

**VILLAGE OF NEW MARYLAND
COUNCIL**

15 February 2017

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

Also Present: Karen Taylor, Assistant Clerk

Absent: Cynthia Geldart, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOVED BY Councillor Gisèle McCaie-Burke and **seconded by** Councillor Tim Scammell to approve the agenda as distributed. **MOTION CARRIED.**

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOVED BY Councillor Tim Scammell and **seconded by** Councillor Gisèle McCaie-Burke to approve the minutes of the 18 January 2017 regular session of Council as circulated. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOVED BY Councillor Paul LeBlanc and **seconded by** Councillor Mike Pope to approve the minutes of the 08 February 2017 Special Session of Council as circulated. **MOTION CARRIED.**

4. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

No disclosures of interest were declared.

5. PRESENTATIONS

No presentations were given.

6. PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Wilson-Shee read the proclamation for the Heart and Stroke Foundation of NB and the Dietitians of Canada Nutrition Month.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was read into the record by the Assistant Clerk, Karen Taylor, as per the

request of Mayor Wilson-Shee:

- an email from the Canadian Mental Health Association of New Brunswick concerning their charity dodge ball tournament that will be held on Feb. 25th from 12 – 4 pm at the Nashwaaksis Field House;
- a newsletter from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities;
- an announcement from Ignite Fredericton regarding the Energy Innovations Forum 2017 that will be held April 4 -5 at the Fredericton Convention Centre; and
- information from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities relating to the 2017 Annual Conference and Trade Show that will be held June 1 – 4 at the Shaw Convention Centre in Ottawa.

8. MEETINGS AND/OR SPECIAL EVENTS

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

Jan. 22nd – conference call with NB Trails;

Jan. 25th – opening of a warming centre at New Maryland Centre along with Deputy Mayor Scholten and Facilities Manager Nancy St. Croix, which was visited by Hon. Stephen Horsman, MLA Jeff Carr and Jason Cooling, Regional Emergency Management Coordinator;

Jan. 26th – meeting with Pierre Bertrand along with our CAO Cynthia Geldart, Treasurer Scott Sparks, and Deputy Mayor Scholten;

Jan. 27th – Change of Command ceremony at Base Gagetown;

Jan. 30th – meeting with Councillor McCaie-Burke to discuss the Age-Friendly Community Ad hoc Committee;

Feb. 1st - a portion of the pickle ball demo along with Councillor LeBlanc;

Feb. 2nd – meeting with Don Fitzgerald, ED of RSC 11;

Feb. 6th – St. Mary the Virgin Church Committee meeting;

Feb. 7th – RSC 11 Board meeting;

Feb. 7th – a portion of the New Maryland Lions Club meeting;

Feb. 9th – meeting with Deputy Mayor Scholten, Councillor McCaie-Burke and Assistant Clerk Karen Taylor to discuss the Age-Friendly Community Ad hoc Committee;

Feb. 10th – meeting with Don Fitzgerald, ED of RSC 11; and

Feb. 14th – RSC 11 Governance meeting.

9. PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Councillor Paul LeBlanc reported that the Planning Advisory Committee met on February 6, 2017 with one committee member absent.

- Building Inspector/Development Officer Rob Pero explained to the committee that in relation to the previous ruling at the Planning and Assessment Appeal Board, staff have drafted proposed amendments to Subdivision By-Law 07-2016 to remove possible interpretation ambiguity in relation to the requirement to dedicate Land for Public Purposes (LFPP) for proposed subdivisions. The first amendment is to section 8(1). Staff have proposed removal of the wording “*which will create two (2) or more lots*”; therefore, requiring dedication of LFPP for all subdivisions, regardless of the number of lots being created. The second proposed amendment is to the definition of a “lot”, as noted in section 3(2). Rob noted that he had an enquiry from a developer regarding the possibility of building a home in the center of two adjoining lots. Rob showed several examples throughout the Village of buildings located across single or multiple property lines where each ‘lot’ is owned by the same property owner. The Village’s current definition of a “lot” was originally duplicated from the NB Subdivision Regulation 80-159 (dating from 1980). Assistant Building Inspector/Development

Officer Kyle Arsenault explained to the committee that he has carried out research on the subject with other municipal and provincial government contacts to discuss the draft amendments to the Village's definition of a "lot". The amended definition will require consolidation of parcels prior to issuing building permits for structures that cross common property lines. Kyle consulted with the municipal and provincial government contacts for their feedback. The definition of a "lot" can be found in both the Subdivision and Zoning By-Laws. It is staff's intention to amend the "lot" definition in the Village's Subdivision By-Law as soon as possible. The amendment to the Zoning By-Law requires a longer approval process (i.e. public consultations, etc.), therefore those amendments will be proposed in the future when the next rezoning application is received, one of which is anticipated in the near future.

