

Village of New Maryland
Council

15 September 2021

Present:	Mayor Judy Wilson-Shee	Deputy Mayor Tim Scammell (<i>via Skype</i>)
	Councillor Laurie Pearson	Councillor Mike Pope
	Councillor Alex Scholten	Councillor Mariet van Groenewoud
	CAO/Clerk Cynthia Geldart	



1. Call to Order

Mayor Judy Wilson-Shee called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the acknowledgement that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Wolastoqiyik and Mi'kmaq people and that we should live and work on this land in relationships of peace, friendship, and mutual respect. She also explained that the meeting is recorded for broadcast and that Deputy Mayor Scammell was joining the meeting via Skype.

2. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED BY Councillor Mike Pope and **seconded by** Councillor Mariet van Groenewoud that the agenda be approved as circulated. **MOTION CARRIED.**

3. Approval of the Minutes

MOVED BY Councillor Alex Scholten and **seconded by** Councillor Mariet van Groenewoud that the minutes of the regular session of Council of 18 August 2021 be approved as circulated.
MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED BY Councillor Alex Scholten and **seconded by** Councillor Mike Pope that the minutes of the Special Session of Council of 08 September 2021 be approved as circulated. **MOTION CARRIED.**

4. Disclosure of Interest

No *Disclosures of Interest* were declared.

5. Presentations

There were no presentations.

6. Proclamations

There were no proclamations.

7. Correspondence:

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

- an invitation for members of Council to attend Fredericton's 2021 State of the City Address;
- official notification from the Local Governance Reform Team of the release of the "What We Heard" document, a summary of the feedback received from the public during the municipal reform engagement process; and

- notice from the Chamber of Commerce of a webinar they are hosting in partnership with McInnes Cooper law firm on the topic of COVID-19 Employee Vaccination Policies.

8. Mayor's Comments

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

- August 20: the children who attend the Dunn Learning Academy presented Mayor Wilson-Shee with a homemade card and flower in recognition and appreciation of her role as Mayor; the children also hosted a fundraising event and subsequently donated \$500 (*five hundred dollars*) to the New Maryland Lions Club;
- August 21: Pride Parade (*Deputy Mayor Scammell also attended*);
- August 24: Union of Municipalities of NB (UMNB) Zone 5 meeting chaired by Councillor Scholten in his role as UMNB President (*Councillor van Groenewoud also attended*); Mayor Wilson-Shee expressed her appreciation to Councillor Scholten for his leadership and for hosting a well-organized meeting;
- August 27 & 31: visited the 6 (six) homes that participated in the Miracle Gro Best Garden contest, along with Recreation Coordinator Michelle Sawler; each recipient was presented with a “Best Garden” sign, Miracle Gro soil and fertilizer, as well as congratulatory letters from Communities in Bloom and the Village; Mayor Wilson-Shee commented on the enjoyable conversations and tours of the beautiful flower and vegetable gardens, and congratulated the gardeners – Fay Nason, Judy MacLean, Nicole and Ryan Valdron, Roland and Carol Cyr and the Nason Family;
- August 28: presentation of a 55th Anniversary certificate to Mr. and Mrs. Childs;
- August 29: NB Peace Officers Memorial to honor the 34 (*thirty-four*) police officers who have died in the line of duty since Confederation; the event is hosted every two years and was live-streamed;
- August 30: Parish of New Maryland (PNM) Zoomers monthly meeting;
- September 02: chaired the Community Policing Committee meeting;
- September 07: Lions Club meeting;
- September 07 – 14: Team Up to Slow Down Campaign; Fire Chief Harry Farrell also participated, along with members of the RCMP when available; Councillors Scholten and van Groenewoud also participated on various days; Mayor Wilson-Shee shared a friendly reminder to motorists to slow down and obey the posted speed limits;
- September 09: RSC11 AGM; congratulations were offered to Mayor John Biggar who was elected as Chairperson and to LSD Representative Mike Chamberlain who was elected as the Vice Chairperson; Mayor Wilson-Shee explained that she has served as Chairperson for the past 5 (five) years, which is the maximum length of time permitted as outlined in the RSC11 Procedural By-law, and expressed her appreciation to the board members and staff; the RSC11 draft budget was distributed to the Administrators in the region and the Local Service Manager on Friday, 10 September 2021;
- September 11: celebration of life in memory of long-time resident Harry Libbey;
- September 12: first anniversary celebration of Simon's Bakery; and
- September 15: press release explaining the new regulations announced by the provincial government this afternoon to help increase vaccination rates and slow the spread of COVID-19 in NB.

