VILLAGE OF NEW MARYLAND COUNCIL

19 September 2018

Present: Mayor Judy Wilson-Shee

Deputy Mayor Alex Scholten Councillor Gisèle McCaie-Burke

Councillor Mike Pope Councillor Tim Scammell

Also Present: Cynthia Geldart, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

Karen Taylor, Assistant Clerk

Regrets: Councillor Paul LeBlanc **Guests:** Mac Burns, Frank Brown

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. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Alex Scholten and **seconded by** Councillor Tim Scammell to approve the minutes of the 15 August 2018 regular session of Council as circulated. **MOTION CARRIED.**

4. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

No disclosures of interest were declared.

5. Presentations

No presentations were made.

6. PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Wilson-Shee read the proclamation for Wellness Week.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

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

- a reminder from the Union of Municipalities of New Brunswick that nominations are open for the 2018 Lieutenant Governor's Excellence in Aging Award;
- a note from Ability New Brunswick thanking us for our support of their services which help residents

with mobility disabilities;

- documentation from the Union of Municipalities of New Brunswick for their Annual General Meeting and Conference being held in Fredericton from September 28th through September 30th;
- an invitation from the Canadian Armed Forces Army Reserve to attend their Open House on Saturday, September 29th at the Carlton Street Armory in Fredericton; and
- an announcement from the provincial Office of Protocol that flags will be flown at half-mast on September 30th to recognize the Police and Peace Officers' National Memorial Day.

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:

August 16th – Climate Change Adaptation Strategy – Risk Prioritization Workshop – hosted by Stantec, which was also attended by senior staff, Councillor Gisèle McCaie-Burke and Deputy Mayor Alex Scholten who attended for half of the workshop;

August 17th – Cyber security announcement with Deputy Mayor Alex Scholten and Councillor Mike Pope; Mayor Wilson-Shee noted that Councillor Pope sits on the Board of Ignite Fredericton; August 19th – Family picnic at Shaw Park hosted by the residents of Springwater subdivision along with Councillor Gisèle McCaie-Burke;

August 19th – 90th Birthday celebration for Lillian Beaver which was also attended by Deputy Mayor Alex

Scholten and Councillor Gisèle McCaie-Burke; August 21st – Mayor's Activity Awards ceremony along with Councillor Mike Pope and his family; Mayor Wilson-Shee noted that Councillor Pope's daughters, Alex and Taylor, received gold awards; August 23rd – meeting with ED Don Fitzgerald, RSC 11;

August 23rd – New Maryland Heritage Association meeting along with Deputy Mayor Alex Scholten and Councillors McCaie-Burke and Scammell:

August 28th – Corn Boil along with Deputy Mayor Alex Scholten and Councillors LeBlanc, McCaie-Burke and Scammell; Mayor Wilson-Shee stated that certificates were presented to former members of the Age-Friendly Community Ad hoc Committee and all in attendance were introduced to Songul from Turkey who is the artist creating our stone sculpture; Mayor Wilson-Shee thanked the Recreation Coordinator Michelle Sawler for doing an excellent job organizing the summer socials;

September 3rd – Opening ceremonies for the provincial exhibition;

September 4th to 10th – Team Up to Slow Down campaign along with Deputy Mayor Alex Scholten, Councillors McCaie-Burke and Scammell, Chief Farrell and members of the RCMP;

September 4th – New Maryland Lions Club meeting;

September 6th – RSC 11 Board meeting;

September 8th – Frank Dunn Annual New Maryland Open Golf Tournament along with Deputy Mayor Alex Scholten and Councillors LeBlanc and Pope; Mayor Wilson-Shee thanked Councillor Gisèle McCaie-Burke for her many hours volunteered for this event, the sponsors, golfers, companies who donated prizes and produce, women who baked and volunteers who contributed to the success of the event which raised approximately \$7,000;

September 9th – 'Walk a Mile in Her Shoes' event with Deputy Mayor Alex Scholten, Councillor Mike Pope and Village Treasurer Scott Sparks as well as residents from New Maryland; Mayor Wilson-Shee commented that the organizers' goal was to register 100 participants and they had 101 registrants; September 10th – Parish of New Maryland Zoomers' meeting with Councillor Gisèle McCaie-Burke; September 15th –Sculpture Saint John on-site luncheon hosted by Village Council along with Councillor Gisèle McCaie-Burke and John McKinney and Rob Sharpe from Opus who have sponsored the sculpture; Mayor Wilson-Shee stated that it was an ideal opportunity to see the work of the different artists and

interact with them; she also noted that the unveiling of the sculpture will take place at Victoria Hall Park on Saturday, October 13th at 3:00 pm;

