



# Village of New Maryland 2009 Annual Report



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## Mayor's Introduction

Mayor Frank Dunn

I would like to begin this report by taking the opportunity to once again thank the residents of New Maryland for the privilege and honor of serving as your Mayor. On behalf of my colleagues on Council, it is with pleasure that we share with you the 2009 Annual Report.

To my colleagues on Council, I owe special gratitude for their continuing loyalty and spirit of commitment in carrying out their duties as your elected representatives. I would also like to thank our staff for their dedication and hard work to ensure we provide quality services and programs that are in the best interest of the community. To our committee members and volunteers, thank you for your dedication and enthusiasm.

I am delighted to be able to highlight some of the accomplishments we achieved working as a team and working hard throughout 2009. Please note the Chairperson for each committee will expand on these activities in their respective committee report.



### Highlights for 2009:

- Our Infrastructure application under the Building Canada Fund – Communities Component for a new Water Tower reservoir and associated water supply system upgrades was approved; the total amount of the project is \$4,666,000 and this will be cost shared between the 3 levels of government – federal, provincial and municipal;
- Council committed to a Street Improvement Program of over \$4,000,000 to be completed over a two-year period;
- A New Maryland Recreation Master Plan has been drafted for review by Council;
- Council and staff participated in a Strategic Planning process to determine the short and long term goals for our community;
- The Suspension Bridge was completed on the Village walking trail located on the New Maryland Centre grounds; and
- Our 2010 Budget was completed and forwarded to the Department of Local Government for approval.

A few of the highlights to look forward to in the **2010** budget include the following:

- Council approved the 2010 budget with a rate decrease by \$0.0083 from the previous year;
- the operating budget revenue increased by \$108,966 to a total of \$4,045,313;
- The Capital fund for 2010 is \$680,000, with \$450,000 committed to the Transportation department; and
- Our Utility operating fund budget revenue increased by \$92,547 for a total of \$1,051,450.

You will find details of these topics and additional accomplishments within this 2009 Annual Report.

## Planning & Advisory Committee

K. Bradford Marshall, Chair  
Rob Pero, Development Officer/Building Inspector

2009 was a busy year for the Village's Planning Advisory Committee. Over the course of the ten regular meetings and two special meetings conducted throughout the year, a variety of items were reviewed. Activity highlights include:

1. A total of six variance applications were reviewed by the committee in consideration of a number of requested deviations to the prescribed Zoning By-law requirements. Applications involved the following issues:
  - (a) side yard setbacks,
  - (b) maximum number of accessory buildings permitted on a residential lot,
  - (c) internally illuminated commercial signage,
  - (d) residential driveway access, and
  - (e) maximum height of commercial signage.

All but one of the variance requests were approved based on the merits of each individual situation. The one application denied related to an increased height for an existing commercial sign. However, the applicant proposed a mutually acceptable alternative which fulfilled the applicant's desired aesthetics for the sign without an overall increase to the existing sign height.

2. A single application for a temporary use permit was received and approved to permit the retail sale of fresh cut flowers by a roadside vendor.
3. The committee also reviewed and forwarded comments and suggestions to Council with respect to a tentative subdivision plan.
4. Two "Similar to and Compatible With" Use applications for home-based businesses in residential zones were reviewed. The committee approved each proposal, permitting the retail sale of custom jewelry and the operation of a community placement residence for handicapped individuals.
5. With the relocation of a long standing commercial operation to a new location outside the Village, a number of applicants were submitted by the landowner to permit the continuation of commercial activities at the subject property. Any continuation of commercial activity on the property must be in accordance with the Village's Zoning By-law and the New Brunswick Community Planning Act regulations relating to "Similar Non-conforming Uses" of a property. After considering the benefits to the community, similarities between past and proposed use, and the relative scale of the proposed operation, the Committee approved the operation of a used clothing retail shop at the site.
6. A major milestone for the Strategic Planning Sub-Committee, Council and staff was the substantial completion of the Village's Strategic Plan. The strategic planning exercise focused on identifying critical short term tasks and developing long term strategic goals. This process identified the following six key result areas:
  - (a) Capacity of Water Supply and Wastewater Treatment,

- (b) Social and Environmental Responsibilities,
- (c) Financial Stability,
- (d) Sustainable Transportation and Protective Services,
- (e) Recreation and Leisure Services, and
- (f) Positive and Productive Organization.