- Rob Pero reported that Council re-appointed committee member Stephen Conn to a 1.5-year term at the formal Council session on January 18, 2017.
- Kyle Arsenault reviewed the December 2016 Permit Report and year-to-date totals with the committee. Kyle noted that the permit totals for the month of December were consistent with previous years but the year-to-date ending in December 2016 was much lower than the year-to-date ending December 2015, partially due to a significant drop in new home construction. Kyle Arsenault reviewed the January 2017 Permit Report, and year-to-date totals with the committee. Kyle explained that the permit totals for the month of January were consistent with prior years.
- The committee reviewed and discussed the Annual Building Permit report, which summarized all the building permits issued in 2016. Kyle Arsenault reviewed and compared the 2016 Annual Building Permit Report to the building permits totals in 2014 and 2015. It was noted that, in general, most permit category totals have declined since 2014, except for new home construction in 2015, which saw a large increase in the amount of new home construction (12 permits). The committee suggested that the 'Renovations' category should be broken down further into the different types of renovations, such as roofing, siding, windows, etc. which staff agreed to do with next year's summary.
- The committee reviewed and discussed the Planning Issues Fact Sheet provided in the PAC package. Rob Pero reviewed the document which outlines several key planning issues that New Brunswick faces in the near future and how these issues can be prepared for.

MOVED BY Councillor Paul LeBlanc and **seconded by** Councillor Gisèle McCaie-Burke the adoption of this report. **MOTION CARRIED.**

10. EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN COMMITTEE
No report was presented.

11. PROJECT REPORTS AND UPDATES

(i) Recreation Department:

Councillor Mike Pope presented the following update from the Recreation Department:

Outdoor Rinks

The front rink now has an established ice depth and has been in excellent condition over the past couple of weeks. There has been lots of use by families and pick-up hockey has been a regular evening occurrence. Compliments have been received on-site from residents and several appreciative comments have been posted on Facebook. Work commenced on the second rink last

week, however, snow removal and clearing the pathways to the rink and the parking lot are the priority. A reminder to residents that dusk to dawn lighting is available for night-time skating and bleachers are available for seating. One of the lights recently burned out however NB Power will not be able to access the site with the bucket truck until the spring.

Sliding Hill

With the recent snowfalls, snow will be stock-piled to get a good start on the sliding hill in the next week or so. A sliding hill was built just prior to March Break in 2015 and the Recreation Department plans to do that again this year. It will be adjacent to the front skating rink.

March Break Events

Staff has finalized the details for the week of March Break. On Friday, March 3rd the second annual “Glow Skate” will be held at the Athletic Park rink(s). The event will run from 6:30 – 9:00 pm and glow necklaces and hot chocolate will be handed out while supplies last. The 1st New Maryland Scouts have been asked to look after the bonfire and confirmation of that is still waiting to be received. Marshmallows and sticks for roasting will also be provided. This event has been registered on the ParticipACTION 150 Play List and a box of complimentary prizes has been received that will be used throughout the year anytime the Village holds an event that is on the 150 Play List. The Glow Skate will cover two of the 150 activities – skating and tobogganing.

On Tuesday, March 7th the Village will host a Free Skate at the Grant Harvey Centre from 2-4 pm. This event is free and all are welcome to attend.

On Thursday, March 10th two family sleigh rides at Oakland Farms will be hosted by the Village. Times are 11:00 am and 3:00 pm. Cost is \$4 per adult and \$2 per child.

On Friday, March 10th a babysitter course will be held at Victoria Hall from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. Cost is \$50 and is open to kids age 11 and up. There are currently five registered for the babysitter course.

The March Break activities will be posted to the Village’s website, Facebook & Twitter pages and e-mailed to NMES and Bliss Carman School for e-mail distribution. Closer to March Break, notices will be sent out through “e-News”.

Pickleball

The latest pickleball demo was held on February 1st which was very well attended with many new participants. The club would like to offer another demo in the spring. The “open play” on Saturday mornings is very popular and will continue over the winter and spring months. A reminder that NMES is unavailable over the March Break (March 4th – 12th).

