

**VILLAGE OF NEW MARYLAND
COUNCIL
15 August 2018**

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

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

Guest: Annette Pelletier (*who sang the Acadian national anthem "Ave Maris Stella"*)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Judy 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. MOMENT OF SILENCE

A moment of silence was observed for those who lost their lives in the August 10th shooting incident in Fredericton.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOVED BY Councillor Mike Pope and **seconded by** Councillor Paul LeBlanc to approve the agenda as distributed, with the amendment to remove the motion under New Business. **MOTION CARRIED.**

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOVED BY Councillor Gisèle McCaie-Burke and **seconded by** Councillor Tim Scammell to approve the minutes of the 18 July 2018 regular session of Council as circulated. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Alex Scholten and **seconded by** Councillor Paul LeBlanc to approve the minutes of the 25 July 2018 special session of Council as circulated. **MOTION CARRIED.**

5. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

No disclosures of interest were declared.

6. PRESENTATIONS

No presentations were made.

7. PROCLAMATIONS

No proclamations were read.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

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

- the Fredericton Chamber Connections newsletter;
- information from the Union of Municipalities of New Brunswick about the Asset Management Cohort Program for New Brunswick Municipalities that will commence this fall;
- notification from the Minister of Families and Children Stephen Horsman that Wellness Week will be declared in the province from October 1st – 7th, 2018;
- a letter to the New Brunswick Regional Development Corporation explaining the Village’s critical water supply and distribution infrastructure project;
- a letter from the Union of Municipalities of New Brunswick regarding the Healthy Seniors Pilot Project; and
- information from Royal Lepage Gardiner Realty concerning the ‘Walk a Mile in Her Shoes’ fundraiser event for Women in Transition House that is scheduled for September 9, 2018.

9. MAYOR’S COMMENTS

Mayor Judy Wilson-Shee provided an update on the meetings and social events that she attended since the last Council meeting:

July 19th – RSC 11 Special Board meeting;

July 24th – Ice Cream Social, which was also attended by all members of Council;

July 27th – Opportunities New Brunswick (ONB) Job Creation announcement, along with her two grandchildren Kale and Ava Rose;

July 27th – 37th Highland Games Reception;

July 28th – 37th Highland Games Opening Ceremonies;

July 30th – ONB Announcement;

July 31st – ONB Job Creation announcement;

August 2nd – site visit of Haining Cemetery with members of the New Maryland Heritage Association Inc. along with Councillor Gisèle McCaie-Burke; (*Mayor Wilson-Shee noted that Gary Campbell, a member of the Association, has been doing an outstanding job researching ownership of the cemetery*);

August 3rd – Monkey Games at the residence of Kaye Dunn;

August 6th – New Brunswick Day celebration hosted by the City of Fredericton;

August 7th – meeting with Ashlee Hossack from Gemtec, Assistant Clerk Karen Taylor, and John McKinney and Rob Sharpe from Opus International, to determine the site for our stone sculpture (*Mayor Wilson-Shee clarified that after visiting three locations it was agreed that Victoria Hall Park was the best site for the sculpture*);

August 9th – Opening Ceremonies for Sculpture Saint John and met the artist Songul Telek from Turkey;

August 14th – a meeting with City of Fredericton Mayor Mike O’Brien and offered the Village’s full support as a neighbouring community in light of the August 10th tragedy;

August 14th – Blueberry Social along with all members of Council, which was an excellent event; and

August 15th – Acadian flag raising event at Victoria Hall at 11 am with all members of Council and CAO Cynthia Geldart, Fire Chief Harry Farrell, and Treasurer Scott Sparks (*Mayor Wilson-Shee noted that this first-time event had an excellent turnout and Councillors LeBlanc and McCaie-Burke have offered suggestions for next year’s event*).

Mayor Wilson-Shee stated that National Acadian Day was established to celebrate Acadian culture and was first recognized in 1881 when the National Convention of the Acadians set the date August 15th as National Acadian Day. In support of the Acadian community and in recognition of French Acadians living in the Village of New Maryland, Council raised the Acadian flag today to celebrate the culture and heritage of the Acadian people. Mayor Wilson-Shee also announced that in honour and respect of those who lost their lives in last Friday's tragedy in Fredericton the Acadian flag will remain lowered at half-mast until sunset on Saturday, August 18, 2018. Councillor Gisèle McCaie-Burke provided the French translation of the Mayor's comments. Village resident Annette Pelletier sang the Acadian national anthem "Ave Maris Stella".

