



# Village of New Maryland 2008 Annual Report



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## Mayor's Introduction

Mayor Frank Dunn

On behalf of my colleagues on Council and our administrative staff, I am delighted to welcome you to, and share with you, New Maryland's 2008 Annual Report. This report is appearing on our website for the first time.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Council members for their teamwork, dedication and commitment in carrying out their duties as your elected representatives. I would also like to thank our Village staff and our volunteers on various standing committees who play an important role in the administrative affairs of our Village. This report will highlight the accomplishments we achieved in 2008.



## Planning & Advisory Committee

K. Bradford Marshall, Chair

Rob Pero, Development Officer/Building Inspector

2008 was again a busy year for the Village Planning Advisory Committee. Eleven regular meetings were conducted throughout the year and a variety of items were reviewed.

Activity highlights include:

1. A total of six requests for variances to the prescribed side yard and front yard requirements were considered and approved. A number of these approvals included additional terms and conditions to ensure proposed developments were in keeping with the spirit of the zoning by-law setback and building code requirements.
2. A number of temporary use permits were approved to permit the temporary establishment of two seasonal produce stands, a mobile seafood vendor, the display of a garden shed and recreational vehicles for sale.
3. Subject to increased setback distances from the front property lines, two variances were also granted to applicants requesting permission for the temporary display of commercial signage having a marginally larger surface area than is allowed in the Zoning By-law.
4. The committee also took the opportunity to review and amend internal policies to be more current and consistent with practices in other municipalities. Such a policy was the addition of a “Disclosure of Conflict of Interest” item to the formal agenda of Committee Meetings. The policy with respect to fees to be collected for the provision of concrete curb cutting services was also approved to ensure the Village collects an appropriate fee for the service provided.
5. Early in the year, Village Council received a request to have the property at 64 New Maryland Highway re-zoned to community commercial for the purposes of establishing a family practice medical office. In accordance with the Community Planning Act, and following a public consultation process with local residents, the Committee forwarded its recommendation to Council to formally commence the rezoning process. It was the Committee’s opinion that the applicant should be afforded the opportunity to present his plan to all residents of the village. The committee noted that a number of issues would require further review and discussion as part of the public consultation process. In the fall, the proposed amendments to the Municipal Plan and Zoning By-laws were approved by Council subject to certain terms and conditions.

In spite of the fact there were no major projects in 2008, as in previous years (such as the Faith Baptist Church Expansion and construction of the New Maryland Children’s Centre Daycare), building activity in other categories of construction was fairly consistent. The lack of large commercial/institutional projects was offset by the number of permits for home renovations which was nearly double the number compared to 2007.

A record number of 197 building permits were issued with a total value of construction of \$1,940,805. By year end building permit totals had increased by 82 permits as compared to 2007 when 115 Building Permits were issued with a value of \$1,820,708.

The Committee continues to be served by very committed and experienced community members. Councillor Gisele McCaie Burke, the Committee's newest member, was appointed to the Vice-Chair position shortly after her successful campaign in the 2008 municipal election. Chairman Brad Marshall, Debbie Connors, Stephen Conn, Phil Hersey, Sam McEwan round out the voting members of the Committee with Lisa Steeves and Rob Pero in the supporting roles of Recording Secretary and Development Officer, respectively. An additional note of recognition goes out to former Councillor and Committee Vice-Chair Bill O'Donnell for his tireless contributions over the years to both PAC and the Village at large. Once again, special thanks to members of PAC for their dedication and commitment to the Village of New Maryland.

## Finance Committee

Councillor J. Scott Sparks, Chair

2008 marked another successful year for the Finance Committee. During the year the committee recommended to Council that the contract for the Village's auditors be put to competition. As it had been quite some time since the last competitive bidding process was undertaken, the committee felt it prudent on their part to make this recommendation. The committee was pleased with end result of the re-appointment of Grant Thornton LLP as Village auditors on several counts. This re-appointment affirmed the value the Village was receiving from Grant Thornton LLP for their services and allowed for the continuity among staff, Council and auditors. Further to this, our auditor is a resident of the Village thereby having a vested interest in ensuring that the Village is using the taxpayers' money in a financially responsible manner.

