

**VILLAGE OF NEW MARYLAND
COUNCIL
20 February 2019**

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

Guests: Brad Janes, Fredericton Region Solid Waste (for agenda items 1 – 5)

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 Tim Scammell and **seconded by** Deputy Mayor Alex Scholten to approve the agenda as distributed. **MOTION CARRIED.**

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOVED BY Councillor Gisèle McCaie-Burke and **seconded by** Councillor Tim Scammell to approve the minutes of the 16 January 2019 regular session of Council as circulated. **MOTION CARRIED.**

4. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

No disclosures of interest were declared.

5. PRESENTATIONS

Brad Janes from Fredericton Region Solid Waste spoke to Council regarding the importance of keeping batteries out of the landfill. He explained that the biggest concern at the landfill on a daily basis is the risk of fire. They have lost two buildings in the last five years due to fire, and they experienced a major fire at the landfill in 2007. The concern is lithium batteries that run power tools and cell phones. These types of batteries are often hidden in cracker boxes and put out with recyclables for collection. At the landfill, recyclables are bailed into 700 kg squares which are created using massive amounts of pressure. A lithium battery buried in a cardboard box that is being crushed under pressure can create a fire, which is what FRSW is trying to avoid. To help solve this problem, FRSW has household hazardous waste days at the landfill every Wednesday and Saturday which are free to the public. FRSW has also partnered with 'call2recycle', which is a nation-wide program that encourages the proper disposal of used batteries. Many businesses in the greater Fredericton area participate in the 'Call2Recycle' program and provide drop-off locations for the collection of used batteries. Locations can be found on the 'Call2Recycle.ca' website. He thanked Council for the opportunity to address this issue and to help spread the word of the importance of proper disposal of batteries. Mayor Wilson-Shee asked if Mr. Janes would be willing to approach the Irving and the Esso in New Maryland about becoming battery drop-off locations, as there are currently

none in the Village. Mr. Janes agreed to contact them, and Mayor Wilson-Shee agreed to send Mr. Janes contact information for both businesses. Mayor Wilson-Shee thanked Mr. Janes for his presentation.

6. PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Wilson-Shee read the proclamation for Heart Month from the Heart and Stroke Foundation of New Brunswick.

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:

- notification from the ‘Celebrate Canada’ component of Canadian Heritage that the Village’s application for funding has been approved for \$650.00;
- a letter from the Minister of the Dept. of Transportation and Infrastructure regarding eligible funding and projects under the Municipal Designated Highway Program;
- an update from the Dept. of Environment and Local Government concerning the Annual Report that local governments are required to prepare in accordance with the *Local Governance Act*;
- a letter from a Village resident concerning the rezoning application for a proposed commercial development at 210 New Maryland Highway;
- information from Tidal Impact about their biennial youth event hosted by the Youth and Family Dept. of the Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada; and
- notification from Elections NB that the next municipal by-election will be held May 6, 2019.

8. MAYOR’S COMMENTS

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

- January 17th – meeting with Marco Mendicino, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, and MP Matt DeCoursey, along with Deputy Mayor Scholten and Councillors McCaie-Burke and Pope; Mayor Wilson-Shee noted that at the meeting the success of the Daniel Drive Project and the importance of provincial and federal funding was discussed as well as the Integrated Bilateral Agreement Application for a new water system;
- January 17th – New Maryland Heritage Association meeting along with Councillors McCaie-Burke and Scammell;
- January 19th – NB Trails Board meeting held at Fredericton Inn;
- January 23rd – Reading Buddies at NMES;
- January 28th – Seniors Advisory Committee meeting along with Deputy Mayor Scholten and Councillors McCaie-Burke and Scammell;
- January 29th – Donut Club at Faith Baptist Church at which the proceeds from a youth fundraiser were presented to the New Maryland Heritage Association;
- January 30th – Reading Buddies at NMES;
- January 31st – announcement at the Crowne Plaza that Siemens Canada has joined the Canadian Institute for Cybersecurity;
- January 31st – meeting with Grant Sinclair;
- January 31st – State of the Province Address with all members of Council;
- February 2nd – community breakfast hosted by the New Maryland Lions Club and New Maryland Fire Department at which Mayor Wilson-Shee and Deputy Mayor Scholten volunteered and Councillors

