

Village of New Maryland

Council

19 October 2022

Present: Mayor Judy Wilson-Shee
Councillor Laurie Pearson
Councillor Alex Scholten
Cynthia Geldart, CAO/Clerk

Deputy Mayor Tim Scammell
Councillor Mike Pope
Councillor Mariet van Groenewoud

Guest: Hanwell Mayor Dave Morrison



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 was being recorded for broadcast.

2. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED BY Councillor Alex Scholten and **seconded by** Councillor Mariet van Groenewoud that the agenda be approved as distributed. **MOTION CARRIED.**

3. Approval of the Minutes

MOVED BY Councillor Mariet van Groenewoud and **seconded by** Councillor Mike Pope that the minutes of the regular session of Council of 21 September 2022 be approved as circulated. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Tim Scammell and **seconded by** Councillor Mike Pope that the minutes of the Special Session of Council of 28 September 2022 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:

There was no correspondence to read into the record.

8. Mayor's Comments

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

- September 22: Wetmore-Street Duel & Trial re-enactment; Deputy Mayor Tim Scammell, Finance/Records Management Clerk Braydon Scammell and Mayor Wilson-Shee all participated in the presentation (*Councillor van Groenewoud also attended*);
- September 24: True Colours Personality Assessment session (*all Council members and various staff members also attended*);
- September 26: Seniors Advisory Committee meeting (*Councillors Scholten and van Groenewoud also attended*);

- September 28: Flag Raising Event for the raising of the *Every Child Matters* flag (*Councillors Pearson and van Groenewoud and staff members Harry Farrell, Fire Chief, Cynthia Geldart, CAO/Clerk, Rockland Miller, Public Works Supervisor, Michelle Sawler, Recreation Coordinator, Scott Sparks, Treasurer and Nancy St. Croix, Facilities Manager also attended*);
- September 29: meeting with Lisa Steeves, Administrative Clerk, to review the draft amendments to the *Community Action Plan*;
- September 29: Regional Service Commission 11 (RSC11) Advisory Committee meeting, hosted via Zoom, to discuss regional transportation;
- September 29: introduction phone call from John Smith, RSC11 Chief Executive Officer (CEO);
- September 29: meeting with the final winner of the Miracle-Gro Best Garden Contest (*Michelle Sawler, Recreation Coordinator also attended*);
- October 01: annual Frank Dunn Golf Tournament; Mayor Wilson-Shee commented that it was a very successful event with approximately \$5,500 (*five thousand, five hundred dollars*) raised which will go towards the purchase of supplies for a Neighbourhood Watch Program; the “most honest team” award was presented to the Dunn family (Jim, Lisa, Sam and Alex); the Mayor thanked all of the sponsors, the companies who donated prizes, Marie “the fudge lady”, Pat “the cookie lady” and her daughter, as well as all of the golfers; Mayor Wilson-Shee confirmed that an Open House is scheduled for Tuesday, 22 November 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the New Maryland Centre (NM Centre) to discuss the establishment of a Neighbourhood Watch Program in the Village;
- October 04: RSC11 Board meeting;
- October 05: Parish of New Maryland (PNM) Zoomers monthly meeting;
- October 07 – 09: Union of Municipalities of NB (UMNB) annual conference; the Mayor explained that this conference was an opportunity to connect with many local government leaders from across the province; Councillor Alex Scholten hosted the conference as UMNB President and having served in that role for the past 2 (two) years, he will now serve as Past-President; Deputy Mayor Andrew Black of Sackville will serve as UMNB’s new President; Mayor Wilson-Shee, on behalf of Council, acknowledged Councillor Scholten’s outstanding commitment and thanked him for his dedicated work as UMNB President; she noted that the municipality was extremely fortunate to have benefitted from the knowledge and experience that Councillor Scholten obtained through his role as UMNB President and was able to share with Council;
- October 11: grand opening of Hanwell’s Accessible Trails;
- October 11: New Maryland Heritage Association meeting;
- October 13: Design Workshop hosted by representatives from Upland Planning + Design held at the New Maryland Centre regarding the Athletic Park Redevelopment Study (*Deputy Mayor Scammell, Councillors Scholten and van Groenewoud, and senior staff members CAO/Clerk Cynthia Geldart, Recreation Coordinator Michelle Sawler, Public Works Supervisor Rockland Miller, and Development Officer/Building Inspector Rob Pero also attended*);
- October 14: New Maryland Elementary School (NMES) Fall Frolic (*Councillor Scholten and his son Caleb were in charge of the popcorn and Fire Chief Farrell displayed one of the fire trucks*);
- October 15: breakfast fundraiser hosted by the New Maryland Fire Department (NMFD), the New Maryland Lions Club and Fredericton High School (FHS) in support of FHS’s Kats’ Kitchen program; the successful event raised close to \$2,600 (*two thousand, six hundred dollars*) (*Deputy Mayor Scammell and Councillors Scholten and Pearson also attended*);
- October 18: Lions Club meeting with scholarships presented to Erin Kierstead, Amelia Reid and Hilary Reid; Mr. & Mrs. Reid attending the presentation and accepted the scholarships on behalf of their daughters; and