September 16th – Portage Recognition ceremony; Mayor Wilson-Shee remarked that Portage is a rehabilitation facility for youth who are dealing with drugs and/or alcohol abuse and the theme of this year's ceremony was "I AM, JE SUIS"; she noted that listening to their testimonies was very emotional and rewarding to know that this facility has made a difference in their lives; September 17th – Seniors Advisory Committee meeting along with Councillors McCaie-Burke, Pope and Scammell and Deputy Mayor Alex Scholten who attended the first portion of the meeting; and September 19th – PNM Zoomers' pot luck which was also attended by Councillor McCaie-Burke and Scammell; Mayor Wilson-Shee commented that approximately 25 people attended and the guest speakers were three RCMP member who spoke on the topic of fraud.

Mayor Wilson-Shee announced that the New Maryland Heritage Association will be hosting an Open House at the historic St. Mary the Virgin church, 373 New Maryland Highway, on September 23rd from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. She noted a point of interest that 155 years ago on September 23, 1863 the first Harvest Home Service in the province took place in New Maryland and an offering of \$4.20 was received. She thanked Derek Gullison and his crew for doing the clean-up at the church property.

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 Tim Scammell stated that he attended a debate at the Tri-County complex on September 5th at which the Conservative, Liberal, People's Alliance, NDP and Green Parties were represented. He added that he also attended Fred Rec Fest on September 9th.

Councillor Mike Pope commented that he attended the 'Walk a Mile in Her Shoes' which raised money to help eradicate family violence. He said it was great to see participants from the police force, fire departments and the military. He encouraged the support of this very worthwhile event. Councillor Pope also gave an update regarding Ignite Fredericton's announcement of the new Cyber Park building. He stated that the \$37 million facility will be built on the north side of Knowledge Park Drive and will include cyber security innovation and commercialization labs. The building will house approximately 500 employees and will help support economic growth in the community.

Deputy Mayor Alex Scholten commended Gardiner Realty for their involvement in the 'Walk a Mile in Her Shoes' event and thanked the many volunteers who helped make it a very successful event. He also mentioned his belief that the development of the Cyber Park building and the creation of 500 jobs will be very advantageous for the Village.

Councillor Gisèle McCaie-Burke thanked Mayor Wilson-Shee for her work with the golf tournament and the numerous hours that she has dedicated to this event over the years. She noted that because of her leadership, the tournament has been very successful in raising funds for many Village projects.

11. PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Councillor Tim Scammell provided an update from the August 23, 2018 special meeting of the Planning

Advisory Committee.

- At the request of the applicants, and in consideration of situational context surrounding the request, the committee agreed to convene a special meeting to review an application for a Similar/Conditional Use Variance in relation to a proposal to purchase the property at 99 New Maryland Highway for the purpose of operating a rooming house. After considering comments provided by the applicants, and a review of a report and recommendations provided by staff, the committee approved the applicant's request to operate a rooming house, subject to twelve (12) specific terms and conditions. The applicants subsequently indicated they would not be proceeding with the proposal or the purchase of the property as the term and condition requiring the dwelling to be owner-occupied was counter to their intentions.
- The regularly scheduled meeting of September 10, 2018 was cancelled due to the absence of any new business on the meeting agenda.

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

12. EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN COMMITTEE

Councillor Gisèle McCaie-Burke presented an update from the Emergency Response Plan Committee.