McCaie-Burke and Scammell also attended; Mayor Wilson-Shee announced that proceeds in the amount of \$2,965.00 were raised that day for Karate competitor Kate Campbell who hopes to attend the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo, Japan; Mayor Wilson-Shee also shared the following email from Alma Rix, the mother of Kate's coach, Randy Rix: *"While my son is away, I am visiting here from PEI and want you to know I have been touched by the thoughtful and helpful neighbours in this community. His next door neighbor cleaned out our driveway twice after the snow and ice storms; another neighbor walked over so my grandson could go to their house to play; after the storm a neighbor brought coffee and cake and came to visit; a parent is picking up my grandson to take him to school and one of the Scout leaders is picking him up and taking him to Scout Camp this weekend. I was telling my sister, who lives in Vancouver, and she said they should never move!"*;

February 4th – Opening of Endeavours Pride Heros Project held at Government House, on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the decriminalization of homosexuality in Canada;

February 4th – CBC 'Waves of Change' documentary held at St. Thomas University;

February 5th – meeting with Hon. Jeff Carr, Minister of Environment and Local Government;

February 5th – RSC 11 Board meeting at which the presentation 'Support Healthy Eating in New Brunswick Communities' was given by Shawna Miller and Gillian Salmon from Horizon Health; Mayor Wilson-Shee noted that this subject will be discussed at a future CIC meeting; Mayor Wilson-Shee also stated that New Maryland was the only community announced at the meeting as being a registered breastfeeding community;

February 6th – meeting with Hon. Carl Urquhart, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General;

February 6th – teleconference with the executive board members of NB Trails;

February 7th – Reading Buddies at NMES;

February 8th – retirement celebration for bus driver Phillip Moore;

February 11th – Village of New Maryland Public Presentation regarding proposed amendments to the Municipal Plan and Zoning By-laws, which was held at the New Maryland Centre and attended by all members of Council, as well as Building Inspector/Development Officer Rob Pero, Assistant Building Inspector/Development Officer Kyle Arsenault, Assistant Clerk Karen Taylor and Recreation Coordinator Michelle Sawler;

February 12th – PNM Zoomers soup luncheon which was also attended by Councillors McCaie-Burke, Pope and Scammell and Village staff members Harry Farrell, Scott Sparks, Rob Pero and Rockland Miller;

February 15th – Glow Skate at Athletic Park, which Mayor Wilson-Shee attended with her grandchildren and had a large number of participants;

February 16th – Celebration Sunday at Faith Baptist Church, which celebrated family and faith;

February 19th – Tour of the Atlantic Forestry Centre;

February 19th – New Maryland Lions Club meeting, which Deputy Mayor Scholten also attended;

February 20th – Reading Buddies at NMES; and

February 20th – meeting with Hon. Robert Gauvin, Deputy Premier, Minister of Tourism, Heritage and Culture, and Minister responsible for La Francophonie.

Mayor Wilson-Shee announced that the New Maryland Lions Club will be hosting a brunch on Sunday March 17, 2019 at the New Maryland Centre from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. This will be a free-will donation event and more information will follow as it becomes available.

On behalf of Council, Mayor Wilson-Shee extended thoughts and prayers to the Barho family who lost seven children in a recent house fire in Halifax.

9. COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Members of Council presented updates for the meetings and social events they attended since the last Council meeting.

Deputy Mayor Alex Scholten

January 17th – meeting with Lisa Bamford De Gante, Executive Director of the Multicultural Association of Fredericton, in advance of the immigration strategy meeting that took place the next day;

January 18th – meeting with a number of stakeholders in the greater Fredericton area to discuss a strategy of support to newcomers in the area; Deputy Mayor Scholten stated that the discussions from that meeting will be included in a final report;

January 19th – meeting at the Union of Municipalities of New Brunswick office in preparation for a meeting with Premier Higgs on Feb. 8th to discuss municipal reform; the meeting was held at the Fredericton Convention Centre and included UMNb, the Association francophone des aînés du Nouveau-Brunswick, the Cities of New Brunswick Association, Hon. Jeff Carr, and Hon. Andrea Anderson-Mason;

January 25th – conference call with the UMNb AGM Committee to discuss planning for the conference in October;

January 25th – meeting with CAO/Clerk Cynthia Geldart and representatives from WSP regarding cultural sensitivity preparation for the Village's environmental assessment;

January 28th – session at the Hive through Ignite Fredericton regarding speed mentoring business immigrant newcomers and assisting them with starting businesses;

February 2nd – New Maryland Lions Club breakfast for Kate Campbell which raised a total of \$3,200.00 (*it was noted that the amount of \$3,200.00 would probably include donations received after the breakfast*); and

February 7th - UMNb meeting with MLA Keith Chiasson regarding municipal reform.

