing on during the Covid pandemic. The main areas of focus were about maintaining or increasing physical activity and spending time outdoors as well as focusing on the management of mental health. We were asked to offer physical activity challenges while maintaining health guidelines, as well as sharing online resources for activities. When asked how to reach those not online, flyers were the top answers.

Area Reports:

- **Mariette d'Entremont:** The Pubnico Health Club would like to re-open but don't know how to proceed with the rules and regulations related to Covid. The Village Historique has their trail open, going one way and users are at their own risk. The Café du crique is open for take-out. On July 6, 2020 the houses will open for guided tours and the boutique will open as well.
- **Kathy Bourque:** The Rails to Trails are important during these times and are extremely busy. Council approved some funding and Kathy is hopeful that some of the money is directed towards East Pubnico where the trails is in hard shape. French Lake had garbage burned at the landing. This is private property and it has now been cleaned up. Signed have been installed regarding no dumping. Ditching should be done by DOT. The road leading to French Lake isn't in great condition.
- **Nicole Albright:** She has noticed that the trails are very busy and often meets walkers, runners and bikers.

Next Meeting: ARC meeting September 17, 2020 @ 6:00 pm

Adjournment – It was moved by Kathy Bourque to adjourn the meeting at 7:10pm.