Mayor Wilson-Shee advised that Council has expressed its desire to recognize former Mayor and Council member Frank Dunn for his endless hours of work and commitment to New Maryland. With the support of the New Maryland Community Support Group and the blessing of the Dunn family, Council has decided to rename the annual golf tournament to the "Frank Dunn Annual Open Golf Tournament". She stated that Frank was one of the founding members of the annual golf tournament, along with Curt Wilson, which dates back to 2003. Frank's family members are honoured with this welcoming announcement. Frank's dedication to the tournament was evident in the number of hours he spent collecting prizes and encouraging golfers to register. Unfortunately, Frank's health over the past several years no longer allows him to participate. A new banner will be created for this year's tournament. She stated that members of the Dunn family are in the process of putting a couple of teams together for the tournament. Mayor Wilson-Shee shared a brief history of projects that received proceeds from previous tournaments: the New Maryland Community Support Group; the McCormick family; the wheelchair accessible swing plus protective ground covering; the community bulletin board; the cenotaph in Victoria Park; Communities In Bloom; the community garden fence; the suspension bridge; the Sentinel Emergency Alerts program; the construction and installation of a new Welcome sign; the pad for the howitzer gun; restoration of the board walk; two park benches that were placed along the highway; and two solar-powered speed sentry units. Mayor Wilson-Shee announced that this year the proceeds will be used toward the purchase of the Village's stone sculpture, which will become part of the International Sculpture Trail. She noted that the value of the sculpture is \$100,000 however the Village's cost is only \$15,000. Mayor Wilson-Shee announced that Opus International has partnered with the Village to pay half of the cost, and the proceeds from this year's golf tournament will help offset other associated costs, thereby helping to bring art to the community. Mayor Wilson-Shee stated that there are 42 sponsors to date and a few more companies have yet to respond. There are currently 11 teams registered and she anticipates that more teams will register. Prizes are still being gathered. She reminded everyone that the tournament will be held on Saturday September 8th at 1:00 pm at the Gage Golf and Curling Club in Oromocto. Following the tournament, a barbecue steak dinner and prize draw will be held at the New Maryland Centre. She added that spaces are still available for the barbecue steak dinner for anyone who does not wish to golf that day. Two of the top door prizes include a 'wash and shine' from Bamford's Collision Service valued at \$200 and an area rug donated by Ritchie's Carpet Warehouse valued at \$188. She stated that the registration forms can be found on the Village's website at www.vonm.ca. Mayor Wilson-Shee thanked Councillor McCaie-Burke for her assistance with the sponsors and prizes.

Mayor Wilson-Shee commended all members of Council for their attendance at the last several social events. She expressed her pleasure and appreciation that all members of Council were able to attend the Acadian flag raising event earlier today, and thanked those who took time off work to attend.

10. COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Members of Council presented updates on the meetings and social events they attended since the last Council meeting:

Councillor Gisèle McCaie-Burke commented that at this evening's Acadian flag raising ceremony in the City of Fredericton, New Maryland received an 'honourable mention' for holding our Acadian flag raising event this morning. She added that it was heartwarming to hear the Village receive that acknowledgement.

Deputy Mayor Alex Scholten stated that he met with Andy McDonald of Opportunities New Brunswick on July 18th to discuss their connector program. The program is designed to help newcomer entrepreneurs and new business people network or 'connect' with other business people in the community. Deputy Mayor Scholten stated that he has signed up to become a 'connector' and highly recommended the program to his colleagues on Council and members of the community.

11. PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Councillor Tim Scammell provided an update from the August 13, 2018 Planning Advisory Committee meeting.

- The Committee reviewed the finalized amendments to the PAC *Policy on Procedure* to re-align the policy document with the recently updated *NB Community Planning Act* and incorporate some additional administrative provisions. The principle edits incorporated into the document include: an updated reference to the title of the enabling legislation; clarification of the PAC authority to elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson; addition of a provision that there shall not be more than two consecutive cancelled meetings due to lack of new business; addition of a provision that the *Policy on Procedure* shall be reviewed at a minimum of every 3 years; and, general revisions to ensure phrasing and section number references in the policy are consistent with the recently amended *Community Planning Act*. Following a review and discussion of the revisions, the Committee motioned to adopt the amended *Policy on Procedure*.

