

**VILLAGE OF NEW MARYLAND
COUNCIL
21 August 2019**

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

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

Regrets: Councillor Tim Scammell

Guests: Annette Pelletier

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Judy Wilson-Shee called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm and reminded all in attendance that the meeting is being video-recorded for broadcast.

2. MOMENT OF SILENCE

A moment of silence was observed in recognition of the passing of Rev. James Appleton and the Honourable Lieutenant Governor Jocelyne Roy Vienneau.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOVED BY Councillor Mike Pope and **seconded by** Deputy Mayor Alex Scholten to approve the minutes of the 17 July 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 24 July 2019 special session of Council as circulated. **MOTION CARRIED.**

5. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

No disclosures of interest were declared.

6. PRESENTATIONS

In celebration of Acadian Day and the Acadian World Congress being held this year in the southwestern area of New Brunswick and in PEI until August 24th, Annette Pelletier sang the Acadian National Anthem 'Ave Maris Stella'.

7. PROCLAMATIONS

No proclamations were read.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

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

- the monthly Chamber of Commerce newsletter;
- a copy of the agreement with the Centre Communautaire Sainte-Anne for our Bronze partnership;
- an update from the Union of Municipalities of New Brunswick concerning the Provincial Municipal Council and the sustaining Saint John Plan;
- an amendment to our Small Communities Fund Contribution Agreement from the Department of Environment and Local Government;
- an updated *Procurement Act* Regulation which came into effect July 2, 2019;
- the agenda for the Union of Municipalities of New Brunswick's Annual Conference which will be held October 4 – 6, 2019 at the Crowne Plaza; and
- information from the Provincial Planning Director of the Department of Environment and Local Government regarding provisions in the new *Community Planning Act* related to the review and approval of tentative subdivision plans and easements with respect to service providers.

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:

July 18th – meeting held at the New Maryland Centre by Hon. Jeff Carr, Minister of Environment and Local Government and responsible for hosting meetings of the Provincial Municipal Council, which was also attended by representatives from the New Brunswick Union of Municipalities, the New Brunswick Francophone Municipal Association and the Cities of New Brunswick Association; Mayor Wilson-Shee noted that she was invited to attend the breakfast and to welcome everyone to the meeting;

July 18th - unveiling of the MADD Canada bench, which was also attended by Deputy Mayor Scholten, Councillors McCaie-Burke and Pope, Cst. Warren Vogan, MP Matt DeCoursey and members of staff; Mayor Wilson-Shee stated that Sandra Clements is responsible for the Village receiving the bench and Sandra gave an emotional speech at the unveiling;

July 18th – conference call with NB Trails;

July 20th – 50th wedding anniversary for David and Sandra Steeves which was held at the New Maryland Centre;

July 23rd – Ice Cream Social along with Deputy Mayor Scholten and Councillors McCaie-Burke, LeBlanc and Pope;

July 26th – clean-up of the abandoned cemetery located behind civic 29 New Maryland Highway; Gary Campbell, Gary Love and members of Tidal Impact also volunteered their time;

July 27th – birthday party for Pat Burns;

July 28th – the Highland Games festival in Fredericton;

July 30th – meeting with Deputy Minister Alain Basque to discuss the future of NB Trails;

August 1st – conference call with NB Trails and Trans Canada Trails;

August 6th – meeting with Sandra Binder to discuss the future of NB Trails;

August 8th – signed the book of condolence for the late Lieutenant Governor Jocelyne Roy Vienneau on behalf of Village residents;

August 11th – congratulations to Kate Campbell who won the silver medal in Karate at the Pan American Games in Peru; Mayor Wilson-Shee added that Kate hopes this win will improve her chances of qualifying for the Olympic Games next year;

August 13th – Blueberry Social along with Deputy Mayor Scholten and Councillors McCaie-Burke, LeBlanc and Scammell;

August 15th – Acadian flag raising event along with Deputy Mayor Scholten, Councillors McCaie-Burke and Scammell and many staff members; Mayor Wilson-Shee noted that Annette Pelletier sang ‘Ave Maris Stella’ while the flag was raised; she also stated that she was very proud of Council and staff for the work done to make the event so successful, which had approximately 100 people in attendance including children from two daycares; she added that plans are already in progress to make next year’s event even more memorable;