Councillor Tim Scammell

February 15th – coffee with Dominic Cardy (Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development) to discuss events occurring in New Maryland.

10. PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Councillor Tim Scammell provided an update from the Planning Advisory Committee.

- The Planning Advisory Committee met February 4, 2019 for the conduct of their regular meeting.
- The committee reviewed and discussed the January 2019 Building Permit Report which noted three permits having been issued with \$58,000.00 in estimated value of construction and \$466.00 in permit fee revenue.
- In conjunction with processing recent applications for the re-zoning of certain properties in the Village, it has been proposed that Council repeal the current Municipal Plan and Zoning By-Laws in their entirety and that amended versions of the documents be enacted. The updates proposed for each of the by-laws have been recommended in order to ensure harmony with the recently amended Community Planning Act (CPA). For the committee's consideration, staff provided concordance tables to outline the draft amendments to the respective by-laws.
- PAC also reviewed documentation relating to requests to re-zone certain properties in the Village. Staff advised that a Public Presentation and Public Hearing had been scheduled for the evenings of Monday, February 11 and Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at the New Maryland Centre, each

commencing at 6:30 pm. The purpose of a Public Presentation is to advise residents on details of proposed amendments to the Municipal Plan. The committee reviewed the details of the proposals to amend the Municipal Plan Future Land Use Map for the re-designation of a small parcel of land at 618 New Maryland Highway (Peterson's Mini-Home Park) from an Institutional to a Residential land use. A potential commercial office building development at 210 New Maryland Highway, and the related request to re-designate a portion of the property from a Residential to a Commercial land use, were also discussed by the committee. Staff provided an overview of additional re-zoning applications being considered in support of potential residential semi-detached and townhouse developments at 210 New Maryland Highway and at 6 Baker Brook Court.

- Staff advised that the March 13th Public Hearing will serve as an opportunity for Council to receive detailed comments from the public in relation to proposed Municipal Plan and Zoning By-Law amendments, and the potential re-zoning of portions of the referenced properties at 618 New Maryland Highway, 210 New Maryland Highway and 6 Baker Brook Court. Subject to further review of the related documentation at the March PAC meeting, the committee will be formulating recommendations to be forwarded to Council.

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

11. EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN COMMITTEE

Councillor Paul LeBlanc gave an update from the Emergency Response Plan Committee.

- The Emergency Response Plan Committee met yesterday morning February 19th at 10 am with 12 members present.
- The committee received a brief update regarding the status of the Brunswick Bravo 2019, which is a province-wide emergency preparedness exercise planned for June 2019 in New Brunswick. This one-day exercise will give communities, municipalities, First Nations and local service districts an opportunity to practice their respective roles during an emergency event. All New Brunswick communities are invited to participate and take advantage of this learning opportunity in emergency response planning. The exercise scenario will be a continuation of last year's exercise, Brunswick Alpha, and revolve around a weather event unfolding across the province. The committee was advised that the main planning conference will be held 20 February 2019 at 10 am (this morning) and members were encouraged to attend if they are able.
- Chief Farrell informed the committee that in June New Maryland Fire Dept. will be providing support to York Sunbury Search as they hold an exercise involving 'Project Lifesaver'. Project LifeSaver is designed to protect individuals suffering from Alzheimer's, autism, and other disorders which makes them prone to wandering. Such individuals can be equipped with small transmitters worn on the wrist or ankle which can be located quickly and easily using portable antennas. York Sunbury Search and Rescue is now equipped and fully trained to use Project LifeSaver and is the only such agency in the province at this time.
- The committee was reminded that the one-year term for the role of Emergency Operations Centre Director has expired. Jim McAnany was again nominated for the role and the committee agreed with the nomination. The Village is fortunate that he has graciously agreed to resume the position for another year. The motion to appoint Jim as the EOC Director will be made at this evening's meeting, following this report.
- The meeting concluded with a round table discussion of ideas for future training opportunities. The next scheduled meeting will be held May 21, 2019, but the committee will plan to meet prior to that

date to discuss planning strategies in preparation for Brunswick Bravo.

