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Warden's Message:

The end of March not only signals the beginning of Spring but it also brings to a close another fiscal year. Argyle's financial position remains strong, our residential tax burden continues to be lower than the average rural Nova Scotian municipality and we are also appropriately planning for future commitments. At the same time, we have supported millions of dollars of investments in our communities, including sewer in Wedgeport, water in East Pubnico, medical clinic operations (Argyle/Pubnico Head), Mariners Centre operations, recreation infrastructure improvements – most notably a redesign of the East Pubnico ballfield - as well as thousands invested in our community halls and organizations which are essential to our communities. All this due to our focus on partnership with our Provincial and Federal counterparts, for without their funding, these larger projects would not have occurred.

Council also recently completed its annual priority setting exercise. Among our top priorities, you will find ongoing community input on our municipal administration building, a focus on encouraging local developers to invest in affordable and alternative housing in Argyle, resurfacing our track and field facility in Tusket and continuing to implement the Wedgeport wastewater project. In addition to continuing to work with our neighboring municipal units to further benefit from shared services without sacrificing our unique make-up, staff and Council will continue to work hard to ensure our municipality thrives.

As winter comes to a close, don't forget to stay active!

Enjoy the newsletter,
Warden Richard Donaldson

Administration Building - circa 1955



(ATCHA Photo #P1989-596)

This building was the "new" Tusket school, built in 1949. It served as the village school until 1968-69. In 1976, the Municipality of Argyle decided to transform this building into their new Municipal Offices, and removed their offices from the old Court House, just down the street.

And now in 2017, after much community engagement, we are continuing with the planning process for the construction of a new Administration building in Tusket. Information will be shared as decisions are reached.

For more information, please contact us:

Phone: 902-648-3293, or Email: admuisse@munargyle.com

Did you know...

- ◆ Council meetings are open to the public and are held the second and last Tuesday of each month-meetings typically begin at 6:30PM
- ◆ All council meetings are now available for viewing online:

www.youtube.com/munargyle/

- ◆ All individuals or groups requesting an opportunity to make a presentation to Council must contact the CAO's office at 902-648-3293 at least two weeks prior in order to be added to the

Council meeting agenda.

- ◆ Council meeting agendas are ready for distribution: on the Municipal website: <http://www.munargyle.com/en/council-agendas/> or pick-up in person on the Friday prior to each meeting.

National Canadian Film Day 150

On April 19th, free Canadian films will be shown across Canada as we celebrate our nations cinema.

The Municipality of Argyle will be participating in National Canadian Film Day 150 by hosting a free movie called: **Snowtime!**

The film centers on a group of children who plan and stage a giant snowball fight during the Christmas holidays. Having earned \$3,359,425 in 2015, the film was the highest-grossing Canadian film at the domestic box office during 2015. The film was released in English Canada on February 12, 2016.

Time: 6pm at *la Salle Père Maurice* theater.
Film is 80 minutes long.

Free admission!

For more information,
Contact: Charlene LeBlanc
902-648-2623



Argyle Municipal Office Holiday Closures:

Please be advised that the Municipal Office and Archives will be closed for the following holidays:

April 14th Good Friday
April 17th Easter Monday
May 22nd Victoria Day

Assessing Housing Needs - Survey

The Municipality of Argyle, in partnership with le *Conseil de développement économique de la Nouvelle-Écosse (CDÉNE)*, want to better understand the current and future needs in terms of housing for seniors in the Argyle region. In June 2016, we asked the citizens 50 and up to complete our survey. We gratefully thank everyone who took the time to fill out the lengthy form. We would also like to thank all the seniors clubs who let us come and talk to your members, and a huge thank you to the Coastal Financial Credit Unions in the Argyle region who assisted with distributing and receiving the surveys.

Here is a compilation of the results!

250 seniors replied
57% over the age of 70
72% were female

42% of the participants are single/widowed

- 27% of the respondents were from the Wedgeport area
- 33% Pubnico area, and 23% from the Tuskent area
- 85% have lived in the same area for over 15 years
- 90% of the respondents are homeowners
- 42% feel the heat/electricity is too expensive

The main barrier for the 27% looking for suitable housing is Limited availability and difficulty finding a suitable location. 76% feel it is important and essential to their well-being to be housed close to where they currently live. 8% of the respondents are currently looking for suitable housing. 15% will be looking within 3 years. 62% want to remain in their homes as long as they are capable to care for themselves.