This year also marked the departure of two distinguished members of the Finance Committee. Mid-way through 2008 Don MacFarlane retired from the committee after several wonderful years of service. In December 2008, Curt Wilson retired not only from work, but from the Finance Committee as well. Curt has served on the Finance Committee for many, many years. His due diligence and sharp red pen will be missed. These departures ushered in a new face as Ron Naugler joined the committee. Ron brings with him a strong background in finance as well as being one of the founding members of the New Maryland Community Support Group. The addition of Ron will definitely be an asset to this committee and community.

During the budget process the Finance Committee made the recommendation to Council that a comprehensive insurance review be performed in 2009 and that this review be done by an independent source to ensure that the Village is receiving the best value for its money. The committee was pleased that Council adopted, and is moving forward, with this recommendation.

On a final note, the Finance Committee was pleased once again to see 2008 end with a balanced budget. Congratulations to all the staff, members of the various committees, Council and Mayor for another fiscally responsible year.

## Human Resources & Administration Committee

Councillor Gisèle McCaie-Burke, Chair

In June of 2008 Councillor Gisèle McCaie-Burke was appointed committee chairperson, succeeding Deputy Mayor Michelle Sawler. Mayor Frank Dunn was appointed co-chair.

Even in the midst of a busy municipal election year, the committee has been actively working on some very significant initiatives and projects.

Accomplishments to date for 2008 include:

- Very active monthly meetings; committee members attended 10 regular meetings to discuss a variety of issues.
- An on-going review generated further amendments to the HR Policy Manual, which had been extensively re-designed in 2007.
- The village hired two new staff members in 2008: Natalie Reid joined the team in March as our Recreation Coordinator and Doug Hackett, Public Works Transportation Technician, started work with the Village in June.
- A team building session for the newly elected council was held in the fall.
- A report entitled "Recommendations for Enhanced Communications for the Village of New Maryland" was completed by a sub-committee composed of councillors McCaie-Burke and Tim Scammell, CAO Cynthia Geldart, and volunteers Pierre Allain, Steve Benteau, Carole Denis, and Kathy Feltmate.

The background and rationale in support of this initiative and the process, the conclusions reached and recommendations for improving communication between Council and Village residents, are described in the report. One key recommendation identified is the need to improve the Village website. The website is now in the process of being revamped, and this initiative should be completed in the near future.

- In an effort to have Council set spending priorities for the next four years, Kathleen Howard & Associates Inc. was hired to guide council, staff and volunteers in the strategic planning process, on-going since September 2008. The HR committee, Council, volunteers and staff have spent many hours on this initiative. Why strategic planning? The process examines where the Village is now, where we want to be in 2012, and how we are going to get there; strategic planning also involves the setting of priorities for actions that are reflective of all aspects of the municipality. Public consultation will occur before the final draft of the strategic plan is completed.

In closing, I take this opportunity to commend our dedicated staff, and my colleagues on Council, for their continuing support in matters pertaining to Human Resources and Administration. I want to express my gratitude to council members who served on the committee in 2008, also Mayor Dunn, and staff members of the committee: Cynthia Geldart and Rockland Miller. Last but not least I also thank Michelle Sawler for having paved the way, making my role easier as the incoming chair.



Bill McBride, Public Works Utilities Operator, receiving his 5-year service pin

## Recreation & Leisure Services Committee

Deputy Mayor Judy Wilson-Shee, Chair

In 2008 the Recreation Committee underwent a few changes. Natalie Reid joined staff and the committee in March as the new Recreation Coordinator. Natalie is certainly an asset to the Village staff. Deputy Mayor Michelle Sawler served as the co-chair until the municipal election held in May, when she did not reoffer. In June, Councillor Tim Scammell took over as co-chair. However, Michelle remains active on this committee as a volunteer. Nancy St. Croix, Community Facilities Manager and the following residents: Janet Crealock, Paula Pickard, Alex Scholten and Steve Nicoll, also serve on the committee.