August 15th – meeting at the fire hall with Minister Jeff Carr, Will Seely, Executive Assistant, Mayor Susan Cassidy, Fire Chief Farrell, Rob Amos, Chair of New Maryland LSD, and Gaetan Bolduc, LSD member; Mayor Wilson-Shee stated that this was a follow-up to the meeting held July 17th to discuss emergency evacuation routes off Charters Settlement Road;

August 15th – Acadian flag raising event in the City of Fredericton along with Councillor McCaie-Burke; Mayor Wilson-Shee remarked that she had an opportunity to tour the Garrison Market as well;

August 16th – a gathering at the Henderson’s home to remember their son Michael who passed away a year ago; and

August 17th – the Fredericton Pride parade.

Mayor Wilson-Shee noted that although she could not attend the August 10th Hands & Hearts Across the City event in remembrance of Cst. Robb Costello, Cst. Sara Burns, civilians Donnie Robichaud and Bobbie-Lee Wright, which also honoured first responders and coming together as a community, she was there in spirit.

Mayor Wilson-Shee provided a reminder that the Frank Dunn Annual New Maryland Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, September 7th at the Gage Golf and Curling Club in Oromocto. The deadline for registration is August 30th. Proceeds from the tournament will go toward the New Maryland Centre Trails Boardwalk Repair Project, which has a cost of approximately \$17,000. She stated that registration forms can be obtained on the Village website under the Mayor’s Notepad, at the Village office, or by contacting her at judy.wilson-shee@vonm.ca or 459-3535.

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

July 24th - Ignite Fredericton and Knowledge Park Board of Directors’ meeting;

Week of August 5th to 10th - Under 15/Under 17 National Basketball Championships in Fredericton;

Councillor Pope noted that the Under 17 Boys team from New Brunswick won bronze; and

August 20th – New Maryland Soccer jamboree.

Councillor Pope stated that he was unable to attend the Acadian flag raising event on August 15th as he was out of the province. He recognized it as a very important event for many communities throughout New Brunswick, and he expressed his pleasure to hear that the Village will be holding this event again

next year.

Deputy Mayor Alex Scholten

July 24th – Ignite Fredericton and Knowledge Park Board meetings along with Councillor Pope;
August 2nd - meeting with Union of Municipalities of New Brunswick’s Executive Director Margot Cragg to discuss UMNB’s upcoming annual general meeting and the Provincial Municipal Council meetings;
August 7th - Ignite Fredericton’s Strategic Planning Committee meeting; Deputy Mayor Scholten noted that the Committee is working on a new strategic plan for the organization;
August 12th - conference call with UMNB’s Executive Director Margot Cragg and members of the UMNB Policy Committee to discuss upcoming meetings with Ministers Carr and Oliver;
August 12th – Village’s Planning Advisory Committee meeting;
August 13th - meeting with Department of Environment and Local Government’s Deputy Minister Kelli Simmonds, Assistant Deputy Minister Ryan Donahy and other government staff to discuss municipal reform initiatives;
August 13th - meeting with Minister Jeff Carr and his staff from the Department of Environment along with UMNB’s Executive Director Margot Cragg and UMNB’s 2nd Vice President Tammi Rampersaud to discuss extended producer responsibility for plastic and printed paper recycling;
August 16th - meeting with UMNB’s Executive Director Margot Cragg regarding the UMNB Annual General Meeting and upcoming Provincial Municipal Council meetings with provincial government officials; and
August 20th - meeting with the Coalition of Concerned Citizens Municipal Reform Committee to discuss recent meetings with officials from the Department of Environment and Local Government and Premier Higgs.

Councillor Paul LeBlanc

Councillor LeBlanc stated that he was disappointed that he was not able to attend the Village’s Acadian Flag raising event due to a prior commitment. He stated that he toured the Acadian events in the Cap-Pelé and Shediac areas last weekend and the number of attendees was impressive.

Councillor Gisèle McCaie-Burke

Councillor Gisèle McCaie-Burke commented that last weekend she attended part of the Acadian World Congress 2019 which runs from August 10th – 24th. She remarked on the Maillet and Léger family reunions she attended and spoke regarding the importance of preserving heritage.

10. PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Deputy Mayor Alex Scholten provided an update from the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC):

- The Planning Advisory Committee met last on the evening of August 12, 2019 for the conduct of their regular meeting.
- The Committee reviewed and discussed the July 2019 Building Permit Report which noted 14 permits having been issued with approximately \$166,000 in estimated value of construction and \$1,449 in permit fee revenue for the month. The year-to-date values total at 76 building permits, over \$2 million dollars in construction value and approximately \$16,000 in permit fee revenue.
- Staff reviewed with the Committee the draft amendments to the Municipal Plan and Zoning By-laws and background information related to the proposed rezoning of the subject property to a Business Park Zone to permit the future development of a municipal public works and recreation operations building. At a future meeting of the Committee consideration will be given to required variances to

the lot frontage dimension for the site, the proposal for a gravel surface for the driveway and portions of the parking areas at the site, and for general recommendations to Council with respect to the proposed re-zoning.

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

11. EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN COMMITTEE

No report was presented from the Emergency Response Plan Committee.

12. PROJECT REPORTS AND UPDATES

(i) Recreation Department:

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

- The final two weeks of Day Camp and the last week of Little Fingers are being held at the New Maryland Centre. It has been a very busy and fun summer for our counsellors and campers. The “older kids” camp was a great success with 30 campers in attendance. The end of summer party is being held this week with special activities, “camper’s choice” games, and the end of year slide show and final camper awards. The Day Camp counsellors will be leaving August 23rd and day camp supervisor Sarah Johnstone will return for a day or two to finalize inventory and complete the end of summer report. In September, the Recreation Coordinator will once again be sending out a survey to the parents of Day Camp and Little Fingers to get their feedback on the program. Congratulations to all Day Camp staff on an excellent, fun-filled summer!
- The Ice Cream and Blueberry socials were both very popular events with 300 plus attending the Ice Cream Social and approximately 200 attending the Blueberry Social. Many thanks to Council members for their attendance and assistance at each of these events, as well as MLA Jeff Carr who always drops by and lends a hand where needed. The final social of the season, the Annual Corn Boil, will be held on August 27th starting at 6:30 pm at the New Maryland Centre and the band performing will be the ‘Town Cats’ at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to attend.
- Staff have received the 2019 /2020 Reciprocal Agreement with the School District. A motion of Council to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the one-year agreement is required and will be presented at this evening’s meeting.
- As per the 2018 / 2019 agreement, staff will be issuing a payment of \$406.50 to the Province based on the \$1 per hour charge for New Maryland Elementary School bookings for the past year (September – June). Staff are currently scheduling user groups for the Fall. The Pickleball Club will be returning on Saturdays from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm starting on September 7th. Open Gym and Co-ed Adult Volleyball will return the weekend of September 13th. Another busy Fall / Winter season is anticipated.
- Staff would like to thank the members of the “Tidal Impact” team that completed several Recreation projects from July 22nd – 25th including painting of bleachers, picnic tables, flower planters and shelters, clean-up of parks and rebuilding the stairs at the New Maryland Centre ballfield. Several members of the Tidal Impact Team also helped serve during the evening of the Ice Cream social where the Mayor introduced the team and recognized their community efforts.
- The Recreation maintenance summer students have had a busy and productive summer and most staff will complete their tenure on or before Friday, August 30th. Many thanks to each of them for

all their hard work this summer, especially during the hot and humid days. Staff were very pleased to receive approval for additional funding through the “Green Jobs Initiative” from September until mid-November. As a result, summer student Natalie Young has been offered part-time employment in the fall, and she will continue to work with the Recreation Foreman on a variety of projects.