Throughout that process the Planning Advisory Committee contributed to the review and advancement of the project.

While there were no new home construction starts in 2009, a record number of 224 building permits were issued with a total estimated value of construction adding up to \$4,220,665. The year-end totals marked an increase of 27 permits compared to 2008 when 197 building permits were issued with a construction value of \$1,940,805.

The 2009 estimated cost of construction value was influenced heavily with the start of construction of the Village's new 2.5 million dollar elevated reservoir (water tower) in early November. The continued and increasing trend of home renovation projects was the major contributor to the overall increase in total permits and estimated construction costs. In this category a total of 174 permits were issued with an estimated value of 1.5 million dollars.

The committee continues to be served by the very dedicated and experienced members of our community. The members are Chairman Brad Marshall, Councillor Gisèle McCaie-Burke as Vice Chair, Debbie Connors, Stephen Conn, Phil Hersey and Sam McEwan. Lisa Steeves and Rob Pero provide supporting roles as Recording Secretary and Development Officer, respectively. Very special thanks go out to each and every member of PAC for their dedication and commitment to the Village of New Maryland.

## Finance Committee

Councillor J. Scott Sparks, Chair

Over the past 12 months, the Finance Committee received proposals and subsequently accepted a comprehensive independent report on the Village's insurance coverage. The report pointed out weaknesses which were quickly acted on, and made recommendations for the Village's future policy and procedures. On the heels of this review, several firms were invited to quote on the Village's insurances coverage. The successful firm of Cain Insurance Ltd. is the Village's insurance agent for the 2009-10 year.

Mid-year, another resident, Mr. Dale Drost, joined the Finance Committee. Dale Drost is an ex-faculty member for the University of New Brunswick, and brings with him much experience in Math and Business Administration. Dale has lived in New Maryland for over 25 years. With Dale's appointment, the Finance Committee now consists of three residents, the Deputy Mayor, one Councillor and two staff members.

2009 also saw a revision to the budget process. The new process gives each department Council's guidelines on increases/decreases, thereby ensuring the acceptance of the budget without lengthy and in-depth reviews. Council adopted the 2010 budget on 16 December 2009, thereby putting into place a reduced tax rate of \$1.1759, down \$.0083 from 2008's rate.

Much appreciation for a job well done goes out to staff, Finance Committee members, and the Mayor and Council.

## Human Resources & Administration Committee

Councillor Gisèle McCaie-Burke, Chair

The Human Resources & Administrative Committee, consisting of Councillor McCaie-Burke as Chairperson, Mayor Frank Dunn as Co-Chair, Public Works Supervisor Rockland Miller, and Chief Administrative Officer Cynthia Geldart, was extremely busy during 2009.

The Village undertook a number of major projects with all of them resulting in a direct or indirect impact on the Human Resources of the municipality. A few of the highlights of our year are detailed below.

- Committee members attended seven regular meetings to discuss a variety of issues.
- Revisions were made to the Human Resources Policy Manual to provide clarification and clear expectations for staff.
- A major revision to the Village's website was completed; the redesigned website is state of the art and hopefully will fulfill Council's objective to keep New Maryland residents current and aware of municipal activities and community events. The official launch of the redesigned website was held on 01 December 2009 and I would like to take this opportunity to recognize one person in particular that deserves much credit for the project design since he is the design and website expert – Blair Sawler of Woodlawn Technologies based here in New Maryland. Please visit our site at [www.vonm.ca](http://www.vonm.ca). Any comments or suggestions from the public are welcome.
- The Strategic Planning process, which began in late 2008 in an effort to set spending priorities for the next four years, was continued throughout the year. The final version of the plan will be presented to Council for approval in early 2010.
- Mid-year employee performance evaluations were introduced in 2009 as a positive step for both staff and management to evaluate staff performance and provide positive feedback or determine necessary training for improvement.
- The committee also introduced a communication policy for the issue of press releases. Hopefully the preparation of a press release for major issues or functions will help keep our residents informed of important activities and decisions of Council.
- The HR & Administration committee, upon the recommendation of our Pandemic Planning Sub-committee, ensured that we had a contingency plan and employee cross-training in place to deal with the outbreak of the H1N1 virus.
- A number of other issues were addressed, including policies necessary to meet additional auditor's requirements and new office security was installed.
- We were extremely pleased in December of 2009 to present Kirk Billings, our Recreation Foreman, with his 5-year service pin. Kirk has been a full-time member off Village staff since 2004 and also worked as a casual part-time employee since 1998.