Summer Jobs

Summer student jobs will be posted the week of February 13th and applications will be accepted until Monday, March 20th. Again this year, six day camp counsellors, a day camp supervisor, a recreation maintenance supervisor, four recreation maintenance labourers and four transportation maintenance labourers will be hired. Job descriptions and the application form will be added to the Village’s website and the information will be posted at UNB, STU, Kijiji and on the Village’s Facebook and Twitter pages. The summer student job sign will be posted at the Village entrance.

PNM Zoomers Update

Stretch and strengthening classes take place every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 10 to 11 am. The Book club meets every third Thursday at 11 am in the boardroom. Anyone who loves to read but unable to attend meetings is encouraged to become an electronic member. The next meeting is March 16th. Quilting takes place every second Wednesday from 10 am to 3 pm. The PNM Zoomers monthly meeting is held the first Monday of the month at 10 am in the boardroom. The next scheduled meeting is March 6th. The Zoomers host pot luck socials every other month at 5:30 pm with a guest speaker. The next social is March 15th with guest speaker Tim Scammell and his presentation will begin at 6 pm.

The Zoomers are offering a scholarship of \$500.00 for high school and university students that are enrolling in or are enrolled in geriatrics or related fields. Application forms are available from the VONM website under senior groups.

MOVED BY Councillor Mike Pope and **seconded by** Councillor Tim Scammell the adoption of this report.

Discussion:

Mayor Wilson-Shee stated that Council received an email late this afternoon from the Recreation Coordinator advising that the rink has been cleared and it is open.

MOTION CARRIED.

(ii) Public Works Department:

Councillor Gisèle McCaie-Burke presented the following update from the Public Works Department:

Public Works Reports

Village staff investigated 8 Public Works Reports for the month of January. The inquiries consisted mostly of snow removal such as pushing snow banks back or clearing of ice build-up on streets.

Snow Removal

This winter has certainly provided its challenges with the fluctuation in temperatures resulting in icy conditions on different occasions. Staff encourage motorists and pedestrians to use caution when these conditions exist.

As a reminder to residents, the No Parking Ban between 12 midnight and 7am on Village streets is in effect. Also, to help assist snow clearing crews, please refrain from parking on streets during a snow storm.

Council and staff would like to thank residents who have participated in the adopt-a-hydrant program for snow clearing and would like to encourage others to participate during the winter months by keeping hydrants clear of snow. Any assistance is greatly appreciated.

Department of Environment Water Distribution Audit

The Department of Environment and Department of Public Health conducted a Water Distribution System Audit on the Village's Water System on February 2, 2017. The audit went very well with no major issues identified.

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

Discussion:

Councillor McCaie-Burke stated that in advance of the impending snow storm tonight and into tomorrow, both snow removal contractors were pushing back and hauling away snow today. She noted that pushing back the snow was the fastest and most economical way to widen Village streets. The sidewalks have also been cleared today.

MOTION CARRIED.

► **MOVED BY** Councillor Gisèle McCaie-Burke and **seconded by** Deputy Mayor Alex Scholten the following resolution of Council:

Be It Resolved That the Council for the Village of New Maryland, as per the recommendation of the Public Works Supervisor, move forward to purchase a new sewage lift pump for Kerry Lane Lift Station from Thomas Industrial Sales Ltd. for a cost of \$4,928.00 (*four thousand nine hundred and twenty eight dollars*) plus \$739.20 HST (*seven hundred and thirty nine dollars and twenty cents*) for a total purchase price of \$5,667.20 (*five thousand six hundred and sixty seven dollars and twenty cents*) and the funds be sourced from the Water & Sewer Operating Budget.

Discussion:

Councillor McCaie-Burke reminded Council that at the February 8th Council-In-Committee meeting the Public Works Supervisor advised that one of the two sewage lift pumps at Kerry Lane lift station was not operating. The pump was removed and sent for repairs, and the spare back-up pump was installed. It was determined that the estimated cost to repair the pump was not much less than the cost to purchase a new pump. Council agreed to purchase a new pump instead of paying the cost to repair the old pump. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(iii) New Maryland Fire Department:

No report was presented.

