

**VILLAGE OF NEW MARYLAND
COUNCIL
20 March 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: Rob Pero (for agenda items 1 – 6), Dean Wood, Mariet van Groenewoud,
Scott MacIntosh, Hon. Jeff Carr, Minister of Environment and Local Government (for
agenda items 6 – 15(i))

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 Paul LeBlanc and **seconded by** Councillor Gisèle McCaie-Burke to approve the agenda as distributed. **MOTION CARRIED.**

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Alex Scholten and **seconded by** Councillor Mike Pope to approve the minutes of the 20 February 2019 regular session of Council as circulated. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOVED BY Councillor Gisèle McCaie-Burke and **seconded by** Councillor Mike Pope to approve the minutes of the 11 February 2019 Public Presentation 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 proclamations for Purple Day for Epilepsy, Kidney Month, and Nutrition Month.

MOVED By Councillor Paul LeBlanc and **seconded by** Councillor Mike Pope to recess the meeting for five minutes for a photo opportunity with Minister Jeff Carr, in recognition of the Dept. of Environment

and Local Government's support during the development of our Climate Change Adaptation Strategy.
MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Wilson-Shee called the meeting to order again at 7:38 pm.

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:

- correspondence from the New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corporation regarding municipal financing requirements;
- notification from the Dept. of Social Development about revisions and improvements to the Age-Friendly Recognition Program;
- information from the Fredericton Chamber of Commerce concerning NB Power's Commercial Building Retrofit Program;
- a request from the Union of Municipalities of New Brunswick to participate in a Conflict Resolution survey;
- information from the Union of Municipalities of New Brunswick regarding the Dept. of Public Safety's plan to review local and provincial policing services to identify ways to facilitate cooperation and improve safety;
- a letter from a business in Beaverdam advising of their intention to make application to Health Canada to become a Micro Cultivator under the *Cannabis Act*; and
- correspondence from various Village residents, over the past few weeks, regarding proposed rezoning applications with comments both in favour and in opposition to the projects.

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:

- February 21st – New Maryland Heritage Association meeting along with Councillor McCaie-Burke;
- February 25th – Girl Guides meeting as they celebrated 2019 World Thinking Day with the theme of 'Leadership'; Mayor Wilson-Shee commented that she was honoured to present the Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Level Award to Alex Rayworth and the Canada Cord to Nicole Kirby;
- February 25th – Seniors Advisory Committee meeting with Deputy Mayor Scholten and Councillors McCaie-Burke, Pope and Scammell;
- February 27th – Session regarding covered bridges held at Oakland Farm, along with Councillor McCaie-Burke;
- February 28th – meeting with Michael Goodyear, Trans Canada Trail, and Poul Jorgensen, NB Trails;
- February 28th – Oromocto and Area Chamber of Commerce event at which Fredericton Police Chief Leanne Fitch was the keynote speaker; Mayor Wilson-Shee remarked that she was impressed with Chief Fitch's speech and she noted that Minister Jeff Carr attended as well; the Business Excellence Award was presented to 'Marked for Life Tattooz', and the Community Excellence Award was presented to Betty York;
- March 1st – volunteered at a fundraiser for the Munn family who lost everything in a house fire; Councillor McCaie-Burke also attended;
- March 5th – RSC 11 Board meeting;
- March 7th – Sleigh ride accompanied by her two grandchildren;
- March 11th – PNM Zoomers monthly meeting along with Councillor McCaie-Burke;

March 12th – met with Rob Amos, New Maryland LSD Rep, and Fire Chief Farrell to discuss an emergency access road;
March 13th – Reading Buddies at NMES;
March 13th – Public Hearing at the New Maryland Centre along with all members of Council;
March 14th – RSC 11 Governance meeting;
March 15th – Grant Sinclair, Tourism, Heritage and Culture, and David Peterson, Symposium Organizational meeting;
March 19th – met with Garth Wade, Provincial Coordinator for ‘Talk With Our Kids About Money’, which is a program of the Canadian Foundation for Economic Education;
March 19th – New Maryland Lions Club meeting and Induction Ceremony led by Zone Chair PDG Kevin Guiggey; Mayor Wilson-Shee noted that Deputy Mayor Scholten was one of the four members inducted and she offered her congratulations;
March 20th – Reading Buddies at NMES; and
March 20th – a portion of the PNM Zoomers potluck at which Fire Chief Farrell was the guest speaker; Councillor McCaie-Burke also attended.

9. COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

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

Councillor Mike Pope

Councillor Pope stated that earlier this evening he attended the opening ceremony of the National Mixed Doubles Curling Championship, which is being held at the Willie O’Ree Centre until Sunday March 24th.

