



# Municipality of the District of Argyle Newsletter - 2009 Spring/Summer

## Warden's Message

Welcome to our newly designed newsletter. We hope that you will find our newsletter informative and interactive. In the October 2008 municipal election, the residents of Argyle had an opportunity to speak and share concerns with the candidates.

Based on your feedback, we are renewed in our focus to improve and increase communication with our taxpayers.

The newsletter will now be provided on a quarterly basis.

We also encourage you to visit our bilingual website at :  
<http://www.munargyle.com>

We would also welcome feedback on this newsletter and on any information you would like to see in our quarterly reports. Please send comments to:  
[newsletter@munargyle.com](mailto:newsletter@munargyle.com).

Thank you for your interest in municipal matters!



## Community Spotlight: Indian Sluice Bridge

On Saturday, August 15, 2009, Surette's Island and neighboring communities will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Indian Sluice Bridge as well as the 150th anniversary of the founding of the St. Joseph's Parish . The Surette's Island Parish was also chosen this year for the annual "Celebration of the Acadians - Fête de l'Assomption" which will take place on Saturday, August 15, 2009.

Some of the festivities include:

- Fishing tournament on the Indian Sluice Bridge
- Seafood chowder supper
- Bridge walk
- Entertainment with local Acadian Artists

## Community Spotlight: Little River Harbour

Argyle Tourism Department secured funding in excess of \$4,000 from the Provincial Legacy Fund in order to replace the "Welcome to Little River Harbour" sign featuring the provincial dog, the Little River Duck Toller.

The new sign is made of metal (including the poles) and should be welcoming residents and visitors for years to come.



## Municipal Notice:

### Rejection Stickers

Effective March 2, 2009 rejection stickers will be left on blue recyclable bags containing excessive garbage content as well as black garbage bags when more than one per residence is placed at roadside for collection. This enforcement is necessary to help us obtain the provincially mandated maximum disposal rate of 300 kg/ per person/per year and is consistent with the regions' pickup practices.

### Blue Bag Contamination

Blue bags contaminated with organics and garbage cause serious problems with the recycling facility and should be included with your green bin or clear bag garbage pickup.

Recycling bags containing only paper requires less sorting and will be baled and made into products like egg cartons and take out trays right here in Nova Scotia!

The Municipality of Argyle would like to thank all of its residents for their efforts and assistance with this program.

# Community Planning for a Sustainable Future

## What's your vision for the future?

The Municipality of Argyle has made a commitment to become a more sustainable municipality. The first step down this path is to update the municipality's planning documents and develop an Integrated Community Sustainability Plan. Interviews with community members and organizations are currently underway and community workshops are planned for the spring. Over the next two years the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law will be reviewed and updated by working closely with the residents and organizations of this municipality and the southwest region.

- What is your community's most valuable asset?
- How do we protect that asset for future generations?
- What kind of community do you want for your children and grandchildren?

Have a say in the future  
of your community

Get involved and participate in the community planning process that is designed to hear from as many community members as possible as we develop a new vision and municipal plan for the future. The Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) has been appointed by Council as the committee to oversee this community planning process.

Yarmouth/Barrington/Argyle District Planning Commission

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27 Courthouse Road

## Get to know our three new Councillors



### Kathy Bourque

Kathy lives in Middle East Pubnico with her husband Gilles and sons, François and Gabriel. Kathy represents District 7 which includes Pubnico Head and East Pubnico. Kathy's goals as councillor are to work for the community to make it a better place to live. She is ready to hear and present all suggestions from her constituents to Council and personally contact them with the results.

### Guy Surette

Guy lives in Surette's Island with his wife Patsy. Councillor Surette represents District 4 which includes Amirault's Hill, Sluice Point, Surette's Island and Morris Island. This is his first term as a Councillor and hopes to bring the concerns of the district to the table at Municipal Council. His hope is to bring new ideas and a vision for the future for the Municipality in the next four years.



### Malcolm Madden

Malcolm lives in Ste.-Anne du Ruisseau with his wife Margaret, they have two sons, Devin and Rene. Councillor Madden represents District 5 which includes S.A.R., Eel Brook, Belleville and Quinan. Malcolm has owned and operated Eel Brook Service Centre since 1979. Madden strongly believes in community spirit, and has been a volunteer fireman for over 20 years.



## 2009 Provincial Representative Volunteer - Nicole Albright

Nicole Albright lives in Belleville with her husband Harold and her three children; Kaylie, Mackenzie and Isaac. She works full time as an elementary teacher but always finds "extra" time to help others in need.

Nicole started volunteering as a teenager. For many years, she helped her father coach various baseball teams for the Argyle Minor Baseball Association. As part of minor baseball, she coached T-Ball and Mosquito level teams.

Once Nicole became a teacher, she sat on many volunteer committees at school which required her to stay after school on her own time. She has also coached sports teams, supervised overnight class trips and dances...just to name a few.

Then, with adult life came children of her own. She became her daughter's SPARKS leader. She is also a Sunday school teacher for her church.