Deputy Mayor Judy Wilson-Shee receives her 5 Year Service Pin.



Kirk Billings, Recreation Foreman receives his 5 Year Service Pin.

- Our Fire Chief, Harry Farrell, also received special recognition in December 2009. Harry received the Fire Services Exemplary Service Medal, which is an acknowledgement that the recipient has completed 20 years as a member of a fire service, of which at least 10 years have been served in the performance of duties involving potential risk and a record of exemplary service during this period. Harry was nominated for this award by the Fire Marshall's Office and we offer our congratulations to Harry on this recognition from his colleagues.
- One of our elected officials was also recognized at the annual Christmas party for her years of service to the community. Deputy Mayor Judy Wilson-Shee was presented with her 5-year service pin. Judy was elected as a Councillor in 2004 and re-elected as Deputy Mayor in the 2008 municipal election.
- The Human Resources & Administration committee is responsible for the General Government portion of the municipal budget and we were pleased to accomplish our goals and work within the approved financial guidelines as set by Council for 2009.

In closing, I take this opportunity to commend our dedicated staff and my colleagues on Council for their continued support in matters pertaining to Human Resources and Administration. I also want to mention that the Village is very fortunate to have a great, professional, dedicated and hard working staff. They are to be commended for a job well done and recognized publically for their achievements this past year.



Fire Chief Harry Farrell is presented with the Fire Services Exemplary Service Medal.



## Recreation & Leisure Services Committee

Deputy Mayor Judy Wilson-Shee, Chair

The year 2009 was a very busy and productive year for the Recreation & Leisure Services Committee as we continued to improve upon the recreational services we offer to our residents.

The Recreation Department was pleased to provide our annual events, which included the following: the summer day camps and various summer programs hosted from early July to the end of August; New Maryland Day Celebrations and Golf Tournament which were both held in June; the Summer Concert Series with various bands participating every Thursday evening at Victoria Park throughout the months of July and August; the Strawberry Social in July and our Community Corn Boil and Blueberry Social, both hosted in August; pumpkin carving and our Halloween Party; the Remembrance Day Service on November 11th; and the Wreath Making Seminar and Tree Lighting Ceremony, both taking place in December. In addition to a free family skate held at the Aitken Centre in March, our outdoor rinks were opened from January 14th to March 16th, 2009.

Three citizens, one local business and two sports clubs were presented with the New Brunswick Day Merit Award during our Annual Corn Boil. The certificates were presented to Tony Spares, Dave Piers, Harry Libbey, New Maryland Pharmacy Inc. - Joe Valentino, New Maryland Minor Baseball Association and the New Maryland Soccer Association. These awards recognize citizens who have given unselfishly back to our community.

The 1st New Maryland Wolf Pack built and donated two benches for use at Victoria Park. Congratulations to Molly Dickinson, Carmelita Duffy and Ashley Thornton of the 1st New Maryland Brownies, who earned all their badges (over 70).

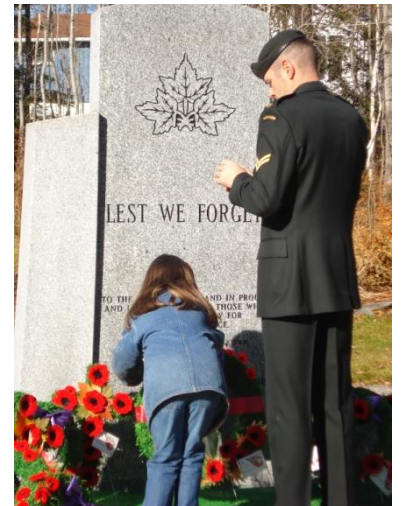
We would like to congratulate all of our athletes who excelled in their respective sport. The coaches and parents should be complimented for their time and devotion.