- October 19: Queen Elizabeth Scholars reception hosted by Hon. Brenda Murphy, Lieutenant Governor; Mayor Wilson-Shee concluded her report by remarking that she found it interesting to learn about the Queen Elizabeth Scholars Program and explained that the 3 (three) successful applicants spoke about their experiences with the program.

9. Comments by Members of Council

Councillor Alex Scholten reported that he had participated in the following meetings and/or events since the last Council meeting:

- September 22: participated in his capacity as UMNB's President in an online meeting of UMNB's Zone 1 where members discussed concerns regarding municipal reform, the new RSC mandated services and the upcoming announcement by the Department of Local Government and Local Governance Reform (LG/LGR) on the equalization grant;
- September 23: opening reception for the Cities of New Brunswick Association's (CNBA) annual conference held at the Fredericton Convention Centre;
- September 26: chaired a meeting of UMNB's Conference Committee in preparation for the annual general meeting (AGM) and conference;
- September 27: UMNB Municipal Reform Committee meeting to discuss upcoming consultations with Hon. Jill Green, Minister of the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure (DTI);
- September 29: UMNB meeting with Hon. Jill Green, Minister, DTI and senior staff to discuss municipal reform, the status of designated municipal highways and funding for repairs and maintenance of the designated highways; Councillor Scholten clarified that Hon. Jeff Carr has recently been appointed as the new Minister for DTI;
- October 04: chaired a meeting of UMNB's Fiscal and Governance Committee to discuss changes being made by Minister Allain, LG/LGR and the provincial government to the equalization grant and core funding for municipalities; the changes will essentially mean that municipalities like New Maryland will start to see the core funding decrease by 20% (twenty percent) per year over the next 5 (five) years as amounts are moved to fund the new RSC mandated services; municipalities will be paying for services that were previously provided by the province and this is creating great concern amongst municipalities across the province as it will lead to increased taxes at the municipal level;
- October 05: chaired the UMNB Executive Committee meeting where discussions focused on UMNB's approach to the new equalization grant and core funding announcements;
- October 07: chaired a meeting of UMNB's Board of Directors in advance of UMNB's AGM;
- October 08 – 09: participated in UMNB's annual conference and annual general meeting with over 200 (two hundred) attendees from municipalities across the province; Premier Higgs spoke at the opening reception and guest speakers included LG/LGR Minister Allain and Deputy Minister Donaghy; conference sessions included topics of significant importance to members, such as housing, community health initiatives, policing, working more effectively with indigenous communities and municipal reform;
- October 09: Councillor Scholten reported that 2 (two) important awards were presented at the UMNB AGM to recognize the long-standing support those individuals have provided to their communities:
 - ❖ **Raymond Murphy Award:** the Raymond Murphy Award was established in 2017 in honor and memory of UMNB Past President, Executive Director, and friend - Raymond Murphy of Rexton, NB. Raymond was a man who loved his community deeply and who devoted his whole life and his whole heart to public service. His legacy lives on in the lives he touched, the causes he advanced, and the community he made better through his efforts. The award is presented annually to a member municipality volunteer, elected or non-elected, who has