Deputy Mayor Alex Scholten

February 8th/9th - Two-day mid-winter meetings of the Canadian Bar Association – NB Branch in Fredericton; Deputy Mayor Scholten stated that the meetings included some very interesting seminars on matters impacting municipalities such as an update on human resources issues arising since the legalization of cannabis, social media and the workplace, and a discussion on the new *Local Governance Act* and *Community Planning Act*;

February 11th - a meeting with the Coalition of Concerned Citizens to discuss municipal issues impacting New Brunswick; participating in the meeting were municipal experts Jean-Guy Finn and Frank Flanagan; Deputy Mayor Scholten explained that the Coalition has been meeting regularly and bringing in experts in various fields such as finance, economics, health care and education to share their perspectives and recommendations with officials from the provincial government; this is being done in an effort to help the province achieve stronger financial results, reduced costs and growth;

February 22nd - a meeting at Ignite Fredericton with committee organizers to discuss next steps in the development of a 5-year strategic immigration plan for the greater Fredericton area; a report on these matters is expected to be released sometime in the next month;

March 1st - a meeting with Michelle Daigle, Director, Engagement & Consultation, Aboriginal Affairs Secretariat, Fiona Deschenes, Consultation Advisor, Aboriginal Affairs Secretariat, and Stephen Gray, Consultation Advisor, Aboriginal Affairs Secretariat with the Province of New Brunswick to discuss upcoming consultations that the Village will be having with first nations partners on the development of a new wellfield in New Maryland; CAO/Clerk Cynthia Geldart also attended; Deputy Mayor Scholten remarked that it was a very interesting meeting with excellent insights provided on how the consultations should be conducted;

March 4th - an immigration update session at Planet Hatch with Federal Minister for Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, Honourable Ahmed Hussen, as well as MP Matt DeCoursey and local dignitaries; the Minister provided updates on the Local Immigration Partnership Program (LIPP) and Atlantic Immigration Partnership Program (AIPP) that will greatly help communities, the province and the region attract, settle and retain immigrants;

March 19th - a New Maryland Lions Club meeting with Mayor Judy Wilson-Shee at the New Maryland Centre; Deputy Mayor Scholten announced that he was formally accepted into the club as a new member at the meeting, which was very exciting for him, and commented that it was an honour to join the New Maryland Lions Club who helps the community in a variety of ways;

March 19th/20th - participated in several calls with the Union of Municipalities of New Brunswick's Executive Director Margot Cragg to discuss the provincial and federal budgets and how they will impact municipalities in New Brunswick; UMNb has prepared an updated document for municipal members which has been circulated to Council and staff; and

March 20th - participated in an interview with local media on the federal budget in his capacity as 1st Vice President of the Union of Municipalities of NB; the topic of the interview was the announced immediate and one-time increase in gas tax revenue of \$2.2 billion for municipalities across Canada, which, Deputy Mayor Scholten noted, will have a very positive impact on New Maryland as well.

Councillor Gisèle McCaie-Burke

Councillor McCaie-Burke shared with Council the document 'Canada's Dietary Guideline', as March is Nutrition Month and today is Dietitians' Day. She stated that the document is geared for health professionals and policies makers, and whereas the members of Village Council are policy makers she felt it was appropriate to share. The 52-page document provides detailed information regarding healthy eating and can be found on the Government of Canada website at <https://food-guide.canada.ca/en/guidelines/>.

10. PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

- The Planning Advisory Committee met March 5, 2019 for their regular meeting.
- The Committee reviewed and discussed the February 2019 Building Permit Summary Report which noted four permits having been issued with an estimated value of construction of \$56,563 and \$479 in permit-fee revenue.
- Staff updated the Committee on the general outcome of the Public Presentation held on February 11, 2019 to present details on the proposed Municipal Plan amendments to the attending public. Staff reported that 17 residents were in attendance and that there were no comments or questions received on the topic of the proposed text amendments to the Municipal Plan or to the minor correction to the general land use and zoning boundary for Peterson Mini-Home Park. Residents in attendance offered comments in support of the proposed commercial use of a portion of the Forbes Property at 210 New Maryland Highway. Legislated public notifications had been conducted in preparation for the Public Hearing scheduled for the evening of March 13, 2019.
- The Committee reviewed the revised site plan submitted by the applicant which was altered from a 4-unit to a 3-unit row dwelling in consideration of comments received from PAC and Council, and the public reaction received at the December 19, 2018 Public Hearing. The need for numerous variances that were required with the 4-unit proposal have been eliminated. Staff discussed the Zoning By-law provision that states there is a limit of two driveways per lot. The developer would therefore require a variance approval to permit a third driveway on the site, as was shown on the revised site plan. In

consideration of various factors, existing examples in other communities, input from staff and the Village Engineer, the Committee expressed their support for an approval of the required variance.