We were pleased to receive a New Horizon Grant which enabled us to provide line dancing and ten monthly dances for our seniors.

We assisted with the development of a Senior's Club. The 50+ Club incorporated under the name of "Parish of New Maryland Zoomers" and they selected a logo. They held their official launch on October 15th.

We improved upon the sound system for our Remembrance Day Service and added some French to the program. Upon a recommendation from the military and with Council's blessing, we moved the reception to the New Maryland Centre. We were very pleased we were able to accommodate the crowd.

We received positive feedback concerning our Community Garden. Hopefully the weather will be more cooperative in 2010.



Remembrance Day.



Working on the Community Garden.

Our outstanding accomplishment for 2009 was the construction of the suspension bridge. The final bridge, designed by David Steeves and named “Community Spirit” completes the 1.5 km of trails on the eight acres of land located behind the New Maryland Centre. This project has been a community effort with the help of many volunteers.

We keep our residents informed by means of the Summer Bee Active Guide and the Fall Recreation & Leisure Services Guide, flyers, sandwich board, E-mail list and our website, which has just recently been revamped.

In closing, as Chair of the Recreation & Leisure Services Committee, I would like to thank my Co-Chair, Councillor Tim Scammell, staff members, public representatives and volunteers for their dedication and valued input.



Working on the Suspension Bridge.



The Suspension Bridge “Community Spirit.”

## Transportation & Protective Services Committee

Councillor Paul LeBlanc, Chair

The Transportation Committee oversaw a variety of projects completed in 2009. We have just completed a landmark year with respect to upgrading of Village streets with the completion of Phase One of our two-year program.

Phase One saw much needed work completed in Castle Acres, Springwater Place, Highland Acres, Centennial Heights and Sunrise Estates subdivisions. As many of you may have witnessed, we have adopted a pulverizing process to provide new life to our streets. The pulverization has allowed us to take advantage of the mix of sub-surface granulars with the chip seal surface. Significant savings were achieved by recycling the street surface as opposed to traditional excavating and replacing the road bed. Following review of Phase One expenditures, we have determined that our budgets are on track and staff, as well as consultants, have been instructed to proceed with Phase Two. Again this year, work will progress throughout the Village with more pulverization where warranted and resurfacing of secondary streets. Please be patient and proceed with caution as you navigate through our construction sites.

During our October Council meeting we had a surprise visit from Oromocto Fire Chief Jody Price. Chief Price recounted that in August his department encountered their most severe structure fire in history at Scott's Nursery and had to call for assistance. The mutual aid provided by the New Maryland Fire Department was outstanding and we should be proud of their professionalism and dedication to service. In fact, through the night of the fire, he left New Maryland's Fire Chief in charge of the scene so he could get some much needed rest. In recognition of Chief Harry Farrell's efforts, Oromocto Chief Jody Price presented him with a new Chief's helmet. Well done Harry and congratulations from all of New Maryland.

Throughout the year, our dedicated Public Works staff could be found carrying out various maintenance tasks such as mowing, landscaping, asphalt patching as well as snow removal. As part of our preventative maintenance program, asphalt crack sealing will be conducted where appropriate. Driveway culverts are monitored regularly and repairs continue on a priority basis.

From law enforcement to the education of our children in drug awareness, the RCMP continue to be proactive in our community. Cpl. Matt Hansen is New Maryland's team leader and is readily available to discuss your concerns.

Our waste management and recycling programs continue to be successful. The committee is currently reviewing our spring and fall clean-up initiatives and welcomes any suggestions for improvements.

We currently have two vacancies on our committee and welcome residents with a background or interest in Public Works issues to join. We meet at 7:00pm on the second Tuesday of each month, September through June. If interested, please contact me or Karen Duncan at the Village office for further details. As Chair, I would like to thank my Co-Chair Councillor Scott Sparks, staff members, and public representatives for their

Street Paving.



valued insight and contributions towards improvements to our Village throughout the year.

In closing, our success and disappointments are measured by your valued input. To offer advice, seek information or simply express an opinion, feel free to contact me at your leisure.



