

# Village of New Maryland Council

15 February 2023

**Present:** Mayor Judy Wilson-Shee Deputy Mayor Tim Scammell  
Councillor Laurie Pearson Councillor Mike Pope  
Councillor Alex Scholten Councillor Mariet van Groenewoud  
Cynthia Geldart, CAO/Clerk Shawna Cyr-Basque, Assistant Clerk  
Harry Farrell, Fire Chief Rockland Miller, Public Works Supervisor

**Guests:** Hon. Jeff Carr, MLA, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure  
Randy Rix, Coach of the NB Karate Team participating in the Canada Winter Games  
New Maryland Firefighters and family members

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## 1. Call to Order

Mayor Judy Wilson-Shee called the meeting to order at the New Maryland Centre 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 explained that the meeting was being recorded for broadcast and welcomed everyone in attendance.

## 2. Approval of the Agenda

**MOVED BY** Councillor Mike Pope and **seconded by** Deputy Mayor Tim Scammell that the agenda be approved as distributed. **MOTION CARRIED.**

## 3. Approval of the Minutes

**MOVED BY** Councillor Alex Scholten and **seconded by** Deputy Mayor Tim Scammell that the minutes of the regular session of Council of 18 January 2023 be approved as circulated. **MOTION CARRIED.**

## 4. Disclosure of Interest

No *Disclosures of Interest* were declared.

## 5. Presentations

(i) Mayor Wilson-Shee presented a *Certificate of Recognition* to Randy Rix, who has been selected as Coach of the NB Karate Team participating in the 2023 Canada Winter Games taking place in Summerside, P.E.I from 18 February 2023 to 05 March 2023. Coach Rix began coaching karate in New Maryland in 2004 and the Mayor expressed congratulations and best wishes for a successful competition at the Winter Games.

(ii) Mayor Wilson-Shee, Fire Chief Harry Farrell and Hon. Jeff Carr, MLA, Minister of the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure, presented members of the New Maryland Fire Department (NMFD) with *Fire Services Exemplary Medals*. The medals are a federal recognition of 20 (twenty)-years of service and were presented to Robert Gallant, David French, Stephen McLean, Robert Miller, Ellen Morris and Gregory Morris. NMFD firefighter Lorne Dalton was unable to attend the meeting and his medal will be presented to him at a later date.

**MOVED BY** Councillor Mike Pope and **seconded by** Councillor Mariet van Groenewoud that the meeting be adjourned for a brief recess. **MOTION CARRIED.** The meeting adjourned for recess at 7:37 p.m.

Mayor Wilson-Shee called the meeting back to order and reconvened at 7:47 p.m.

## **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:

- January 20: viewing party with Maestro Chef Wes, hosted by Riverview Lincoln at Grimross;
- January 21: 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations at The Oromocto Galleria;
- January 22: presentation of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medals during a special ceremony held at Victoria Hall with medals awarded to citizens who have given a lifetime of service to their community, province or country; Mayor Wilson-Shee expressed congratulations to Gary Campbell, Fire Chief Harry Farrell, Bill O'Donnell, Paul Porter, and Joe Valentino; the medals were presented by Her Honour, Lieutenant Governor Brenda Murphy with assistance from Hon. Jeff Carr, MLA; *(all members of Council also attended)*;
- January 24: Capital Region Service Commission (CRSC) audit meeting hosted via Zoom;
- January 27: official ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Intensive Care Unit (ICU) at the Dr. Everett Chalmers Regional Hospital hosted by Minister of Health, Hon. Bruce Fitch and other dignitaries; the space includes a 12 (twelve)-bed unit with state-of-the-art equipment and walls of windows to improve patients' well-being;
- January 28: overview and orientation session held at the Hanwell Municipal Office from 8:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. for the newly formed CRSC; participants included CRSC board members, Mayors, Deputy Mayors and Chief Administrative Officers (CAOs); Mayor Wilson-Shee reported that during the board meeting she was elected to serve as Vice-Chair until the Annual General Meeting (AGM), which will be held in April; *(Deputy Mayor Scammell and CAO Cynthia Geldart also attended)*;
- January 31: meeting with Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Sarah Hollohan, My Ignite, and CAO Cynthia Geldart;
- January 31: Union of Municipalities of NB (UMNB) Zone 5 meeting hosted at the Hanwell Municipal Office with UMNB Executive Dan Murphy in attendance; *(Deputy Mayor Scammell and Councillors Pearson, Scholten and van Groenewoud also attended)*;
- February 01: meeting with 2 (two) residents;
- February 06: Parish of New Maryland (PNM) Zoomers monthly meeting;
- February 07: CRSC Board meeting hosted via Zoom;
- February 09: 2023 State of the Province Address held at the Fredericton Convention Centre *(Councillors Pope and Scholten also attended)*;
- February 14: meeting with the CRSC Chair and Executive to discuss the nominations to serve on the board of My Ignite; and
- February 15: ceremony hosted at Government House, the official residence of the Lieutenant Governor, in which Mayor Wilson-Shee was presented with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal; Mayor Wilson-Shee commented that it was an honour to receive the medal.



