



**Argyle Municipal Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes through Zoom
Thursday, November 25, 2021
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

Present: Nicole Albright, Kathy Bourque, Scott Surette, Vicky Belliveau, Mariette d'Entremont, Ted Saulnier, Darryl LeBlanc, Céline Cottreau, Ginette d'Entremont

Regrets: Aldéric Boudreau, Jill-Marie Jacquard, Phil Cottreau

Absent: Malcolm Madden

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

Welcome: Nicole Albright welcomed the members of the ARC and introduced our two new members, Darryl LeBlanc and Céline Cottreau.

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

Approval of September 16, 2021 minutes:

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

Business arising from the minutes: None

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: Included with new business

Director of Recreation Services Report: Included with new business

Old Business:

- **Glenwood Park Update** – Scott updated the members on the potential 4 projects. The Archeological assessment comprised of 37 holes and a final report has been sent. We still need DNR to give us the go ahead to allow us to proceed. The report goes to the

province for approval with recommendations. We should be ready for the spring. Garian is doing a design for the pathway to the boat launch. The swim area is more complicated and need permits from fisheries and environment. Anna Haanstra has funding for the design of the swim area. The floating dock has been purchased. Funding has been extended to 2022 for the volleyball course.

- **East Pubnico Bike Park** – The course for younger children (7 and younger) is now complete. Bikes and helmets have been purchased to be loaned out for children under the age of 7.
- **Parc des Jeunes** – To date, the engineered wood fibers and the accessible swings have been installed at the playground.
- **Fall programming**
 - a) **Multi-sport camp** – this program was 6 weeks with 6 sports for children ages 9-11. From this experience, one child has joined the junior curling program. This program is a Provincial program, however, we didn't follow the program.
 - b) **Hikes** – We offered a guided hike in the back woods of Kempton on October 23, 2021 as well as a Nature walk through Birchdale on November 20, 2021.
 - c) **After the Bell** – The After the Bell program started November 9 and runs through to December 14. There are 12 participants to date in the program.
 - d) **Drop in Programs** – Pickleball is happening at Plymouth School on Mondays from 7-830 and at the Pubnico School on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30. Dodgeball is happening on Thursdays from 6-8 at the Pubnico School. Youth Badminton (12+) is happening at the Wedgeport school on Fridays from 6:30-8. Parents and Tots will take place on Mondays from 6-7 at the Belleville School.
 - e) **Halloween Trail** – The Halloween trail walk was very successful with 35 children taking part along with parents. This took place on October 28, 2021.

New Business:

- **Tree Lighting Event** - The tree lighting event will take place on Sunday November 28 at the Tuskett courthouse. We hired MacKenzie security to assist with checking for proof of vaccination.
- **Eastlink/Pickleball** – Eastlink interviewed Scott Surette and Terry Fay. This is a 4 minute video, and they also taped the pickleball players at the Plymouth School. It can be viewed on Channel 10.
- **Seniors Luncheon/Senior Kits** – There will be a take-out Turkey lunch for seniors 65+ on December 9 at the Club Acadien in SAR. There will also be Christmas Stockings for seniors 65+ starting the week of December 13th.
- **West Pubnico Golf Course/Jr. Golf Programs** – Scott Surette met with the manager of the Golf course. They applied for funding through the Community Health Board Wellness Fund for equipment and a golf pro. Sport NS might also have funding to help with the program. 10-12 sets of clubs are needed for the program. Another program to look into is Lacrosse golf/fling golf and the clubs are \$150 each. They are also looking at offering a beginner night for ladies.
- **New Ideas/Wish list** – PD days, should we be offering something on these days for those that need a place for their children. This is not a recreation committee problem

and not a day care. The EcolePlus committee has talked about this during their last meeting and will look at it again. Other ideas, Tai Chi at the East Pubnico Bike Park in the summer. For teens – dance, theatre, movie night, camp night (bon fire). Lighting at the Bike Park in East Pubnico – this is a very expensive initiative. The group who use the Community Garden at the East Pubnico Bike Park would like to have a pumpkin patch as well as a few more community beds. The community will organize this on their own.

- **East Pubnico Trails** – More work has been done on the Rail Trail. Some is being done in the Argyle area. Argyle applied for funding through ACOA in September and recently has heard from ACOA regarding the trail, asking for a letter of authorization from the Trail Association. This looks favorable. We asked for \$50,000 and the Municipality has \$50,000 to match. We are still waiting for a quote for work to be done on the trail in the East Pubnico area.

Area Reports:

- **Vicky Belliveau:** The community fixed the fence at the Hipson Bridge. There are 2 pieces of metal pieces on the metal bridge next to the Hipson Bridge. The lighting of the Pot tree at the East Side Bike Park will be on Sunday November 28, 2021. The playground committee will dissolve in May 2022. The Picnic table and bench will go to the East Pubnico Bike Park. The 2 East Pubnico signs are not up yet. The signs will go up on both signs of the county line.
- **Darryl LeBlanc:** November 27, 2021 the West Pubnico Golf course will be open to purchase gift cards/memberships. The lighting of the tree at the Pubnico Church has no definite date yet. The Banners in Pubnico will represent each time of year.
- **Mariette d'Entremont:** The Buoy tree lighting at the Pubnico wharf will be virtually on Friday November 26, 2021.

Next Meeting: ARC meeting January 20, 2022 @ 5:30 pm

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned by Vicky Belliveau at 7:52 pm.