The larger demands for housing are in the following areas: Wedgeport/Plymouth, Pubnico area and Tuskent area.

Should you have any questions in regards to the survey results, please do not hesitate to contact Gwen LeBlanc of the CDÉNE at (902)648-3566.

Residential Property Tax Exemption

The Municipality of Argyle provides a property tax exemption for low income earners who are residents of the Municipality.

The exemption limits set by the Municipality of Argyle for the 2017 tax year are as follows:

Income	Tax Exemption
\$0-\$17,100	\$200
\$17,101-\$22,800	\$150

The income column noted above is the gross household income of all residents living in the homestead. Applications are available on our website at:

www.munargyle.com/property-tax-exemption.html or at the Municipal Office.

For more information, please contact the Tax Department at 902-648-2311.

Deadline to apply is Friday, May 5th, 2017.



ATTENTION COMMUNITY GROUPS!

**Municipality of Argyle: Grants to Organizations
Deadline to submit grant applications is April 15th, 2017**

The aim of the *Grants to Organizations Program* is to provide modest levels of support and assistance to community non-profit organizations whose projects make the Municipality of Argyle a great place to live.

Applications are available on our website:

<http://www.munargyle.com/en/grants-to-organizations.html>

as well as at the Argyle Municipal Office.

For information phone: 902-648-3293 or email: cfrotten@munargyle.com

TEEPA SNOW - Family Information Session

Are you providing care and support for a loved one with dementia? Then this education session might be for you.



Teepa Snow is a dementia care - education specialist with a background in Occupational Therapy and over 30 years in clinical practice in a variety of settings.

Dementia is not a memory problem. It means brain failure and causes many changes in structural and chemical function. This, in turn, affects all facets of the individual's life.

Recognizing that dementia affects many people in our area, NSHA Continuing Care has partnered with Seniors Safety, local LTC facilities and VON to offer an evening session Tuesday, July 4th, which has been limited to family caregivers. (Professional caregivers are welcome to attend day workshops on July 4 & 5).

This will be an opportunity for family members to ask questions in a supportive environment with others who are experiencing many of the same issues. Teepa will teach some of her basic techniques as well as explain approaches for care of the person with dementia. This session is **open to people who are providing care to loved ones with dementia**.

There is no charge, however, registration is required.

Location: Yarmouth Wesleyan Church, 70 Haley Road, Yarmouth NS **Time:** 6:00 – 8:00pm on Tuesday, July 4th

To register - Call 902-742-0778 (Leave your name and number in a voice message)

New Research Equipment at the Archives in Tusket

Argyle Township Court House & Archives is pleased to announce that we've just installed two new microfilm readers, along with dedicated computer stations, to run the specialized equipment. At one of these stations, we have installed a large monitor that rotates vertically to make viewing long and oversize documents easier. This new equipment has replaced our outdated microfilm readers, which, due to their age, began to experience software compatibility issues with our operating system, resulting in poor quality scans and prints. These issues often made research slow and cumbersome for our users. Our new readers are much more user-friendly. As many of you know, we are a major centre for genealogical and local history research in Argyle and have a substantial research library of materials on microfilm. We invite you to visit us and try these out, whether you are conducting research or just wish to peruse old newspapers.

(Free for Historical Society Members. Non-members pay a \$3 fee, or \$5/day.)

Canada

**This project has been made possible [in part] by a
Government of Canada,
Canada Cultural Spaces Fund Grant.**

For more information, contact:

Argyle Township Court House & Archives

8162 Highway 3, Tusket, NS

902-648-2493

www.argylecourthouse.com



Municipality of the District of Argyle - Spring 2017 Special Garbage Collection

Special garbage collection in the Municipality of Argyle will be carried out as follows (a different day than regularly scheduled garbage pickup):