► **MOVED BY** Councillor Mike Pope and **seconded by** Deputy Mayor Alex Scholten the following resolution of Council:

Be It Resolved That the Council for the Village of New Maryland, as per the recommendation of the Fire Chief, accept the quote as submitted by Cumings' Fire & Safety Equipment Ltd. in the amount of \$13,704.00 (*thirteen thousand seven hundred and four dollars*) plus \$2,055.60 HST (*two thousand fifty-five dollars and sixty cents*) for a total purchase price of \$15,759.60 (*fifteen thousand seven hundred fifty-nine dollars and sixty cents*) for the purchase of 8 facepieces and 8 air bottles for the fire department.

Discussion:

Councillor Pope explained that at the October 5, 2016 Budget meeting, the Fire Chief brought forward a request to Council for the purchase of fire equipment and requested that funds be transferred from the reserve account that has been set up for this type of purchase. The motion to approve the purchase of breathing apparatus was passed at the January 18, 2017 Council meeting. At the February 8, 2017 CIC meeting, Chief Farrell made a request to Council to now proceed with the purchase of 8 facepieces and 8 air bottles. Chief Farrell received three quotes for the purchase of the equipment and the quote that was recommended was the lowest price.

MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Wilson-Shee shared with Council an email from a resident, Mickie Bowman, who praised Chief Farrell and volunteer firefighter Rob Gallant for their quick response to her concern regarding snow accumulation in her propane fireplace vent and fixed the problem.

(iv) Finance Department:

Councillor Paul LeBlanc presented the following update from the Finance Department:

Borrowing

As part of the 2017 Capital budget, the process to make application to the Municipal Capital Borrowing Board to borrow funds for the Daniel Drive Storm-Water Upgrade project and the Sidewalk Project has commenced with the necessary resolutions of Council. The application along with the engineering estimates and drawings have been submitted to the Department of Local Government and they have subsequently produced a Notice of Hearing to be published in the local newspaper on two consecutive days. The request for the advertisement has been forwarded on to the Daily Gleaner for publication as soon as possible. The next hearing date for the Municipal Capital Borrowing Board is March 13, 2017.

MOVED BY Councillor Paul LeBlanc and **seconded by** Councillor Gisèle McCaie-Burke the adoption of this report. **MOTION CARRIED.**

► **MOVED BY** Councillor Paul LeBlanc and **seconded by** Councillor Tim Scammell the following resolution of Council:

Be It Resolved That the Council for the Village of New Maryland transfer from the General Capital Reserve Fund (Acct #0626 1015-021) to the General Capital Fund (Acct # 0626 1020-875) the sum of \$14,292.00 (*fourteen thousand two hundred and ninety-two dollars*) being the amount required to cover the proposed Fire Equipment cost.

Discussion:

Councillor LeBlanc clarified that all allocations to or from reserve funds require motions of Council as per the *New Brunswick Municipalities Act*. As discussed and agreed by Council during the 2017 Budget meetings, this motion deals with funds already in the Capital Reserve for fire equipment that needs to be moved to General Capital Fund for the purchase of fire equipment. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(v) Administration Department:

Third Reading of By-law Amendment No. 50-01-2017

MOVED BY Councillor Tim Scammell and **seconded by** Councillor Mike Pope to read By-law Amendment No. 50-01-2017, an amendment to the Procedural By-law, for the third time, this reading in its entirety. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Councillor Scammell read By-law Amendment No. 50-01-2017 in its entirety.

Final Reading of By-law Amendment No. 50-01-2017:

MOVED BY Councillor Tim Scammell and **seconded by** Councillor Gisèle McCaie-Burke to read By-law Amendment No. 50-01-2017, an amendment to the Procedural By-law, for the final time, this reading by title only, thereby enacting the by-law amendment. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Councillor Scammell read By-law Amendment No. 50-01-2017 for the final time by title only.

(vi) Solar Energy Research Ad hoc Committee:

Deputy Mayor Alex Scholten reported that the Solar Energy Research Committee met on January 12th with all members present.

- Two new committee members, Robin Chaplin and David Preston, were welcomed to the committee.
- The Terms of Reference document was reviewed with the committee, which included discussion regarding the purpose of the committee. The committee also debated the need to revise the Terms of Reference to include the names of the new committee members. The committee determined that the Terms of Reference should be amended in regard to the inclusion of the names of committee members, and the motion to amend will be brought forward this evening.
- Potential funding sources were discussed by the committee, which included ACOA, the Environmental Trust Fund, the New Maryland Community Support Group, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' 'Green Initiative' and federal infrastructure funding. Village staff will be investigating these funding options further.
- The committee discussed at length the Request for Proposal for a Solar Panel Power Generation Grid-Tie System for the New Maryland Centre. Information from APEGNB (Association of Professional Engineers of NB) was reviewed in detail and was very helpful in the development of the RFP. Rob explained that he used a cost/benefit software package called RETSCREEN which has been designed specifically for these types of projects.