- The Emergency Response Plan Committee met on September 18, 2018 with 14 committee members in attendance.
- The focus of the meeting was to discuss the details of a planned evacuation exercise involving the New Maryland Elementary School. This is the same evacuation scenario that the committee did as a tabletop exercise in April of this year. The exercise is being done in conjunction with New Maryland Elementary School's practice of their evacuation procedures and will include the requirement for students and teachers to vacate the school premises and be bussed to an alternate safe location at Faith Baptist Church. The goal of the ERP Committee's participation in this exercise will be to rehearse the Village's emergency response plan by assisting with the execution of an organized and safe evacuation of the school to a designated reception centre, and to test our own amateur radio communications network in the event that all other traditional forms of communications are lost. More meetings with key players will be held over the next few weeks to finalize the details of the exercise, and residents will be advised through social media of the planned exercise prior to the date of the event as well as the day of the event. The exercise is scheduled for the first week of October.
- As part of practicing its level of readiness, the committee agreed that future exercises should include the 'call-out' of its committee members with the request to report to the Emergency Operations Centre on a moment's notice. The challenge will be to see how many members will be available to report, how quickly they can respond, and the length of time it will take to set up the EOC once members start arriving. In an actual emergency where available personnel may be limited, it will be important to ensure that all roles are covered and that the Village is prepared to respond appropriately. The committee is committed to the goal of emergency preparedness through the regular practice of its plans and procedures.
- In preparation for the upcoming flu season, Chief Farrell will be arranging a flu shot clinic for ERP Committee members, staff and Council.
- The next committee meeting is scheduled for November 20th at 10 am, which will be a debriefing of the NMES evacuation exercise that is planned for October.

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

Discussion:

In response to Councillor McCaie-Burke's inquiry if Council will be included in the impromptu call-out,

CAO Cynthia Geldart confirmed that the discussion of the upcoming field exercise is on the agenda for the September 26th Council-in-Committee meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

13. PROJECT REPORTS AND UPDATES

(i) Recreation Department:

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

Summer Programs

The final social for the summer was the Corn Boil which was held on Tuesday, August 28th. Almost 30 dozen corn were served to approximately 200 people who attended. Many thanks to Mayor Wilson-Shee, Deputy Mayor Alex Scholten, and Councillors Paul Leblanc, Gisele McCaie-Burke and Tim Scammell for assisting with serving. MLA Jeff Carr was also in attendance and the Mayor and Council recognized members of the Seniors Advisory Committee that were in attendance with certificates. Those who attended were introduced to the artist Songul Telek who is creating our sculpture and heard from Sculpture Saint John. The band Common Thread gave an energetic, crowd-pleasing performance, with many people staying to enjoy the concert. Staff would recommend holding the socials and concerts inside the New Maryland Centre again next year as people really seemed to enjoy being inside in the air conditioning and having the opportunity to sit down.

Stay Safe Course

The next Stay Safe! Course has been scheduled for Friday, November 23rd at the New Maryland Centre and registrations are already coming in. This course sold out very quickly when it was offered this past May. The registration fee is \$45 and the course is open to children aged 9 and up.

Fall / Winter Recreation Program & Event Guide

Work has begun on the Fall/Winter Recreation Program & Event Guide and the intent is to finalize it and send it to the printer by Friday, September 21st with distribution at the end of the month. Copies will be mailed out, posted to our web site and available at the Village office.

Banners/Signs

The fall banner was installed on Friday, August 31st and will remain until our Remembrance Day banner is installed the first week of November. A new sign was made for the first week of school promoting safe driving and driving the speed limit in the subdivisions. This was nicely timed with Council's "Team up to Slow Down" awareness campaign during the first week of school.

The flower box at Victoria Hall was relocated to accommodate the new sculpture and a new sign will be installed next week. A new sign for Castle Acres is being prepared and staff hope to have it completed and installed over the next two weeks.

NMES

Reds Volleyball, Karate, and ROCA Cyr Danse began their use of the gym this past week. YMCA Basketball will begin after Thanksgiving. Currently, the gym is booked every night with user groups however, there is still availability on Wednesday evenings after 7:00 pm until mid-November. Three birthdays are already booked for September and the 1st New Maryland Cubs/Beavers are booked for Monday evening.

The Village's Open Gym drop-in program began Friday, September 14th. This fall Open Gym will be offered on Friday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, and Sunday afternoons from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Pickleball commenced Saturday, September 15th and will be offered between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm each Saturday. Adult Co-ed Volleyball began September 16th and runs from 7:00 to 9:30 pm each Sunday evening. The cost of Open Gym and Volleyball is \$2/person per visit or a pass may be purchased on-site for \$25. Pickleball is organized by the Fredericton Pickleball Club and members can play at several locations throughout the greater Fredericton area with a monthly membership.

The Village programs at NMES are promoted weekly on the Village's Facebook & Twitter pages, and weekly updates are also provided on the Recreation Hotline on Thursdays (451-4732).

