

Village of New Maryland
Council
21 June 2023

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 Shawna Cyr-Basque, Assistant Clerk
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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 explained that the meeting was being recorded for broadcast.

2. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED BY Councillor Mike Pope and **seconded by** Councillor Mariet van Groenewoud 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 on 17 May 2023 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 Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk Cynthia Geldart at the request of the Mayor:

- on 05 June 2023, Mayor Judy Wilson-Shee sent a letter addressed to the Honourable Daniel Allain, Minister of Local Government and Local Governance Reform, requesting that the Minister pause the implementation of Bill 45, the *Local Governance Commission Act*, until concerns can be discussed and addressed; and
- on 21 June 2023, Mayor Judy Wilson-Shee received an email response from the Honourable Daniel Allain to the Mayor's correspondence of 05 June 2023, explaining his reasons for moving forward with the enactment of Bill 45.

8. Mayor's Comments

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

- May 26: Capital Region Service Commission (CRSC) meeting led by Pivot Consulting Inc., to discuss the Strategic Plan (*Treasurer Scott Sparks attended as well*);
- May 27: tour of the Tiny Homes;
- May 28: graduation party for Erin Sisk;

- May 29: Fredericton Pickleball Club tournament at the Richard Currie Centre; the competition was between Fredericton, Oromocto and New Maryland; New Maryland is the defending champion (Oromocto was not represented);
- May 30: met with John Smith, CEO, CRSC;
- May 31: virtual meeting with Brenda Lee, NB Community Coordinator, Age-Friendly Active Communities;
- May 31: policing meeting held at the Hanwell Municipal Office;
- June 01: “Mayor’s Walk” with the entire New Maryland Elementary School (NMES) student body to kick-off the “Community Better Challenge”;
- June 01: New Maryland Heritage Association (NMHA) meeting;
- June 02: virtual panel to discuss Accessibility in NB;
- June 04: 45th Anniversary of the Centre Communautaire Sainte-Anne;
- June 06: CRSC Board meeting;
- June 07: New Maryland Lions Club meeting to discuss preparations for the 2023 Annual Food & Toy Drive (*Councillor Alex Scholten and Fire Chief Harry Farrell attended*);
- June 08: CRSC Special Board meeting to adopt the Strategic Plan;
- June 10: Official Grand Opening of the Town of Oromocto’s Information and Interpretive Centre and a walk on their impressive trails;
- June 12: delivered an 80th Birthday certificate to Ben and Mary Boreland;
- June 12: Lynx Air launch at the Fredericton International Airport;
- June 13: UMN Zone 5 meeting held at the Fredericton City Hall (*Councillor Alex Scholten attended*);
- June 14: grade 5 celebration at NMES;
- June 15: Fredericton State of the City Address held at the Convention Centre (*Councillor Mike Pope and Councillor Alex Scholten attended*);
- June 17: “Pickleball Try-it Event” held at NMES;
- June 20: closing barbeque hosted by the New Maryland Lions Club;
- June 20: presented an 85th Birthday certificate to Doug McCarthy; and
- June 21: NMES picnic.

The Mayor concluded her comments by congratulating all the 2023 graduates and gave special mention to Taylor Pope who received the “Les Hull Award” for her dedication to physical fitness at Bliss Carman Middle School. She further congratulated Sam Dunn, the late former Mayor Frank Dunn’s grandson and Hunter Pearson, Councillor Laurie Pearson’s son, who made the U18 New Brunswick Football team. They will be travelling to Alberta in July for the Canada Cup.