The Recreation Committee was pleased to provide our annual events, which included the following in 2008: the summer day camps and various summer programs hosted from early July to the end of August; the 17th anniversary of our New Maryland Day celebrations and our 6th annual Community Golf Tournament were both held in June; the Strawberry Social in July; the Summer Concert Series with various local bands performing every Thursday evening at Victoria Hall throughout the months of July and August; the Community Corn Boil and the Blueberry Social, both hosted in August; the Pumpkin Carving and Halloween Party, held in October; the Remembrance Day Service on November 11th, which paid tribute in both official languages; the Wreath Making Seminar and Tree Lighting Ceremony, both taking place in December; and the two free Family Skate events at the Aitken Centre, the first in March and the second in December.



New Maryland Day

### New Events and/or Accomplishments:

- Winter Fun Day was held in February with the New Maryland Fire Department hosting a breakfast which raised \$870.00 for Muscular Dystrophy. In the afternoon we offered skating and sliding with a canteen hosted by the New Maryland Minor Baseball Association.
- The Village registered with Communities In Bloom. Our community was judged on tidiness, environmental awareness, community involvement, natural and cultural heritage, conservation, tree and forest management, landscaped areas, floral displays, and turf and ground covers. Although we didn't win the national award, we received 4 out of 5 "blooms". Special mention by the judges was given to Victoria Hall, our Cenotaph area, and the volunteers who worked on the walking trails.
- A Christmas card was designed featuring Victoria Hall.
- We received \$3,500 from Wellness, Culture & Sport to help promote a community garden at the Forbes property.
- We hosted a "unplugged" night of music, held at Victoria Park on July 15th, to promote and support green/energy efficiency. Free compact florescent light bulbs were distributed to participants.
- The new soccer field at the NMES was completed and through the generous commitment from School District 18 a fence was installed around the soccer field. Plans are being finalized to have a grand opening during New Maryland Day 2009.

- The New Maryland Centre received an automated external defibrillator from the Heart and Stroke Foundation.
- An information session was held in November with our seniors with the intent to form a Seniors' Club. The response was very positive and additional meetings will follow in 2009.



New Maryland Day

The following people or groups received special recognition in 2008:

- In February the band Bottoms Up was nominated for an international award. They received a plaque with the following inscription: Highlander Celtic Network Award: Album of the Year; Song of the Year, and Group of the Year.
- In April two NMES students, Elizabeth Bowden and Morgan Lockhart, were honored for their winning essays in the “Go For Green” essay contest.
- In June, Julie Gardner, on behalf of the children on bus # 49, “Julie’s Jewels”, donated \$100 to the Cenotaph Project.
- Certificates of achievements were presented to students from the NMES Book Club. Their winning short stories from the Canadian Schools Creative Winning Contest are published in “Cloud Carnival” at the National Library of Canada in Ottawa. The following students received a certificate: Elizabeth Bowden, Kaitlyn Costello, Taylor Dunn, Mikayla Goodine, Keillan Lavigne, Reagan Lawton, Megan LeBlanc, Nina Nicholson, Angela Ives Thurston, Suzanna Vietinghoff and Sarah Webb. A certificate of appreciation was presented to their teacher, Mrs. St. John-Cleghorn, for her dedication and hard work with the NMES Book Club.
- In July certificates of acknowledgement were presented to Nicole Letourneau, Professor of Nursing and Canada Research Chair in Healthy Child Development at UNB, who was named in Canada’s “Top 40 Under 40” list for 2007; and to Katie Campbell, a member of the New Maryland Karate Club, who received a Silver Medal at the National Karate Championship.
- New Brunswick Day Merit Awards were presented in August to Bill O’Donnell, Dr. Carolyn Barry, Tina McDermaid, Frank Brown, Dr. Sidney Grant, Darrell Amos, and Don and Marise O’Brien, owners of Martin’s Green Thumb. These

awards recognize people or companies who have given unselfishly back to our community.

- The New Maryland Red Sox won the NB peewee AA baseball championship. They represented New Brunswick at the Atlantic peewee AA Championship and won the Silver Medal. This team demonstrated positive behaviour and good sportsmanship.
- Longtime Village residents, Roland and Carolyn Cyr are the 2008 Canadian Senior II Dance Sport Champions and represented Canada at the World Championships held in October in Belgium.
- Kassie Costello won the BMO Merit Award in figure skating.