9. Comments by Members of Council

Councillor Alex Scholten reported that, as President of UMNB, he has participated in the UMNB committee meetings every two weeks regarding Municipal Reform. The committee is made up of administrators and

elected officials and they've been able to share comments and concerns with Minister Allain throughout the municipal reform consultation process. UMNBC hosted their Board meeting during the weekend of August 19th and 20th, 2021, in person, and Minister Allain spoke to the board members and thanked them for their feedback.

Councillor Scholten also attended meetings of Fredericton's Local Immigration Partnership (LIPF). Their mandate is to support immigrants in our area and they work with all stakeholders to identify all of the available services for immigrants and to coordinate them to make sure newcomers are aware of them. They are working to understand and address the challenges that newcomers face and determine how to be more welcoming.

10. Planning Advisory Committee (PAC)

Councillor Mariet van Groenewoud explained that the PAC met on Monday evening, 13 September 2021 for the conduct of their regular business. She reported on various items from the meeting.

- The Building Permit Report summary for August consisted of 10 (ten) permits issued for home renovation projects and the installation of a mini home, with \$248,443.00 (*two hundred forty-eight thousand, four hundred and forty-three dollars*) in estimated value of construction and \$2,010.25 (*two thousand & ten dollars and twenty-five cents*) in permit fee revenue for the month. The year-to-date totals amount to 109 (one hundred nine) permits with approximately \$4,500,000 (*four million, five hundred thousand dollars*) in construction value and approximately \$35,000 (*thirty-five thousand dollars*) in building permit revenue, which is slightly ahead of the year-to-date totals for the previous year.
- An update was also provided regarding the Route 101 Urban Design Standards project. A "Design Charrette", which is an intensive planning session, has been scheduled during which members of PAC, Council, senior staff, and the project steering committee will participate and provide input to the Village's project consultant regarding the draft urban design concept for New Maryland Highway. The launch of the public consultation component of the project work plan will soon follow.

MOVED BY Councillor Mariet van Groenewoud and **seconded by** Councillor Mike Pope the adoption of the Planning Advisory Committee report as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

11. Emergency Response Plan (ERP) Committee

The ERP Committee has not met since the last Council meeting.

12. Project Reports / Updates

12. (i) Recreation & Leisure Services Department Updates

Councillor Laurie Pearson provided an update of the Recreation & Leisure Services Department activities as detailed in the summary prepared by Michelle Sawler, Recreation Coordinator.

- There have been a number of changes that impacted the New Maryland Elementary School (NMES) rental policy RD-7 since it was adopted by Council in August. The province issued a new directive for school usage with new regulations that limit user groups to youth-based programs only, resulting in the cancellation of our open gym, adult volleyball program, and several groups for the fall season. However, the REDS Volleyball Club and the New Maryland Basketball League will both be held in the gym starting this week. Parents and spectators are not permitted to remain on site during the program times due to the enhanced restrictions. The province has indicated that they will revisit the restrictions in the New Year.

- Staff were pleased to welcome back Day Camp staff members Kelsey Embleton and Jacob Amon, who started employment this week as Gym Supervisors at NMES.
- The New Maryland Running Club has resumed this fall on Tuesday evenings in the NMES soccer field. Many thanks were extended to Kirk Billings, Recreation Foreman, and Ryan O'Shea, Program Manager, for making this program work.
- The flowerpots along New Maryland Highway and the Village's entrance signs will be updated later this month with fall mums. The highway "triangle" next to the New Maryland Centre and the perennial flower bed in front of the New Maryland Centre have also been replanted for fall.
- We will host the Village's Annual Pumpkin Carving Event on Saturday, 23 October 2021 at the New Maryland Centre (NMC). We will offer three sittings and registration will be required. Details will follow later this month on our social media sites.
- The PNM Zoomers' activities have resumed and their program highlights can be found by contacting pnmzoomers@gmail.com.
- Councillor Pearson concluded her report by offering sincere congratulations to the New Maryland Under 11 Red Sox and to the New Maryland Under 16 Red Sox teams who were both champion teams this year in the Fredericton Minor Baseball Association league.