shown outstanding dedication of his or her services to their municipality. This year's recipient was Christopher Flemming of Saint Andrews. Councillor Scholten read the following highlight's from Mr. Flemming's letter of nomination: *"Mr. Flemming has been a longtime resident of Saint Andrews and through that time has impacted many lives in our community. In his former career he taught grade school, French, at Sir James Dunn Academy. Mr. Flemming helped to shape minds for over 25 years in our community before he retired. He was a dedicated teacher and continues to provide fond memories for his previous students. During his teaching years in 1993, Mr. Flemming joined the Charlotte County Television Station (CHCO TV) as a founding member. He was the first on-air personality and hosted many programs like "St. Andrews Toady". He was an active member of the board for over 15 years and is considered an honorary member of CHCO TV who continues to appear to this day on programs. In May of 1998 Mr. Flemming took further steps to support and grow Saint Andrews by becoming Mayor of our community. During his stewardship the community completed guiding documents of Municipal Plans and Zoning By-laws that helped to shape and steer Saint Andrews for over a decade. In May of 2001 Mr. Flemming completed his Mayoral services and continued to provide consultations to the Mayors that followed. However, he was not done with providing civic support to Saint Andrews. After taking a few years off, Mr. Flemming was back supporting the Town by participating as Chair of the Planning Advisory Committee. As a representative of the community with the knowledge, leadership, and background to understand processes, policies, and procedures, Mr. Flemming was a great fit. He served in his role as Chair of the PAC from June 2004 – May 2012. For several years after his service as Chair, the PAC became the PRAC at a regional level. Most recently, in 2001, the Town of Saint Andrews brought the Planning Advisory Committee to a community level. Mr. Flemming was called upon to see if he wished to serve another term as Chair of the PAC. Again, without waiver, Mr. Flemming accepted the role and has continued in his position as Chair to the present day. Together, Mr. Flemming has served the community as a volunteer in one form or another for close to 30 years, not to mention his teaching career. We are writing this nomination as it is a wonderful way to honour and celebrate the true accomplishments of a dedicated volunteer to and for our community."* Councillor Scholten explained that Mr. Flemming has not been well and that he and Dan Murphy, UMN ED, travelled to Saint Andrews to present the award to him. He commented that it was an honour to do so, and sadly, that Mr. Flemming passed away shortly after the presentation.

- ❖ **Louise Breau Award:** the late Mayor Louise Breau of Millville, NB was a person of great integrity and never-ending dedication. She worked diligently for the betterment of municipalities in New Brunswick, without thinking of her own gain. Louise was a reliable, sincere and dynamic person who always had a smile and the time to listen. She was a person who wanted to be involved and would help out in any way, no matter how big or small the effort was on her part. This award is presented annually to an elected official (past or present) with a similar spirit of dedication as Louise. This year's Louise Breau Award was presented to Woodstock Mayor Art Slipp. Councillor Scholten read the following comments from the Nomination Letter: *"It is hard to know where to begin in summarizing the numerous and substantial contributions that Arthur Slipp has made on behalf of municipalities in New Brunswick, and especially in his hometown of Woodstock. The only mayor to have served longer than Arthur's current 14 years is Woodstock's original mayor, L.P. Fisher, whose legacy endures well into the present day. Arthur's dedication is an echo of Fisher's, as both demonstrate the importance of long-term planning, public facilities and services, and*

