



**Argyle Municipal Recreation Commission  
Meeting Minutes through Zoom  
Thursday, February 17, 2022  
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Nicole Albright, Kathy Bourque, Vicky Belliveau, Mariette d'Entremont, Ted Saulnier, Darryl LeBlanc, Céline Cottreau, Aldéric Boudreau, Jill-Marie Jacquard, Matt O'Connell, Natalie d'Entremont, Ginette d'Entremont

**Regrets:** Phil Cottreau

**Absent:** Malcolm Madden

**1.0 Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Nicole Albright at 6:00 pm.

**2.0 Welcome:** Nicole Albright welcomed the members of the ARC and introduced our newest member, Matt O'Connell. Nicole also welcomed back Natalie d'Entremont who had been on leave for the past year.

**3.0 Review & Acceptance of Agenda/ Conflict of Interest Declaration:** On motion by Ted Saulnier and seconded by Mariette d'Entremont that the agenda is approved as circulated. *Motion Carried*

**4.0 Approval of November 25, 2021 minutes:**

On motion by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Vicky Belliveau that the minutes are approved as circulated. *Motion Carried*

**5.0 Business arising from the minutes:**

**5.1 Tree Lighting** – The tree lighting was held on November 28, 2021 with over 200 people in attendance. The Moonlight Swing band played instrumental Christmas music and there was hot chocolate and cookie decorating kits given out at the end of the evening. MacKenzie security was hired to check for proof of vaccination.

**5.2 Senior Activities** – We organized a take-out turkey meal on December 9, 2021 at the Club Acadien in SAR and served 170 meals. We also made 150 Christmas stockings to give out. Peggy Boudreau, the Senior Safety Officer took 30 meals and 30 stockings for her clients. Both activities were well received by the seniors.

**5.3 Adult Hiking** – On October 23 we had a guided hike in the back woods of Kempt and on November 20 we had a guided nature hike at Birchdale. Both hikes went very well and more will be planned in 2022.

## **6.0 Financial Report:**

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

## **7.0 Presentation – Who are we serving?**

Natalie presented to the committee on the population we are serving and what it means to the Recreation Department.

## **8.0 Old Business:**

**8.1 Glenwood Park Update** – The recommendations from the Archeological assessment have been sent to DNR. The floating dock has been purchased. The funding for the beach volleyball has been extended for 2022. There is planning assistance funding to design the upgrades to the swim area and natural playground.

**8.2 Junior Golf Program update** – We received funding from the CHB in the amount of \$2695.00. The program will be for 10 weeks for ages 10-14, twice a week. We will need more equipment and an instructor.

**8.3 East Pubnico Rail Trail update ACOA**– No update, but hoping for good news.

**8.4 Parc des Jeunes** – We are still waiting for the ramps, the picnic table and the bench. Once these are in place we will promote the accessible playground.

## **9.0 New Business:**

**9.1 Summer grant applications** - We will be applying for funding for our summer positions through Canada Summer Jobs, Young Canada Works and Canadian Parks and Recreation.

**9.2 AT Plan refresh** – There is a meeting in February to go over the contract, time line and how the community consultations will happen. WSP Consulting Firm has been hired to do the refresh.

**9.3 Make your move campaign** – Argyle has been chosen as one of three pilot projects for Make your Move at work, encourage movement instead of exercise, every movement counts. We received funding from ACF to purchase a treadmill and free weights for the wellness room. The Workplace wellness committee will implement it at work.

**9.4 Budget items for consideration** – Creating a map or directory of what is available in our community. A visual of what is available and accessible. How can we let people know who is on the ARC committee so that they can get information on what is going on in Argyle.

**9.5 Winter programming** – We have advertised on Facebook of a possible Snowshoe hike, for an expression of interest. We would like to rent the golf course for our winter activities.

**9.6 Evaluation of Trail/Park usage** – We have purchased 2 more trail counters to be used to gather information on how many people use the trail or the recreation infrastructure in Argyle.

**9.7 Surfing school** – We received information from an individual wanting to provide surfing lessons in Port Maitland and Mavillet Beach. We will include it in our summer programming to see if there is interest or assist with promoting his program. There would be on land training as well as in water training during the sessions. Group session rates are available. We should focus on target groups for teens, girls only and ladies only.

**9.8 ARC membership** – We are pleased to see new faces on the committee, however, there are still some districts that are not represented. One member has not been to our meetings for more than 3 times in a row without communicating his intentions. Natalie will make contact with the member.

**10.0 Area Reports:** None

**11.0 Next Meeting:** ARC meeting February 17, 2022 @ 5:30 pm, the AGM will be held in April.

**12.0 Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned by Darryl LeBlanc, seconded by Ted Saulnier at 8:00 pm.