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

Discussion:

Deputy Mayor Scholten expressed his gratitude for Jim's many years of service to the committee.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Be It Resolved That the Council for the Village of New Maryland approve the appointment of James McAnany to the role of Emergency Operations Centre Director for a period of one year, as per the recommendation of the Emergency Response Plan Committee.

Discussion:

Councillor LeBlanc stated that James McAnany has been a member of the Emergency Response Plan Committee since February 2001 when he joined as a Public Relations Representative. Over the past 18 years, he has been instrumental in the establishment and ongoing maintenance of our Emergency Response Plan, the development of the Village's Widespread Health Emergency Plan, and the ongoing practice of the committee's emergency readiness through the utilization of tabletop and field exercises. He has participated in many training opportunities with NB EMO and during this 35 years with the RCMP he served with J Division's Operational Readiness and Response Unit where he was responsible for emergency planning, development and management of their Division EOC Plan, and Pandemic Response Planning. Over the years, Jim has interacted with a number of outside agencies including NB EMO and many provincial and federal government departments such as Health, Transportation, Education, Natural Resources, Policing Services, Environment, Public Safety and others. He supervised projects relating to traffic planning for major disasters and evacuation planning. With a list of such noteworthy achievements, it is easy to see why he is an excellent candidate for this role and Council is pleased that he has agreed to again accept the position as our EOC Director. Councillor LeBlanc noted that he has been an observer at the committee's exercises in the past and agreed that the Village could not find a better person for the role. He remarked that he was amazed at the process involved in executing these exercises.

Mayor Wilson-Shee stated that she has also observed the exercises and the Village is fortunate to have Jim as our EOC Director. She added that she plans to call him and personally thank him for his dedication to the community.

Deputy Mayor Scholten reiterated his earlier comment and remarked that Jim did fantastic work leading the committee in last year's Brunswick Alpha exercise. **MOTION CARRIED.**

12. **PROJECT REPORTS AND UPDATES**

(i) **Recreation Department:**

Councillor Tim Scammell presented the following update from the Recreation Department.

- The Village's first outdoor rink in Athletic Park opened on January 12th and other than maintenance and a couple of warmer weather days, the rink has remained open and has been very popular. The second rink opened on February 1st and the hockey nets are now available on-site. The Glow Skate was held on Friday evening at Athletic Park, which was the first one since 2015.

- The sliding hill opened on February 1st as well. Many thanks to M.W. Price & Sons that brought several loads of snow from snow-clearing operations at NMES to help build the hill. There is also a shorter hill on the side for younger sledders, and hopefully both the rinks and the sliding hill will remain available through March Break.
- Mayor and Council extends their best wishes to the five New Maryland residents that are part of Team NB competing in the Canada Winter Games in Red Deer, Alberta. Team members include four athletes: Julia Arnason and Emily Johnstone (Artistic Swimming); Mohamad Hariri (Boxing); Alex Peasley (Curling); and one coach, John Bourgeois (Boxing). Council will recognize the team members at a future Council meeting.
- UNB, in partnership with Fitness NB and other organizations, will be holding a FREE 12-week “Zoomers on the Go” exercise program as part of a research study. Participants who can commit to two one-hour sessions per week at the Faith Baptist Church (Mondays/Wednesdays at 1:00 pm) are encouraged to contact the research team at UNB (cellab@unb.ca or 458-7034). A maximum of 20 participants will be accepted.
- The PNM Zoomers’ upcoming events at the New Maryland Centre include: PNM Zoomers meet the first Monday of the month at 10:00 am in the boardroom, and the next meeting will be held March 4th; stretch and strengthening classes take place every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 10:00 to 11:00 am; Book club meets every fourth Thursday at 11:00 am in the boardroom with the next meeting being held on February 28th; line dancing takes place every Monday at 10:30 am and the cost is \$5 per class per person - participants must be a PNM Zoomers members; and PNM Zoomers host a pot luck social every other month. The next social will be March 20th at 5:30 pm with guest speaker Harry Farrell, who will speak at 6:00 pm about the Village’s Emergency Response Plan. More information about the Zoomers can be obtained by contacting pnmzoomers@gmail.com.
- The Memorandum of Understanding between the PNM Zoomers and the Village has been finalized. A motion to authorize the renewal for a three-year term follows the Recreation report.
- On January 21st the Village’s Twitter page had its 3000th tweet which was in regard to the NMES activity cancellations due to the snow day.
- This year Day Camp will run from June 24th to August 23rd with weeks 1, 8 and 9 being held at the New Maryland Centre, and weeks 2 through 7 being held at the New Maryland Elementary School. Planning is currently underway and the intent is to have the weekly themes and day trips prepared prior to March Break and then sent to last year’s parents. Registration is tentatively scheduled for May 6th for New Maryland residents and May 7th for open registration. A motion to increase the weekly rate by \$5 will follow this report.
- A reminder that the March Break activities include the Stay Safe Course on March 6th. The cost is \$45 and is for children ages 9 and up. Sleigh rides at Oakland Farm will be held on March 7th at 11:00 am and 1:00 pm. The cost is \$4 per adult and \$2 per child. Please register and pay for each activity at the Village office.
- The New Maryland Elementary School is unavailable over the week of March Break (March 2nd – 10th).
- Summer student jobs have been posted to the Village’s website, Facebook and Twitter pages. The posting includes a position for day camp supervisor, as well as seven counsellor and eight outdoor maintenance positions. The deadline to apply is March 18th at 4:30 pm.

