

**VILLAGE OF NEW MARYLAND
COUNCIL**

17 February 2016

Present: Mayor Judy Wilson-Shee
Deputy Mayor Gisèle McCaie-Burke
Councillor Paul LeBlanc
Councillor Mike Pope

Also Present: Cynthia Geldart, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk
Karen Taylor, Assistant Clerk

Absent: Councillor Peter Wiggins

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Wilson-Shee called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm and reminded all in attendance that the Council meeting is being video-recorded for broadcasting.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor McCaie-Burke and **seconded by** Councillor Pope to approve the agenda as distributed. **MOTION CARRIED.**

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOVED BY Councillor Pope and **seconded by** Deputy Mayor McCaie-Burke to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2016 regular session of Council as circulated. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor McCaie-Burke and **seconded by** Councillor Pope to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2016 special session of Council as circulated. **MOTION CARRIED.**

4. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest declared.

5. PRESENTATIONS

No presentations were made.

6. PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Wilson-Shee read the proclamation from the NB Heart and Stroke Foundation.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was read into the record by the Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk, Cynthia Geldart, as per the request of Mayor Wilson-Shee:

- a newsletter from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities;
- information from the Fredericton Chamber of Commerce about the Canadian Public Sector Lean Summit Conference that will be held in Fredericton April 17 – 19, 2016;
- a news release from the NB Human Rights Commission concerning the International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the holocaust;
- a letter to the New Maryland Home and School Association advising of Council's support in principle of the NMES School Playground Improvement Initiative;
- a newsletter from Ignite Fredericton;
- an invitation from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to attend their 2016 Conference and Trade Show hosted by the City of Winnipeg June 3 – 5, 2016; and
- an announcement from the Union of Municipalities of NB of the passing of Councillor Carol Boyd's husband. Councillor Boyd is a member of Council for the Village of Chipman.

8. MEETINGS AND/OR SPECIAL EVENTS

Mayor Wilson-Shee attended the following meetings and/or special events since the last formal Council meeting:

Jan. 24th – a meeting with Lions Club member John Kershaw to discuss grants for the NM Home and School Association for new playground equipment;

Jan. 25th - the presentation to Linda Roach at NMES who was chosen as one of Canada's favourite crossing guards;

Jan. 25th – a Home and School Association meeting along with Councillor Pope;

Jan. 26th – a meeting with RSC 11 member Mike Chamberlain;

Jan. 28th – the State of the Province address along with Councillors LeBlanc, Pope, and Wiggins as well as our Treasurer;

Jan. 31st - a meeting with Lions Club member John Kershaw to finalize grant information for the NM Home and School Association for new playground equipment;

Feb. 1st – Parish of New Maryland Zoomers' meeting;

Feb. 1st – a meeting dealing with St. Mary the Virgin Church;

Feb. 1st – a Home and School Association meeting along with Councillor Pope;

Feb. 2nd – RSC 11 Board meeting;

Feb. 3rd – snowshoeing with 2 classes of students from NMES on the NM Centre trails where the history of the trails was discussed; these were the last 2 classes to participate; a total of approximately 480 students have participated in this event with Mayor Wilson-Shee over the past few months;

Feb. 8th – a meeting with MLA Jeff Carr;

Feb. 8th - a Home and School Association meeting;

Feb. 9th – RSC 11 Governance meeting;

Feb. 12th – a meeting with Don Fitzgerald, E.D., RSC 11;

Feb. 13th – a meeting with Danny Charters; and

Feb. 16th – a regional meeting to discuss policing costs for 2016 presented by the Dept. of Public Safety; our Chief Administrative Officer also attended.

9. PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Councillor Pope reported that the committee did not meet this month. The next meeting is scheduled for

March 7th.

10. EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN COMMITTEE

Deputy Mayor McCaie-Burke reported that the committee met on February 16th.