In closing, as Chair of the Recreation and Leisure Services Committee, I would like to thank my Co-Chair, Councillor Tim Scammell, staff members, public representatives and volunteers for their contributions and valued input. We would like to recognize the dedication of our Recreation Labourer, Kirk Billings, and our Facility Custodian, Bill Marr. It is a privilege to serve as Chair of this committee.



Strawberry Social



New Maryland Hosts the Stanley Cup

## Transportation & Protective Services Committee

Councillor Paul LeBlanc, Chair

Under the direction of the Transportation and Protective Services Committee, there were a variety of projects completed during the past year.

Capital projects resulted in rebuilding sections of Bradshaw Street, Springwater Lane and Loddington Street. New asphalt surfaces were installed on Nicholson Crescent, Stayman Street, McFarlane Street and Kerry Lane, as well, we continue with the acquisition of property along Highway 101 in anticipation of future improvements.

Midway through the year we welcomed Doug Hackett to our team as Public Works Transportation Technician. Doug brings a wealth of experience to the position and is responsible for roads and streets.

In the maintenance category, Village crews were busy carrying out or coordinating various projects such as patching streets, snow removal, landscaping, culvert maintenance, as well as keeping the grass trimmed along Highway 101. Traffic studies are performed as the need arises, which includes traffic counts and speed monitoring on various streets.

The RCMP continue to be an active part of our community. Not only do they provide law enforcement but also education in the form of the DARE Program at our elementary school. This program educates our children on drug and alcohol awareness and on dealing with issues such as peer pressure. Cpl. Matt Hansen is our team leader. He is very familiar with our issues and is readily available to discuss any concerns.

Our waste management and recycling programs continue to show improvements. We thank you for your continued support showing concern for our environment.

We are continuing with our program for the replacement or repair of driveway culverts. Our staff continues to assess problem areas and asks for your patience as they work through their list.

With the new year comes a new budget and your Transportation Committee is committed to the much needed improvements to Village streets. Over the past six months our focus has been on categorizing the needs and developing a two-year plan. Our plan is nearly complete, and upon funding approval we plan to implement Phase One for the 2009 construction season. You will see improvements throughout the Village.

At this time we have vacancies on our committee. We welcome residents with a background or interest in public works issues to forward their interest in volunteering for the committee. We meet the second Tuesday of each month from September through June.

Last, but not least, as chairman of the Transportation and Protective Services Committee, I would like to thank my co-chair, Councillor Scott Sparks, staff members, and resident volunteers for their valued insight and contributions toward the improvements to our Village.

## New Maryland Fire Department

Harry Farrell, Fire Chief

The New Maryland Fire Department consists of 22 volunteers and a full-time Fire Chief. We responded to a total of 62 calls in 2008, of which 26 calls were within the Village, 24 calls were within our coverage area of Beaverdam, Charters Settlement, and Nasonworth; and 12 calls were for Mutual Aid.

The types of calls responded to included 1 structure fire, 3 chimney fires, 5 electrical fires, 1 garbage fire, 5 brush and grass fires, 9 fire alarms, 6 pole fires, 1 incident involving hazardous materials, 2 medical assistance calls, 10 vehicle accidents, 1 propane leak, 6 miscellaneous calls. The 12 Mutual Aid calls consisted of structure fires, vehicle fires, brush fires, and vehicle accidents. In all, a total of 1,054 man hours were spent responding to calls in 2008.

The Fire Department played an important role in the spring flood of 2008 by assisting the Oromocto Fire Department. We provided fire protection to the communities of Rusagonis and Waasis, and also provided manpower to help the communities of Maugerville, Sheffield, and other areas within the flood area.

The Department added the following equipment to our inventory: 10 new pagers and 2 portable radios, 10 new face pieces for self contained breathing apparatus, automatic chains for the trucks, 1,000 feet of 2 ½ inch fire hose, two 30 ton air bag systems, and an extension to the front bumper of Engine 511 to hold a 1 ½ inch line.

Our volunteer firefighters train continuously throughout the year to maintain a high level of preparedness and professional firefighting capabilities. They devoted over 130 hours to training in 2008, which consisted of training sessions at the fire hall every Thursday night for 40 weeks plus additional training on weekends.