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Alex Scholten and **seconded by** Councillor Tim Scammell the adoption of this report. **MOTION CARRIED.**

► **MOVED BY** Deputy Mayor Alex Scholten and **seconded by** Councillor Mike Pope the following resolution of Council:

Be It Resolved That the Council for the Village of New Maryland, as per the recommendation of Senior Staff, adopt the amended Solar Energy Research Committee Terms of Reference as attached hereto.

Discussion:

Deputy Mayor Scholten explained that the amendments being made are to section 2.4 of the Terms of Reference, which previously listed all committee members by name, and to the name of the Expression of Interest form to Serve on a Village Ad hoc Committee. He noted that since other Village committees do not include the names of committee members in their Terms of Reference documents, other than those of staff and Council members, it was felt that for the purposes of efficiency and consistency, the names of members who are residents would be removed from the Solar Energy Research Terms of Reference document as well.

MOTION CARRIED.

(vii) Age-Friendly Community Ad hoc Committee:

Councillor McCaie-Burke presented an update from the Age-Friendly Community Ad hoc Committee. She stated that the Village has been gearing up to establish the New Maryland Age-Friendly Community Ad hoc Committee since last November and this evening a motion of Council will be brought forward for the appointment of committee members who will sit on the committee as community representatives or as consultants. She informed Council that tomorrow, February 16th was supposed to be the committee's first official meeting however due to the storm that is anticipated this evening and into tomorrow, the meeting has been postponed to Thursday, February 23rd at 12 noon in Council Chamber. Councillor McCaie-Burke reported that to mark this special event, various government representatives have been invited to attend this first meeting and bring greetings. Council and staff members have also been invited to attend. As Chairperson of the committee, Councillor McCaie-Burke stated that she is very much looking forward to working with the members. She added that although there is a lot of work ahead of the committee, if the goal of New Maryland becoming an Age-Friendly Community is achieved, all the effort will be worth it.

Councillor McCaie-Burke explained that an age-friendly community is a community where seniors feel safe, valued, respected and more engaged, and where the physical and mental well-being of seniors is supported. In other words, the community is set up to help seniors live safely, enjoy good health and stay involved.

Councillor McCaie-Burke thanked Council for their support of this important initiative. She extended her gratitude to Deputy Mayor Alex Scholten for his assistance and support as the Vice-Chairperson and her right-hand person. She thanked the Mayor, who is an ex-officio member of the committee, and the Assistant Clerk for help with the work that has been done leading up to the anticipated first committee meeting.

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

► **MOVED BY** Councillor Gisèle McCaie-Burke and **seconded by** Deputy Mayor Alex Scholten the following resolution of Council:

Be It Resolved That the Council for the Village of New Maryland, as per the recommendation of Senior Staff, adopt the amended Age-Friendly Community Ad hoc Committee Terms of Reference as attached hereto.

Discussion:

Councillor McCaie-Burke explained that at the February 8, 2017 CIC meeting, Council reviewed the recommendation to amend the Age-Friendly Community Ad hoc Committee's Terms of Reference in order to allow the appointment of more than six community members and more than one consultant to the committee. The recommendation included that the current Terms of Reference document will need to be amended to state that the AFC Ad hoc Committee shall consist of "various members of the community and consultants as deemed necessary by the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson". The committee felt that this amendment was necessary due to the overwhelmingly positive response to the invitation to members of the community to consider joining the committee, and that to limit the choices of who to appoint to the committee

would be a difficult task considering the varied range and wealth of education, expertise and years of experience that these individuals are offering to bring to the committee. In addition, other changes to be made to the Terms of Reference document included the corrected spelling of 'ad hoc' and the change of name for the application form to volunteer on Village ad hoc committees. Councillor McCaie-Burke reminded Council of the mandate that is included in the Terms of Reference document and in particular, noted that the committee will be performing an age-friendly assessment of the community. The assessment will include a statistical profile of the Village and the identification of issues and opportunities by which the Village of New Maryland may improve the quality of life for seniors living in the community, and a summary of the assessment. The committee will then provide recommendations to Council on how the Village of New Maryland may improve upon services and offerings to community seniors to make their lives more safe, healthy and involved/participatory while focusing on the feasibility of applying such measures through the implementation of an action plan. **MOTION CARRIED.**