Woodstock's role as a regional hub. Although the Mayor of Woodstock has traditionally been part-time, Arthur has been a full-time mayor since 2008 before which he served one term as a councillor. During that time, Woodstock saw the expansion of our recreational complex, community theatre, and library, the construction of two new K-8 schools, the expansion of our boundary, and the creation of a new park in celebration of Canada 150, which Mayor Slipp fittingly named "Citizen Square". Arthur's dedication has been most evident in his efforts to improve local health care following the loss of the Carleton Memorial Hospital in Woodstock. He and his wife, Lynne, have been tireless in their efforts to support physician recruitment to Woodstock, and to enable the construction of a new medical services building in Woodstock. Thanks to these efforts, we have seen excellent progress including the establishment of one of the province's most successful collaborative family practices, and the addition of many complimentary practitioners. He has also been steadfast in his support for the Union of Municipalities of New Brunswick, serving as President, Past President (more than once), and as a member of countless committees, roundtables, and consultations. The amount of time he has dedicated to quiet conversations with government officials and staff is beyond calculation, including representing New Brunswick at the national level via the Canadian Federation of Municipalities. But beyond all the roles and titles, Arthur is an honest, generous person who does what needs to be done on behalf of the community, with the highest integrity and quite a bit of good humor. His skill as a consensus builder – among councillors, among community members, and very often between different levels of government – is evident in every conversation, and we are the better for it."

Councillor Mike Pope also expressed his appreciation to Councillor Scholten for his dedication and commitment in his role as UMN President. He noted that it was an incredibly challenging time to represent municipalities throughout the province due to the impacts of municipal reform and he commented that we are the most informed Council in the province due to Councillor Scholten's willingness to participate at so many meetings, with such diverse interests and audiences.

Mayor Wilson-Shee welcomed Hanwell Mayor Dave Morrison to the meeting.

10. Planning Advisory Committee (PAC)

Councillor Alex Scholten provided a summary of the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting of Monday, 03 October 2022.

- The committee reviewed the Building Permit Summary Report for September 2022 as presented by staff. The report included 6 (six) permits issued for various residential renovation projects. The monthly totals amounted to \$112, 269.60 (*one hundred twelve thousand, two hundred sixty-nine dollars and sixty cents*) in estimated value of construction and \$962.00 (*nine hundred sixty-two dollars*) in permit fee revenue for the month. The 2022 year-to-date totals include 126 (one hundred twenty-six) permits with \$4,228,652.15 (*four million, two hundred twenty-eight thousand, six hundred fifty-two dollars and fifteen cents*) in construction value and \$33,315.00 (*thirty-three thousand, three hundred fifteen dollars*) in permit fee revenue. As of the end of September the building permit activity in 2022 remained relatively on trend for the same period in 2021 with new home starts totaling 13 (thirteen) and 12 (units) respectively. However, the 2022 year-to-date estimated value of construction and permit revenue were approximately 20% (twenty percent) lower than in 2021 due to a slight reduction in the number and scale of general home renovation projects to date.

- The application for a re-zoning of 196 Phillips Drive was reviewed. Approximately 27 (twenty-seven) attendees were present, including the applicant and Village residents. Information was shared regarding the proponent's proposal to re-zone the property to a Residential Zone Three (R-3) to allow for the development of a 30 (thirty)-unit, 3 (three)-storey apartment building and a 6 (six)-unit row dwelling building.
- Among the numerous comments provided by concerned residents at the meeting, the dominant themes received by PAC related to:
 - (1) the excessive scale of the proposed apartment building in terms of the number of storeys and roof height,
 - (2) potential impact to values and marketability of existing adjacent properties relative to other properties,
 - (3) increased neighborhood densification,
 - (4) potential loss of privacy,
 - (5) negative traffic volume and pattern effects,
 - (6) risks to pedestrian safety,
 - (7) risk of loss of mature trees at the site(s),
 - (8) concern about impacts to private wells, and
 - (9) questions and concerns about stormwater management.
- In consideration of input received from residents, the PAC requested that staff forward their recommendations to Village Council that PAC recommend against the proposed three (3)-storey aspect of the proposed apartment building and that application of the following terms and conditions also be considered by Council in their further review of the proposal:
 - (1) the re-zoning of the properties to a Residential Zone Three (R-3) be approved subject to a Section 59 Agreement with particular emphasis on landscape buffering requirements;
 - (2) the Applicant be requested to submit, for further consideration, a revised development concept incorporating a two (2)-storey apartment building with a maximum of thirty (30) dwelling units;
 - (3) the building designs and exterior finishes shall be in accordance with the Village *Urban Design Standards and Guidelines* to the satisfaction of the Development Officer;
 - (4) a mutual access right-of-way, in favor of the proposed row dwelling site, shall be incorporated into the subdivision plan and be addressed via a registered access agreement;
 - (5) firefighting requirements shall be achieved to the satisfaction of Village Council and the Fire Chief;
 - (6) the applicant shall submit a traffic impact study prepared by a qualified professional engineer; and
 - (7) all construction shall be in accordance with all applicable Village by-laws and policies.
- Councillor Scholten concluded his report by noting that the PAC Vice-Chairperson thanked the concerned residents and the Applicant for attending the PAC meeting and providing valuable input on the proposal and also that staff advised those in attendance that a public hearing would be scheduled in the near future, which involves public notification and advertising, and provides a further opportunity for residents to express their views to Council regarding the proposed project.

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

Councillor Scholten explained that, further to his report, staff are in receipt of a re-zoning application from Zzap Consulting Inc. on behalf of 7324333 NB Inc., for an assembly of parcels formerly known as 196 Phillips Drive. The property consists of approximately 1.8 acres of vacant land located at the southern intersection of Phillips Drive with New Maryland Highway. The submitted application is requesting to re-zone the subject parcels

from Residential Zone Two (R-2) to Residential Zone Three (R-3) to permit the construction of a 30 (thirty)-unit, 3 (three)-storey apartment building and a 6 (six)-unit row dwelling building.

Council is required to host a public hearing, which has been scheduled for Wednesday, 23 November 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the New Maryland Centre.

MOVED BY Councillor Alex Scholten and **seconded by** Deputy Mayor Tim Scammell the following Resolution of Council: ***Be It Resolved That*** the Council of the Village of New Maryland, in accordance with Section 111 of the *New Brunswick Community Planning Act*, S.N.B. (2017) Chapter 19 and amendments thereto, hereby moves to schedule a public hearing to be held on Wednesday, 23 November 2022, commencing at 6:30 p.m. at the New Maryland Centre, located at 754 New Maryland Highway. The purpose of which will be to give consideration to the requested *Zoning By-Law Amendment 04-01-2022, A By-Law to Amend Zoning By-Law 04-2019*, to re-zone Property Identification Numbers 75260265, 75260273, 75260281, 75260257 and 75062208 (to be consolidated), from a Residential Zone Two (R-2) to a Residential Zone Three (R-3) to enable subject to the execution of a Development Agreement, the future development of a 30 (thirty)-unit, 3 (three)-storey apartment building and a 6 (six)-unit row dwelling building. ***Be It Further Resolved that*** staff proceed with the necessary public notifications as prescribed per the *New Brunswick Community Planning Act*. **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

Deputy Mayor Tim Scammell provided an update of the Recreation & Leisure Services Department activities.

- The Fall/Winter edition of the *Village News* is now available on the Village's website and social media, and copies will be delivered to Village residents and available at the office later this month. The *Village News* contains details of the planned activities and events, as well as important departmental projects and updates.
- Deputy Mayor Scammell shared a reminder that the survey for the Athletic Park Redevelopment project will close on Monday, 23 October 2022. In addition to stakeholder interviews, which have been conducted over the past month and the Design Workshop, the survey is an important feedback mechanism for residents and neighbours. Over 200 (two hundred) responses to the survey have been received to date, 10 (ten) stakeholder interviews were conducted, and 2 (two) park design plans were presented at our public meeting, as well as a "voting" exercise for preferred future amenities. The next step in this project will be a *What We Heard* report summarizing the findings of all the public feedback components, which is expected by the end of the month.
- The response to the "in-person" pumpkin carving event has been enthusiastic. We are offering 3 (three) sessions at the New Maryland Centre on Saturday, 22 October 2022 (10:00 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.) with 15 (fifteen) family tables per session. As of Monday, we have 2 (two) tables available at 10:00 a.m., 9 (nine) tables available at 11:15 a.m., and 5 (five) tables available at the 12:30 p.m. session. Day Camp counsellors will be helping out with this event. Plans include a Halloween display for photos, treat bags for the kids, and new this year, a coloring table. Pumpkins, stencils and carving supplies will be provided and registration is required to attend. Residents wishing to attend should contact our Recreation Coordinator via e-mail or phone to sign up for the event..