9. Comments by Members of Council

Deputy Mayor Tim Scammell reported on the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Annual Conference and Trade Show held in Toronto, Ontario from 25 May 2023 to 28 May 2023, as follows:

- he commented that it was a great chance to meet and discuss ideas with municipal representatives from across the country; he also mentioned that it was a perfect opportunity to meet with representatives from across the province that he may not connect with often;
- he participated in a few “study tours” that detailed historical structures and locations, as well as new infrastructure that is being developed; in particular a location called the “Golden Mile” located in Scarborough, Ontario;
- Deputy Mayor Scammell shared that the “Golden Mile” location was important to him, as it has been run down over the past 50 (fifty) to 60 (sixty) years and it was uplifting to see the restorations;
- attended meetings with Councillor Alex Scholten and other New Brunswick officials; and

- he explained that this was his most successful FCM conference to date, as it was informative and busy, and also located in his hometown.

Deputy Mayor Tim Scammell also congratulated all the 2023 graduates.

Councillor Alex Scholten congratulated all 2023 graduates and gave special mention to the following Fredericton High School “Black Kat Scholars”:

- his son Caleb Scholten, Ahmed Wisam Menesi, Jackson Allaby, Brenna Maxwell and Spencer Moore, for achieving a minimum average of 85% (eighty-five percent) at year end in each of grades 9 (nine), 10 (ten), 11 (eleven), and at the end of semester 1 (one) and mid-semester 2 (two) in grade 12 (twelve); and “Annual Award” recipients Spencer Moore, Governor General’s Academic Medal, which went to the graduate with the highest academic standing in their institution, Brenna Maxwell, Student of the year, and Caleb Scholten, Willie O’Ree Award.

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

- May 15: Union of the Municipalities of New Brunswick (UMNB) Fiscal Reform Committee, to discuss approaches to the Municipal Reform Summit that will allow municipalities to be vibrant, sustainable and to provide the services they are being requested to provide the residents in the province;
- May 16: UMNB Governance Committee meeting to discuss issues and concerns members had regarding municipal reform;
- May 17: UMNB Municipal Reform Committee meeting to discuss issues and concerns the members had regarding municipal reform;
- May 23: Coalition of Creative Citizens meeting with the Honourable Daniel Allain, Minister responsible for Local Government and Local Governance Reform, Deputy Minister Ryan Donaghy and various staff from the Department of Environment and Local Government and Local Governance Reform, to discuss the status of reform and what actions need to be taken in the future;
- May 25-29: FCM Conference and Trade Show in Toronto, Ontario; which included seminars on various topics including climate change, housing, infrastructure and a new fiscal framework for municipalities;
- May 31: UMNB Municipal Reform Committee to discuss issues and concerns regarding municipal reform and the introduction of Bill 45 – the *Local Government Commissions Act* by Honourable Daniel Allain, which would allow municipal by-laws to be overturned by the Minister of Local Government and Local Governance Reform and to authorize a municipal commission that may require audits of municipalities;
- June 04: UMNB Executive Committee meeting to discuss Bill 45;
- June 05: Village of New Maryland Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting;
- June 06: UMNB Fiscal Summit Planning Committee to discuss the upcoming Fiscal Summit hosted by the Department of Environment and Local Government and Local Governance Reform in September 2023, to commence discussions concerning municipal fiscal reform;
- June 07: Fredericton Chamber of Commerce Immigration Advocacy Committee meeting; and
- June 07: chaired a meeting of the New Maryland Lions Club Food and Toy Drive Committee.

Councillor Mariet van Groenewoud congratulated all the 2023 graduates.

Councillor Mike Pope congratulated all the 2023 graduates from university, high school and middle school. He gave special mention to his daughter Taylor Pope for receiving the “Les Hull Award” at Bliss Carmen Middle School.

Councillor Laurie Pearson congratulated all the 2023 graduates and gave special mention to her son Hunter Pearson and Sam Dunn who have joined the U18 New Brunswick Football team and will be travelling to Alberta in July for the Canada Cup.

10. Planning Advisory Committee (PAC)

Councillor Alex Scholten provided a summary of the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting of Monday, 05 June 2023.