Street Paving.

## New Maryland Fire Department

Harry Farrell, Fire Chief

The New Maryland Fire Department consists of 22 volunteers and a full time Fire Chief. 2009 has been the busiest year since the department was formed, responding to a total of 76 calls.

Of those calls, 25 were located within the Village limits. The remaining consisted of calls in our coverage areas of Beaver Dam, Charters Settlement, and Nasonworth, as well as mutual aid calls with other fire departments in their coverage areas.

Calls responded to included three structure fires, one vehicle fire, one garbage fire, four brush and grass fires, six fire alarms, five power lines or pole fires, three false alarms, three medical assistances, 18 vehicle accidents, one propane leak, and 11 miscellaneous calls. The department also participated in 20 mutual aid calls which consisted of nine structure fires, one chimney fire, one vehicle fire, two brush and grass fires, two fire alarms, one power line and pole fire, one false alarm, and three vehicle accidents. A total of 1,022 man hours were spent responding to calls in 2009.

The New Maryland Fire Department played an important role at the Scott's Nursery fire in Lincoln on August 17th assisting the Oromocto Fire Department. This fire was the largest to which both the Oromocto and New Maryland Fire Departments have responded. The New Maryland Fire Department also assisted the Upper Kingsclear Fire Department at the old reformatory fire in Islandview.

In 2009, the department was able to purchase a large scene light that extends 16 feet high and lights up an area approximately the size of a football field.

Our volunteer firefighters trained continuously throughout the year to maintain a high level of preparedness and professional firefighting capabilities. In 2009 they devoted over 130 hours to training which consisted of sessions every Thursday night for 40 weeks plus additional training held on weekends.

The fire department continues to help with a number of social functions in the Village. In 2009 they participated in New Maryland Day festivities, a fundraising event at the New Maryland Elementary School, the Remembrance Day Service, the Lions Club Annual Food and Toy Drive, as well as various other functions within the Village. The department also hosted two child car-seat clinics at the fire hall.

Members of the New Maryland Fire Department include Captains David French, Robert Gallant, and Robert Miller; Lieutenants Steve Killam, Stephen McLean, and James Wambolt; and Firefighters Lorne Dalton, David Doherty, Robert Gaudet, Thomas Haddad, Kevin Harris, Michael Lavigne, Paul McAdam, Ellen Morris, Shawn Perry, Jeffrey Piercy, Brian Pilling, Bradley Richardson, Robert Schnarr, Jay Tofflemire, Dennis Walsh, and Greg WeyRich.

## Emergency Response Plan Committee

Councillor Gisèle McCaie-Burke, Chair

2009 was a year of change for membership in the Emergency Response Plan Committee. Sterling Carpenter was appointed the new Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) director in March, a position previously held by Dick Rogers, a long standing member of this committee. Also new to the committee were Kevin McGraw (representing Ambulance NB), Dominic Richard (representing Search & Rescue) and David Wiesel, who joined the committee as a communication officer. Councillor Gisèle McCaie-Burke continued as Chair while Cynthia Geldart, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) remained co-chair.

The Emergency Response Plan Committee was extremely active during 2009. The committee met 10 times in 2009 in an effort to ensure our Village is well prepared should a natural or man-made disaster occur in our community.

A number of significant projects/activities are highlighted below.

- Continuing Education is a high priority for the committee, and members continue to attend training sessions each year which are sponsored by the NB Emergency Measures Organization (NB EMO) and other sources. In addition to NB EMO training, two sessions were also offered at the Village for committee members, staff and Council: (1) Critical Incidence Stress Debriefing presentation by Robert McDowell who is trained and experienced in a number of trauma interventions; and (2) Incident Command System 402 course, given by Sandy McKinnon of the Department of Natural Resources.
- Extensive review of the Village's "Emergency Response Plan" has been an on-going process during the year in order to ensure the document is current and accurate.
- Purchase of necessary supplies and equipment to set up the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) was carried out. Funding was cost-shared between the Village of New Maryland and the JEPP (Joint Emergency Preparedness Program) provided through the Province.
- A Table-Top exercise was held in October and led by Jacques Côté of NB EMO. The scenario used for the training session included an unexpected snowstorm in October, with the additional components of power outages, a structure fire, a motor vehicle accident and inaccessibility to streets.
- On-going promotion and awareness of emergency preventative measures at the New Maryland Elementary School and in the community were carried out.
- The committee began the process of developing a Five-Year Master Plan to identify and prioritize activities for the next five years.
- Development of a personal "Grab and Go" kit for the Emergency Operation Centre (EOC) representatives.
- An Alert Program for seniors in New Maryland in conjunction with Faith Baptist Church was being established.
- The Pandemic sub-committee took more of an observational and monitoring role in 2009 since the province was taking a lead role in regards to the H1N1 flu