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

Discussion:

Mayor Wilson-Shee clarified that the PNM Zoomers line dancing takes place at Victoria Hall. She agreed to mention this to Pat for her next Zoomers report. **MOTION CARRIED.**

► **MOVED BY** Councillor Tim Scammell 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, adopt the revised Recreation Policy RD-4, Summer Day Camp Program Fees as attached hereto.

Discussion:

Councillor Scammell reported that as part of the 2019 budget discussions, staff indicated that the intention is to increase the 2019 day camp weekly fees by \$5 per week. This increase will help offset increased salary and program expenses and provide additional revenue to the Village. The changes that are reflected in the revised policy include: increasing the weekly fee by \$5 per registration (new rates for 2019 are \$130 for early registration and \$150/camper as the regular rate); increasing the “older” camper registration fee (Week 7, 4-day holiday week) to \$115 (early registration) and \$135 (regular rate); and increasing the rate for Week 2 (4-day camp) to \$105 for early registration and \$125 (regular rate). **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

Be It Resolved That the Council for the Village of New Maryland authorizes the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the Village of New Maryland and the Parish of New Maryland Zoomers, as attached hereto, which is for a 3-year period commencing January 1, 2019.

Discussion:

Councillor Scammell explained that the first MOU was established between the PNM Zoomers “club” and the Village in 2011 for a one-year period, which was subsequently renewed annually. Over the years, a few of the clauses of the MOU have been modified and/or removed, but the overall intent of the MOU has remained the same. The MOU clarifies the roles of the PNM Zoomers and Village staff, while providing a dedicated space for Zoomers activities in a Village facility at no cost to them. In 2016, the parties entered into a three-year agreement for the first time, and the agreement expired December 31st, 2018. At the January 23rd Council-In-Committee meeting, Council discussed the MOU renewal and a copy of the proposed changes provided by the Zoomers as well as a staff administrative memo were reviewed at that time. Following Council’s review, the final version of the MOU was provided via email to the PNM Zoomers and has been accepted by the members of the executive. Staff’s recommendation is that the MOU be renewed for a three-year period, commencing January 1, 2019. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(ii) **Public Works Department:**

Deputy Mayor Alex Scholten presented the following update from the Public Works Department.

- Village staff investigated eight Public Works Reports for January 2019. The reports were mostly inquiries for snow removal and one inquiry for a sanitary sewer back-up.
- This winter has certainly provided its challenges with the fluctuation in temperatures and snow storms dumping large amounts of snow, followed by periods of rain and freezing rain. This has

resulted in icy conditions on different occasions and difficulty in removing the large amounts of snow for everyone. The Village has hauled snow from intersections and pushed back snow banks along streets to increase visibility and safety.

