



**Argyle Municipal Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2025
5:30 pm**

Present: Kathy Bourque, Nicole Albright, Ted Saulnier, Yvette LeBlanc, Matt O'Connell, Natalie d'Entremont, Ginette d'Entremont, Jill Marie Jacquard, Lise Newell, Mariette d'Entremont, Edith d'Entremont

Regrets: Cynthia Fraughton, Vicky Belliveau

1.0 Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Nicole Albright at 5:34 p.m.

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

3.0 Review & Acceptance of Agenda/ Conflict of Interest Declaration: The agenda was approved by consent as circulated.

4.0 Approval of October 8, 2024 minutes: The minutes were approved by consent as circulated.

5.0 Business arising from the minutes: None

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

7.0 Old Business:

7.1 Update on Evening Drop-in Programs: Drop-in programs have now resumed. Pubnico has Pickleball ball on Tuesdays and dodgeball on Wednesday and Thursdays. Family time for children 8 and younger will begin on Monday January 20th. Plymouth has pickleball on Thursdays. PEB has men's Volleyball on Thursdays. PEB also has an 8-week soccer development program on Sundays followed by drop-in adult soccer. Both Lego Club and Pickleball at Belleville will not be continued into this year due to lack of participation.

7.2 Plymouth Connection Trail Update: There was a community engagement session at the Plymouth School on January 7, 2025. Good turn out with a great discussion on the design. A second engagement session will be scheduled for a few weeks from now, looking for more feedback and then the consultants will return for a third engagement session at a later date.

7.3 Tusket Connection Trail Update: The connection is from the PEB school to the Tusket sidewalk. There has only been one meeting with the consultants. Haven't seen much for a design to date. The consultant wants to have a community engagement session but Natalie needs to speak to them first before planning the evening.

7.4 Glenwood Park Conceptual Design Update: Municipal Council has approved that Viridis can apply to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans as well as the Department of Environment for permits on behalf of the Municipality. The detail design will be done by March 2025.

8.0 New Business:

8.1 West Pubnico Ball Field: The field is used more as a dog park than a ball field. The dogs are digging holes and the owners are not picking up the dog poop. Both of these issues are dangerous to ball players. There is a new team wanting to use the field this summer. We have received an email from the softball team with concerns of dog poop and holes in the field for this summer. Moving forward, the recommendation from the ARC members is to not allow dogs to use the field at all. Announcements and signs will be posted for all ball fields within the Municipality of Argyle. Dog dispensers will also be removed. The pictures of the holes as well as an article where a player was injured sliding on dog poop will also be shared.

8.2 Municipal Physical Activity Leader update: Ginette will be retiring on March 31, 2025. The deadline to apply for the position is January 15, 2025. Interviews will be taking place on February 4, 2025.

8.3 Co-op Student placements: Natalie has applied for funding for a co-op placement for a position from April to August and will re-apply for a second placement to take place from September to December.

8.4 Snowshoes @ WP Golf Course: Edith will be bringing 10 pairs of snow shoes to the WP Golf Course to have them on loan for interested users. Announcements will be made on social media regarding the dates the snow shoes are available.

8.5 Yarmouth County Athletic Awards: Riley d'Entremont will be honored as the Athlete of the Year for his achievements in Pickleball. We will be presenting him with a plaque on Thursday February 20th at 7pm after the ARC meeting. A discussion was had on how to keep this program alive to honor those that are deserving of the award. Lise Newell will look into this and report back at the next meeting.

8.6 Soccer club changes: The soccer club will be using RAMP for the registrations this summer. Ginette is in the process of putting the information together on the RAMP online system with the assistance of Soccer NS personnel.

8.7 ARC Membership: Members are needed for Districts 5 and 6. Nicole Albright and Darryl LeBlanc will be looking for individuals from these districts to join the committee. A youth is also needed. Natalie will place an advertisement at both Drumlin and PEB requesting an expression of interest for the committee from interested youth.

9.0 Area Reports:

Kathy Bourque: A retro dance will take place at the East Side Community Centre on February 1 with DJ Hardy.

Edith d'Entremont: Thanked the committee for the snow markers used to protect the greens.

10.0 Next Meeting: February 20, 2025 @ 5:30 pm

11.0 Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 pm