- Staff advised the Committee that motions would be forwarded for Council's reading at today's formal Council meeting, to formally re-appoint Julie Clarke and Michael Pauley, each to a 3 (three)-year term and to appoint Deputy Mayor Tim Scammell as the Council representative on PAC for a 1 (one)-year term.
- Staff advised the Committee that minor clarifications to the *PAC Policy on Procedure and Protocol* have been formalized based on prior Committee input. The Committee approved the necessary motion to adopt the amended policy.
- Planning Director, Frank Flanagan received confirmation that the necessary amendments to the *Community Planning Act (CPA)* are planned for the fall session of the Legislature. The provincial planning department suggested that phrasing would be added to the CPA to the effect that existing Municipal Plans for Villages would be permitted to continue and advised that there would be no reason for the Village to delay the current amendments for the Municipal Plan.
- The Committee discussed and approved a motion to recommend that Council proceed to adopt the proposed amendments to the Village Municipal Plan and Zoning By-law subject to any final comments or suggestions for further revisions that may be required by Council.
- The Committee reviewed the Building Permit Summary Report for May 2023. It included a permit for the Village's construction of 2 (two) well control buildings and 16 (sixteen) permits were issued for residential renovations with \$577,705.00 (*five hundred seventy-seven thousand, seven hundred five dollars*) in estimated value of construction and \$4,518.00 (*four thousand, five hundred eighteen dollars*) in permit revenue for the month.
- Staff noted that the current year-to-date building permit totals are 34 (thirty-four) permits, with \$1,290,805.00 (*one million, two hundred ninety thousand, eight hundred five dollars*) in construction value and \$9,972.25 (*nine thousand, nine hundred seventy-two dollars and twenty-five cents*) in permit fee revenue.

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

Councillor Alex Scholten explained that he had 3 (three) motions to appoint PAC members:

- in accordance with the *New Brunswick Community Planning Act*, Council shall appoint members to the PAC for up to a 3 (three)-year term via a formal resolution of Council and in April 2023, staff advertised via the Daily Gleaner and the Village social media outlets to solicit potential candidates for the available membership positions; and
- at the Council-In-Committee meeting held on 24 May 2023, Council reviewed applications from highly qualified candidates and indicated their intention to re-appoint incumbents Julie Clarke and Michael Pauley. Deputy Mayor Tim Scammell was selected for appointment as Council's representative on the Committee.

MOVED BY Councillor Alex Scholten and **seconded by** Councillor Mike Pope the following Resolution of Council: ***Be It Resolved That*** the Council for the Village of New Maryland hereby appoint Julie Clarke as a member of the Planning Advisory Committee for a term of 3 (three)-years, as per Section 5 of the *New Brunswick Community Planning Act*, with such term to expire on June 17th, 2026. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOVED BY Councillor Alex Scholten and **seconded by** Deputy Mayor Tim Scammell the following Resolution of Council: ***Be It Resolved That*** the Council for the Village of New Maryland hereby appoint Michael Pauley as a member of the Planning Advisory Committee for a term of 3 (three)-years, as per Section 5 of the *New Brunswick Community Planning Act*, with such term to expire on June 17th, 2026. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOVED BY Councillor Alex Scholten and **seconded by** Councillor Mike Pope the following Resolution of Council: ***Be It Resolved That*** the Council for the Village of New Maryland hereby appoint Deputy Mayor Tim Scammell as a member of the Planning Advisory Committee for a term of 1 (one)-year, as per Section 5 of the *New Brunswick Community Planning Act*, with such term to expire on June 19th, 2024. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mayor Judy Wilson-Shee thanked Councillor Alex Scholten for his time served on the PAC and she welcomed Deputy Mayor Tim Scammell to the Committee.

11. Emergency Response Plan (ERP) Committee

Councillor Mike Pope provide an update of the Emergency Response Plan (ERP) Committee meeting of Thursday, 08 June 2023.