- The Committee reviewed the July 2018 building permit summary report. The July 2018 totals stand at 14 permits issued, representing \$148,479 in estimated value of construction and \$1,344 in permit fee revenue for the month. The year-to-date number of building permits totals 69, with a cumulative construction value of approximately \$1.4 million, and permit fee revenues of approximately \$11,000.

- The Committee reviewed the provisions in the Village Zoning By-Law which allow a maximum of two accessory buildings on a property. The Committee considered an applicant's request to permit a third accessory building to be installed at the subject site. Based on information submitted in the application, further details clarified by staff, and the absence of stated objections from neighboring property owners, the Committee motioned to approve the application.

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

12. EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN COMMITTEE

No report was presented.

13. PROJECT REPORTS AND UPDATES

(i) **Recreation Department:**

Councillor Gisèle McCaie-Burke presented the following update from the Recreation Department.

Day Camp / Little Fingers

The final two weeks of Day Camp and the last week of Little Fingers will take place at the New Maryland Centre. It has been a very busy and fun summer for the counsellors and campers. The older kids' camp was a great success with 26 children in attendance. The end of summer party will be held the week of August 20th with special activities, games, and an end-of-year slide show and final camper awards. The Day Camp Counsellors will be leaving August 24th and the supervisor Alexandra Jewett will remain for a few days after camp to finalize inventory and complete the end of summer report. In September, the Recreation Coordinator will once again be sending out a survey to the parents of Day Camp and Little Fingers participants to get their feedback on the program.

Babysitter Course

The next babysitter course will be held on August 29th at the New Maryland Centre from 9:00 – 4:00. The cost is \$50 and there are five spaces remaining.

Summer Socials/Concerts

The Ice Cream Social on July 24th was a tremendous event. Almost 50 litres of ice cream and almost 300 sundaes were served. Frantically Atlantic gave a great performance which was very interactive, and many children, adults and Council members participated. The Blueberry Social on August 14th was held inside the New Maryland Centre and the Cathy Hutch Band performed.

The final social of the summer will be the Corn Boil on August 28th, with the popular local band Common Thread performing.

NMES

The Village has received the new 2018/2019 Reciprocal Agreement with the School District. A motion of Council is required to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the one-year agreement, and that motion will be made at this evening's meeting. The only change to this agreement is a new hourly charge for user groups. The school district will now be collecting \$1 per hour for each "paid" user groups. Open gym, volleyball and pickleball will be exempt from these charges. At this time staff is not recommending a rate increase, however, staff will be tracking the revenue chargeback over the next year and will re-evaluate next summer.

With summer winding down, staff will be contacting the user groups to book the NMES after hours' times later this month. It is anticipated to be another busy fall/winter season. The school will be closed for maintenance/cleaning from August 11th until school begins in September. The intent is to resume programs the week of September 10th with Open Gym and Adult Volleyball and Open Play Pickleball commencing the following weekend.

One gym supervisor will be returning this fall (Sara Penney) and two new gym supervisors will be hired prior to the start of the fall season.

Parks & Playgrounds

A memorial bench and two maple trees for Robert & Dawn Watson will be placed at Sunrise Park once the bench arrives. The trees will be planted in the vicinity of the park equipment and the bench will be placed in between the trees.

The Recreation maintenance crew has had a busy month with field maintenance, watering, trail maintenance/repairs, playground mowing and other duties. Due to the exceptionally dry weather, there have only been two to three days where fields have been closed, however, some teams have cancelled on a few occasions due to the humidex and heat warnings. Soccer has indicated they will be extending their season due to several cancellations during the extreme heat. Baseball has booked a year end game and barbecue on the Peewee field for August 26th.

Shaw Park

New playground equipment has been installed at Shaw Park and it looks great! Many residents have dropped by to watch the progress of the park and are excited to see it open!

