



Municipality of the District of Argyle

Item: Nakile Home for Special Care

Tax Exemption request

Date: March 22, 2023

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:

Nakile Home for Special Care completed their expansion in 2015, which resulted in a huge increase in taxes. At that time, the Board of directors requested Council provide a partial tax exemption to assist with this substantial increase. Since 2015, Council has made a yearly motion to allow for a partial exemption which caps their tax bill at \$25,000, not including the Fire Department Area rate.

Nakile Home for Special Care's budget is administered by the NS Department of Seniors and Long-Term Care, and they have not had any significant increase for operating, in many years.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the addition of Nakile Home for Special Care be no longer temporary and added to the Schedule A listing for the Charitable By-Law with a partial exemption being capped at a taxable amount of \$25,000 plus the area rate. This, as well as all properties included under this bylaw, will be subject to review on a regular basis.

Suggested Motions:

Staff requires a motion from council to add Nakile Home for Special Care to our Charitable Organization By-Law Exemption Schedule A list, and taxed at a capped amount of \$25,000 plus the Fire Department Area Rate.