In addition to these organizations, Nicole has also been a volunteer member of the Argyle Recreation Commission for the past several years.

Volunteering has been Nicole's way to help make her community a better place.

Congratulations Nicole on your achievements and nomination. Your community and the Municipality appreciate all your hard work and dedication. Keep up the good work!!!

## Our Honored 2009 Municipal Volunteers

District 1 – Bruce Hubbard

- ◆ Joanne Moulaison
- ◆ Bill Crowell

District 2 – Roderick Murphy

- ◆ Larry Pitcher
- ◆ Laurianne Frotten

District 3 – Charles LeBlanc

- ◆ Rosaline Boudreau
- ◆ Andrea Doucette

District 4 – Guy Surette

- ◆ Gordon Surette
- ◆ Raymond Challoner

District 5 – Malcolm Madden

- ◆ Gerry Doucette
- ◆ Don Thibeau

District 6 – Richard Donaldson

- ◆ Ann d'Entremont
- ◆ Claude d'Entremont

District 7 – Kathy Bourque

- ◆ Doris Nickerson
- ◆ Jocelyn Nickerson

District 8 – Aldric d'Entremont

- ◆ Louise LeBlanc
- ◆ Jeanne d'Eon

District 9 – Calvin d'Entremont

- ◆ Tina d'Eon
- ◆ Clinton d'Entremont

Thank you to all our dedicated volunteers

## Did You Know? - Civic Sign Program

**Starting June 15, 2009 you can apply for a FREE two-sided civic sign and post, if needed for your principle place of residence.**

### Q. Why is this being offered to you?

A. Having a sign properly displayed assists fast emergency response for Fire Service, Ambulance Service and Police Service. It is also helpful for delivery vehicles and for you giving directions to your home. If you are over the age of 60 you can also apply for a free installation of your sign and post .

There are a limited number of signs and posts available through this program, it is advisable to submit your application as soon as you are able. Applications are available at the Municipal Office or on our website.

The application deadline is August 14, 2009.

## From the Tax Department

### Taxation Rates

Council has approved a 2 cent reduction in the residential tax rate for 2009-2010 - \$1.07 per \$100 of assessment value, down from \$1.09 in 2008-2009.

The commercial tax rate increased 2 cents to \$2.20 per \$100 of assessment value. Businesses will experience a decreased assessment for business occupancy tax in the current year, which will more than offset the rate increase.

### Deed Transfer Tax

The Municipality of Argyle has implemented a Deed Transfer Tax By-Law.

This By-Law would apply a 1% user tax on the value of the property transferred. This fee would only apply to the buyer of the property.

This tax would be collected at the Registrar of Deeds when the property is transferred.

## Your Municipality Is Working For You

Staff and Council of the Municipality of Argyle are committed to major projects in our respective communities. Here are a some of the projects and initiatives the Municipality is currently supporting:

### Medical Clinic – Pubnico Head

The Municipality of Argyle, The Town of Yarmouth and the Municipality of Yarmouth have arranged for the purchase of a medical clinic in Pubnico Head, formally owned by Dr. Jackie d'Eon . This facility will be expanded to accommodate up to 4 doctors and one nurse practitioner. Major construction of the expanded clinic is expected to begin in late spring/early summer, with estimated completion in October of 2009.

### Yarmouth International Airport

The Yarmouth International Airport Corporation secured \$2,000,000 in Provincial funding to reestablish daily passenger air service at our local airport. The service provides two return trips to Halifax and Portland each weekday. Portland is home to many connecting flights to destinations across the United States. Those interested in booking flights should call 749-0515 or visit <http://www.starlinkaviation.com>.

### Centre Communautaire - Tusket

Council confirmed \$100,000 in additional funding for the Centre Communautaire at Ecole secondaire de Par-en-Bas. This brings Council's total contribution to \$250,000. This center will house a 300 seat amphitheatre and offer bilingual daycare and other services to our residents with a planned opening in September 2009.

### Tusket Industrial Park Sewer

During the 2008-2009 fiscal year, Argyle obtained a \$250,000 grant for the expansion of the Tusket sewer into the Tusket industrial park. This work included the construction of a road along the Tusket riverfront.

Council has determined that the riverfront lots are ideal for residential homes, and is currently assessing and amending its current zoning by-laws. The Province of Nova Scotia has confirmed additional funding for \$60,000 for the final extension of the Tusket Industrial Park sewer. Both of these extensions will be fully funded by Provincial and Federal funds. Phase two of the extension is expected to commence in the spring of 2009.

## Trivia Corner

In many parts of the Maritimes there were Acadian families or branches of families that managed to escape the Deportation by moving to remote areas and remaining in hiding for many years. In Argyle there was only one such family that escaped the Deportation, what family was this?

**All correct answers will be entered in a draw for a "Local Restaurant" gift certificate package.**

**Mail or E-mail your answers to: [newsletter@munargyle.com](mailto:newsletter@munargyle.com)**

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