outbreak. In addition, the sub-committee provided Council and staff with pandemic preparedness guidelines.

As chair of the Emergency Response Plan Committee, I take this opportunity to acknowledge the commitment and dedication of the members of the Committee and the Pandemic Preparedness sub-committee. The committees consist of a number of individuals, representing organizations which will be key “first responders” in the event of any emergency situation affecting New Maryland residents. Members include the New Maryland Fire Department, RCMP, Fredericton Amateur Radio Club, York-Sunbury Search & Rescue, the Red Cross, Ambulance NB, private citizens, as well as Village staff, all who provide their hard work, advice and support of our emergency planning.

Residents should feel comfort and security in the knowledge that these dedicated individuals are contributing to the preservation of the safety and well-being of our community, and they deserve our recognition and gratitude. It was an honour to chair the Emergency Response Plan Committee; I look forward to continued progress and challenges in 2010.

Committee Members in 2009:

Councillor Gisèle McCaie-Burke. Volunteers Dick Rogers, Connie Storr, Pat Seaman, Tom Hanley, Sandy Craft, Sterling Carpenter, Arthur Gunn, Al Thurber, Sgt. Jim McAnany, Cst. Matt Hansen, Cst. Melanie Cambia, Mike Simpson, David Orser, Steve Moore, Kenn Hong, Kevin McGraw, Dominic Richard and David Wiezel.

Staff: Cynthia Geldart, CAO; Karen Duncan, Assistant Clerk; Chief Harry Farrell; Rockland Miller, PW Supervisor; Rob Pero, Development Officer; Bill McBride, PW Utilities Operator; and Doug Hackett, PW Transportation Technician.

## Water & Wastewater Committee

Councillor Tim Scammell, Chair

Welcome to the Water & Wastewater committee's section of the Village's 2009 Annual Report. I am pleased to share with you a few highlights and accomplishments of the committee during 2009.

The committee was extremely fortunate in 2009 to welcome one new committee member and the return of one member. We were very pleased to welcome back Bill O'Donnell. Bill is a former Councillor who served as Chair of the committee for a number of years and his knowledge and experience are very valuable. Robert (Bob) Landine also joined our committee and offers an extensive background in the engineering field that will greatly assist us in our research and decision making processes.

The two main projects of note in 2009 were the Water Supply System Upgrades (or Water Tower Project as we frequently refer to it) and wellfield exploration.

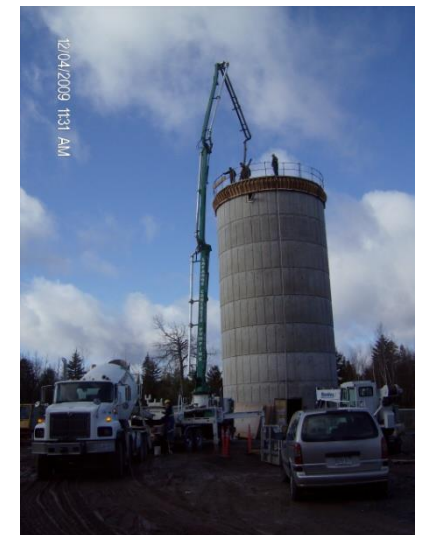
The Water Tower Project began in earnest in March of 2009 when we received approval of our funding application through the Building Canada Fund – Communities Component. The project was approved at \$4,666,000 and the funding program allows the costs to be shared between the federal, provincial and municipal levels of government. Three tenders were issued in 2009: (1) the first tender was for a portion of the hydrants that will be installed and were done in conjunction with the Village's Street Improvement Program; (2) the second tender was for the Water Reservoir itself; and (3) the third contract was issued for the Interconnecting Water Main and Access Roadway. Construction is scheduled to be complete in the fall of 2010 and we hope to have the new system operational by the end of 2010. Further information and a photo slide show of the progression of the tower construction can be found on our website at [www.vonm.ca](http://www.vonm.ca) under Municipal Projects.

