



Municipality of the District of Argyle

Item: Accessibility Project

Date: July 12, 2021

### **VISION STATEMENT**

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.

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

Argyle will provide affordable traditional municipal services for our citizens. Furthermore, Argyle will provide leadership by being actively engaged with the business community to understand their needs, and facilitate growth. We will create innovative programs to foster growth both for community and industry. We will create an environment where our residents seek our partnership in the projects that matter most, and we will provide the expertise needed to ensure those projects are successful. We seek to support and instill cultural pride and a sense of place in our communities. Our mission is founded on the belief that our community assets are plentiful, none more precious than its people, and that Argyle's assets possess the answers to our most difficult challenges.

**Background:** We are requesting for Council to approve an extra \$10,000.00 to be able to complete both the Parc des Jeunes playground accessible project as well as the Glenwood Park accessible floating dock project.

**Attachments/Additional Information:** We applied for funding from the community health board and received \$4789.61. We applied for funding through the Community Access-Ability Program requesting \$25,380.29 and received \$15,000. We had anticipated contributing \$9550.08, but we are now short approximately \$10,000.00 to complete both projects. The budget has been amended and is attached below. The difference is \$8574.65 but costs could have changed.

**MGA, Costs and Budget Considerations:** See attached document.

### **CAO's Recommendation:**

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The Recreation Department set aside funds in the past specifically for recreation capital projects. The Operating Reserve currently has about \$45,000 set aside for this very purpose. The Department successfully obtained almost \$20,000 for both projects, and it is my

recommendation that Council approve the use of up to \$10,000 of funds in the operating reserve to cover our additional costs (due to funding target not met).

We will have more opportunities for funding under the Community Access-Ability Program, as it is an annual funding program, designed specifically for projects that remove physical and non-physical barriers.

The Recreation Department has considered the operational significance of these projects. As the Parc des Jeunes is already maintained by MODA staff, the difference in operational time and cost is minimal. Our maintenance staff will have to install and remove the floating doc 2 times a year, and there is a suitable storage location.

**Suggested Motion**

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Move that we transfer \$10,000 from the operating reserve to support the improvements to the Parc des Jeunes facility and an accessible floating doc to be located at Glenwood Park.