



**Argyle Municipal Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes through Zoom
Thursday, May 19, 2022
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

Present: Vicky Belliveau, Mariette d'Entremont, Céline Cottreau, Ted Saulnier, Edith d'Entremont, Yvette LeBlanc, Natalie d'Entremont, Ginette d'Entremont

Regrets: Nicole Albright, Kathy Bourque, Darryl LeBlanc, Matt O'Connell, Phil Cottreau, Aldéric Boudreau, Jill-Marie Jacquard

1.0 Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Natalie d'Entremont at 6:00 pm.

2.0 Welcome: Natalie welcomed the members of the ARC.

3.0 Review & Acceptance of Agenda/ Conflict of Interest Declaration: On motion by Mariette d'Entremont and seconded by Edith d'Entremont that the agenda is approved with amendments. *Motion Carried*

4.0 Approval of February 17, 2022 minutes:

On motion by Mariette d'Entremont and seconded by Ted Saulnier that the minutes are approved as circulated. *Motion Carried*

5.0 Business arising from the minutes:

5.1 Mapping Project – It was noted that we should identify our Recreation Facilities, where they are, what condition they are in, are they accessible etc. Alix d'Entremont the GPS Technician will be doing this project, starting with the trails. He will use the drone to do videos and take pictures. He will then move on to other recreation facilities afterwards.

6.0 Financial Report:

Ginette presented the annual budget of 2022-2023 to the committee members.

7.0 Old Business:

7.1 Hike Badge and signage – We are re-vamping the hike badge to only include 4 trails, removing the Stan O'Brien trail because of the ticks and poison ivy as well as removing the 47 km of Rail Trail. We have signs that will be placed at the Trail Heads of the Pubnico Point Trail, La Roche à St. Pierre, Rocco Point Trail and the Wedgeport

- Trail. We will also be adding the Hike Badge challenge to our municipal website with graphics of the trails.
- 7.2 **Senior kits** – We did another gardening kit for the seniors and gave away 80 kits.
 - 7.3 **Can Bike** – Yarmouth/Shelburne will be training 4 individuals to give instructions on the safety of bike maintenance, rules of the road etc. We no longer have anyone in our area trained. The instruction will be coming to Yarmouth on the July 1st weekend. The trainees will sign a contract giving us 2-3 instructional sessions for free.
 - 7.4 **Glenwood Park agreement** – We are working with the Department of Natural Resources to bring improvements to Glenwood Park. We have purchased a floating dock/kayak launch. We are looking to build an accessible walkway to the dock. A beach volleyball court is to be built in the center of the park. The swimming area was improved 8-9 years ago, but the rocks are moving and we are looking to make further improvements to the swimming area. We are also considering building a natural play structure/area.
 - 7.5 **Active Transportation Plan update** – We received 166 responses on our survey between paper and online. WSP is putting the information together. It is 1/3 complete. They hope to have a completed report by June. We need the plan to support accessibility funding.

8.0 New Business:

- 8.1 **Accessibility Grant** - We applied for funding through the Community Access-ability grant and received \$20,444.45 to go towards an accessible ramp leading to the floating dock at Glenwood Park.
- 8.2 **Pétanque** – Pétanque is similar to Bocci ball, it originated in France. You use metal balls, a cochonet and stand in a circle to play the game. The Congrès Mondiale 2024 will be including Pétanque in the event at the Boulodrome. We may need one in Argyle for the games.
- 8.3 **Summer students** – We hired our summer students. Sarah Gushue is the Special Events Coordinator and Angèle LeBlanc will begin May 30th as the Outdoor/Teen Coordinator. We hired 12 students for day camp and 1 inclusion staff. We do not have a spare position for day camp at this time.
- 8.4 **Day Camps** – We have 3 locations for our camps, Pubnico, PEB and Plymouth. The hours will be 8am to 5pm. The cost to participate will be \$20/day/child. The ages are 5-12, and children must have attended grade primary in order to attend the day camp. Online registration will begin the last week of June.
- 8.5 **Soccer** – Soccer will begin May 30th and run until August 4th, with the end of season tournament happening on August 5-7. To date we have 285 participants registered for the program.
- 8.6 **Baseball** – We have 25 children registered for baseball in total. U15 has 10 participants and 3 coaches. They do not have many teams to play against so they don't know what they will be doing yet. T-ball could continue but we do not have a coach. We may not have baseball

this year. We would like to do a pick-up sport. Some are going to Yarmouth because there are more players and they have rep baseball.

8.7 Jr. Golf Program – This is an excellent program. 15 new golf sets were purchased. 39 participants in total, 25 for 8-10 year olds and 14 for 11-14 year olds. They play on two separate nights, some have played before, others haven't. There are volunteers involved in the program. Most of the participants are from the Pubnico/Argyle/Barrington area. Most are not regulars at the golf course. Over \$5000 was received for the program. They are trying to get a pro from NSGA to come to help out. There are only two girls registered for the girls only session for 8-14 year olds.

8.8 ACOA Grant – We have received major funding to improve the trail from East Pubnico to West Pubnico.

10.0 Area Reports:

Vicky Belliveau – Indoor yard sale on May 24 at the East Side Community Centre. The East Pubnico playground is closing as of June 5, they will be dismantling the equipment. There was a birthday party at the Bike Park. The community garden committee put in a pumpkin patch at the Bike Park. The community garden beds are all spoken for this year. There are new people getting involved. They did not expand this year but are ok with this as it was very successful last year and people are using it. The East Pubnico community sign is up with the 2nd sign being put up soon.

Edith d'Entremont – There has been an increase in women golfing at the West Pubnico Golf course.

Ted Saulnier – The Active Transportation open house held at Plymouth School received an overwhelming response from the community. He was very pleased with the turnout. The sidewalk committee was very much involved in pushing for a sidewalk in Plymouth.

11.0 Next Meeting: ARC meeting September 15, 2022 @ 5:30 pm

12.0 Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned by Mariette d'Entremont, seconded by Ted Saulnier at 6:40 pm.