



368 Main Street (Suite 220)
902-742-3074
recruitment@yarmouthdoctors.ca

April 12, 2024

To the Municipality of Argyle c/o CAO Alain Muise,

We are writing to you regarding the upcoming Rural Week visit of medical learner Korolos Sawires from May 12th-17th. Held annually, Rural Week is a an opportunity for first year Dalhousie medical students to experience first hand what it's like to practice rural medicine. We are excited to share that Korolos has been matched with preceptor Dr. Charelle Dulong at the A.M. Clark Health Centre for this year's Rural Week!

The Yarmouth Region Medical Professional Recruitment Partnership has offered to pay up to \$75 per night to assist with accommodation expenses incurred by medical students, including Korolos, who will be visiting for Rural Week. However, the total cost per night is significantly higher at the Argyle Lodge, where he wish to stay, since it is much closer to the clinic. Rural Week is a fantastic physician recruitment opportunity and we recently heard from a medical resident matching into the Yarmouth residency site that they hadn't considered practicing rurally until they completed a rotation in Yarmouth during medical school. Our hope is to enhance the Rural Week experience in Pubnico so that Korolos will not only consider returning to the area for residency, but also spread the word about his positive experience to other medical learners.

We are requesting that the Municipality of Argyle consider supporting the student with his accommodations by covering the additional \$708.40 in expenses at the Argyle Lodge. This would allow him to experience more of the community, save on commuting, and not have to pay more for accommodations than the other visiting students.

Alternatively, the student may choose to stay at the Rodd Grand along with the students for comradery. Should he choose this option, he will have a very minimum expense for accommodations, but increased commuting expenses. In that case, we would like to ask the Municipality of Argyle to consider offering some reimbursement for the travel expenses the student will incur.

Let me know your thoughts, and if the Municipality is able to meet these requests.

Warm regards,

Nancy Ellis

Community Navigator
for
Yarmouth Region Medical Professional Recruitment Partnership