- The Committee reviewed and approved a request for a Conditional Use Approval from the resident at 148 Cortland Street to allow the keeping of hens in the backyard of the property. The Committee's approval was subject to terms and conditions that had been imposed for past similar approvals. The approval also incorporated comments that were received from a neighboring property owner.

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

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

Be It Resolved That pursuant to section 109 (1) of the *Community Planning Act*, S.N.B. 2017, C.19, and amendments thereto, and section 15(4) of the *Local Governance Act*, S.N.B., 2017, C.18, and amendments thereto, the Council for the Village of New Maryland commence the necessary readings to enact By-Law No. 03-2019, the Village of New Maryland Municipal Plan.

Discussion:

Councillor Scammell stated that in accordance with the legislated requirements, Municipal Plan By-law No. 03-2016 is proposed to be repealed and replaced with an updated version to achieve harmony with the recently amended Community Planning Act, and to incorporate amendments to the Future Land Use Map for portions of the properties located at 618 New Maryland Highway and 210 New Maryland Highway. The amendment process has involved an extensive consultation process administratively, with the Planning Advisory Committee and with the public. The formal Public Presentation of the proposed amendments to the Municipal Plan was held on February 11, 2019. At a Public Hearing held on the evening of March 13, 2019, Council received additional input from the public. Staff and the Planning Advisory Committee will be giving consideration to the most recent public input and will provide further recommendations to Council. Although it is proposed that Council conduct the first and second readings of Municipal Plan By-law No. 03-2019 at this evening's meeting, prior to the third and final readings of the By-law, Council will consider and implement any further amendments it deems necessary as a result of all public input received. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

Be It Resolved That pursuant to section 109 (1) of the *Community Planning Act*, S.N.B. 2017, C.19, and amendments thereto, and section 15(4) of the *Local Governance Act*, S.N.B., 2017, C.18, the Council for the Village of New Maryland commence the necessary readings to enact By-Law No. 04-2019, the Village of New Maryland Zoning By-law.

Discussion:

Councillor Tim Scammell explained that in accordance with the legislated requirements, Zoning By-law No. 04-2016 is proposed to be repealed and replaced with an updated version to achieve harmony with the recently amended Community Planning Act, and to incorporate amendments to the Zoning Map for portions of the properties located at 618 New Maryland Highway, 210 New Maryland Highway and 6 Baker Brook Court. The amendment process has involved an extensive consultation process administratively, with the Planning Advisory Committee and with the public. The formal Public Hearing for the proposed amendments to the Zoning By-law was held on March 13, 2019. At the Public Hearing,

Council received additional input from the public. Staff and the Planning Advisory Committee will be considering the most recent public input and will provide further recommendations to Council. Although it is proposed that Council conduct the first and second readings of Zoning By-law No. 04-2019 at this evening's meeting, prior to the third and final readings of the By-law, Council will consider and implement any further amendments it deems necessary as a result of all public input received.

Councillor Paul LeBlanc commented that he is in favour of the motion but has reservations concerning the proposed development on Baker Brook Court. He stated that he feels that the due diligence of Council and staff is to review the matter again to ensure that the proposed development will not impose any negative impacts in that neighbourhood. **MOTION CARRIED.**

11. EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN COMMITTEE

The Committee has not met since the last Council meeting and no report was presented.

12. PROJECT REPORTS AND UPDATES

(i) Recreation Department:

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

- The Glow Skate event held on February 15th was a success. Despite a persistent snowfall, the milder temperatures brought out many families with approximately 150-200 people in attendance throughout the evening. The sliding hill and both rinks were used all night. A mystery gentleman even brought a snowblower to remove snow off the ice surface at one point and Recreation staff also had shovels available which were used several times that evening. Many positive comments were received from those in attendance and the hot chocolate and bonfire were particularly appreciated as well. Mayor Wilson-Shee was in attendance with her grandchildren. Special thanks to the New Maryland Guide leaders for looking after the fire, as well as Savannah Billings who assisted that evening.
- It has been an excellent season for the rinks. As of March 14th, the front rink has been open for 57 days and the second rink has been open for 39 days. On March 14th the rinks were closed due to milder temperatures, however, there is a chance they will reopen if the weather gets colder. The record number of days for the rinks was set last year at 60, so it's been an excellent season. The sliding hill has also been extremely popular and is still available to use. Recreation staff have observed many residents enjoying the rinks and sliding hill over the March Break.
- March Break events were a great success with 19 participants in the Stay Safe course. A total of 75 attended the sleigh rides at Oakland Farm.
- Summer student positions closed on Monday, March 18th. Staff will provide a full update in the April Council report. Staff were very pleased to receive funding for one Recreation Maintenance student under the Summer Work Experience Green Jobs Initiative, which is a new program that was introduced in 2018. Three student positions were approved under SEED.
- This year's 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 at the New Maryland Elementary School. The themes, high-level program planning, and day trips have been completed and the two-page day camp write-up with amended program fees has been sent to last year's parents and posted on the Village's social media pages and website. Again, this year one week will be offered for older campers (August 6-9th) for ages 10-13, with a day trip to Tree Go and Mactaquac. Four new weekly themes and three new day trips are planned, as well as returning favorites. Registration is

- scheduled for May 6th (New Maryland residents) and May 7th (open registration).
- A new Learn to Play Basketball group will start in April at NMES on Monday and Wednesday nights until June. Like the Speeding Cheetahs Run Club, this activity is focused on younger children and will run for 90 minutes each evening. Both nights have already reached maximum registration numbers. It is great to see residents introducing new programs at the school gym.
 - The PNM Zoomers have provided the following update of their events. Stretch and strengthening classes takes place every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 10:00 to 11:00 am. The book club meets every fourth Thursday at 11:00 am, and the next meeting will be held March 28th. Line dancing takes place every Monday at 10:30 am at Victoria Hall. The cost is \$5 per person per class and participants must be PNM Zoomers members. PNM Zoomers host a potluck social every other month. A potluck was held earlier this evening at 5:30 pm with guest speaker Fire Chief Harry Farrell at 6:00 pm who spoke on the topic of the Village's Emergency Response Plan. For more information about the Zoomers, please contact pnmzoomers@gmail.com.

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

(ii) Public Works Department:

Councillor Mike Pope presented the following update from the Public Works Department.

- Village staff investigated 13 Public Works Reports for February 2019. The reports were mostly inquiries for snow removal and one inquiry was for a sanitary sewer back-up.
- The Village recently hired a contractor to remove snow by using a snow blower attached to a front-end loader. The contractor was able to widen several streets in the Village. The weather forecast is predicting milder weather in the coming weeks and Public Works staff have begun clearing catch basins and opening snow banks to allow the snow melt to drain from the streets.
- The Village had two project tenders close in March. The Bradshaw Drive Sanitary Sewer Installation and the Bismark Street Trunk Sewer Upgrade. Both projects will be awarded to the lowest bidder. The Woodlawn Lane Water Main Replacement and Sanitary Force Main Upgrade Phase 1 project has been tendered and will be closing Tuesday, March 26th. This project includes the replacement of approximately 310 meters of water main and sanitary force main from Kerry Lane to approximately civic 81 Woodlawn Lane.

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

► **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 Village Engineer, accept the tendered bid as submitted by Charters Construction Ltd. on March 5, 2019 in the amount of \$152,774.60 (*one hundred and fifty two thousand, seven hundred and seventy four dollars and sixty cents*) plus \$22,916.19 (*twenty two thousand, nine hundred and sixteen dollars and nineteen cents*) HST for a total tendered bid of \$175,690.79 (*one hundred and seventy five thousand, six hundred and ninety dollars and seventy nine cents*) for the Bradshaw Drive, Sanitary Sewer Installation 2019 Project; and that the Mayor and Clerk are authorized to execute said contract.

Discussion:

Councillor Mike Pope stated that the Village of New Maryland received seven bids for the

Bradshaw Drive, Sanitary Sewer Installation 2019 project. This project includes the installation of new sanitary sewer along Bradshaw Drive from Route 101 to Nicholson Crescent (west) and has been identified as a strategic upgrade in the Wastewater Master Plan. The lowest bidder was Charters Construction Ltd. with a bid of \$175,690.75 including HST. The engineer's estimate for this scope of work was \$210,000.00. The Village budgeted \$244,000.00 for the project and the funds will be sourced from the Gas Tax Reserve. The Village will be awarding the contract for Bradshaw Drive Sanitary Sewer Installation 2019 to Charters Construction Ltd. as per the recommendation of the Village Engineer. **MOTION CARRIED.**

► **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 Village Engineer, accept the tendered bid as submitted by Charters Construction Ltd. on March 7, 2019 in the amount of \$426,507.80 (*four hundred and twenty six thousand, five hundred and seven dollars and eighty cents*) plus \$63,976.17 (*sixty three thousand, nine hundred and seventy six dollars and seventeen cents*) HST for a total tendered bid of \$490,483.97 (*four hundred and ninety thousand, four hundred and eighty three dollars and ninety seven cents*) for the Bismark Street – Trunk Sewer Upgrade 2019 Project; and that the Mayor and Clerk are authorized to execute said contract.