- Plans are underway for the return to our pre-COVID format for the Remembrance Day service. The event will be held outside at the Victoria Park cenotaph beginning at 10:45 a.m. and a reception will follow at the New Maryland Centre. Program details will be finalized in the coming weeks and shared with residents.
- A babysitter course has been scheduled for Friday, 18 November 2022 as there is no school that day. The course will be held at the New Maryland Centre and the cost is \$60 (*sixty dollars*). The registration form is available on our website and there is an e-transfer payment option.
- There are a number of new user groups at the school this fall and the schedule is now fully booked from Mondays through Thursdays, with several one-time bookings (i.e.: birthdays) already scheduled.
- The Community Garden users have been notified that the garden will be closed the week of October 24th, 2022. This was the best year yet for the garden, with several new participants and all 28 (twenty-eight) plots were reserved. Staff have been discussing potentially expanding the garden next year to include an additional 4 (four) plots at the back of the existing garden if there is sufficient interest.
- The flowerpots along the New Maryland Highway were recently replaced with fall mums and all the flower beds have been cleaned up and the hanging baskets removed for the season. In addition, the 3 (three) “Honour our Veterans” banners were installed along the highway, as well as our own Remembrance Day banners. Several of the Ukraine banners also remain in place.
- Highlights of the activities of the Parish of New Maryland (PNM) Zoomers include the following:
 - everyone must be double-vaccinated and a member of the PNM Zoomers to attend activities;
 - monthly meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the boardroom or via Zoom and the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, 07 November 2022;
 - a new painting group meets on Mondays from 9:00 a.m. until noon in the Seniors’ Centre;
 - stretch and strengthening classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.;
 - the craft group meets every other Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. until noon in the Seniors’ Centre and their next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 02 November 2022;
 - the book club meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 11:00 a.m. in the Seniors’ Centre or via Zoom and their next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 27 October 2022 when they will discuss *The Crow Trap* by Anne Cleeves;
 - memberships run from January to December at a cost of \$20 (*twenty dollars*) and membership forms can be found on the Village’s website; and
 - a monthly newsletter is sent to the PNM Zoomer members each month and residents can subscribe to the newsletter and/or for more information on programming or events contact pnmzoomers@gmail.com.

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Tim Scammell and **seconded by** Councillor Alex Scholten the adoption of the Recreation and Leisure Services Department report as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

12. (ii) Public Works Department Updates

Councillor Mariet van Groenewoud provided an update of the activities of the Public Works Department.

- Village staff investigated 3 (three) Public Works Reports during the month of September 2022. The reports were inquiries from residents regarding culvert repairs and water service box repairs. Residents shared their appreciation with staff for their efforts when investigating the reports.
- The recent speed radar data collection is showing that most motorists are keeping their speeds near the 40km/hr speed limit with the exception of Crown Avenue where speeds are approaching 50km/hr. Councillor van Groenewoud commented that Council and staff appreciate the efforts of residents in abiding by the posted speed limit of 40km/hr and reminded residents to be mindful of their speed and

to watch for children walking along sidewalks, along streets, and crossing at intersections. She further explained that if residents want to become involved in our efforts to promote speeding awareness, there are “Keep It to 40” signs available free of charge at the Village office. Residents can also help by calling the RCMP at 1-888-506-7267 to report vehicles travelling above the posted speed limits. The RCMP create a file for each call they receive and if they notice trends, they will consider increasing patrols of that area.

