

# **Argyle Municipal Recreation Commission**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**April 17, 2025**

**5:30 P.M.**

**Present:** Vicky Belliveau, Ted Saulnier, Edith d'Entremont, Yvette LeBlanc, Natalie d'Entremont, Jill-Marie Jacquard, Nicole Albright, Kathy Bourque, Mariette d'Entremont, Shawn Muise, Matt O'Connell, Joel d'Entremont.

**Regrets:** Lise Newell

**1.0 Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Nicole Albright at 5:37 P.M.

**2.0 Welcome & Invitation to stand:** Nicole welcomed the members of the ARC.

**3.0 Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved by consent as circulated.

**4.0 Approval of Minutes February 20, 2025:** A motion was made by Mariette d'Entremont and seconded by Ted Saulnier to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

### **5.0 Business Arising from Minutes:**

5.1 A No Dogs Allowed sign has been made for ball field, but it has not been posted yet. The field has been repaired and cleaned. Field will be locked until the sign is posted. It is hoped that dog owners will co-operate with this new rule and that another area will be found for a dog park. Glen had mentioned that a run be made adjacent to the ball field, but there may not be space. Ted Saulnier mentioned reusing old fencings from landfill areas for dog park, since safety is no longer an issue there. It was generally agreed to place No Dog Allowed signs at all municipal ball fields. A motion was made by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Vicky Belliveau to revisit this issue at the October meeting.

**6.0 Financial Report:** Natalie read the financial report. It was moved by Natalie and seconded by Ted Saulnier to accept report as read. Motion carried.

### **7.0 Old Business:**

7.1 Update on Evening Drop-in Programs - Pickle ball at Bellville did not have enough attendance to continue. Lego Activity was unsuccessful. Plymouth pickle ball will continue until the end of April. This event has a good turnout. A request was made to put pickle ball lines on the Wedgeport tennis court. This may be done but leave one court for tennis only.

7.2 Plymouth Connection Trail Update - A new person has been given our application. More public engagement sessions will need to be done. Calls from ARC have not been returned.

7.3 Tusket Connection Trail Update – This is behind schedule. There has been no draft or report on design. It is expected next week. This design needs to be completed before more funding applications can be done.

7.4 Glenwood Park Conceptual Design Update – The design is complete, but some revision needs to be done by Dept of Oceans and Fisheries regarding the lake entrance. This needs to be finished for more funding applications to be made. Shawn Muise stated that the park is being used often, and the kayak cradles are a success.

7.5 Soccer Club Update – The new registration went well. This year soccer is being run by Argyle Soccer Club.

## **8.0 New Business:**

8.1 Change in Roles – Natalie will oversee the day camps, and Joel is working on active transportation. This indicates that the job descriptions have changed some, but any questions will be directed at the proper person.

8.2 Summer Student Grants & Start Dates – There has been a grant of \$30,000 received for student hires this summer. Katelyn Cosman will be Recreation Assistant and Lundyn Belliveau will be Event Coordinator. They will start April 28, 2025, with day camp hires starting on the last week of June.

8.3 Co-op Student Placement – Katelyn Cosman applied for Fall Co-op season program. She will work on the equality and racism policy.

8.4 Day Camps – Day camps will be at West Pubnico, Bellville and Plymouth this year.

8.5 Letter of Appreciation to WR Golf Course – A motion was made by Ted Saulnier and seconded by Kathy Bourque, to draft a letter of appreciation to the WP Golf Course for the use of their facility. Motion carried.

8.6 Strategic Plans – The strategic plan expires this year. Joel will do the groundwork; including public consultation needed for the update. This update will span 2025 to 2030.

8.7 Kayak Shed – Glenwood Park – The kayak will be moved there soon to be used in the equipment loan program. A lock box will be used to access the boats. The Active Community Fund will be used to make a video demonstrating the process of accessing kayaks and transporting them to the lake. Joel will oversee the equipment loan program, equipment maintenance and upkeep.

## **9.0 Area Reports:**

East Pubnico Community Hall is holding a Cake and ice cream social event in May. The east Pubnico Community Garden is full.

Plymouth Hall is open without kitchen use. The capacity is 60-80 people, which is good for kitchen parties and karaoke.

The kitchen is open at the WP Golf Course. Events and activities are planned for the season.

**10.0 Next Meeting:** September 18, 2025 @5:30 P.M.

**11.0 Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 P.M.