- There were 18 (eighteen) ERP Committee members in attendance. The meeting began with the introduction of new members and welcome of returning members.
- The Committee consists of representatives from staff, NB Emergency Measures Organization (NB EMO), Amateur Radio Club, Ambulance NB, Anglophone West School District, Canadian Red Cross, Faith Baptist Church, Horizon Health Network, York Sunbury Ground and Rescue, RCMP and volunteer groups New Maryland Lions Club and Zoomers.
- The Committee discussed roles and responsibilities of the members and organizations. A representative from NB EMO shared a detailed presentation entitled “What and Who is NB EMO?”. NB EMO is a division under the Department of Justice and Public Safety and their mission is “to provide an integrated approach to a safe and secure New Brunswick”. As well the presentation included details of the NB EMO’s staff and their obligations within the Department.
- Fire Chief Harry Farrell led a presentation regarding the potential challenges with response to a significant fire, should it happen in our community.
- The Committee discussed the extensive fires that recently occurred in the Halifax and St. Andrews areas and the roles their various organizations played in the response.
- Fire Chief Harry Farrell will meet with representatives from Ground Search and Rescue to discuss evacuation routes and potential “hot spots” that would need to be addressed in emergency situations.
- The Committee held a lengthy discussion on the Sentinel System and the fact that it is no longer available; research is ongoing to determine the best option to replace the system.
- Residents are encouraged to register for E-News notifications and follow the Village’s social media sites to ensure they are updated on activities and emergency notifications.
- Staff are working on a number of communications to inform residents of our ERP Committee and how to stay informed.

MOVED BY Councillor Mike Pope and **seconded by** Councillor Alex Scholten the adoption of the Emergency Response Plan Committee report as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Councillor Mike Pope explained that he also had a motion to bring forward regarding the appointment of the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) Director. The Village’s *Procedural By-law No. 50* details the establishment, composition and mandate of the ERP Committee and per the by-law, it is necessary to appoint an EOC Director. James McAnany has served as our EOC Director for a number of years and was recently re-

appointed to the role in March 2020 for a 2 (two)-year term. James has continued to serve in this role even though the official appointment had expired. James has offered his expertise and willingness to serve as the Village's EOC Director for another year.

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, as per the recommendations of the Chief Administrative Officer and Fire Chief, re-appoint James McAnany to the role of Emergency Operations Centre Director for a 1 (one)-year period, effective immediately. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Councillor Alex Scholten commented that the Village and the ERP Committee are fortunate to have James continue on the Committee.

12. Project Reports / Updates

12. (i) Recreation & Leisure Services Department Updates

Councillor Laurie Pearson provided an update of the Recreation & Leisure Services Department activities.

- Councillor Pearson began her report by thanking the Recreation Coordinator for a comprehensive report and all the great activities she continues to coordinate.
- UPLAND Planning & Design presented the *Draft Redevelopment Plan* for Athletic Park on 14 June 2023 at a Council-In-Committee meeting; next steps are Council's detailed review of the proposed plan, followed by the investigation of funding opportunities and review of the proposed timelines.
- The Day Camp Supervisor finalized the camp schedules, the weekly trips, booked buses and purchased and organized supplies.
- Staff noted that 5 (five) new Day Camp staff will participate in "High Five" training in June and staff training with the entire Day Camp team will be held on Saturday, 24 June 2023. Also, in addition to general orientation and training, staff included an afternoon training session on youth mental health.
- Staff will be posting counsellor biographies with pictures on the Village's Facebook and Twitter leading up to camp, to introduce staff to parents and campers.
- There was an unprecedented interest in the Counsellor-in-Training (CIT) program this year, with 9 (nine) successful applicants.
- The "Community Better Challenge" runs through the month of June and residents are encouraged to join and help New Maryland be the "Most Active Community" in Canada. The "Mayor's Walk" took place on Thursday, 01 June 2023 with the entire New Maryland Elementary School (NMES) body, which was a great kick-off to the Community Challenge. "Yoga in the Park" sessions have been popular; the "Pickleball Try-it Event" was held at the NMES; these activities are being logged in the Village's "active" minutes, as well as weekly updates from NMES gym staff, karate, pickleball, soccer and baseball activities.
- The "Babysitter Course" on Friday, 28 June 2023 filled up after 1 (one) week, therefore staff have scheduled a second course on Thursday, 24 August 2023 to be held at Victoria Hall. The cost is \$60.00 (*sixty dollars*) and is open to participants aged 11 (eleven) and up.
- The Village will be participating in the "Miracle Grow Best Garden" contest again this summer. The program is sponsored by Scotts Canada and Communities in Bloom, with participating communities across Canada. Residents can nominate themselves or a neighbour for the "Best Garden in New Maryland"; staff will be accepting submissions until Monday, 31 July 2023.
- The New Maryland Baseball and Soccer programs have begun their summer season.
- Recreation Maintenance staff have had a productive month; the community garden opened on Tuesday, 30 May 2023, repairs were made to the Peewee ballfield bleachers, the batter's cage was installed at Athletic Park, repairs were made to Shaw Park benches, highway benches, flowerpots and summer

