



Municipality of the District of Argyle

Item: Community litter clean up
2021-22

Date: April 10, 2021

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:

The Community litter clean up is a well established policy of Argyle, in place for 2+ years as a policy. Last year, COVID put a stop to this service. This year, we did an internal assessment of safety protocols and are satisfied that we can re-establish this service for 2021-22. As the operational budget is not yet set, and we need to deliver the service prior to its approval, we require a motion from Council to establish the figure and the service.

We have advertised and received a large and quick response. Initially I had set an amount of \$14,000, which would clean up to 65 kms of ditches. Last year we budgeted 22,000 but that was for 2 clean ups in spring and fall. We are proposing one clean up this year.

MGA considerations:

Contributions to non-profit organizations are eligible under section 65 of the MGA.

CAO's Recommendation:

Recommend a set amount of up to \$18,000, which would clean up to 88 kms of ditches. Clean up is \$200 per km for the community groups, but we have material, mileage and other costs to deliver the program. This fund raiser may still be part of a short list of potential fundraisers as we still are in a pandemic. It should be noted that this amount will not clean all visible ditches in the region, but will make a big difference. As we missed last year, the work is badly needed.

Suggested motion:

Approve an operational contribution of \$18,000 towards the community litter pick up program for 2021-22.