



**Argyle Municipal Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 17, 2023
5:30 pm**

Present: Nicole Albright, Kathy Bourque, Vicky Belliveau, Ted Saulnier, Yvette LeBlanc, Mariette d'Entremont, Jill-Marie Jacquard, Edith d'Entremont, Natalie d'Entremont, Ginette d'Entremont

Regrets: Darryl LeBlanc, Céline Cottreau, Matt O'Connell

Absent: Phil Cottreau

Resignation : Aldéric Boudreau

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

2.0 Welcome: Nicole Albright welcomed the members of the ARC.

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

4.0 Approval of November 17, 2022 minutes:

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

5.0 Business arising from the minutes:

5.1 Glenwood Project Update – We received funding from a Planning Assistance Grant through CCTH to hire a consultant to design a conceptual plan of the park for the swimming and play area. A first draft of the design was presented to us and we forwarded it to DNR. Before we proceeded any further with the conceptual plan, DNR wanted to meet with us. In December Clinton Pinks met us at the park to discuss it further and on January 18 we will be meeting with DNR employees for a further discussion.

5.2 Equipment Loan update – We have new equipment to loan, however, we are waiting for snow before making any announcements of our snow shoes, trekking skis, fat bikes and crampons.

5.3 Memory Café – Memory cafés are for individuals living with dementia and their care givers. We had to cancel the December in-person café due to low enrollment (1 couple) as well as the January virtual café (no enrollment). Darcy d’Eon will be facilitating a café at the Pont du Marais. We will continue to promote to make this a successful event. Municipality of Argyle’s Memory café work was nominated for a National Dementia Communities Award.

5.4 Evening Programs – Pickleball has started up again in Pubnico on Tuesdays and in Plymouth on Thursdays from 6:30-8:00 pm. Dodgeball has started up again in Belleville on Tuesdays (grades 3-6) and in Pubnico on Wednesdays (grades 3-4) and Thursdays (grades 5-6) from 6:00-7:30pm.

6.0 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*

7.0 Old Business:

7.1 AT Plan, Speed tracker and number of vehicles – A speed tracker was placed near the Plymouth School, it has been moved near École secondaire de par-en-bas, and then moved near École Pubnico-Ouest. The purpose of the speed tracker is to obtain stats on how many vehicles pass through in a given month, as well as the average speed of vehicles, the highest recorded speed and the percentage of vehicles in violation of the speed limit. The stats from the speed tracker are a useful tool for Council to use during priority setting sessions when discussing the Active Transportation Plan.

7.2 AT Plan – NSTIR 5 year plan – We received an announcement that funding was in place for Exit 31A (Nakile/Drumlin interchange). TIR will be rebuilding the bridge as a road and AT needs room and a buffer so that pedestrians can use the bridge along with the traffic. MLA Colton LeBlanc is keeping us informed on the plan.

7.3 Summer program evaluations – Natalie went over the statistics of the summer evaluation questionnaires sent out to day camp and teen camp participants, as well as the questionnaires that were sent out to the general public. On average, our participants/parents are pleased with the day camp program. The priorities for parents were location and hours of operation. The least important factor was the registration fees. We received very little feedback from the teen program, although the feedback received was all positive. An important factor for us to consider for the teens is the time of day. The majority of the respondents preferred 1-4pm time frame.

8.0 New Business:

8.1 Canada Summer Jobs/Young Canada Works applications – The recreation department has applied for funding through Canada Summer Jobs which had a deadline of January 12, and is now in the process of completing the application process for Young Canada Works which has a deadline of February 3rd. Both funding opportunities are for hiring summer students.

- 8.2 Jardin des petit partnership possibility** – We have spoken with Krista Spinney of Jardin des Petits to see if we could form a partnership with them to address the gap in the system to accommodate the children that have completed Grandir en Français (pre-primary) but have not attended Grade Primary yet. These children are too young to participate in our Day Camp Program. We will continue the discussion with Jardin des Petits to see what solution we can come up with.
- 8.3 CMA 2024 – What does it mean for summer programming in 2024?** – The Congrès Mondial 2024 will take place from August 10-18, 2024. This may interfere with some of our summer programming and the facilities we use. We will need to look at what the summer 2024 may look like for day camps and soccer programming.
- 8.4 Reaching each and everyone grant (CPRA) WP Women’s golf** – A grant application to help support a women’s golf program at the West Pubnico Golf Course was submitted. There was a large volume of applicants and it will be January before they are notified of the results of the application.
- 8.5 Availability of WP Golf Course Club House – Off season ideas** – The West Pubnico Golf course/club house is available for use by the Recreation Department. The Recreation Department may organize a family event on February 20 for staff. Other ideas for use could be a Senior/Youth activity for inter-generational learning; a cooking demo; winter activities such as snow shoeing, sliding, skiing.
- 8.6 Budget 2023/2024** – Natalie and Ginette will begin working on the budget in the next few weeks.
- 8.7 Yarmouth County Athletics Award Ceremony Update** – Very little information was received for the annual YCAA ceremony, therefore we will look to announce winning teams on Facebook and perhaps have a small ceremony to honor the Special Award winners.
- 8.8 PHE Canada Grant opportunity Feb 28** – Physical Health Education grants are available for schools to help promote physical activity and sport. Schools can apply for up to \$20,000, the deadline to apply is February 28.
- 8.9 Simple Texting (833-566-1909)** – This is a new way of communicating. Residents must register to get the information. All of the Municipality is now involved, Waste water, general MODA info, recreation – youth/seniors/families.
- 8.10 RNS Equipment Loan grant** – We will be applying for 2 adaptive sleds through this grant, the deadline to apply is February 3, 2023.

10.0 Area Reports:

Kathy Bourque – February 21, pancake supper at East Side Community Centre, sponsored by CAPEB

Ted Saulnier – Speed signs in Plymouth, are they recording one way only? Is the traffic doubled? He would like a copy of the report.

Roche à St. Pierre – hunters on the trail: Lands and Forest says you can hunt on the trail because it’s Crown Land so long as you are 100 feet from the road if there are no dwellings. There should be a sign informing hunters and walkers so that each are aware of one another.

11.0 Next Meeting: ARC meeting February 16, 2023 @ 5:30 pm (Virtual if inclement weather)

12.0 Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm