# Village of New Maryland Special Session of Council 23 November 2022

**Present:** Mayor Judy Wilson-Shee Deputy Mayor Tim Scammell

Councillor Alex Scholten Councillor Mariet van Groenewoud Cynthia Geldart, CAO/Clerk Shawna Cyr-Basque, Assistant Clerk

**Regrets:** Councillor Laurie Pearson

Councillor Mike Pope

#### 1. Call to Order

Mayor Judy Wilson-Shee called the meeting to order at 5:30 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 explained that the meeting was being recorded for broadcast and that Councillors Pearson and Pope are absent due to severe cases of the flu.

### 2. Approval of the Agenda

**MOVED BY** Councillor Alex Scholten and **seconded by** Deputy Mayor Tim Scammell that the agenda be approved as circulated. **MOTION CARRIED**.

#### 3. Disclosures of Interest

No Conflicts of Interest were declared.

#### 4. Presentation of the 2023 Budgets

Councillor Mariet van Groenewoud presented the 2023 Budget Speech as attached.

**MOVED BY** Councillor Mariet van Groenewoud and **seconded by** Deputy Mayor Tim Scammell the following Resolution of Council: *Be It Resolved That* the sum of \$6,109,282 (*six million, one hundred nine thousand, two hundred eighty-two dollars*) be the total operating budget of the Village of New Maryland, that the sum of \$5,647,404 (*five million, six hundred forty-seven thousand, four hundred and four dollars*) be the Warrant of the Village of New Maryland for the ensuing year, and that the tax rate for the Village of New Maryland be \$1.2366 (*one point two three six six dollars*). The Council orders and directs the levying by the Minister of Local Government and Local Governance Reform of said amount on real property liable to taxation under the *Assessment Act* within the local government of The Village of New Maryland.

Discussion: Councillor Scholten commented that with the impacts of municipal reform and inflation, Council was still able to present a budget that is reasonable, fiscally responsible and in full consideration of the impacts to our residents. He remarked that the province is promoting vibrant and sustainable municipalities and those concepts are also the focus of Council for our own community. He concluded his comments by explaining that the budget process takes place over several weeks and months and thanked Council and staff for their diligent work in an interesting and challenging year concluding a balanced approach to the budget. **MOTION CARRIED.** 

**MOVED BY** Councillor Mariet van Groenewoud and **seconded by** Councillor Alex Scholten the following resolution of Council: *Be It Resolved That* pursuant to subsection 117(4) of the *Local Governance Act*, the total budget for the Water and Wastewater utility for the ensuing year would consist of total revenues of \$1,435,143 (*one million, four hundred thirty-five thousand, one hundred forty-three dollars*) and of total expenditures of \$1,435,143 (*one million, four hundred thirty-five thousand, one hundred forty-three dollars*). **MOTION CARRIED.** 

## 5. Adjournment

**MOVED BY** Councillor Alex Scholten and **seconded by** Deputy Mayor Tim Scammell that the meeting be adjourned. **MOTION CARRIED**.

The meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.	
Respectfully submitted,	
Cynthia Geldart CAO/Clerk	
Judy Wilson-Shee	Cynthia Geldart
Mayor	CAO/Clerk