MOVED BY Councillor Laurie Pearson and **seconded by** Councillor Mariet van Groenewoud the adoption of the Recreation and Leisure Services Department report as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

12. (ii) Public Works Department Updates

Councillor Mike Pope provided an update of the Public Works Department activities as detailed in the summary prepared by Rockland Miller, Public Works Supervisor.

- Village staff investigated one Public Works Report during the month of August 2021. The report was for an alteration for a curb-stop box. Staff were able to make the changes to the curb stop as requested and the resident appreciated our efforts.
- The posted speed limit on Village streets is 40 km/hr and in the vicinity of the elementary school it is 30 km/hr. We have a number of speed radars, both permanent and mobile, throughout the Village. Lane markings and 3D Child Silhouette signs are also used as reminders and awareness for drivers to slow down. The Village office has "Keep It To 40" signs available free of charge if residents would like to install the signs on their property. With the school year starting, it is important for motorists to ensure that children can safely walk to school. Council has once again initiated the annual Team Up to Slow Down Campaign, which was very successful again this year. Councillor Pope expressed appreciation to Chief Farrell, Council members and the RCMP for their participation.
- Dates have been set for the annual Fall Leaf Pick-up. The pick-up dates have been scheduled for Wednesday, November 03rd and Thursday, November 04th. The bags should contain only leaves and no other yard debris, and it is necessary to use compostable bags. We will only pick up leaves in compostable bags during this collection.
- We would like to take this opportunity to thank our summer students for all of their work this year. They have all finished working with us for now and have gone back to school or university. We wish all of the students the best of luck with their future endeavors.
- We are pleased to be moving forward with the construction phases of the Sunrise Wellfield Development project. We awarded Contract # 2 – Water Supply Main and Access Road on September 08th and we will be awarding two additional contracts on September 29th – the Water Treatment and Controls contract and the Water Distribution Main contract. Construction will begin in that area soon and we will be notifying residents in the area of the anticipated construction dates.

MOVED BY Councillor Mike Pope and **seconded by** Councillor Alex Scholten the adoption of the Public Works Department report as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

12. (iii) Development Services Department

Councillor Alex Scholten provided background information to introduce a motion. He explained that Mr. Richard McGuigan, representing the owners of Lot 93-206 (also referred to as 57 Cains Brook Lane), recently requested that Village Council consider that any future residential development of the referenced vacant parcel be permitted to be serviced via a private well. In 1997 the Village's approval of the subdivision plan to create Lot 93-206 was subject to the understanding that the future development of the parcel would involve connection to the Village's communal water distribution system and the sanitary sewer treatment system. Connection to the sanitary sewer system would be easily and economically achievable by the property owners. However, upon Council's review of a current Estimate of Probable Cost prepared by the Village Engineer, the cost escalation over time relating to the extension of the Village water main line and service laterals to this property has been deemed to be cost prohibitive to the future development of the site.

In consideration of (1) the exorbitant costs relating to the extension of the existing water main line and service laterals to the property; and (2) the potential for the Village to capitalize on future property tax and municipal utility revenues, Council's approval of the subject property being serviced via a private well appears to be a reasonable and mutually favorable response to the proponent's request.

MOVED BY Councillor Alex Scholten and **seconded by** Councillor Mike Pope the following Resolution of Council: ***Be it Resolved That*** to enable the future residential development of the property identified as PID 75398115, and also identified as Lot 93-206 on the Service New Brunswick Land Registry Plan Number 200,974, the Council for the Village of New Maryland hereby approves: (a) that the subject parcel be permitted to be serviced via a private well to be installed at the owner's expense entirely; and (b) that a future service lateral connection to the municipal sanitary sewer treatment system be permitted subject to the future residential development of the property being conducted in compliance with the by-laws of the Village of New Maryland and all applicable Acts and Regulations of the Province of New Brunswick.

MOTION CARRIED.