Discussion:

Councillor Pope stated that the Village of New Maryland received five bids for the Bismark Street – Trunk Sewer Upgrade 2019 project. This project is Phase 2 and 3 of the trunk sewer upgrades that were identified in the Stormwater Management Plan. The project includes installation of approximately 240 meters of large diameter storm sewer pipe and associated appurtenances along Bismark Street from Gladstone Street to Melrose Avenue. Work also involves extensive site restoration of streets, curbs, driveways and landscaping. The lowest bidder was Charters Construction Ltd. with a bid of \$490,483.97 including HST. The engineer's estimate for this scope of work was \$521,000.00. The Village budgeted \$610,000.00 for the project and the funds will be sourced from Capital Reserve. The Village of New Maryland will be awarding the contract for Bismark Street – Trunk Sewer Upgrade 2019 to Charters Construction Ltd. as per the recommendation of the Village Engineer.

Councillor LeBlanc explained that the engineer's estimate of \$521,000 does not include engineering costs that are associated with this project. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(iii) Finance Department:

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

- The 2018 Annual Gas Tax Reports were completed and filed.
- The 2019 Budget was approved by the Province of New Brunswick and a signed copy is on file.
- The HST submission for the fourth quarter of 2018 was completed and filed.
- Year-end work was completed and information requested by the auditors was provided in electronic format in preparation for their on-site visit scheduled for March 18th to 29th.
- An upgraded projector was installed in Council Chamber which has Wi-Fi capacity allowing wireless connections. This improvement will allow more flexibility for the Emergency Response Committee to easily display data for the Command Centre and allowing up to four screens to be visible simultaneously. The same benefits are available for presentations to Council. The old projector has been repurposed to the New Maryland Centre.

- The applications for Federal Canada Summer Jobs and Provincial Student Employment Experience Development (SEED) programs have been completed.
- The annual reporting to WorkSafe New Brunswick have been completed and submitted.
- The payroll T4s for 2018 have been generated and filed with the Canada Revenue Agency.
- The Finance/Records Management Clerk attended a seminar in Saint John concerning our Laserfiche records management system.
- The Senior Finance Clerk completed the Financial Accounting 1000 course through Nova Scotia Community College with high marks and is now working on the Financial Accounting 2000 course.
- The Treasurer participated in a Leading Change workshop hosted by the University of New Brunswick. This workshop explores strategies for leading change and engaging employees to make changes as smooth and successful as possible.
- On a final note, the Finance Department hosted a potluck for the Village staff as part of a teambuilding initiative to bring staff together in an atmosphere that was relaxed and informal.

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

(iv) Administration Department:

There was no report presented from the Administration Dept.

► **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, as per the recommendation of senior staff, hereby adopt the *Village of New Maryland Climate Change Adaptation Strategy*, as attached hereto.

Discussion:

Councillor LeBlanc explained that Village Council identified the development of a local Climate Change Adaptation Strategy (CCAS) as a priority project in the 2017-2022 Village Strategic Plan to fulfill the following two key objectives: 1) “to promote a green and energy efficient community that is resilient to climate change; and 2) to compile a community climate change adaptation strategy to identify, monitor, and track progress with respect to local impacts associated with climate change”. In May 2018 staff received confirmation of funding approval in the amount of \$40,000 from the New Brunswick Environmental Trust Fund (NB ETF) in support of the proposed CCAS project. Stantec Consulting Ltd. was subsequently engaged to facilitate completion of the project deliverables. During the period of May to December 2018, Stantec worked with Council, staff and key stakeholders to prepare the attached report in accordance with the project methodology described within. On February 13, 2019 Stantec presented the CCAS final report to Council for their approval-in-principle. Senior staff members are satisfied that the attached report fulfills: Council’s Municipal Plan and Strategic Plan objectives to prepare a Climate Change Adaptation Strategy; the project criteria and workplan outlined in Stantec’s project proposal; and the targeted outcomes and proposed deliverables detailed in the Village’s funding application to the NB ETF. Council acknowledges completion of the Village of New Maryland Climate Change Adaptation Strategy as a milestone undertaking. Council also wishes to publicly extend the Village’s appreciation for the funding and administrative support provided to staff and Council via the NB ETF program under the authority of the Honorable Jeff Carr, MLA and Minister of Environment and Local Government. Finally, we wish to give

recognition and thanks to Ms. Prativa Pradhan, Climate Change Adaptation Analyst, and her colleagues at the New Brunswick Dept. of Environment and Local Government Climate Change Secretariat, for their ongoing support throughout the project.