Staff were also advised that a neighbourhood block party will be held at Shaw Park on August 19th from 12:00 – 2:00 pm. This is a private event, but it is open to all residents of Springwater Place subdivision and will be a nice opportunity to view the new playground equipment.

MOVED BY Councillor Gisèle McCaie-Burke and **seconded by** Councillor Tim Scammell the adoption of this report.

Discussion:

Councillor Gisèle McCaie-Burke commented that she has been on Council for 10 years and she has noticed that attendance at social events has increased over the years. She said that staff have done a great job of organizing two social events each month for July and August, which include food and music. She said she is pleased to see people getting together regularly, which makes a community healthier. She added that the social events are very intergenerational, which is what Council is striving for, and it is nice to see the interaction of all ages at our social events. Councillor McCaie-Burke applauded staff for a job well done. Councillor Tim Scammell agreed with Councillor McCaie-Burke's comments and added that his mother-in-law who lives in Toronto is very impressed with the variety of social and community events that we organize for Village residents. Mayor Wilson-Shee agreed with these comments and stated that Recreation Coordinator Michelle Sawler needs to be recognized for the great work she does in organizing all aspects of these events. She also advised that Michelle has expressed her gratitude for the assistance and participation of Council at these events.

Deputy Mayor Alex Scholten announced that the New Maryland Soccer Under 17 Boys team Division 1 will be going to the provincial tournament in Shediac this weekend. He wished the team members and coach Paul O'Sullivan best of luck. Mayor Judy Wilson-Shee stated that she plans to send an email to the team to wish them good luck at the tournament.

Mayor Wilson-Shee advised that at the Corn Boil on August 28th, certificates of appreciation will be presented to the members of the former Age-Friendly Community Ad hoc Committee. She added that the community will also be introduced to Songul, who is the artist that is creating our sculpture at the Sculpture Saint John Symposium.

MOTION CARRIED.

► **MOVED BY** Councillor Gisèle McCaie-Burke 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 the Recreation Coordinator, authorize the Mayor and Village Clerk to sign two copies of the

2018/2019 Reciprocal Agreement for the use of the New Maryland Elementary School for sport and recreation programs after hours.

Discussion:

Councillor McCaie-Burke stated that as noted in the Recreation report, the one-year agreement allows the Village to use the NMES gym and facility during weekday evenings and weekends for various sports groups as well as public drop-in programs including open gym, adult volleyball and pickleball open play. She reiterated that the only change is the new hourly charge for the user groups, and that the school district will now be collecting \$1 from each paid user group. Open gym, volleyball and pickleball will be exempt from these charges. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(ii) Public Works Department:

No report was presented.

(iii) Finance Department:

No report was presented.

(iv) Administration Department:

No report was presented.

(v) Seniors Advisory Committee:

No report was presented.

14. APPROVAL OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT

MOVED BY Councillor Paul LeBlanc and **seconded by** Councillor Gisèle McCaie-Burke to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of July 2018 as follows;

- from the General Operating account by cheques and direct payments **\$478,281.42** (*Four Hundred and Seventy-Eight Thousand, Two Hundred and Eighty-One Dollars and Forty-Two Cents*);
- from the Water & Sewer Operating account **\$14,107.40** (*Fourteen Thousand, One Hundred and Seven Dollars and Forty Cents*);
- from the General Capital account **\$454,436.05** (*Four Hundred and Fifty-Four Thousand, Four Hundred and Thirty-Six Dollars and Five Cents*); and
- from the Water & Sewer Capital account **\$13,598.75** (*Thirteen Thousand, Five Hundred and Ninety-Eight Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents*).

Discussion:

Councillor LeBlanc noted that the adoption of the Treasurer's monthly report fulfills a municipal requirement under provincial legislation. **MOTION CARRIED.**

15. PUBLIC INPUT / INQUIRIES

Annette Pelletier thanked Council for the opportunity to sing the Acadian national anthem and noted that Council looked very nice sitting amongst the colourful Acadian flag display.

16. NEW BUSINESS

No new business items were presented.

17. DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING

The next regular session of Council is scheduled for Wednesday, 19 September 2018 at 7:30 pm in Council Chamber.

18. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Taylor
Assistant Clerk

Cynthia Geldart
CAO/Clerk

Judy Wilson-Shee
Mayor