The Fire Department continues to help out with a number of social functions in the Village. In 2008 we participated in the New Maryland Day festivities, hosted 2 child car-seat clinics, participated at New Maryland Elementary School fund raising events, participated in the annual Remembrance Day Service, assisted the Lions Club with the annual Food and Toy Drive, and participated in various other functions within the Village.

Members of the New Maryland Fire Department include:

- Captains: David French, Robert Gallant, Robert Miller.
- Lieutenants: Steve Killam, Stephen McLean, James Wambolt.
- Firefighters: Lorne Dalton, David Doherty, Robert Gaudet, Thomas Haddad, Kevin Harris, Michael Lavigne, Paul McAdam, Ellen Morris, Shawn Perry, Jeffrey Piercy, Brian Pilling, Bradley Richardson, Robert Schnarr, Jay Tofflemire, Dennis Walsh, Greg WeyRich.



**Firefighter Rob Schnarr receives a certificate: "In recognition of dedication and commitment to Country and Community," from the Mayor and Council, on his retirement from the Canadian Armed Forces".**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members for their continued hard work, dedication and commitment to our community.



New Maryland Firefighters



New Maryland Firefighters

## Emergency Response Plan Committee

Councillor Gisèle McCaie-Burke, Chair

It was a year of change not only for Council but also for the Emergency Response Plan Committee in 2008. In June, Councillor Gisèle McCaie-Burke was appointed the chair, succeeding the outgoing chair Bill O'Donnell. Cynthia Geldart, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) was appointed co-chair of this committee. Also, Dick Rogers was appointed the new Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) director, a position held previously by the CAO.

The Emergency Response Plan Committee, along with the Pandemic Preparedness sub-committee established in 2006, was extremely active during 2008. Both committees met quite frequently in 2008 in an effort to ensure our Village is well prepared should a natural or man-made disaster occur in our community.

A number of significant projects were completed throughout the year and to highlight a few:

- Continuing Education is a high priority for the committee and members continue to attend training sessions each year which are sponsored by the NB Emergency Measures Organizations (NB EMO) and from other sources. During 2008, five committee members attended training sessions.
- Review of "The Emergency Response Plan" for the Village of New Maryland has been an on-going process during the year, keeping the document current and in order.
- Purchase of necessary supplies and equipment to set up the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC); funding was cost shared between the Village of New Maryland and the JEPP (Joint Emergency Preparedness Program) provided through the Province.
- Drafting of a plan to set up the EOC was completed.
- Plans to conduct a field exercise in conjunction with NB EMO were drafted.
- Revisions to the "New Maryland Pandemic Influenza Emergency Operation Plan" document were approved by Council and made available on the Village's website.
- A document entitled "An Emergency Volunteer Management Plan" was approved by the committee and approved in principle by Council. This plan establishes the need for a volunteer coordinator to recruit, train and manage volunteers in anticipation of emergency situations. It has been determined by the committee that large numbers of trained volunteers would be needed in a pandemic situation in particular. Volunteers could also be trained for routine programs to enhance the quality of life in New Maryland. Council is seeking options to fund such a program.
- On-going promotion and awareness of preventative measures at the New Maryland Elementary School and in the community were carried out.

As chair of the Emergency Response Plan Committee, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the commitment and dedication of the members of the Emergency Response Plan Committee and the Pandemic Preparedness sub-committee.

The committees consist of a number of individuals, representing organizations who will be key “first responders” in the event of any emergency situation affecting New Maryland residents. Members include the New Maryland Fire Department, RCMP, Fredericton Amateur Radio, York-Sunbury Search & Rescue, the Red Cross, NB Ambulance Services and private citizens, as well as Village staff, all who provide their hard work, advice and support of our emergency planning.

Residents should feel comfort and security in the knowledge that these dedicated individuals are contributing to the preservation of the safety and well-being of our community, and they deserve our recognition and gratitude.

As a newly elected Village Councillor in May 2008, it was an honour to be asked to chair the Emergency Response Plan Committee. Last but not least, I thank Sterling Carpenter and Bill O’Donnell for paving the way in making my role relatively easy as the new chair. I look forward to continued progress and challenges in 2009.