- The Emergency Response Plan Committee met on Tuesday February 16, 2016 at 2:00 pm. The focus of the meeting was a presentation by Roger Shephard, Project Officer with the Dept. of Public Safety/NB EMO, regarding the nuclear preparedness exercise “Intrepid 2015” which took place last November. As a nuclear power plant owner/operator, NB Power is required by the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission to perform a full-scale emergency exercise every 3 years. The 2-day exercise practiced the on-site and off-site response activities involved in validating the preparedness of Point Lepreau, NB Power, government and other organizations, as well as testing the interoperability of these agencies and the proficiency of their response efforts and validating their current emergency plans. This was a very large exercise involving many local, provincial, federal and international agencies such as Ambulance NB, Red Cross, RCMP and Saint John and St. George fire departments, NB EMO, the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission, the United States Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Maine Emergency Management Agency, the World Association of Nuclear Operators and the International Atomic Energy Association to name a few. The combined efforts of all involved parties to exercise all aspects of the plans in detail led to the confirmation of procedures and processes, improved capabilities and reassured the public and regulatory agencies. It was noted by Mr. Shephard that this was the most complex exercise ever undertaken in NB and plans are already underway to perform the next exercise in 3 years. The Emergency Response Plan Committee found the presentation engaging and educational, and some members have expressed their interest in observing the next exercise scheduled for 2018.
- The next committee meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2016.

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor McCaie-Burke and **seconded by** Councillor Pope the adoption of this report.

Discussion:

Deputy Mayor McCaie-Burke stated that she did attend the committee meeting to hear the presentation. She said she found it very informative, and she was very impressed by the strict standards that all of the involved agencies and organizations are required to adhere to and practice. She encouraged the other members of Council to attend these types of presentations whenever they are able.

MOTION CARRIED.

11. PROJECT REPORTS / UPDATES

(i) Recreation Department Update:

Councillor Pope presented the following update from the Recreation Department.

Outdoor Rinks

Due to the unusually mild weather the rinks are currently closed. Once the weather becomes colder, the intent will be to open them again. Residents are encouraged to check the Recreation Hotline, Facebook and Twitter for updates on rink conditions.

Programs & Events

March Break Events

Staff has finalized the details for the week of March Break.

On Friday, March 4th, the second annual “Glow Skate” will be held at the Athletic Park rink(s) if the weather cooperates and the rink surfaces are ready. The event will run from 6:30 – 9:00 pm. Glow necklaces and hot chocolate will be handed out, and the 1st New Maryland Scouts will build a bonfire with marshmallows for roasting.

On Tuesday, March 8th there will be a Free Skate at the Grant Harvey Centre from 2-4 pm. This event is free and all are welcome to attend.

On Wednesday, March 9th a movie “drop-in” will be held at the New Maryland Centre in the afternoon. Doors open at 2:00 pm and the movie will start at 2:30 pm. The movie “Tangled” will be shown. Admission is \$2 per person and includes popcorn and a drink.

On Thursday, March 10th two family sleigh rides will be held at Oakland Farms. The first ride will be held at 11:00 am and the second will be held at 2:00 pm. The Cost is \$4 per adult and \$2 per child.

Finally, on Friday, March 11th a babysitter course will be held at Victoria Hall from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. The cost is \$45 and is open to kids ages 11 and up.

These March Break activities have been posted to our web site, Facebook & Twitter.

NMES

Badminton Lessons

Badminton Lessons have been rescheduled for March 20th.

Rentals

Rentals during the month of February have been increasing, which is good news.

Summer Jobs

Our summer student jobs were posted on February 8th and we are accepting applications until Friday, March 18th. Job descriptions and the Village application form can be found on our web site and the information has also been posted at UNB, STU, on Kijiji and on our Facebook and Twitter pages. A sign has also been posted at the Village entrance.

Administration

Planning has begun for New Maryland Day, and this year the Village will be celebrating its 25th anniversary of incorporation.