Mayor Wilson-Shee concluded her comments by expressing appreciation and gratitude to all teachers and staff for the outstanding work they do to enhance the lives of our most precious resources, our students, and wished them all a happy *Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week*.

#### **9. Comments by Members of Council**

Councillor Alex Scholten provided an update of the meetings and events that he has attended since the last Council meeting:

- January 18: participated in a UMN B Municipal Reform Committee meeting to discuss concerns raised by members regarding recently implemented municipal reforms;
- January 31: UMN B's Zone 5 meeting with representatives from Hanwell, Fredericton, Oromocto and Harvey to discuss issues impacting municipal members, new initiatives these communities have undertaken and shared ideas, best practices and concerns;
- February 02: meeting with UMN B's Executive Director to discuss and organize the UMN B Orientation session for new Council members across the province; the sessions took place on 11 February 2023 and 12 February 2023 with over 195 (one hundred ninety-five) representatives from across the province;
- February 08: chaired a UMN B Municipal Reform Committee meeting where discussions included concerns raised by members regarding recently implemented municipal reforms;
- February 10: participated in the UMN B Board and Executive meeting held in Fredericton in the capacity of Past-President of UMN B; and
- February 15: represented UMN B in a Provincial Municipal Council (PMC) meeting with Local Governance Minister Allain, Deputy Minister Ryan Donaghy, department staff, Public Safety Deputy Minister Mike Comeau, and representatives from Social Development, Service NB, and the new Ministry of Housing, with topics of discussion including funding for additional costs to fire and police services, local governance reform, policing and security issues in the province, finance reform consultations, homelessness and housing.

Councillor Scholten explained that on a personal note, he attended the NB Interscholastic Athletic Association western region sectional varsity boys basketball championship games at Kennebecasis Valley High School where 6 (six) teams participated for an opportunity to host the sectional championships. He commented that he was very pleased to report that the Fredericton High School (FHS) Varsity Black Kats boys team won the regionals and will host Rothesay High School and Harrison Trimble High School this weekend at FHS. He concluded his comments by offering congratulations to 2 (two) players on the Kat's team who reside in New Maryland – Cam Evans and Councillor Scholten's son, Caleb. The Kats play at FHS at noon on Saturday and Councillor Scholten encouraged anyone who was interested to attend the game.

#### **10. Planning Advisory Committee (PAC)**

The Planning Advisory Committee has not met since the last Council meeting.

