

Argyle Municipal Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2025

5:30 P.M.

Present: Vicky Belliveau, Ted Saulnier, Edith d'Entremont, Natalie d'Entremont, Nicole Albright, Kathy Bourque, Mariette d'Entremont, Shawn Muise, Matt O'Connell, Katelyn Cosman, Blake Sandham.

Regrets: Lise Newell, Yvette LeBlanc, Joel d'Entremont.

Absent: Jill-Marie Jacquard

1.0 Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Nicole Albright at 5:35 P.M.

2.0 Welcome & Invitation to stand: Nicole welcomed the members of the ARC. New member Blake from Argyle was introduced to ARC.

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

4.0 Approval of Minutes April 17, 2025: A motion was made by Ted Saulnier and seconded by Edith d'Entremont to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

5.0 Business Arising from Minutes:

5.1 Ownership of the West Pubnico Ballfield was discussed. The property is currently owned by the Parish. A memo has been prepared and forwarded to the CAO for Council's consideration. Should Council express interest in acquiring ownership, the next step will be to request that the Parish submit a formal letter to the Bishop.

On the topic of dog owners using the WP Ballfield, it was agreed that it is a matter of liability for the municipality, and it should remain closed to dog use. Dog Park creation does not fall within the scope of recreation. It was suggested that the dog owner group approach the municipality with any ideas they may have. A motion was made by Edith d'Entremont and seconded by Mariette d'Entremont to keep WP Ballfield closed to dog use. Motion carried.

5.2 Kayak Shed at Glenwood Park is now set up with kayaks and other supplies.

5.3 Day camps were a success. The numbers of youth registration have improved over the last 3 years. Bellville has increased from 482 to 603, Plymouth with slight decline 420 to 400, W Pubnico also increased greatly with 470 to 655. Plymouth numbers are thought to be because of the youths aging out of day camp age group. There were minimum complains and lots of positive feedback regarding staff.

5.4 PA Strategy is currently in the engagement process. Joel has met with students from both Drumlin and PEB. Next, input from senior groups will be gathered and a draft made.

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

7.0 Old Business:

7.1 Plymouth Connection Trail Update – Due to staffing changes at the company doing consulting, it is not complete. It should be received within the next three weeks.

7.2 Tusket Connection Trail Update – The Final product is complete but came in over budget. It is now being reworked to decrease the cost. Plan B and C are being worked on.

7.3 Soccer Club Update – The number of registrations were good at 392. There were minimum complains. This is thought that the training of volunteers was a main reason for this. The Recreation Department helped with the administration of the Soccer Club this year, but they are making great progress towards being an independent group.

8.0 New Business:

8.1 Videos – Equipment loan & how to use the Kayak Shed. With a grant from the Active Community Fund a video of equipment available and proper use was made. They will be released soon.

8.2 Co-op Student Placement – Katelyn Cosman will be here until December 19.

8.3 Drop -in Programs –W Pubnico has Family drop on Monday, Pickleball on Tuesday and Dodgeball Wednesday and Thursday. Plymouth has Pickleball on Thursday but was not well attended so may not continue. PEB is still looking for gym supervisors.

8.4. Equipment Loan for Businesses- This program has only been out 2 weeks, but some interest has started.

8.5 Adult subsidy program draft for 2026-27- A motion was made by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Ted Saulnier to set aside \$3000 for financial support for residents 17 + who wish to participate in recreational programs. Motion carried

8.6 Trunk or Treat- This is at Tusket Ford on October 31, 3-5 pm.

8.7 RNS Conference- Natalie will be attending.

8.8 Guided walks- Walks from Tusket on Thursdays in October. So far 8 to 11 people have been participating.

8.9 Imaginary playground equipment- Recreation has purchased large foam like blocks that are used to build different things. These will be introduced to elementary students soon.

8.10 Request for Decision- Adult Active Living Subsidy Program- see 8.5

8.11 Boat Launch improvement – Quai a Bernard- Located on Eel Lake. It has been discovered that this property is owned by the province. A kayak launch and parking area were suggested as improvement possibilities. Natalie will meet Shawn at the location for a better understanding of the project.

9.0 Area Reports:

East Pubnico is hosting a Chinese Auction fashion show October 23 and a Halloween dance for children October 24.

West Pubnico Haunted Village is this Friday and Saturday at the Village Acadian.

West Pubnico Golf Club reported 70 new members. They have over 300 members now. The Junior golf program started with an NS Health grant was a success.

Chase the ace at Club Acadian is ongoing.

10.0 Next Meeting: November 20, 2025 @5:30 P.M.

11.0 Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:08P.M.