



**Argyle Municipal Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes through Zoom
Thursday, April 16, 2020
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

Present: Kathy Bourque, Josh Greene, Scott Surette, Lorelei Atkinson, Sandra Hubbard-LeBlanc, Vicky Belliveau, Mariette d'Entremont, Aldéric Boudreau, Natalie d'Entremont, Ginette d'Entremont

Regrets: Maurice Babin, Justine White, Nicole Albright, Malcolm Madden, Roderick Murphy Jr.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Scott Surette at 6:05 pm.

Welcome: Scott Surette welcomed the members of the ARC and expressed his sincere condolences to the Albright family on behalf of the committee.

Review & Acceptance of Agenda/ Conflict of Interest Declaration: On motion by Lorelie Atkinson and seconded by Kathy Bourque that the agenda is approved as circulated.
Motion Carried

Approval of February 20, 2020 minutes:

On motion by Sandra Hubbard-LeBlanc and seconded Mariette d'Entremont by that the minutes are approved as circulated. *Motion Carried*

Business arising from the minutes:

- **Cancellations** – All March Break programs as well as all other programs and events since March Break have been cancelled or postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Financial Report:

Ginette read through the financial report. It was moved by Ginette d'Entremont and seconded by Kathy Bourque to accept the financial report as discussed. *Motion Carried*

Director of Programming and Active Living Report/Information Items:

Ginette went through her report. A discussion was had on the events listed. It was moved by Ginette d'Entremont and seconded by Vicky Belliveau to approve the Director of Programming and Active Living Report as presented. *Motion Carried*

Director of Recreation Services Report:

Natalie read through her report. A discussion was had on the events listed. It was moved by Natalie d'Entremont and seconded by Kathy Bourque to approve the Director of Recreation Services Report as presented. *Motion Carried*

Old Business:

- **Trail Update** – The Belleville Trail connector is near completion. The property is owned by Hubert Pothier and he is the one completing the work, making a connecting path to the Rails to Trails across from École Belleville so that the students have a safe access to the trails. A \$2800 grant was accessed for this work and payment has already been made.
- **Field Maintenance Projects 2020-2021** – The following is a list of maintenance projects that could be done by summer students along with maintenance staff:
 - Painting the fence at the Archives
 - East Kempt ball field – scrapping and painting the metal part of the bleachers as well as the basketball backboards and goose necks; painting and caulking the dugout ceilings, installing the doggie bag set-up
 - East Pubnico Bike Park – installation of the sign
 - Tusket ball field – paint foul poles, canteen and dugouts
 - West Pubnico ball field – painting on the shed around the newly installed window, paint the metal frame on the bleachers, touch up painting in the dugouts and benches
 - Parc des Jeunes – installation of the cap cover on the fencing
 - PEB soccer field – sand, aeration, loam, seeds, fertilizer; place new netting on the soccer nets; repairs to the fencing
 - Sheds (2) in the compound need to be cleaned out and rearranged and both need to be painted
 - Municipal signs need repairs
- **Active Communities Fund** – The recreation department will be applying for funding in the 2020-2021 fiscal year for an Active Transportation project to include the following:
 - Bicycle Friendly Business program
 - Argyle Active Hiking brochures
 - Workshop on trail building, design and maintenance
 - Workshop on Bike repairs
 - Signage at East Pubnico Bike Park (indicating kms per lap)
 - Signage along the Rails to Trails (indicating kms to next community)
 - Signage identifying cycling route from Argyle's Bicycle route brochure
- During the discussion of the application to the Active Communities Fund a discussion was had regarding other possible projects that could include promoting projects for people with special needs as well as seniors in helping them to keep active. Some possibilities would be to assist them with growing their own vegetables in their back yards in raised beds or pots. It was suggested that a community garden could perhaps be placed in the East Side Bike Park. A discussion was also had about making the Parc des Jeunes in Wedgeport an accessible playground, but before any accessible pieces are added to the playground, we need to make sure the playground is accessible.

New Business:

- **Fall/Summer Students and events** – This summer will not be a normal summer as in the past. There will be no day camp or teen camp as we knew them. We may provide pop-up camps depending on if the restrictions are lifted a bit. We will look to provide virtual programming with small business to do online programming for the Recreation Department such as cooking, yoga, etc. The garbage clean up program will not take place this summer and perhaps we can hire some students to do some ditch cleaning.
- **Facility closures** – We have closed all facilities owned by the Municipality such as playgrounds, ball fields, tennis courts. The trails remain open provided individuals do not drive to them in order to use them.

During this discussion, a question was raised about a special project such as the Glenwood Beach Volley court for this year. However, due to the shortfall in the budget it does not look like this project will take place this year. It was also mentioned about the possibility of having the multi-purpose court at École Belleville painted for the sport of Pickle ball. This will be looked into to see if it is possible and what the cost of the project would be.

Area Reports:

- **Vicky Belliveau:** Repairs have taken place at the East Side Community Centre, providing them with a new stove and new floor. She also mentioned perhaps setting up picnic lunches and crafts that could be delivered to seniors.
- **Lorelei Atkinson:** Would like to see a virtual program concept for exercise classes or cooking classes that would be on at the same time each day for people to get active and motivated.
- **Sandra Hubbard-LeBlanc:** The VON has a frozen meals program which offers meals at a cost of \$7 per meal. They are receiving good feedback about the program and that the meals are delicious. She would like to see youth connected to seniors through pen pals, checking in on the vulnerable seniors by making phone calls or leaving them a gift on the door step.
- **Kathy Bourque:** She would like to see a program where we could be teaching kids to make their own kite.
- **Scott Surette:** He and his family have been playing pickle ball at the end of the Abram's River road. This would be a great opportunity to keep the athletes in the mode and get the coaches to do some online training for example in soccer and baseball.
- **Mariette d'Entremont:** Virtual yoga classes are taking place with Monique d'Eon.
- **Natalie d'Entremont:** Nicole Kenney with Sport NS has it as a priority to do online coaching courses. Would like to provide an equipment lending program to families who might not have the necessary equipment to play outdoors at home such as balls, bats, etc.

Next Meeting: ARC meeting June 18, 2020 @ 6:00 pm

Adjournment – It was moved by Kathy Bourque to adjourn the meeting at 7:20pm.