



Municipality of the District of Argyle

Item: Proclamation Policy

Date: April 25, 2022

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.

Identified Concern

At the last Annual Council Meeting of April 12, 2022, council debated whether they should proclaim April as Lyme Disease Awareness Month. Council had advised staff to check to see if there was a draft policy regarding proclamation requests.

Background

After further review from staff regarding a proclamation policy, we were unable to identify a policy dealing with proclamations. Furthermore, we can confirm that council did pass a proclamation last April as Lyme Disease Awareness Month. It should also be noted that staff was able to find in previous minutes that council had considered to do a policy dealing with proclamations. However, our records do not indicate that there was ever a policy drafted.

We have reached out to other municipalities/towns regarding proclamation policies. We have heard from 4 different municipalities/towns

- Town of Digby: Does not entertain Proclamation request
- East Hants: Does not entertain Proclamation request
- Barrington: They add to agenda for information only. (No proclamation)
- Town of Amherst: They still do proclamations for certain groups

Recommendation

Council should decide whether they would like to consider proclamations or if they are not interested. If Council is not interested, then they should make a motion advising staff to draft a proclamation policy based on what they decide.