banners were installed, all outfields, soccer fields, parks and playgrounds were mowed and daily watering was done of the highway planters and baskets.

- The beautification has been completed throughout the Village including hanging baskets, highway flowerpots, flower beds and the subdivision/park flower boxes; a pink daisy representation has been planted at the “circle entrance” and all beds have received fresh mulch.
- Registration for the remaining Day Camp spots is available daily at the Village Office.
- The Canada Day “Let’s Celebrate” event will be hosted by Village Council and MLA Jeff Carr will be held on Saturday, 01 July 2023 at the New Maryland Centre from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.; *Back to Basics* will be performing, BBQ, face painting and a bouncy castle.
- The “Strawberry Social” will be held on Tuesday, 11 July 2023 at the New Maryland Centre park with the Maritime/Celtic band *Fingal’s Rant* performing.
- The “Ice Cream Social” will be held on Tuesday, 25 July 2023 at the New Maryland Centre park with a Country/Blues performance from the *Clifford Kelly Band*.
- All events are open to all ages and there is no charge to attend.

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.**

Councillor Laurie Pearson explained that she also had a motion regarding the 2023/2024 Reciprocal Agreement for New Maryland Elementary School (NMES) usage. The agreement was received from the School District and allows the Village office to run various programs and leisure activities at the NMES after hours and on weekends. The agreement is for 1 (one) year from 01 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.

MOVED BY Councillor Laurie Pearson 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 2 (two) copies of the 2023/2024 Reciprocal Agreement as attached, for the use of the New Maryland Elementary School for sport and recreation programs after hours. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mayor Judy Wilson-Shee shared that she is registered for the “Better Community Challenge” and that she had great fun participating in the “Pickleball Try-it Event”.

12. (ii) Public Works Department Updates

Deputy Mayor Tim Scammell provided an update of the activities of the Public Works Department.

- Public Works staff investigated 3 (three) Public Works reports during the month of May 2023. All reports were investigated to the satisfaction of residents and staff.
- Speed radars have been installed throughout the Village to collect data regarding the speed and volume of traffic; staff evaluate the data to identify trends and times of the day motorists may be travelling above the posted speed limit; 3D Silhouette child signs have been utilized to encourage motorists to slow down.
- He explained that it is important to remember the posted speed limit on Village streets is 40 (forty) kilometers per hour, in the vicinity of the school it is 30 (thirty) kilometers per hour and asked to please respect the speed limit and to be watchful for pedestrians and students walking to school.
- Public Works staff are busy with repair and maintenance of culverts, monitoring the stormwater systems and open ditches during rainfall events, cleanup of garbage throughout the Village, repair and maintenance on equipment, maintenance on water and wastewater equipment, preparation for water main flushing, and the completion of lawn repairs due to damage from snow clearing operations.
- Street sweeping, tree mulching and leaf collection have been completed and staff would like to thank everyone for their cooperation and patience during these processes.