#### **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 outdoor rink in Athletic Park opened on Saturday, 11 February 2023. The Recreation Foreman has overseen the outdoor rink for close to 20 (twenty) years and commented that this has been the most challenging season he has experienced with fluctuating temperatures, minimal frost depth and extreme weather conditions. The rink is open 24 (twenty-four) hour per day and 7 (seven) days per week, unless staff are maintaining or flooding the rink, and the use of the rink is enhanced by dusk to dawn lighting, a cleared parking area adjacent to the rink and onsite bleachers. The Village's social media and recreation hotline have been updated and the sign board at the Village entrance has been installed. A "Glow Skate" is scheduled for Friday, 24 February 2023 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and will be held as long as the weather and rink conditions permit.
- The "Snow Much Fun" contest is now in its 4<sup>th</sup> (fourth) week. Village staff draw for prizes each Friday from the weekly submissions and contest entries can be emailed to the Recreation Coordinator.
- The New Maryland Elementary School will be closed for March Break from 04 March 2023 to 12 March 2023 inclusive. The Recreation & Leisure Services Department is offering 3 (three) unique 1 (one)-day camps for children ages 6 (six) to 12 (twelve) from 07 March 2023 to 09 March 2023. The "Outdoor Adventure" camp is the only camp with spaces remaining available. The registration form and camp details are available on the Village's website which includes an online camp registration form that can be emailed and payments can be made via e-transfer. The daily rate is \$30 (*thirty dollars*) per child.
- A "Stay Safe" course is being offered on 10 March 2023 at Victoria Hall from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The course is available for children ages 9 (nine) to 13 (thirteen). The cost is \$55 (*fifty-five dollars*) and the online form is available on the Village's website. For more information, please contact our Recreation Coordinator.
- Our summer student positions will be advertised later in February and details will be shared on the Village's website and social media.
- The Athletic Park Redevelopment Study project continues with the proposed "phased approach" for improvements and the plan will be presented to Council at the next Council-in-Committee (CIC) meeting on 22 February 2023. Pending Council's approval of the plan, the next steps in this process include a cost breakdown and budget recommendations, a draft final plan and additional public consultation. Residents are encouraged to view the "*What We Heard*" report prepared by UPLAND and available on the Village's website.
- The PNM Zoomers meet the 1<sup>st</sup> (first) Monday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the boardroom at the New Maryland Centre and the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, 06 March 2023. For more information on PNM Zoomers activities, please contact [pnmzoomers@gmail.com](mailto: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.**

Deputy Mayor Scammell explained that he also had a motion to bring forward regarding the Built Heritage Fund. He reported that staff are seeking Council's authorization to apply for funding through the Built Heritage Program to assist with the cost of restoring the round colored-glass window at Victoria Hall. During the 2023 budget process, Council approved the funds in the amount of \$4,987.48 (*four thousand, nine hundred eighty-seven dollars and forty-eight cents*) to restore the round colored-glass window at Victoria Hall. If the application is successful, the Built Heritage Fund will contribute 50% (fifty percent) of the project cost, allowing the remaining budgeted funds to be used towards another project. In order to secure funding through the Built Heritage Program, an official Resolution of Council is required to accompany the application.



**MOVED BY** Deputy Mayor Tim Scammell and **seconded by** Councillor Mariet van Groenewoud the following Resolution of Council: ***Be It Resolved That*** the Council for the Village of New Maryland, as per the recommendation of the Community Facilities Manager, supports the *Victoria Hall Coloured-Glass Window Restoration* project and authorizes the Community Facilities Manager to apply for funding through the Built Heritage Program. **MOTION CARRIED.**

## 12. (ii) Public Works Department Updates

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

- Public Works staff investigated 2 (two) Public Works reports during the month of January 2023. The reports were inquiries from residents regarding snow removal operations and were investigated to the satisfaction of residents and staff.
- Public works staff are busy with winter maintenance activities which include plowing, salting and sanding of sidewalks and access roads; monitoring stormwater systems and open ditches during rainfall events; repairing equipment; maintaining water and wastewater equipment; and renewing certifications for the water and wastewater systems.
- Councillor van Groenewoud explained that several residents have participated in the Adopt-a-Hydrant program during the winter months by keeping hydrants clear of snow. She encouraged residents to participate and commented that any assistance in this regard is greatly appreciated, especially with the number of recent snowfall events. She also shared a sincere thank you to the residents who have helped to keep hydrants clear of snow in the past.
- The ban on overnight parking on Village streets is now in effect. As per the *Traffic and Parking By-law No. 63-2022 section 3.04(c)*, *No person shall stop, stand or park any vehicle on any street or public space in the “Winter Period” between the hours of midnight and 7:00 a.m. of any day, or leave any vehicle unattended during periods of snowfall, on any street or highway so as to interfere with snow removal operations.* The “Winter Period” is from November 01<sup>st</sup> (first) until the end of March.
- Councillor van Groenewoud concluded her report by commenting that the winter weather conditions are providing challenges with the fluctuations in temperatures. There have been snowstorms resulting in large amounts of snow and the heavy rain event which caused localized flooding and icy conditions. Public Works staff and the Village’s snow removal contractors have worked diligently cleaning up from these events by pushing snowbanks back at intersections and widening streets. These operations were done to improve visibility and safety.