- Residents are reminded that the overnight parking ban between 12 midnight and 7am on Village streets is in effect. This will allow roadway operations to do their jobs to the best of their abilities, so streets will remain as clear as possible. In addition, please refrain from parking on streets during snowfall events. Residents' cooperation is appreciated.
- 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.
- The Village will be tendering several projects beginning in February and include:
 - **Bismark Street Trunk Sewer Upgrade:** This project is Phase 2 and 3 of the trunk sewer upgrades that was identified in the Stormwater Management Plan. The project includes installation of approximately 240 meters of storm sewer pipe along Bismark Street from Gladstone to Melrose Avenue.
 - **Bradshaw Drive Sanitary Sewer Installation:** This project has been identified as a strategic upgrade in the Wastewater Master Plan and includes the installation of new sanitary sewer along Bradshaw Drive from Route 101 to Nicholson Crescent (west).
 - **Woodlawn Lane Water Main Replacement and Sanitary Forcemain Upgrade Phase 1:** The Village has experienced several water main breaks in the water main along Woodlawn Lane in recent years. The sanitary force main has been identified in the Wastewater Master Plan as requiring to be upgraded to reduce wastewater overflows at the Kerry Lane Lift Station and to allow future development. The project will replace approximately 310 meters of water main and sanitary force main from Kerry Lane to approximately Civic 81 Woodlawn Lane.

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

(iii) Finance Department:

There was no update presented from the Finance Department.

► **MOVED BY** Councillor Mike Pope and **seconded by** Councillor Paul LeBlanc the following resolution of Council.

Be It Resolved That the Council for the Village of New Maryland transfer from the the General Capital Reserve Fund (Acct # 0626 1015-021) to the General Capital Fund (Acct #0626 1020-875) \$7,675 (Seven Thousand Six Hundred & Seventy-Five Dollars) being the amount to cover the expense of the Public Works "V-Plow" for the trackless.

Discussion:

Councillor Pope explained that all allocations to or from reserve funds require motions of Council as per the *Local Governance Act*. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(iv) Administration Department:

There was no report presented from the Administration Dept.

► **MOVED BY** Councillor Mike Pope and **seconded by** Councillor Tim Scammell the following resolution of Council.

Be It Resolved That the Council for the Village of New Maryland commence the necessary readings to enact By-Law No. 71-2019, a By-law Respecting Parklands.

Discussion:

Councillor Pope explained that at the January 23rd Council-In-Committee meeting, Council further reviewed the amendments to the Parklands By-law that were prepared by staff. Based on the discussions of Council, wording has been added to clarify that Municipal By-law infraction tickets can be issued by Village of New Maryland By-law Enforcement Officers. The remainder of the changes are related to general housekeeping and are grammatical in nature. Council has requested that the necessary steps be taken to move forward with amending the By-law. By-law No. 71-2009 will be repealed in its entirety and replaced with By-law No. 71-2019, which is a requirement under the new *NB Local Governance Act*.

Councillor McCaie-Burke commented that in general she agrees with the proposed revisions to the by-law however, she does not agree with the portion of the by-law that states subject to provisions of the *Liquor Control Act* no person shall possess or consume alcoholic beverages in parks without the express authorization of the Recreation Coordinator. She added that because of her disagreement with permitting alcoholic beverages in Village parks, she cannot vote in favour of this by-law. She explained that Village parks are areas that families and children visit on a regular basis, and although she could not recall a time when someone has requested permission to possess or consume alcohol in a Village park, it could happen in the future. She added that she would feel terrible if an unfortunate incident occurred in a Village park that was related to the possession or consumption of alcohol. Councillor McCaie-Burke reminded Council that Canada's Food Guide was revised last month and it recommends making water the choice of beverage. It also discourages long-term consumption of alcohol which is associated with social and health risks. She expressed her feeling that Council is responsible to adopt policies that are in the best interest of residents and this is an opportunity to make a difference. Councillor McCaie-Burke reiterated that she will be voting against the adoption the by-law. (*Deputy Mayor Alex Scholten, Councillor Paul LeBlanc, Councillor Mike Pope and Councillor Tim Scammell voted in favour of the motion. Councillor Gisèle McCaie-Burke voted against the motion.*) **MOTION CARRIED.**

► **MOVED BY** Councillor Mike Pope and **seconded by** Councillor Tim Scammell the following resolution of Council.

Be It Resolved That the Council for the Village of New Maryland begin the necessary readings to enact By-Law No. 11, a By-law Respecting the Remuneration of Council Members.

Discussion:

Councillor Pope stated that new regulations enacted by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) resulted in a requirement to combine the salary and expenses of members of Council. During research into this issue it was brought to the attention of staff that the remuneration of Council needs to be detailed in a stand-alone by-law. Previously remuneration of Council was included in a section of the Village's Procedural By-law No. 50 but in accordance with the *Local Governance Act* and associated regulations, the remuneration must be detailed in a separate by-law. Council agreed at the January 9, 2019 Council-In-Committee meeting to increase their salaries to offset the CRA changes, and the new by-law will incorporate those new salary amounts. Council reviewed the wording of the draft by-law at the January 23, 2019 Council-In-Committee meeting and approved the motions to be brought forward this evening.