MOVED BY Councillor Pope and **seconded by** Deputy Mayor McCaie-Burke the adoption of this report. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(ii) **Public Works Department Update:**

Councillor LeBlanc gave the following update from the Public Works Department.

Snow removal Operations

It has been a fairly easy winter to date for snow clearing operations. The snowfall amounts have been minor and less frequent than recent years. Council and staff are asking the public to be mindful of snow removal operations and refrain from parking on Village streets between midnight and 7:00 am or during a snow storm. This will assist with snow removal operations. We also like to remind residents not to place snow on Village streets or sidewalks. There have been situations where private contractors are blocking sidewalks and this has become troublesome.

Hydrants

Council and staff would like to thank residents that have assisted in clearing snow around hydrants. It is greatly appreciated.

Wellfield Exploration

The Water Supply Source Assessment (WSSA) for the proposed well sites has been reviewed by the Department of Environment. We have answered all the questions brought forth by the Technical Review Committee and now have approval to move forward. We are currently in the process of negotiating with the property owner.

Animal Control

Our Animal Control By-Law Enforcement Officer responded to 5 complaints in the month of January 2016. The majority of the calls were for dogs running at large. We would like to remind dog owners that 2016 dog licences are now due.

MOVED BY Councillor LeBlanc and **seconded by** Councillor Pope the adoption of this report.
MOTION CARRIED.

► Resolution of Council: Notice of Intent to Access Property

MOVED BY Councillor LeBlanc and **seconded by** Councillor Pope the following resolution of Council:

Whereas the Village of New Maryland has identified lands located within the municipality as a potential municipal water source location; and

Whereas those lands have been identified as PID 75064667; and

Whereas four test sites have been identified on the property for the purpose of testing for potable water; and

Whereas the municipality, as an Expropriating Authority under the *Expropriations Act*, has authority pursuant to section 5 of the Act to enter upon the lands to ascertain the suitability of the land;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Village of New Maryland hereby confirms its intention to:

- notify the property owner of its intent to enter upon the lands to conduct testing pursuant to section 5 of the Act;
- move forward with the access including the construction of a temporary access road and test well drilling;
- conduct testing that is necessary to determine the suitability of the land as a municipal water source; and
- make full compensation for any damages to the land or to other property caused by anything done pursuant to section 5 of the Act. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(iii) Finance Department Update:

Councillor Pope gave the following update from the Finance Department.

Audit

The auditors are returning to start the detailed audit of 2015 at the end of February.

Budget

The 2016 budget has been submitted to the Department of Local Government and we have received an approved signed copy back from the department.

Cost increases noted

Various Departments (Fire, Public works, Water & Sewer, and Finance) are noticing significant cost increases this year due to lower Canadian dollar for software licenses and equipment that comes from the United States. Staff will be monitoring this closely.

MOVED BY Councillor Pope and **seconded by** Deputy Mayor McCaie-Burke the adoption of this report. **MOTION CARRIED.**

12. APPROVAL OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor McCaie-Burke and **seconded by** Councillor Pope to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2016 as follows:

- from the General Operating account by cheques and direct payments \$144,662.20;
- from the Water & Sewer Operating account \$46,825.52;
- from the General Capital account \$35,927.36; and
- from the Water & Sewer Capital account \$5,776.57.

MOTION CARRIED.

13. PUBLIC INPUT / INQUIRIES

There were no members of the public in attendance.

Mayor Wilson-Shee announced that there will be a fundraiser on Saturday February 27th from 8 am – 12

pm at the New Maryland Centre. The cost for the breakfast is by donation and all proceeds will go toward funding the new playground equipment at New Maryland Elementary School.

14. NEW BUSINESS

There were no items brought forward.

15. DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING

The next regular session of Council is scheduled for Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at 7:30 pm in Council Chamber.

16. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY Councillor LeBlanc and **seconded by** Deputy Mayor McCaie-Burke to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Taylor
Assistant Clerk

Cynthia Geldart
CAO/Clerk

Judy Wilson-Shee
Mayor