- Philson Ltd. have begun work on Contract 5, Well Water Supply Systems, for the Sunrise Wellfield Development Project; this contract consists of constructing 2 (two) well control buildings with processing equipment at the well sites, well site development and installation of equipment in the well chambers.
- Charters Construction has begun work on Contract 6, Water Distribution Main, for the Sunrise Wellfield Development Project; this contract consists of the installation of a water main along the west side of the New Maryland Highway, from the New Maryland Pharmacy to Daniel Drive; traffic may be reduced to 1 (one) lane during parts of the construction. Staff thanked everyone for their cooperation and patience during the construction project.

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

12. (iii) Administration

Councillor Mariet van Groenewoud explained that she had 2 (two) motions to bring forward. The first motion was to amend the HR Policy to convert the Performance Review Process to a system that hosts 4 (four) reviews each year, on a quarterly basis. The CAO has presented to Council a request to amend the Human Resources Policy Manual to change the current Performance Review and Salary Progression process to a more effective, modern and pro-active process. The new procedure would involve an approach that completely separates the Performance Review process from Salary Progression. These quarterly reviews would involve a list of topics and questions for consistency and targeted goals based on the individual and their specific role. Hosting 4 (four) of these reviews in a more comfortable and informal format will assist Department Heads and staff to address any performance issues or training and development needs in a timely manner, as well as ensure that all staff members are continuously working at strong performance capacities and capabilities. The issue of Salary Progression would be addressed separately. A great deal of research was done regarding comparisons between Seniority vs. Merit increases. The changes will result in seniority-based increases. A caveat has also been included for a minimum and maximum cap on the Consumer Price Index. The research has identified that annual performance reviews are a thing of the past and we are moving forward in a progressive manner that is fair to staff, will enhance recruitment and retention, will address performance issues in a timely manner, is considered reasonable by Council, and is fair to the taxpayers. Council reviewed the proposal at the Council-In-Committee meeting in May and have suggested a 2 (two)-year trial period.

MOVED BY Councillor Mariet van Groenewoud and **seconded by** Deputy Mayor Tim Scammell the following Resolution of Council: ***Be It Resolved That*** the Council for the Village of New Maryland, as per the recommendation of senior staff, amend the Human Resources Policy Manual to implement the Performance Review Salary Progression process as detailed on the attached Human Resources Policy Change Form, effective immediately, for a 2 (two)-year trial period. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Councillor Mariet van Groenewoud thanked staff for their commitment to the Village and commented that this is a positive development for staff.

The second motion was to approve the contract with the NB Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (NBSPCA). During a recent Council-In-Committee meeting, staff presented a report to advise that the Village's Animal Control Officer's last day of employment was on 31 May 2023 and that the NBSPCA holds independent animal control contracts for municipalities. The consensus of Council was to enter into the contract as attached with the NBSPCA. The contracted services include: dog control and pound operations; the provision of an animal neglect and abuse investigation services in accordance with the province's service mandate, at no additional cost; a 24 (twenty-four) hour, 7 (seven) days a week toll-free bilingual dispatch service; enforcement of the Village's *Animal Control By-law No. 52-2006*; equipment and training; issuing of

compliance orders, tickets and fines related to animals at large in the municipality; seizure of dogs found running at large; posting notice of the dog running at large on the NBSPCA Facebook page; collection of fines, tickets, impound fees and any other monies; transportation of the animal to veterinary care; transportation of the animal to the impound facility; quarterly reporting of statistics related to the animal control service; liability insurance for the dog control officer; managing online purchases of dog tags through DocuPets; and in-person purchases of dog tags can be done at the NBSPCA office or at a Service New Brunswick location beginning 01 January 2024. In the meantime, residents can continue to purchase their dog tags at the Village Office until the end of 2023.