► **MOVED BY** Councillor Gisèle McCaie-Burke and **seconded by** Councillor Tim Scammell the following resolution of Council:

Be It Resolved That the Council for the Village of New Maryland, pursuant to Procedural By-law No. 50 section 17 (c), appoints Gary Love, Laurie Pearson, Bob Eckstein, Sylvie Arseneau, Liz MacMullin, and Lucy Jardine, as community representatives, and Lyne St-Pierre-Ellis, Jennifer Bent Richard, André Lépine, Pat Seaman, Mariet van Groenewoud, Debbie Spares, Aimée Foreman, and Malcolm MacFarlane, as consultants, to the Age-Friendly Community Ad hoc Committee.

Discussion:

Councillor McCaie-Burke stated that an initial list of potential committee members for the Age-Friendly Community Ad hoc Committee (community representatives and consultants) was provided to Council and discussed at the January 18, 2017 Post-Council meeting. She said that Council approved the list of candidates who have been approached to consider joining the committee. Since that meeting, several candidates have had to decline the invitation to join the committee due to other commitments, and others have been approached and have agreed to join. The final list of potential committee members was brought to the February 8, 2017 Council-In-Committee meeting for review by Council. Council agreed with the list of candidates that have been recommended for appointment to the committee. **MOTION CARRIED.**

12. APPROVAL OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT

MOVED BY Councillor Tim Scammell and **seconded by** Deputy Mayor Alex Scholten to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2017 as follows:

- from the General Operating account by cheques and direct payments **\$800,935.67**
(*Eight Hundred Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Five Dollars and Sixty-Seven Cents*)
- from the Water & Sewer Operating account **\$387,622.58** (*Three Hundred and Eighty-Seven Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty-Two Dollars and Fifty-Eight Cents*)
- from the General Capital account **\$480.53** (*Four Hundred and Eighty Dollars and Fifty-Three Cents*)
and
- from the Water & Sewer Capital account **\$1,070.94** (*One Thousand and Seventy Dollars and Ninety-Four Cents*). **MOTION CARRIED.**

13. PUBLIC INPUT / INQUIRIES

There were no members of the public present at the meeting to provide input or make inquiries.

14. NEW BUSINESS

Resolution of Council in Support of Ellen's Law

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Alex Scholten and **seconded by** Councillor Paul LeBlanc the following resolution of Council:

Whereas Ellen Watters, a Canadian competitive cyclist was critically injured and succumbed to her injuries in a collision with a car while on a training ride in Sussex, NB December 23, 2016; and

Whereas The New Brunswick-born Watters was widely hailed as a rising star in the Canadian cycling sporting world; and

Whereas As a result of the accident, the cycling communities in the province and their supporters have called for legislation that requires drivers to keep a distance of one metre from cyclists; and

Whereas This legislation, if passed, would be known as Ellen's Law; and

Whereas The Cities of Fredericton, Saint John and Moncton are pledging support for this legislation to be passed and have added a request for the development of a provincial health and safety active transportation education program for all modes of active transportation for use on our provincial roads and highways;

Be It Therefore Resolved That the Mayor send a letter of support on behalf of the Village of New Maryland Council for Ellen's Law and for the development of a provincial health and safety active transportation education program to the Premier of New Brunswick and the Provincial Minister of Justice & Public Safety; and

Be It Further Resolved That this resolution be forwarded to UMNb requesting their support.

Discussion:

Deputy Mayor Scholten commented that competitive cyclist Ellen Watters was struck by a vehicle while biking near Sussex before Christmas. Her death has rallied the cycling community to call for a change to the *Motor Vehicle Act* that would force motorists to stay one metre away from cyclists when passing them. A rally was held in Saint John early in January with Liberal MLA Rick Doucet as one of the speakers. The cycling community has asked that municipalities help lobby for and support Ellen's Law via Resolutions of Council. The Mayors of Saint John and Moncton have both offered their full support, and the resolution from the City of Moncton was shared with Council.

MOTION CARRIED.

15. DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING

The next regular session of Council is scheduled for Wednesday, 15 March 2017 at 7:30 pm in Council Chamber.

16. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY Councillor Tim Scammell and **seconded by** Councillor Gisèle McCaie-Burke to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Taylor
Assistant Clerk

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Assistant Clerk

Judy Wilson-Shee
Mayor