The new water tower provides us the additional storage capacity we need, and fire fighting capabilities, but we still need to locate an additional water source. We are working diligently on that project through our Wellfield Exploration program. Unfortunately, the majority of the wells that were drilled in 2009 did not provide the quality or quantity of water needed. We have identified one possible new water source, but its location makes the cost of bringing it on-line prohibitive. We are currently test drilling on the Forbes property and are moving forward with further testing of that site.

Our Water Meter project was activated in 2009 in an effort to provide a consumption-based rate to our customers and promote water conservation. Council passed an amendment to the breakdown of the water meter rate in December of 2009 that delineates between the administration/maintenance costs and the actual consumption cost.

The committee also encouraged water conservation through a shared promotion for low flow fixtures. A flyer was sent to every home that detailed the benefits of low flow toilets and a coupon was included for a discount on the low flow fixture.

### Construction of the Water Tower.





A number of smaller projects also kept the committee busy, including the website revision, by-law amendments, requests for exemptions and the required research that goes along with each project.

It has also been necessary for staff members of the committee to meet with the Department of Environment and Department of Health for various projects we worked on this year. Discussions with the departments have also been required due to revisions generated from the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment and how the regulations will impact operation of our Wastewater facilities.

I'd like to take this opportunity to recognize the committee members Darrell Amos, Mark Hymers, Robert Landine and Bill O'Donnell as well as Mayor Dunn and committee Co-chair Councillor Paul LeBlanc for all of their hard work and commitment. Additional thanks to Village staff Rockland Miller, Public Works Supervisor; Bill McBride, Public Works Utilities Operator, Lisa Steeves, Recording Secretary; and Cynthia Geldart, Chief Administrative Officer, for ensuring the efficient operation of both the committee and the Village services.

Lastly, I wish to remind all New Maryland residents that your input and opinions are always welcomed and encouraged. I may be contacted through the Village office or by E-mail at [tim4NM@gmail.com](mailto:tim4NM@gmail.com).

Take care.

## Council & Staff Photos



**Village of New Maryland Council**

**Back row:** Councillor Scott Sparks, Councillor Tim Scammell, Councillor Paul LeBlanc.

**Front Row:** Deputy Mayor Judy Wilson-Shee, Mayor Frank Dunn, Councillor Gisèle McCaie-Burke.



**Village of New Maryland Staff**

**Back row:** Bill McBride, PW Utilities Operator; Rockland Miller, Public Works Supervisor; Harry Farrell, Fire Chief; Mike LeBlanc, PW Laborer; Doug Hackett, PW Transportation Technician; Bill Marr, Facilities Custodian; and Kirk Billings, Recreation Foreman.

**Front Row:** Natalie Reid, Recreation Coordinator; Terri Parker, Finance Clerk; Nancy St. Croix, Facilities Manager; Karen Duncan, Assistant Clerk; Cynthia Geldart, Chief Administrative Officer; and Joan Chandra, Treasurer.

**Absent from photo:** Rob Pero, Building Inspector/Development Officer and Lisa Steeves, Administrative Assistant.

## Mayor's Closing Remarks

Mayor Frank Dunn

As your Mayor, I will continue to work closely with our Council and staff to promote our community. I will lobby hard to reinforce our need for financial support from both the provincial and federal levels of government in an effort to bring new production wells on-line to provide potable water for existing residents and future development.

I would also like to remind all our residents that our Council meetings are open to the public and we encourage you to attend. Council meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm in Council Chambers.

In closing, I encourage you to visit our newly revised website at [www.vonm.ca](http://www.vonm.ca). The site will provide information pertaining to Council and the administrative functions of the Village.

I wish you a safe and healthy year and look forward to seeing you at our various social functions in 2010.

Mayor Frank Dunn