12. (iv) Administration Department

Councillor Mariet van Groenewoud provided background information to introduce two motions. She explained that the first motion was regarding recognition of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. During a previous meeting of Council, we discussed the observance of the ***National Day for Truth and Reconciliation*** as a designated holiday. There has been a great deal of discussion regarding this issue since the federal government announced the new federal statutory holiday to be observed on September 30th, beginning this year, but left it up to the Premiers of each province to decide if it would become a provincially designated holiday. Premier Higgs made the decision that he will **not** officially recognize the ***National Day for Truth and Reconciliation*** with a provincial holiday, and therefore each municipality and business owner must make the decision on how they will proceed. Our Council has decided to officially recognize ***National Day for Truth and Reconciliation*** and observe September 30th as a holiday. The decision was based on a number of factors: we want to do our part in ensuring the atrocities of the residential school system are never forgotten, to recognize the calls to action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, to honor the survivors, their families and those who didn't make it home, and to support the Aboriginal Communities who are speaking out strongly against Premier Higgs' decision. We will amend our *Human Resources Policy Manual* to include September 30th as a holiday to observe the ***National Day for Truth and Reconciliation*** and we will also be raising an "***Every Child Matters***" flag in respect of the young lives lost so tragically.

MOVED BY Councillor Mariet van Groenewoud and **seconded by** Councillor Alex Scholten the following Resolution of Council: ***Be It Resolved That*** the Council for the Village of New Maryland designates

September 30th as an official holiday to commemorate the *National Day for Truth and Reconciliation*; that the *Human Resources Policy Manual* be amended to include the holiday; and that we encourage reconciliation and reflection to ensure the legacy of the residential school system is never forgotten.

MOTION CARRIED.

Councillor van Groenewoud reported that she was also presenting a motion regarding the release of a portion of the Victoria Hall property. To facilitate a logical re-configuration of the lot boundaries at the rear of their property, Mr. Todd Pugh and Ms. Carla Boyd, the owners of 191 Phillips Drive in the Centennial Height Subdivision, have requested an opportunity to purchase from the Village an undeveloped triangular portion of the Village of New Maryland's adjacent Victoria Park property. Upon review of the request by Village staff and Council, the 65.6 square metre (706 square feet) portion of the Victoria Park property, identified as "Parcel A" in the attached Conceptual Plan, was perceived to be surplus to the Village needs. An estimated land value was subsequently determined based on an analysis of recent land purchase and sale data within the Village. On the basis that release of the referenced "Parcel A" would in no way jeopardize the Village's opportunity to use the Victoria Park property to its full potential at any point in the future, staff have therefore prepared the following Resolution of Council, and recommend in favor of its adoption.

MOVED BY Councillor Mariet van Groenewoud and **seconded by** Councillor Mike Pope the following Resolution of Council: *Be It Resolved* That the Council for the Village of New Maryland hereby approve the release and sale of an approximate 66 (sixty-six) square metre triangular portion of the property located at 466 New Maryland Highway, being PID number 75396259, to Mr. Todd Pugh and Ms. Carla Boyd of 191 Phillips Drive, New Maryland, for \$330.00 (*three hundred thirty dollars*) plus \$49.50 (*forty-nine dollars and fifty cents*) H.S.T. for a total sale price of \$379.50 (*three hundred seventy-nine dollars and fifty cents*); subject to the condition that all associated legal, surveying, registry and other administrative costs being entirely at the proponent's expense; and that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the necessary legal documentation to facilitate the transaction. **MOTION CARRIED.**

13. Approval of the Treasurer's Report

Councillor Mike Pope explained that the adoption of the Treasurer's Report fulfills a municipal requirement under provincial legislation and introduced a motion to adopt the report.

MOVED BY Councillor Mike Pope and **seconded by** Councillor Mariet van Groenewoud the following Resolution of Council: *Be It Resolved That* the Treasurer's Report be adopted as follows: payments made in the month of August 2021: from the General Operating account by cheques and direct payments **\$498,146.08** (*four hundred ninety-eight thousand, one hundred forty-six dollars and eight cents*); the Water & Sewer Operating account **\$11,350.55** (*eleven thousand, three hundred fifty dollars and fifty-five cents*); the General Capital account **\$113,005.23** (*one hundred thirteen thousand, five dollars and twenty-three cents*); and the Water & Sewer Capital account **\$159,728.32** (*one hundred fifty-nine thousand, seven hundred twenty-eight dollars and thirty-two cents*). **MOTION CARRIED.**

14. Public Input / Inquires

No comments or inquiries were brought forward.

15. New Business

No New Business items were brought forward.

16. Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting

The next formal Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 20 October 2021 at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chamber.

17. Motion for Adjournment

MOVED BY Councillor Mariet van Groenewoud and **seconded by** Councillor Mike Pope to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Geldart

Cynthia Geldart
CAO/Clerk

Signed

Judy Wilson-Shee
Mayor

Signed

Cynthia Geldart
CAO/Clerk