



Municipality of the District of Argyle

Item: Community water infrastructure opportunity

Date: December 7, 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:

Recently, Councilors representing the District of Eel Brook Fire, staff and the fire chief met to discuss the Eel Brook Fire Construction along with other matters. One of the purposes of the conversation was to gauge the Department's interest in including water infrastructure with the new build. They are planning on an installation of a drilled well, and with the information we have gathered thus far, there is an opportunity to build in additional infrastructure at that location.

The Department was eager to work with us, knowing that any additional infrastructure would be added at our cost, not at theirs. It is an added service for a community that is central for many residents. From our perspective, it makes sense as we would have to install a drilled well in another location, at our cost most definitely.

The logical infrastructure is some form of holding tank, the size and function of this is not yet determined. The purpose of this information is to update Council in our initial commitments to find locations for community wells. Council had initially identified two locations to further investigate. One (Tusket) is being investigated still, and Comeau's Hill was eliminated as a location due to the added cost of bringing power and building a road.

MGA considerations:

None at this time.

CAO's Recommendation:

Recommending to Council that the Eel Brook Fire Department location be added as a potential location for community access to non-drinkable water, in the case of a future drought, and that the CAO obtain an order of magnitude of costs, and bring that information to council for decision.

Suggested motion:

Move that the Eel Brook Fire Department location be added as a potential location for community access of non-drinkable water, and that the CAO obtain estimated costs to install infrastructure necessary for that location, for Council's decision.