PNM Zoomers

The Zoomers held their first meeting for the fall on September 11th. Their next monthly meeting will be held on October 1st. The Zoomers hosted a community potluck earlier this evening (September 19th). The regular club activities are all starting this month including stretch and strengthening classes (Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 to 11:00 am), book club (every fourth Thursday with the next meeting scheduled for September 27th) and new this year, line dancing (Mondays at 10:30 am). Cost is \$5 per lesson and you must be a Zoomers member to participate. The Zoomers are also hosting a soup luncheon on October 23rd from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm with a Hallowe'en theme.

Parks & Playgrounds

This fall the NMES Soccer Field has once again been booked on Wednesday evenings for the "Speeding Cheetahs Run Club" which is coordinated by local resident Ryan O'Shea. The club is for kids from Kindergarten to Grade 2 and meets from 5:30 to 6:15 pm.

The New Maryland Soccer and Minor Baseball groups were both invoiced for 2018 participation fees. Soccer had 267 participants this year (an increase of 31 participants in 2017) and baseball had 146 participants this year (164 in 2017).

The memorial bench and trees have been completed in Sunrise Park and the family members are very pleased. Special thanks to Kirk and Aaron who installed the bench on the concrete pad.

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

Discussion:

Mayor Wilson-Shee commented that she has joined the line dancing lessons and her first lesson was very enjoyable.

Councillor Gisèle McCaie-Burke advised that six day care operations in the Village will be sponsoring the Zoomers' soup luncheons. **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 12 Public Works Reports for the month of August. The reports were inquiries to culvert repair, sewer back-ups, and garbage collection.

Route 101 Upgrading Phase 2 (2018) MacIntosh Drive to Crown Avenue

Route 101 Upgrading Phase 2 has been completed. The project involves the replacement of sections of curb, asphalt milling, asphalt surface paving and shoulder reinstatement along Route 101 from MacIntosh Drive to Crown Avenue. This project is co-funded by the Province of New Brunswick and the Village of New Maryland.

Dogs on Leash/Stoop & Scoop

Residents are reminded that in accordance with the Animal Control By-law dogs are required to be on a leash at all times when off their owner's property. There have been a few occurrences reported since last fall of uncontrolled dogs which unfortunately resulted in persons and an animal being bit. We are advising residents that the fine for not keeping dogs on leashes is \$50 and will be enforced. In addition, please 'stoop and scoop' after your pet. There are waste bins placed strategically throughout the Village for disposal. No one wants to experience stepping in a mess while they are out walking.

Speed Radar

The Village has seven permanent radars and two transportable radars located throughout the Village to inform motorists of their driving speeds. Over the past 72 days the permanent radars captured 364,948 vehicles. Most of the radars are capturing speeds above the speed limit. Some of the numbers are fairly significant. Data collected indicates that 85% of drivers were travelling over the 30 km/h speed limit that has been posted in the school zone.

Village Council, the RCMP and Village staff participated in the "Team Up to Slow Down" campaign during the first week of September reminding motorists to respect the speed limits. The posted speed limit on Village streets is 40km/hr. Please respect the speed limit and be watchful for pedestrians walking along streets.

Water Conservation

The Village would like to encourage good water conservation stewardship. Water is a precious resource and everyone should do their part in water conservation. Residents can save money if they conserve water by limiting the amount they water their lawns, restricting the watering of lawns to evening/early morning, repairing leaking faucets or installing flow reducing shower heads. For more information on water conservation and general green ideas, residents are encouraged to visit the Village website at www.vonm.ca, under the heading Village Office and see "Our Green Plan".

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

Discussion:

Councillor McCaie-Burke reminded residents to close the covers of their garbage bins to help prevent animals from tearing open garbage bags and creating a mess.

Mayor Wilson-Shee reminded drivers that it is required by law that they stop for school busses when the red lights are flashing. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(iii) Finance Department:

No report was presented from the Finance Department.