MOTION CARRIED.

(v) Seniors Advisory Committee:

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

- The committee met February 25th with eleven members present.
- Councillor McCaie-Burke informed the committee that as a follow-up to the announcement made last year that New Maryland has been recognized as being an Age-Friendly Community, the Dept. of Social Development has advised that arrangements are being made for the official presentation of the Village's Age-Friendly award, and the Wellness Branch is making up to \$2,500 available to the Village to help host a public celebration of this achievement. The SAC is in the process of planning this special event and more information will be made public as soon as it is available.
- The committee completed a full review of the status updates for the Community Action Plan. Mayor Wilson-Shee reported that 91% of the activities are either completed or ongoing, which is good news. An overview of the status of the Community Action Plan will be presented publicly at the Age-Friendly award ceremony that is being planned for the near future.
- The one-year term for the community representatives of the committee expires on March 21st, and for several weeks staff have been promoting on social media that those who would like to serve as volunteers on the SAC should complete an 'expression of interest' form and submit it by March 7th for Council's consideration. Council has reviewed the forms that were submitted and tonight, following this report, a motion will be made to appoint the new committee members for a period of one year. Council would like to thank everyone who has submitted an application and expressed an interest in serving the seniors of our community.
- The SAC would again like to remind residents that the SAC 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 volunteering and community involvement to mention a few. We encourage seniors to regularly visit the other links on the SAC page on the Village website at www.vonm.ca.
- The Transportation Survey is being prepared for distribution to residents in the upcoming water and sewer billing that will be mailed out the first week of April. This survey includes questions that will help determine the transportation needs and desires of seniors, and the community as a whole. The survey will also be made available online and links will be provided on the Village website. The committee encourages all residents to take the time to complete this survey and help the committee ascertain the feasibility of public transportation in the Village and what next steps, if any, should be taken.
- The next committee meeting is scheduled for April 29th at 7:00 pm.

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

Discussion:

Councillor McCaie-Burke commented that the date of the Age-Friendly community celebration will be held on Tuesday March 26th from 11:45 am to 1:30 pm at the New Maryland Centre. A luncheon will be served followed by a presentation of the New Maryland Age-Friendly Community Action Plan and greetings from the Hon. Jocelyne Roy Vienneau, Lieutenant Governor of New

Brunswick. The Hon. Jeff Carr, MLA and Minister of Environment and Local Government will also be attending the event. Councillor McCaie-Burke advised that some seats at the event are available to the public and anyone interested in attending should contact the Village office by Friday, March 22nd. Councillor McCaie-Burke stated that the work of the former Age-Friendly Community Ad hoc Committee along with input from residents have culminated in the Village's Age-Friendly designation and the presentation of this prestigious award.

Deputy Mayor Alex Scholten commented that the Transportation survey that will be issued in April will be a very important tool in gauging the community's interest in public transportation. He encouraged residents to look for the survey in their April water and sewer statements and online on the Village website. **MOTION CARRIED.**

► **MOVED BY** Councillor Tim Scammell and **seconded by** Deputy Mayor Alex Scholten 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 Campbell, Yvon LeBlanc, Art Standing, Jeff Tapley, and Mariet van Groenewoud to the Seniors Advisory Committee as community representatives for a period of one-year, effective immediately.

Discussion:

Councillor Scammell stated that over the past year, the community representatives of the Seniors Advisory Committee, Gary Campbell (representing the Parish of New Maryland Zoomers), Jane Findlater, Arthur Standing, Jeff Tapley, Mariet van Groenewoud and David Wiesel have provided input and recommendations to Council regarding how to best implement the recommendations in the Age-Friendly Community Ad hoc Committee Report and the Community Action Plan, and make improvements to matters relating to seniors within the community. Some members will be returning to serve another term and others have made the decision not to re-offer. Council appreciates the time and efforts of all who have served on the committee, and looks forward to another successful year with the newly appointed members. Councillor Scammell explained that section 17 (c) of the Village of New Maryland Procedural By-law requires that the Seniors Advisory Committee shall consist of a maximum of six (6) members of the community who are appointed annually by a Resolution of Council. Therefore, after reviewing the *Expression of Interest to Volunteer for the Village of New Maryland Seniors Advisory Committee* forms received from residents of New Maryland, Council has agreed to move forward with the motion to appoint these community members to the Seniors Advisory Committee.