Deputy Mayor Scholten explained that although he understands that the rationale for the increase in remuneration for Council is being proposed due to the new regulations enacted by CRA, this results in an almost 10% increase across the board for Council members and he stated that he has great difficulty in accepting that much of an increase. He added that Council has always tried to hold the line on a number of costs including salary increases for staff, and an increase in Council's remuneration is not sending a good message to staff or the community. Deputy Mayor Scholten stated that because of this he will be voting against the motion.

Councillor McCaie-Burke remarked that although she agreed with the purpose of enacting the by-law, she is not in favour of an almost 10% increase in remuneration for Council members. She remarked that when she was first elected to Council she was not even aware that Council members received any remuneration other than some compensation for travelling expenses. She said that she has always felt that her work on Council has been her contribution to the community. Councillor McCaie-Burke added that instead of making the increase effective now, she would be in favour of putting the increase in place for the new members of Council that will be elected in 2020. She stated that she will be voting against the motion.

Councillor Pope commented that although it is a 10% increase, the value calculates to a little over \$900 for the year which translates to approximately \$18 per week.

Councillor LeBlanc stated that it should be noted that the net result of the increase equates to zero change.

Mayor Wilson-Shee left the Chair to make her own personal comments and Deputy Mayor Scholten assumed the position of Chair. Mayor Wilson-Shee stated that as mayor she does not have a vote on the matter, but she has expressed to all members of Council that she does not support the increase in Council remuneration. She added that she agreed with the comments made by Deputy Mayor Scholten and Councillor McCaie-Burke. *Mayor Wilson-Shee resumed the position of Chair.*

(Councillor Paul LeBlanc, Councillor Mike Pope and Councillor Tim Scammell voted in favour of the motion. Deputy Mayor Alex Scholten and Councillor Gisèle McCaie-Burke voted against the motion.) **MOTION CARRIED.**

(v) Seniors Advisory Committee:

Councillor Gisèle McCaie-Burke presented the following update from the Seniors Advisory Committee.

- The committee met on January 28th with ten members present and three members absent.
- Deputy Mayor Scholten provided an update to the committee on the status of the proposed transportation survey. Council has approved the content of the survey with some minor changes to be made, and has agreed that the survey will be issued with the next water and sewer billing in April.
- The committee reviewed a breakdown of the results of the Adult Day Care survey which closed January 18th. Out of the 12 responses that were received, one person indicated that they would like to be part of the pilot project and provided their contact information. Unfortunately, this was not enough information to move forward with the funding application and therefore the proposed pilot project will not be proceeding for the time being.
- Committee members were reminded that their one-year term on the committee will be expiring in March. Anyone who would like to volunteer to serve on the Seniors Advisory Committee is encouraged to complete an 'expression of interest' form, which has been posted on the Village's Facebook and Twitter pages and on the Village website at www.vonm.ca. There are

six seats available on the committee for Village residents who are interested in volunteering. The deadline to submit application forms is March 7th. Once Council has had the opportunity to review all of the forms received, a decision will be made and the successful applicants will be contacted. The appointment of committee members will be made at a future Council meeting.

- An update was provided to the committee about the ‘Zoomers on the Go’ program which is being undertaken by the University of New Brunswick. Councillor McCaie-Burke stated that Councillor Scammell already shared information about the program in the Recreation Dept. report. She stated that the committee is very interested in seeing this program move forward in April.
- The Committee would like to remind residents that the Seniors Advisory Committee’s page on the Village website contains links to many sources of helpful information for seniors, including advice on health and wellness, housing and home renovations, senior discounts, legal advice, and community involvement to mention a few. There are also links to two very comprehensive documents – the City of Fredericton’s “Let’s Get Connected” guide that contains listings of seniors services and activities in the Fredericton area, and a publication from the Province of New Brunswick which is also a guide to programs and services for seniors. These are helpful resources that include a variety of good information, and they are available on the Village website at www.vonm.ca and in paper format at the Village office. Seniors are encouraged to obtain a copy of these two valuable documents and to visit the other links on the Seniors Advisory Committee page on the Village website.
- The next committee meeting is scheduled for February 25th at 7:00 pm.

