

Mayor's Proclamation



WHEREAS, in New Maryland we are fortunate to have a variety of recreation and parks systems providing countless recreational opportunities for residents and visitors from around the world; and

WHEREAS, recreation enhances quality of life, balanced living and lifelong learning; helps people live happier and longer; develops skills and positive self-image in children and youth; develops creativity; and builds healthy bodies and positive lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, recreation participation builds family unity and social capital; strengthens volunteer and community development; enhances social interaction; creates community pride and vitality; and promotes sensitivity and understanding to cultural diversity; and

WHEREAS, parks, open space and trails ensure ecological beauty; provide active and passive outdoor recreation opportunities; help maintain clean air and water; and preserve plant and animal wildlife; and

WHEREAS, recreation, therapeutic recreation and leisure education are essential to the rehabilitation of individuals who have become ill or disabled, or disadvantaged, or who have demonstrated antisocial behaviour; and

WHEREAS, the benefits provided by recreation programs, services, and parks and open spaces, reduce healthcare and social service costs; serve to boost the economy, economic renewal and sustainability; enhance property values; attract new business; increase tourism; and curb employee absenteeism; and

WHEREAS, all levels of government, the voluntary sector and private enterprise throughout the Province participate in the planning, development and operation of recreation and parks programs, services and facilities;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Village of New Maryland does hereby proclaim that June (which witnesses the greening of New Brunswick and serves as a significant gateway to family activities) has been designated as Recreation & Parks Month which annually recognizes and celebrates the benefits derived year-round from quality public and private recreation and parks resources at the local, regional and provincial levels.

THEREFORE I, Judy Wilson-Shee, Mayor of New Maryland, in recognition of the benefits and values of Recreation and Parks, do hereby designate the month of **June as Recreation & Parks Month.**

June 19, 2019

Date

Judy Wilson-Shee
Mayor