Deputy Mayor Scholten commended the community representatives, who have served on the committee for the past year, for their excellent participation and valuable feedback and input. He recognized former committee members Jane Findlater and David Wiesel for their time and efforts.

Mayor Wilson-Shee acknowledged committee member Mariet van Groenewoud who was in attendance at this evening's meeting and has agreed to serve a second term with the committee. Mayor Wilson-Shee welcomed her back to the committee and she noted that tomorrow she will be contacting each appointed committee member to extend a personal welcome to the committee.

Councillor McCaie-Burke commented that it is sad to see committee members leave however she appreciates the time they dedicated and the work they accomplished while serving the committee. She added that she looks forward to working with the returning members and the new member who participated in the Day for the Ages forum and community events. She also expressed her appreciation for the work that the committee has done to assist Council with making decisions that are in the best interest of seniors. **MOTION CARRIED.**

13. APPROVAL OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT

MOVED BY Councillor Gisèle McCaie-Burke and **seconded by** Councillor Mike Pope to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of February 2019 as follows:

- from the General Operating account by cheques and direct payments \$310,369.64 (*Three Hundred and Ten Thousand, Three Hundred and Sixty-Nine Dollars and Sixty-Four Cents*);
- from the Water & Sewer Operating account \$359,544.02 (*Three Hundred and Fifty-Nine Thousand, Five Hundred and Forty-Four Dollars and Two Cents*);
- from the General Capital account \$3,341.07 (*Three Thousand, Three Hundred and Forty-One Dollars and Seven Cents*); and
- from the Water & Sewer Capital account \$8,873.69 (*Eight Thousand, Eight Hundred and Seventy-Three Dollars and Sixty-Nine Cents*).

Discussion:

Councillor McCaie-Burke clarified that the adoption of the Treasurer's monthly report fulfills a requirement under provincial legislation. **MOTION CARRIED.**

14. PUBLIC INPUT / INQUIRIES

Mariet van Groenewoud thanked Council for the opportunity to continue to work with the Seniors Advisory Committee for another year.

15. NEW BUSINESS

(i) Third and Final Readings of Parklands By-law No. 71-2019

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Alex Scholten and **seconded by** Councillor Mike Pope to read By-Law No. 71-2019, a By-Law Respecting Parklands, for the third time, this reading in its entirety.

Discussion:

Deputy Mayor Scholten stated that at the February 20th Council meeting, Council gave 1st and 2nd reading to the amendments to the Parklands By-law that were prepared by staff. The changes include 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, while the remainder of the changes for the most part 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*. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Deputy Mayor Scholten read By-law No. 71-2019, a By-law Respecting Parklands, in its entirety.

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Alex Scholten and **seconded by** Councillor Tim Scammell to read By-Law No. 71-2019, a By-Law Respecting Parklands, for the final time, this reading by title only, thereby enacting the by-law.

Discussion:

Councillor McCaie-Burke reiterated her feelings that she expressed at the February Council meeting. She stated that in general she agrees with the proposed revisions to the by-law however, she does not agree with the section 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 the Recreation Coordinator had recommended that alcohol consumption not be permitted in Village parks and she agrees with that

recommendation. She remarked that it is widely known that the long-term consumption of alcohol is associated with social and health risks. She commented that Council is responsible to adopt policies that are in the best interest of residents and this is an opportunity to make a positive difference for the community. Councillor McCaie-Burke added that the “Canada’s Dietary Guideline” document she introduced earlier this evening contains a section that discusses alcohol consumption and also mentions that publicly funded institutions should offer healthier options. The Guide also recommends that people who do not consume alcohol should not be encouraged to start drinking. Village parks are areas that families and children visit on a regular basis, and Councillor McCaie-Burke said she would feel terrible if an unfortunate incident occurred in a Village park that was related to the possession or consumption of alcohol. She stated that for those reasons she will be voting against the motion.

(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.

Deputy Mayor Scholten read By-law No. 71-2019, a By-law Respecting Parklands, for the final time by title only, thereby enacting the by-law.

(ii) **Third and Final Readings of Remuneration By-law No. 11**

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Alex Scholten and **seconded by** Councillor Mike Pope to read By-Law No. 11, a By-Law Respecting the Remuneration for Council Members, for the third time, this reading in its entirety.