- The dates have been set for the annual Fall Leaf Collection and the early drop-off is scheduled for Saturday, 22 October 2022. A large bin will be located at the Village office from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. for residents to drop off leaves in compostable bags. The pick-up dates will be Wednesday, 02 November 2022 and Thursday, 03 November 2022. The bags should only contain leaves and no other yard debris, and only compostable bags will be collected. This event provides an opportunity for residents to engage in a bit of yard work.
- The Public Works team planted 26 (twenty-six) trees along Sprucewood Drive and Lynda Lane within the street right-of way. The tree planting is a continuation of projects conducted in 2019, 2020 and 2021, and includes generous funding support from the Government of New Brunswick Environmental Trust Fund. Grant funds in the amount of \$4,000 (*four thousand dollars*) were used to purchase trees. The many benefits to urban reforestation include improved air quality, restoration of wildlife habitat, better storm water management, traffic calming, and enhanced aesthetics of neighborhoods and public gathering places.
- Councillor van Groenewoud concluded her report by sharing appreciate for public works staff Grayson Young and Johnny Godin for their work on grinding the edges of the concrete sidewalk panels throughout the Village. The grinding has made a smooth transition from one panel to the next and reduced the chance of a tripping hazard.

MOVED BY Councillor Mariet van Groenewoud and **seconded by** Deputy Mayor Tim Scammell the adoption of the Public Works Department report as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

12. (iii) New Maryland Fire Department (NMFD) Quarterly Report

Fire Chief Harry Farrell reported on data from the NMFD Quarterly Report:

- He explained that the report covers the period of July, August and September 2022.
- The breakdown of calls in the report included:
 - 18 (eighteen) total calls for this quarter;
 - 15 (fifteen) total calls for this quarter in 2021;
 - 139 (one hundred thirty-nine) firefighting hours during this quarter;
 - 464 (four hundred sixty-four) firefighting hours to date;
 - 3 (three) calls within the Village limits;
 - 14 (fourteen) calls outside the Village limits; and
 - 1 (one) mutual aid call.

MOVED BY Councillor Laurie Pearson and **seconded by** Councillor Mike Pope the adoption of the New Maryland Fire Department report as presented by Chief Farrell. **MOTION CARRIED.**

12. (iv) Seniors Advisory Committee (SAC)

Deputy Mayor Tim Scammell reported on the events of the Seniors Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting held on Monday, 26 September 2022.

- The meeting began with approval of the session notes of the 27 June 2022 SAC meeting.
- The committee has a “Sleep Kit” from Dementia Friendly NB to give away to a dementia patient or caregiver in New Maryland. A Facebook post will be created to invite dementia patients and/or their

caregivers within the Village to enter their name in a draw to win the kit. The winning name will be drawn on 24 October 2022.

- The SAC continued their review of the *Community Action Plan and Performance Indicators*. Additional edits will be reviewed at their next meeting.
- Councillor van Groenewoud attended the SAC meeting and advised the committee that she has been asked to serve as Vice-President on an executive for a not-for-profit committee being established to review the structure of how Age-Friendly Communities will be assessed. The structure of the committee is still being determined however they will be hiring a part-time director for the project. Councillor van Groenewoud committed to gathering additional information regarding the project to share at the next meeting.
- The next SAC meeting is scheduled for Monday, 24 October 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chamber.

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Tim Scammell and **seconded by** Councillor Alex Scholten the adoption of the Seniors Advisory Committee report as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

12. (v) Finance Department

Councillor Mike Pope reported that at the 17 November 2021 formal Council meeting, Council passed the 2022 Budget and approved a number of transfers to reserve funds. He explained that the transfers included annual reserves for items such as fire trucks and equipment, infrastructure replacement, and for the Water Tower and Wastewater Treatment Plant as well as other projects. He explained that motions are required to officially move those funds.