- The New Maryland Soccer program is winding up for the summer with their jamborees scheduled next week. Baseball will continue until later in the month. New Maryland Minor Baseball recently hosted a Mosquito Jamboree on Sunday, August 11th with teams from Fredericton and Oromocto participating and more than 300 ball players in attendance. Special mention to our Recreation Foreman for coming in on the weekend to prepare the ballfields and have them in top shape for the Jamboree.

- The PNM Zoomers will resume their regular activities in September. Their general meeting will be held the first Monday of the month at 10 am in the boardroom of the New Maryland Centre, and the next meeting is scheduled for September 9th. Stretch and strengthening classes take place every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 10 – 11 am with classes resuming September 10th. Book Club meets every fourth Thursday at 11 am in the boardroom and the next meeting is scheduled for September 26th. Line dancing classes are held every Monday at Victoria Hall. The beginner level starts at 9:15 am followed by the intermediate class at 10:30 am. The cost is \$5 per person and participants must be Zoomers members. Potluck socials are held every other month with the first social scheduled for September 18th at 5:30 pm. Guest speaker Nick Ingram and co-workers will speak on the topic “Money Abuse with Seniors” at 6 pm. The Quilting/Crafting group will commence meeting in the fall one Wednesday per month. The date and time have yet to be determined. For more information about Zoomers’ activities please contact pnmzoomers@gmail.com.

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

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

Be It Resolved That the Council for the Village of New Maryland, as per the recommendation of the Recreation Coordinator, authorize the Mayor and Village Clerk to sign two copies of the 2019/2020 Reciprocal Agreement as attached, for the use of the New Maryland Elementary School for sport and recreation programs after hours.

Discussion:

Councillor McCaie-Burke stated that each year the Village enters into an agreement with the Province of New Brunswick which allows the municipality to run various programs and leisure activities at New Maryland Elementary School after hours and on weekends. The agreement is for one year and the current agreement expired on June 30th. Staff have received the 2019/2020 Reciprocal Agreement with the School District. A motion of Council is required to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the one-year agreement. At the July 24th Council-in-Committee meeting, staff were directed to bring this motion forward at the August 21st Council meeting.

MOTION CARRIED.

(ii) Public Works Department:

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

- Village staff investigated 19 Public Works Reports for July 2019. The reports were inquiries for culvert replacement, landscape repair, private water valve repair, tree removal, heavy truck traffic and garbage collection.
- The Bismark Storm Sewer Upgrade project has been completed and involved the installation of large diameter storm sewer pipe along Bismark Street from Gladstone Street to Melrose Avenue. The pipe installation will increase the stormwater collection capacity to a 1-in-100 year plus 20 percent storm event.
- The Woodlawn Lane Water Main Replacement and Force Main Upgrade project has been completed. This project replaced approximately 310 meters of water main and sanitary force main from Kerry Lane to approximately 81 Woodlawn Lane. The project also included the upgrading of Kerry Lane sanitary lift station with flow monitors.
- The Village has partnered with the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure to upgrade approximately 0.70 kilometers of Route 101 from Bradshaw Drive to the north entrance of Phillips Drive. This is year three of the Village's five-year plan for improvements to provincially designated highways in municipalities.
- Twelve driveway culverts have been repaired or replaced during this summer's maintenance program.
- There are several speed radars located throughout the Village to collect data regarding the speeds of motorists. The radars also capture the number of vehicles travelling the streets. Staff evaluate the data to identify trends and times of day when motorists are travelling above the speed limit. This information is shared with the RCMP. The posted speed limit on Village streets is 40km/hr. Councillor Pope reminded drivers to please respect the speed limit and be watchful for pedestrians and students returning to school in a few weeks.
- Each year the Public Works Department hires four students to assist with the maintenance of Village owned property. As the students are preparing to return to university, staff and Council would like to thank them for their hard work and wish them well with their continuing education.

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

Discussion:

Deputy Mayor Scholten stated that some of the larger projects completed this summer were an inconvenience for residents in those areas. He thanked them for their patience and understanding during the construction process.