Discussion:

Deputy Mayor Scholten advised 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 staff’s attention that the remuneration of Council needs to be detailed in a stand-alone by-law. Council Remuneration was previously included in a section of the Procedural By-law No. 50 but according to 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 incorporates those new salary amounts. Council approved the wording of the draft by-law at the January 23, 2019 Council-In-Committee meeting and passed the motions for first and second readings of the by-law at the February 20, 2019 Council meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Deputy Mayor Scholten read By-law No. 11, a By-Law Respecting the Remuneration for Council Members, in its entirety.

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Alex Scholten and **seconded by** Councillor Paul LeBlanc to read By-Law No. 11, a By-Law Respecting the Remuneration for Council Members, for the final time, this reading by title only, thereby enacting the by-law.

Discussion:

Deputy Mayor Scholten commented that although he understands that the new regulations enacted by CRA will change the way that the expense portion of Council’s remuneration will be taxed, he has great difficulty in approving that much of a salary increase. He added that the 10% increase comes at a time when the Province is trying to hold the line on spending and be more aware of financial

constraints, and he expressed his feeling that Council should do the same. Deputy Mayor Scholten stated that because of this he will be voting against the motion.

Councillor McCaie-Burke remarked that she agrees with the purpose of enacting the by-law and she would be in favour of the salary increase if it were to commence in the year 2020 when the new Village Council is elected. She expressed her feeling that by agreeing to a 10% salary increase, Council is not sending a good message to staff and residents, especially when Council's goal has been to tighten the budget and decrease spending. She added that although the 10% increase may not calculate to much, it is the principle of the matter. When budget time arrives in the fall Council is often deliberating over how nickels and dimes are being spent, but now Council is approving their own salary increases. She stated that she will be voting against the motion.

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 is permitted to comment. She stated that she does not support the increase in Council remuneration. *Mayor Wilson-Shee resumed the position of Chair.*

Councillor Pope reiterated his previous comment 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 again that it should be noted that the net result of the increase equates to zero change.

(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.**

Deputy Mayor Scholten read By-law No. 11, a By-Law Respecting the Remuneration for Council Members, for the final time by title only, there by enacting the by-law.

(iii) First and Second Readings of Municipal Plan By-law No. 03-2019

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Alex Scholten and **seconded by** Councillor Gisèle McCaie-Burke to read Municipal By-law No. 03-2019 for the first time, this reading by title only.

Discussion:

Deputy Mayor Scholten clarified that in accordance with the legislated requirements, Municipal Plan By-law No. 03-2016 is proposed to be repealed and replaced with an updated version to achieve harmony with the recently amended Community Planning Act, and to incorporate amendments to the Future Land Use Map for portions of the properties located at 618 New Maryland Highway and 210 New Maryland Highway. Although it is proposed that Council conduct the first and second readings of Municipal Plan By-law No. 03-2019 at tonight's meeting, prior to the third and final readings of the By-law, Council will consider and implement any further amendments it deems necessary as a result of all public input received. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Deputy Mayor Scholten read Municipal Plan By-law No. 03-2019 for the first time by title only.

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Alex Scholten and **seconded by** Councillor Tim Scammell to read Municipal By-law No. 03-2019 for the second time, this reading by title only.

MOTION CARRIED.

Deputy Mayor Scholten read Municipal Plan By-law No. 03-2019 for the second time by title only.

(iv) **First and Second Readings of Zoning By-law No. 04-2019**

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Alex Scholten and **seconded by** Councillor Gisèle McCaie-Burke to read Zoning By-law No. 04-2019 for the first time, this reading by title only.

Discussion:

Deputy Mayor Scholten explained that in accordance with the legislated requirements, Zoning By-law No. 04-2016 is proposed to be repealed and replaced with an updated version to achieve harmony with the recently amended Community Planning Act, and to incorporate amendments to the Zoning Map for portions of the properties located at 618 New Maryland Highway, 210 New Maryland Highway and 6 Baker Brook Court. Although it is proposed that Council conduct the first and second readings of Zoning By-law No. 04-2019 at tonight's meeting, prior to the third and final readings of the By-law, Council will consider and implement any further amendments it deems necessary as a result of all public input received. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Deputy Mayor Scholten read Zoning By-law No. 04-2019 for the first time by title only.

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Alex Scholten and **seconded by** Councillor Mike Pope to read Zoning By-law No. 04-2019 for the second time, this reading by title only. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Deputy Mayor Scholten read Zoning By-law No. 04-2019 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, 17 April 2019 at 7:30 pm in Council Chamber.

17. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY Councillor Paul LeBlanc and **seconded by** Deputy Mayor Alex Scholten to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Taylor
Assistant Clerk

Cynthia Geldart
CAO/Clerk

Judy Wilson-Shee
Mayor