



Municipality of the District of Argyle

Item: New Sewer Connection
Request– West Pubnico Sewer

Date: June 3, 2021

VISION

We see Argyle as home to a healthy and thriving rural population. Our municipality promotes and supports economic and social opportunities for the region and engages in the active expression of our unique Acadian heritage. We are a place of choice for rural living and are widely recognized for our warm hospitality and joie de vivre. Surrounded by fresh air and cool ocean breezes, we work and play in the great outdoors. People choose to live in Argyle because of our commitment to each other, to our community and to our neighbors. Argyle is a place we are proud to call home.

Background:

In March 2021 we received a sewer connection request for a property on John Street in West Pubnico and after initial review we realized that this connection request has a bit of history with the Municipality and the owner of the lot. We clarified all required formalities and resolved a few unfinished items to incorporate this end of the sewer line into our operation. This end was outside of our By-Law regulations and needed a separate easement to provide MODA staff with access to the sewer line for future maintenance.

The owner is requesting a new sewer connection for a property that they intend to develop over the next year or two. The sewer lateral exceeds the standard 150ft requirement of the By-Law and would need council's approval. Staff investigated the connection request in the field and has no concerns about the technical requirements to receive the sewage from the future residential dwelling.

Due to the fact that the resident had installed the sewer extension on their own cost back in 1994 we would recommend to waive the connection fee and capital levy fee (value of \$1,211).

This property is located along a private road and easements are provided for crossing neighbouring properties.

A formal request to council from the resident is attached to this RFD.

MGA considerations:

Council has the power to create and administer a sewer by-law for a community. The West Pubnico Sewer By-Law was created in 2005 and council has the option to make exceptions for individual cases as Part 4 – Connections, Section 7 of the By-Law.

Council shall have no obligation to permit connection to any building more than 150 feet from the sewer main and shall review such requests on a case-by-case basis.

CAO's Recommendation:

CAO agrees with Our PW Director in his recommendation.

Suggested motion:

Council is accepting the connection request and allows the resident to connect to the West Pubnico sewer because of the diligent process and establishment of necessary easements.