- Thursday, May 18:** East Pubnico, Argyle, Old School Road, Robert's Island, Glenwood, Lower Eel Brook, Sainte-Anne-du-Ruisseau, Rocco Point, stop at SAR Church.
- Friday, May 19:** Begin at SAR Church, Abram's River, Hubbard's Point, Amirault's Hill, Sluice Point, Surette's Island, Morris Island, including section of Highway 3 between Frank Doucette Road and Hanging Oak, stop at Hanging Oak.
- Saturday, May 20:** Lower West Pubnico, Middle West Pubnico, West Pubnico, Pubnico, Pubnico Head, including side roads in the area, Argyle Sound Road, Green Grove Road, section of Highway #3 between Argyle Sound Road and Intersection of #335 to Paul d'Entremont Marine.
- Thursday, May 25:** Wedgeport, Plymouth and Black Pond Road.
- Friday, May 26:** Comeau's Hill, Little River Harbour, Melbourne, Pleasant Lake, Gavel Road, East Kemptville, Tusket and Lake Vaughan Road.
- Saturday, May 27:** Chemin des Bourque, Eel Lake Road, Belleville, Bell Neck, Springhaven, Quinan.

Roadside collection shall be set out **no earlier than seven (7) days** prior to the special collection. Please have items out the day of your scheduled pickup before 7 a.m. Construction and demolition debris will not be picked up during this special cleanup. A list of eligible items for this special collection can be found on the Municipal website or by contacting Property Inspection and Public Works at 902-648-2623.

Argyle Recreation Department - Summer Employment

The Argyle Recreation Department is looking to hire summer students for office positions (Special Events Coordinator, Outdoor Program Coordinator and Office Manager), Day Camp positions (Day Camp Directors and Day Camp Counselors), Field Maintenance Assistant and a Soccer Club Coordinator for the Argyle Minor Soccer Club.



The deadline to apply for these positions is April 7, 2017.

Students interested in applying for any of these positions can do so by forwarding a cover letter and résumé to:

Argyle Recreation Department

27 Court House Road, Tusket, NS B0W 3M0

By email: gdentremont@munargyle.com Fax (902) 648-0367

Job descriptions will be available on our website at: munargyle.com/employment.html

For more information, please phone (902) 648-3379.

Student Opportunities: Argyle Township Court House & Archives

Argyle Township Court House and Archives will once again be hiring summer students for positions of Interpretive Guides and Archival Assistants—This is a wonderful opportunity to work at Canada's oldest Court House and Jail, as well as at our municipal archives. The number of positions available will depend on funding. Keep an eye out for our Job Posters, which will be posted on our Facebook Page in April, and at that time, job descriptions will be available at our office as well. The positions vary between 9 weeks and 16 weeks. Students must be between ages 16 and 30, and be full time students, returning to school in the fall.



We are seeking enthusiastic young persons who are interested in history, and in interacting with tourists, researchers, visitors, and to assist us with special events planned for Canada 150. Candidates should be responsible, well-organized, friendly and be able to work in a team environment, as well as on their own. **Bilingual preferred.**



Deadline to apply is: April 28th, 2017 at noon.

Please send your résumé and cover letter to:

Judy Frotten, Heritage Development Officer

Argyle Township Court House & Archives

8162 Hwy 3, P.O. Box 101 Tusket, NS B0W 3M0

Phone: 902-648-2493 Email: jfrotten@argylecourthouse.com

Website: www.argylecourthouse.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Argylecourthouse/>

Growing Communities Scholarship

The Municipality of the District of Argyle will award two \$1,000 scholarships to two high school students of the Municipality. To be eligible, the high school students must be enrolled, for the upcoming year, in a full-time certificate or diploma program at an accredited community college, technical school, college or trade school. University degree programs are not eligible for this scholarship.

Information and application are found on our Facebook page as well as on our website at:

<http://munargyle.com/en/growing-communities-scholarship-fund.html> or at school guidance offices.

Deadline to apply is May 1st, 2017.

Contact Charlene LeBlanc at 902-648-2623 or by email at cleblanc@munargyle.com



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Municipal Office

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Monday - Friday
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Community Development - 902-648-2623

EMO (Emergency Measures Office) - 902-648-2314

Finance & Administration - 902-648-3293

Municipal Archives - 902-648-2493

Property Inspection & Public Works - 902-648-2623

Recreation & IT - 902-648-3379

Taxation - 902-648-2311

Questions? Comments? Suggestions? Email us at newsletter@munargyle.com