



**Argyle Municipal Recreation Commission  
Meeting Minutes through Zoom  
Thursday, November 19, 2020  
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Nicole Albright, Kathy Bourque, Ted Saulnier, Josh Greene, Sandra Hubbard-LeBlanc, Scott Surette, Lorelei Atkinson, Aldéric Boudreau, Natalie d'Entremont, Ginette d'Entremont

**Regrets:** Malcolm Madden, Vicky Belliveau, Mariette d'Entremont

**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 as well as our newest member Councilor Ted Saulnier.

**Review & Acceptance of Agenda/ Conflict of Interest Declaration:** On motion by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Lorelie Atkinson that the agenda is approved as amended.  
*Motion Carried*

**Approval of September 17, 2020 minutes:**

On motion by Sandra Hubbard-LeBlanc and seconded by Scott Surette that the minutes are approved as circulated. *Motion Carried*

**Business arising from the minutes:** None

**Financial Report:**

Ginette read through the financial report. It was moved by Ginette d'Entremont and seconded by Scott Surette 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 Scott Surette 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:

- **Glenwood Park** – Colton LeBlanc sent a letter to the Minister of Lands and Forest to request an expansion of the swimming area. Natalie has contacted Department of Natural Resources for advice to move forward. We have a letter of authority from the Provincial Parks and Recreation Division to put a beach volleyball court in the park and we need to send another letter detailing the extra requests of what more we would like to see developed at the park. A subcommittee should be formed to work on this project. Nicole Albright, Scott Surette, Lorelei Atkinson and Ted Saulnier have agreed to sit on the subcommittee. Department of Natural Resources is excited about this project.
- **Yarmouth County Athletic Awards Ceremony** – The YCAA ceremony has been cancelled for this year due to Covid. We had intended on honoring the special award winners, however, not enough nominations came through for this to happen.
- **Activity Kits for Seniors** – We created 3 themed activity kits to give away to the seniors of our Municipality. In total 118 kits were given out.
- **École Belleville Connection trail** – The connection trail is complete. The project was paid through a Walkability Grant. It was recommended that the Chair of the ARC committee send a letter of thanks to Hubert Pothier as he did the work and the connection trail is on his private property. It is a wonderful connection for the school as well a good parking area for people who use the Rail Trail.

## New Business:

- **Active Transportation Committee** – The AT Committee met to look at the successes already accomplished as well as look at where we are and are the priorities still pertinent today. We will be following the plan and applying to the Active Communities Fund to improve on some of the priorities where possible.
- **Signage project - Pilot** – We received money from the Active Communities Fund for our signage project. We are marking the Rail Trails from Pubnico to Tusket with signs indicating distance from one community to another as well as specific areas indicating where on the trail you are. We ordered 10 biking signs and arrows to mark the Lake Vaughan bike route as outlined in our Cycling brochure. We also created a sign for the East Pubnico Bike Park indicating how many laps equal a km.
- **Kemptville Ballfield sign** – A new Kemptville Ball field sign has been installed.
- **Christmas Tree Lighting** – In order to encourage more social distancing protocols as well as bring about community pride, we encouraged community groups to put up their own Christmas tree. Up to \$500 per electoral district was available to assist with setting up the trees.
- **Municipality of Argyle Accessible Advisory Committee** – By 2030, we need to be accessible. We have identified facilities we own and use. We need to look at prioritizing the list of facilities. Six criterias were created to evaluate the facilities: frequency of use, human effort, financial effort, increase in physical activity opportunities, diversity of use, and useful life of asset. A percentage value was assigned to each of the criteria.
- **East Pubnico Bike Park** – A request was made to see if we could install lights at the park as well as electricity. The younger kids are trying to use the ramps and are not able to

are getting injured. Would it be possible to create a smaller unit for the younger children. They would also like to have more benches installed at the park. The bike Fix It station has been installed at the park.

### **Area Reports:**

- **Nicole Albright:** Chase the Ace at the Club Acadien in SAR started up again on November 18, 2020. The tree lighting at the Club Acadien will be on November 26 and the one in Quinan will be on November 29.
- **Ted Saulnier:** The tree lighting in Wedgeport will be on November 29. Abrams River used to have bon fires at midnight on New Year's Eve and will be organizing one again this year. The date and time has not been set yet. Last year it was on New Year's Eve at 7pm and it attracted more people.
- **Sandra Hubbard-LeBlanc:** The VON is holding a virtual trivia event, \$25 per household bubble, date to be determined.
- **Kathy Bourque:** The Lobster pot tree lighting at the East Side Community Centre will be on November 26 and the Christmas tree lighting at the Immaculate Conception Church in East Pubnico will be on December 5. The Chase the Ace at the West Pubnico Fire Hall has started up again on Friday evenings.

### **Next Meeting: ARC meeting January 21, 2021 @ 6:00 pm**

Natalie announced that she is resigning from the Director of Recreation Services and has accepted a position with the Province as the Regional Physical Activity Consultant and will begin her new position on December 8, 2020.

**Adjournment** – It was moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Sandra Hubbard-LeBlanc to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 pm.