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

Be It Resolved That the Clerk and/or Treasurer and/or Mayor be authorized to issue and sell to the New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corporation a Municipality of New Maryland debenture in the principal amount of \$525,000.00 on such terms and conditions as are recommended by the New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corporation, and

Be It Resolved That the Municipality of New Maryland agree to issue post-dated cheques payable to the New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corporation as and when they are requested in payment of principal and interest charges on the above debenture. **Discussion:**

Deputy Mayor Alex Scholten explained that on January 18, 2017 Council passed a motion to apply to the Municipal Capital Borrowing Board for authorization to borrow \$525,000 over 15 years for the capital expenditures related to the Daniel Drive Storm Water Upgrade. Now that the project is complete the Village needs to have a motion to issue and sell the necessary debenture. The deadline for 2018 would be to have a motion passed and application in before September 26, 2018 – otherwise it will be September 2019 before the next call for debentures. As discussed and agreed at the September 12, 2018 Council-In-Committee meeting this recommendation is moving forward with this formal adoption. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(iv) Administration Department:

No report was presented.

(v) Seniors Advisory Committee:

Councillor Tim Scammell presented the following update from the Seniors Advisory Committee.

- The Seniors Advisory Committee met on September 17, 2018 with 10 committee members, one guest staff member, and one guest speaker in attendance.
- The committee received a presentation from UNB student Emily Wright regarding research she is doing in the area of mobility of older adults age 65+. She explained to the committee that the information generated from this research will provide researchers with a better understanding of movement in the aging population. She encouraged committee members, their friends, family members and acquaintances aged 65 and older to participate in this important research project. Emily will be sending the details regarding this project to our office and the information will be available publicly once received.
- Councillor Gisèle McCaie-Burke and Councillor Tim Scammell gave an update to the committee regarding the 'Transportation Planning for Public Officials' course that we attended last month. The course was held by Trevor Hanson, Associate Professor of Civil Engineering at UNB. The course included information regarding the last 70 years of transportation planning in New Brunswick and focused on the importance of understanding transportation needs through the collection of data. The committee held a discussion regarding transportation challenges and opportunities that are seen in New Maryland and the broader region, and suggestions were made regarding how we can identify transportation issues for seniors. The committee agreed to do some research into possible options for improving transportation services for seniors in New Maryland, and the findings will be

discussed at the next meeting.

- The WHO domain 'Social Participation' was reviewed by the committee and suggestions were brought forward regarding ways that we can encourage seniors to be more socially active.
- Committee member Jane Findlater provided information to the committee and led a conversation regarding a potential funding opportunity. She explained that the Healthy Seniors Pilot Project is a \$75 million three-year agreement between the Government of New Brunswick and the Public Health Agency of Canada jointly led by the Government of New Brunswick's Department of Social Development and the Department of Health through the Aging Secretariat. The committee agreed that this is a funding opportunity that should be pursued and as a result, a sub-committee was formed that will review the funding requirements and application form and make recommendations to the committee for potential projects that would qualify under this program.
- The next meeting of the Seniors Advisory Committee will be held on Monday October 22nd at 7:00 pm.

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

14. APPROVAL OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Alex Scholten and **seconded by** Councillor Tim Scammell to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of August 2018 as follows:

- from the General Operating account by cheques and direct payments \$582,960.84 (*Five Hundred and Eighty-Two Thousand, Nine Hundred and Sixty Dollars and Eighty-Four Cents*);
- from the Water & Sewer Operating account \$118,696.91 (*One Hundred and Eighteen Thousand, Six Hundred and Ninety-Six Dollars and Ninety-One Cents*);
- from the General Capital account \$154,896.44 (One Hundred and Fifty-Four Thousand, Eight Hundred and Ninety-Six Dollars and Forty-Four Cents); and
- from the Water & Sewer Capital account \$257.60 (Two Hundred and Fifty-Seven Dollars and Sixty Cents).

Discussion:

Deputy Mayor Alex Scholten explained that the adoption of the Treasurer's monthly report fulfills a municipal requirement under provincial legislation. **MOTION CARRIED.**

15. Public Input / Inquiries

Frank Brown commented that he felt that the area of the Village where he lives has been forgotten during Council's discussion of capital projects, and he added that he feels he does not receive many services for the amount of taxes that he pays each year.

Mac Burns thanked Mayor and Council for the Team up to Slow Down campaign that was held the first week of school. Mayor Wilson-Shee stated that the plan will be to hold the campaign every fall.

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, 17 October 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 8:11 pm.	
	Respectfully submitted,	
	Karen Taylor Assistant Clerk	
	Cynthia Geldart	Judy Wilson-Shee
	CAO/Clerk	Mayor