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

Discussion:

Councillor McCaie-Burke stated that anyone interested in learning more about what is being discussed by the Seniors Advisory Committee is welcome to attend the next meeting on Monday February 25th. Information can also be obtained by contacting the Village office.

Mayor Wilson-Shee remarked that all Seniors Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. **MOTION CARRIED.**

13. APPROVAL OF THE TREASURER’S REPORT

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Alex Scholten and **seconded by** Councillor Gisèle McCaie-Burke to approve the Treasurer’s Report for the month of January 2019 as follows:

- from the General Operating account by cheques and direct payments \$651,373.50 (*Six Hundred and Fifty-One Thousand, Three Hundred and Seventy-Three Dollars and Fifty Cents*);
- from the Water & Sewer Operating account \$65,245.62 (*Sixty-Five Thousand, Two Hundred and Forty-Five Dollars and Sixty-Two Cents*);
- from the General Capital account \$9,372.50 (*Nine Thousand, Three Hundred and Seventy-Two Dollars and Fifty Cents*); and
- from the Water & Sewer Capital account \$2,631.69 (*Two Thousand, Six Hundred and Thirty-One Dollars and Sixty-Nine Cents*).

Discussion:

Deputy Mayor Scholten clarified that the adoption of the Treasurer’s monthly report fulfills a requirement under provincial legislation. **MOTION CARRIED.**

14. PUBLIC INPUT / INQUIRIES

No members of the public were present to provide input or make inquiries.

15. NEW BUSINESS

(i) First and Second Readings of Parklands By-law No. 71-2019

MOVED BY Councillor Paul LeBlanc and **seconded by** Councillor Mike Pope to read By-Law No. 71-2019, a By-Law Respecting Parklands, for the first time, this reading by title only.

Discussion:

Councillor LeBlanc explained that wording has been added to clarify that Municipal By-law infraction tickets can be issued by Village of New Maryland By-law Enforcement Officers, and that the remainder of the changes are for the most part related to general housekeeping and are grammatical in nature. (*Deputy Mayor Alex Scholten, Councillor Paul LeBlanc, Councillor Mike Pope and Councillor Tim Scammell voted in favour of the motion. Councillor Gisèle McCaie-Burke voted against the motion.*) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Councillor Paul LeBlanc read By-law No. 71-2019, a By-law Respecting Parklands, for the first time by title only.

MOVED BY Councillor Paul LeBlanc and **seconded by** Deputy Mayor Alex Scholten to read By-Law No. 71-2019, a By-Law Respecting Parklands, for the second time, this reading by title only. (*Deputy Mayor Alex Scholten, Councillor Paul LeBlanc, Councillor Mike Pope and Councillor Tim Scammell voted in favour of the motion. Councillor Gisèle McCaie-Burke voted against the motion.*) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Councillor Paul LeBlanc read By-law No. 71-2019, a By-law Respecting Parklands, for the second time by title only.

(ii) First and Second Readings of Remuneration By-law No. 11:

MOVED BY Councillor Paul LeBlanc and **seconded by** Councillor Tim Scammell to read By-Law No. 11, a By-Law Respecting the Remuneration for Council Members, for the first time, this reading by title only. (*Councillor Paul LeBlanc, Councillor Mike Pope and Councillor Tim Scammell voted in favour of the motion. Deputy Mayor Alex Scholten and Councillor Gisèle McCaie-Burke voted against the motion.*) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Councillor Paul LeBlanc read By-law No. 11, a By-Law Respecting the Remuneration for Council Members, for the first time by title only.

MOVED BY Councillor Paul LeBlanc and **seconded by** Councillor Mike Pope to read By-Law No. 11, a By-Law Respecting the Remuneration for Council Members, for the second time, this reading by title only. (*Councillor Paul LeBlanc, Councillor Mike Pope and Councillor Tim Scammell voted in favour of the motion. Deputy Mayor Alex Scholten and Councillor Gisèle McCaie-Burke voted against the motion.*) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Councillor Paul LeBlanc read By-law No. 11, a By-Law Respecting the Remuneration for Council Members, for the second time by title only.

16. DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING

The next regular session of Council is scheduled for Wednesday, 20 March 2019 at 7:30 pm in Council Chamber.

17. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Taylor
Assistant Clerk

Cynthia Geldart
CAO/Clerk

Judy Wilson-Shee
Mayor