

RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL

Resolution number 2021-06

Dated May 24, 2021

Whereas that the Mariners Center is a regional asset providing recreational, economic, social and health benefits to the Town of Yarmouth, Municipality of the District of Yarmouth, and the Municipality of the District of Argyle (Municipal Units of Yarmouth County);

Whereas the Town and Municipality of the District of Yarmouth are currently the co-owners of the Mariners Center, and that the Municipality of the District of Argyle provides annual operating funding to support the operation of the Mariners Center;

Whereas the Municipal Units of Yarmouth County recognize the need for infrastructure replacement for recreational services delivered in the County in the area of aquatics and fitness;

Whereas the Municipal Units of Yarmouth County desire a regional approach to replace aquatic and fitness centers for the benefit of the County and its residents;

Whereas the Municipal Units of Yarmouth County also desire other expanded recreational services and will consider further investments if they meet our collective budget limitations;

Whereas the Municipal units of Yarmouth County collectively agree that the Mariners Center is the ideal location for an expansion of this nature;

Whereas the Municipal units of Yarmouth County have agreed to offer aquatic, fitness and other services temporarily at the former YMCA location on Main Street until such time as the Mariners Center expansion is adequately funded;

Whereas a funding application outlining all desired Mariners Center expansion options shall be submitted to the Governments of Canada through the “Green and Inclusive Community Buildings (GICB) program” for consideration of financial support;

Whereas the Municipal Units of Yarmouth County have set an early budget, for the purposes of the GICB application, at 30 Million Dollars;

Whereas the Municipal Units of Yarmouth County shall also seek Provincial funding for this expansion;

Whereas the Municipal units of Yarmouth County are committed to funding up to 12 million dollars to cover their 30% municipal share of the Mariners Center expansion;

And Whereas the Municipality of Argyle is committed to public engagement to further inform our residents and the associated costs and benefits of the project,

Now therefore be it **resolved** that

1. The Municipality of Argyle agrees that the proportion of operational and capital funding for the Mariners Center expansion be expressed via written agreement, and shall be based on the following agreed upon cost sharing formula:

Town of Yarmouth	30.666%
Municipality of the District of Argyle	30.666%
Municipality of the District of Yarmouth	38.666%

The Municipality of Argyle agrees that the funding formula shall be updated, upon the availability of new census population data from Statistics Canada and that this revised formula would be used to share operating expenditures of the Mariners Center.

2. The Municipality of Argyle supports the funding application to the GICB Funding Program, and that the Mariners Center expansion is conditional on sufficient Federal and Provincial funding.
3. That the funding formula as expressed in item one be the same funding formula for the funding of the aquatic and fitness services temporarily located at “Mariners on Main”.
4. That the Municipality of Argyle consider the merits of ownership of the existing and expanded Mariners Center as part of their commitment to the project.
5. The Municipality of Argyle agrees to undertake a comprehensive public engagement process.
6. The Municipality of Argyle commits to open, respectful and transparent engagement with its regional partners and stakeholders through the implementation of the expansion project and in providing temporary services on Main Street.
7. The Municipality of Argyle is committed to a capital fund-raising and sponsorship strategy, either as lead, or as support, and in collaboration with community stakeholders engaged in this project.