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, as per the recommendation of staff, approves the Municipal Animal Control Contract between the New Brunswick Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and the Village of New Maryland which comes into effect immediately at a fee of \$13,700.64 (*thirteen thousand, seven hundred dollars and sixty-four cents*) per year, payable as 4 (four) quarterly instalments of \$3,425.16 (*three thousand, four hundred twenty-five dollars and sixteen cents*); and be it further resolved that the Mayor and Clerk are authorized to execute said Contract. **MOTION CARRIED.**

12. (iv) Seniors Advisory Committee (SAC)

Councillor Mike Pope provided a summary of the Seniors Advisory Committee meeting of Monday, 15 May 2023.

- Mayor Wilson-Shee advised the Committee that she attempted to reach the RCMP liaison to attend the meeting, however she was unable to attend; in light of the difficulty in getting the program started with an RCMP liaison, the Mayor contacted the Constable again to confirm her availability to work with the Committee or suggest another Officer; the Mayor will also reach out to Sergeant Martel for suggestions.
- Councillor Pope reported that Mayor Wilson-Shee met with Jeff Tapley and Lisa Steeves to review the work that Mr. Tapley completed on the Performance Indicator section of the action plan. The Committee reviewed the changes that were made to the action plan, including completed actions to be moved to a separate document and action items that were combined to provide clarity and avoid duplication.
- Mayor Wilson-Shee and Councillor van Groenewoud plan to meet and work on a 5 (five)-year action plan.
- Councillor van Groenewoud reported to the Committee that she had no new updates on the Evolution of Age-Friendly Structure; the Community Coordinator has contacted approximately 13 (thirteen) or 14 (fourteen) new communities and several communities plan to apply to renew their age-friendly status. She stressed to the SAC that in order to apply for renewal, the Committee is required to gather feedback from the community on how they feel they benefit from being an Age-Friendly Community and to provide suggestions they may want to bring forward.
- The Committee discussed and agreed to have a survey prepared to go out to the community in September, followed by a community meeting 2 (two) or 3 (three) weeks later in October, with the intent to submit the application for renewal prior to the end of the year.
- The SAC will meet next on Monday, 26 June 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chamber.

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

13. Approval of the Treasurer's Report

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Tim Scammell 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 May 2023 from the General Operating account by cheques and direct payments **\$1,033,428.76** (*one million,*

thirty-three thousand, four hundred twenty-eight dollars and seventy-six cents); from the Water & Sewer Operating account **\$242,234.28** (two hundred forty-two thousand, two hundred thirty-four dollars and twenty-eight cents); from the General Capital account **\$204,779.05** (two hundred four thousand, seven hundred seventy-nine dollars and five cents); and from the Water & Sewer Capital account **\$110,171.72** (one hundred ten thousand, one hundred seventy-one dollars and seventy-two cents). **MOTION CARRIED.**

14. Public Input / Inquires

No input and/or inquiries were brought forward.

15. New Business

There was no New Business.

16. Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting

The next formal Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 19 July 2023 at 7:30 p.m. at the New Maryland Centre in conjunction with a Public Hearing to amend the Municipal Plan By-law and the Zoning By-law.

17. Motion for Adjournment

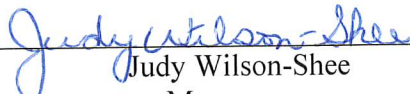
MOVED BY Councillor Mike Pope and **seconded by** Councillor Alex Scholten to adjourn the meeting.
MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

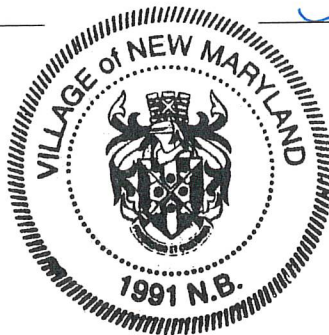
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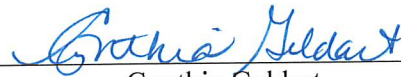
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Assistant Clerk



Judy Wilson-Shee
Mayor





Cynthia Geldart
CAO/Clerk