MOVED BY Councillor Mike Pope and **seconded by** Deputy Mayor Tim Scammell the following Resolution of Council: ***Be It Resolved That*** the Council for the Village of New Maryland transfer from the General Operating Fund (Acct # 0626 1013-181) to the General Capital Reserve Fund (Acct #0626 1015-021) \$500,455 (*five hundred thousand, four hundred fifty-five dollars*). **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOVED BY Councillor Mike Pope and **seconded by** Councillor Alex Scholten the following Resolution of Council: ***Be It Resolved That*** the Council for the Village of New Maryland transfer from the Utility Operating Fund (Acct # 0626 1014-176) to the Utility Capital Reserve Fund (Acct #0626 1018-839) \$84,460 (*eighty-four thousand, four hundred sixty dollars*). **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOVED BY Councillor Mike Pope and **seconded by** Deputy Mayor Tim Scammell the following Resolution of Council: ***Be It Resolved That*** the Council for the Village of New Maryland transfer from the General Operating Fund (Acct # 0626 1013-181) to the General Operating Reserve Fund (Acct #0626 1015-013) \$21,000 (*twenty-one thousand dollars*). **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOVED BY Councillor Mike Pope and **seconded by** Councillor Alex Scholten the following Resolution of Council: ***Be It Resolved That*** the Council for the Village of New Maryland transfer from the General Capital Fund (Acct # 0626 1020-875) to the General Capital Reserve Fund (Acct #0626 1015-021) \$32,330 (*thirty-two thousand, three hundred thirty dollars*). **MOTION CARRIED.**

13. Approval of the Treasurer's Report

MOVED BY Councillor Laurie Pearson and **seconded by** Councillor Mike Pope the following Resolution of Council: ***Be It Resolved That*** the Treasurer's Report be adopted as follows: payments made in the month of September 2022 from: the General Operating account by cheques and direct payments **\$962,414.68** (*nine hundred sixty-two thousand, four hundred fourteen dollars and sixty-eight cents*); the Water & Sewer Operating account **\$594,165.92** (*five hundred ninety-four thousand, one hundred sixty-five dollars and*

ninety-two cents); and the Water & Sewer Capital account **\$238,984.81** (*two hundred thirty-eight thousand, nine hundred eighty-four dollars and eighty-one cents*). **MOTION CARRIED.**

14. Public Input / Inquires

Hanwell Mayor Dave Morrison commented that he was pleased to attend the meeting. He explained that he wanted to attend for quite some time but that his Council meeting usually falls on the same evening. Due to a scheduling change, he was able to attend this evening. Mayor Morrison noted that it was interesting to see how other Councils host their meetings.

15. New Business

(i) Third & Final Readings of Fireworks By-law No. 58-2022

Councillor Alex Scholten explained that Fire Chief Farrell has investigated various options of fireworks that may help reduce the noise level and disruptions to our residents. The Fire Chief determined that eliminating certain types of fireworks and restricting the location where they can be set off would be the best course of action. Council moved forward with the motions for first and second reading of the revised by-law at the Council meeting on 15 June 2022 and tonight's motions for third and final readings will enact Fireworks By-law No. 58-2022.

MOVED BY Councillor Alex Scholten and **seconded by** Councillor Mike Pope to read Fireworks By-law No. 58-2022, for the third time, this reading by summary, pursuant to Section 15 (3) of the *Local Governance Act*. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Councillor Scholten read the summary as follows: By-law No. 58-2022 includes amendments to:

- (1) specifically reference the new enabling legislation;
- (2) eliminate the use of 2 (two), 3 (three), and 4 (four)-inch shells and limit the use of display fireworks to only cake and mine fireworks;
- (3) restrict use to allow only licensed professionals to set off fireworks within the Village;
- (4) ban the use of consumer fireworks;
- (5) increase the fine for residents caught setting off fireworks in their backyard to \$500 (*five hundred dollars*); and
- (6) update the document regarding organization, definitions, phrasing and to clarify administrative and enforcement provisions accordingly.

MOVED BY Councillor Alex Scholten and **seconded by** Councillor Mariet van Groenewoud to read Fireworks By-law No. 58-2022, for the final time, this reading by title only, thereby enacting the by-law. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Councillor Scholten read *Fireworks By-law No. 58-2022* by title only, thereby enacting the by-law.

16. Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting

The next formal Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 16 November 2022 at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chamber.

17. Motion for Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Geldart
CAO/Clerk

Judy Wilson-Shee
Mayor

Cynthia Geldart
CAO/Clerk