**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) Development Services Department

Councillor Alex Scholten reported that in the provincial government’s pursuit of local governance and land use planning reform, legislative changes to the *Local Governance Act* (LGA) and the *Community Planning Act* (CPA) have recently been proclaimed with a focus on standardizing municipal land use planning practices by ensuring such matters are overseen at the local government level under the direction of an appointed professional planner.

Amendments to the CPA now require that a local government appoint an employee or consultant to the position of Planning Director. Such a person shall be a Registered Professional Planner who is a member in good standing with the *New Brunswick Association of Planners* and be authorized to use the designation. Per the amended legislation, the duly appointed Planning Director becomes the Development Officer for the local government, with the ability to delegate to others certain administrative authorities under the CPA.

Senior Urban Planner Frank Flanagan, of exp. Services Inc., is a Professional Engineer, a Registered Professional Planner and a Fellow of the Canadian Institute of Planners and has been a long-standing advisor to staff and Council on planning matters for the Village. Shortly after Village incorporation, Mr. Flanagan authored the first editions of the Village's Municipal Plan, Zoning By-law, and other development related by-laws. Since that time Mr. Flanagan has worked closely with staff on numerous reviews of, and amendments to, the same.

Councillor Scholten explained that a resolution of Council is required to formalize Mr. Flanagan's role as a senior advisor to staff and Council on land use planning related matters and to ensure compliance with the new regulatory requirements relating to the delivery of planning services by a local government.

**MOVED BY** Councillor Alex Scholten and **seconded by** Councillor Mariet van Groenewoud the following Resolution of Council: ***Be it Resolved That*** in accordance with section 71(2) of the *New Brunswick Local Governance Act*, SNB 2017, Chapter 18, and section 10(1) of the *New Brunswick Community Planning Act*, SNB 2017, Chapter 19, and respective amendments thereto, the Council for the Village of New Maryland hereby appoints senior planning consultant Frank Flanagan, P.Eng., RPP, FCIP as the Planning Director for the Village of New Maryland. **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 January 2023 from the General Operating account by cheques and direct payments **\$260,601.48** (*two hundred sixty thousand, six hundred and one dollars and forty-eight cents*); from the Water & Sewer Operating account **\$19,749.17** (*nineteen thousand, seven hundred forty-nine dollars and seventeen cents*); from the General Capital account **\$7,423.25** (*seven thousand, four hundred twenty-three dollars and twenty-five cents*); and from the Water & Sewer Capital account **\$53,931.38** (*fifty-three thousand, nine hundred thirty-one dollars and thirty-eight cents*). **MOTION CARRIED.**

### **14. Public Input / Inquires**

No input and/or inquiries were brought forward.

### **15. New Business**

There was no New Business brought forward.

### **16. Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting**

The next formal Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 15 March 2023 at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chamber.

### **17. Motion for Adjournment**

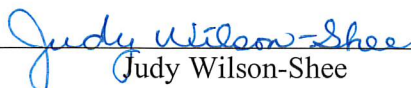
**MOVED BY** Councillor Alex Scholten and **seconded by** Deputy Mayor Tim Scammell to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

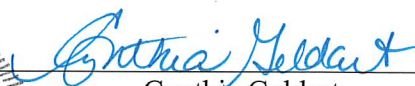
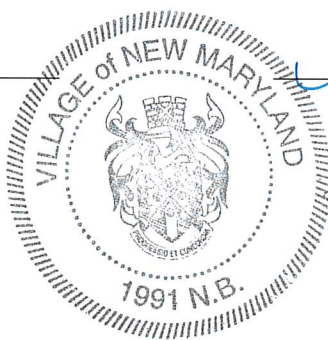
Respectfully submitted,



Cynthia Geldart  
CAO/Clerk



Judy Wilson-Shee  
Mayor



Cynthia Geldart  
CAO/Clerk