Councillor LeBlanc commented that during his travels over the past few days he has encountered on the side of some streets pictograms of a child holding a sign that asks drivers to please slow down. The sign looks very real and capture drivers' attention. Mayor Wilson-Shee remarked that she has seen one on Bismark Street that was erected by a resident. Deputy Mayor Scholten stated from the FCM conference two years ago, he provided staff information regarding where these types of signs could be purchased. Council asked that staff please investigate where these signs can be purchased, which could be effective in helping to slow down speeding drivers.

MOTION CARRIED.

(iii) Finance Department:

No report was presented from the Finance Department.

(iv) **Administration Department:**

No report was presented from the Administration Dept.

► **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 commence the necessary readings to enact By-law No. 49-2019, A By-law respecting the Bonding of Employees and Elected Officials.

Discussion:

Councillor LeBlanc explained that at the July 24, 2019 Council-in-Committee meeting, senior staff presented a proposed amendment to Village By-law No. 49, A By-law Respecting the Bonding of Officers and Employees, for Council's review and discussion. The existing By-law has not been updated since 1992 when it was originally enacted under the former *Municipalities Act*. The changes in the proposed By-law Amendment include the addition of definitions in section 3, and the provisions detailed in section 84 of the *Local Governance Act*, which are reiterated in sections 4 through 7. The title of the By-law will change to "By-law No. 49-2019, A By-law Respecting the Bonding of Employees and Elected Officials". Staff explained that the enactment of the proposed by-law amendment will ensure that the By-law is in accord with the provisions of current legislation. Section 195 of the *Local Governance Act* states that an existing by-law that was made under the previous *Municipalities Act* will remain in force until it is amended (or repealed). The amendment of this by-law will require that By-law No. 49 is repealed in its entirety and replaced with By-law No. 49-2019. Council agreed that the draft by-law amendment be brought forward at the August Council meeting to begin the necessary readings for enactment.

MOTION CARRIED.

(v) **Seniors Advisory Committee:**

No report was presented from the Seniors Advisory Committee.

13. **APPROVAL OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT**

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Alex Scholten and **seconded by** Councillor Mike Pope to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of July 2019 as follows:

- from the General Operating account by cheques and direct payments \$905,789.18 (*Nine Hundred and Five Thousand, Seven Hundred and Eighty-Nine Dollars and Eighteen Cents*);
- from the Water & Sewer Operating account \$121,602.00 (*One Hundred and Twenty-One Thousand, Six Hundred and Two Dollars*);
- from the General Capital account \$29,289.01 (*Twenty-Nine Thousand, Two Hundred and Eighty-Nine Dollars and One Cent*); and
- from the Water & Sewer Capital account \$17,385.99 (*Seventeen Thousand, Three Hundred and Eighty-Five Dollars and Ninety-Nine Cents*)

Discussion:

Deputy Mayor Scholten stated that the adoption of this monthly report fulfills a municipal requirement under provincial legislation. **MOTION CARRIED.**

14. **PUBLIC INPUT / INQUIRIES**

Annette Pelletier addressed Council, on behalf of the Acadian and Francophone people living in New Maryland, and thanked them for the wonderful Acadian Flag raising event and the delicious chicken fricot that was prepared.

15. NEW BUSINESS

First and Second Readings of Bonding By-law No. 49-2019

MOVED BY Councillor Paul LeBlanc and **seconded by** Councillor Gisèle McCaie-Burke to read By-Law No. 49-2019, a By-law Respecting the Bonding of Employees and Elected Officials, for the first time, this reading by title only.

MOTION CARRIED.

Councillor Paul LeBlanc read By-law No. 49-2019, a By-law Respecting the Bonding of Employees and Elected Officials, for the first time by title only.

MOVED BY Councillor Paul LeBlanc and **seconded by** Councillor Mike Pope to read By-Law No. 49-2019, a By-law Respecting the Bonding of Employees and Elected Officials, for the second time, this reading by title only. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Councillor Paul LeBlanc read By-law No. 49-2019, a By-law Respecting the Bonding of Employees and Elected Officials, 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, 18 September 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 8:11pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Taylor
Assistant Clerk

Cynthia Geldart
CAO/Clerk

Judy Wilson-Shee
Mayor