Committee Members in 2008:

- Councillors: Bill O’Donnell, Gisèle McCaie-Burke.
- Volunteers: Dick Rogers, Connie Storr, Pat Seaman, Tom Hanley, Sandy Craft, Sterling Carpenter, Arthur Gunn, Allen Thurber, Sgt. Jim McAnany, Cst. Matt Hansen, Cst. Melanie Cambia, Mike Simpson, David Orser, Steve Moore, Kenn Hong.
- Staff: Cynthia Geldart, Karen Duncan, Chief Harry Farrell, Rockland Miller, Rob Pero, Bill McBride, Doug Hackett.

## Water & Wastewater Committee

Mayor Frank Dunn, Chair

I am pleased to be able to take this opportunity to share with you a few of the highlights achieved by the Water & Wastewater Committee during the year 2008.

The Water Main Upgrade project was completed this year. The project included the installation of a new water main line between Baldwin Street and Gravenstein Street, thereby increasing the distribution capacity from Well A10, Well A-11 and Well A20. The additional line will help to adequately distribute the water throughout the system to alleviate problems with low water pressure and eliminate the need to truck water to our system during the summer months.

Gemtec has completed a 72-hour groundwater pump test on a new well (Well 3A). The well is 91.44 meters deep (300 feet) and was pumped at a constant rate of 13.4 L/s (177ipgm) for 72 consecutive hours. Based on the proposed pumping rates, significant impacts on the groundwater resources in the area are not anticipated. Treatment of the water at this well site may be required, however the flow rate indicates that the cost of treatment is worthwhile.

Testing also took place at Well Site 10 located on the New Maryland Centre property. This well was drilled in 2002. Although the arsenic level is a bit high, the Department of Environment feels the level would decrease enough to meet the necessary standards if the well was pump tested for 72 hours.

Well Site 10A was recently drilled on the NM Centre property and has the same issue with the arsenic; however it is felt that the 72-hour testing would also result in the levels meeting environmental requirements. Further testing was deferred until it is decided whether or not to bring the well on-line. The well has been capped in the interim. The committee has agreed that the possibility for bringing a new well on-line should be focused at Well Site 3A.

We are looking forward to a reply on our revised infrastructure application for funding as submitted under the Building Canada Fund – Communities Component. We have received positive comments from both levels of government and we are anticipating a decision on our application early in 2009. The main component of the application is an above-ground water tower reservoir, along with upgrading the municipal water distribution systems in the Pine Ridge, Forbes and Applewood Acres subdivisions. The scope of the project also includes upgrades in the Baker Brook Court and Springwater Place services.

The Federal/Provincial Gas Tax Agreement has been extended for another five years to 2014. Consideration will be given to continue future water projects under this program.

Installation of water meters was completed in December of 2008. The new water meter system will go on-line on January 01, 2009 and meter readings will be recorded each month. A review of the data will take place in the fall in order to determine if consumption has increased or decreased and to determine the total amount of water consumption. During a seven-month period in 2008, monthly meter readings were taken

to determine the average consumption used during that time. The result indicated an average daily consumption of .7 cubic meters (equivalent to 700 litres of water). To cover the maintenance and operating cost of the municipal water system an initial water rate of \$1.60 per litre has been set. There will also be a quarterly meter fee of \$5.00.

The water cost is based on consumption, therefore a family who has a high consumption amount will have a higher quarterly payment than a family that has a lower consumption need. In other words, you pay for the amount of water you use.

I would like to pass on my appreciate and sincere thanks to the following members of the Water & Wastewater Committee: Councillors Paul LeBlanc and Tim Scammell, the Public Works staff – Rockland Miller and Bill McBride, and volunteers Mark Hymers and Darrell Amos. As members of this committee they are an excellent example of what can be achieved by working together as a team. I am proud to be part of this team. Last, but not least, my sincere thanks to our administration staff for their outstanding support during the past year.



**"Snow sculptures" created by the aerators in the Wastewater Treatment Lagoon.**



### Village of New Maryland Staff

**Back row:** Bill McBride, PW Utilities Operator; Rockland Miller, Public Works Supervisor; Harry Farrell, Fire Chief; Mike LeBlanc, PW Laborer; Doug Hackett, PW Transportation Technician; Bill Marr, Facilities Custodian; and Kirk Billings, Recreation Laborer.

**Front Row:** Natalie Reid, Recreation Coordinator; Terri Parker, Finance Clerk; Nancy St. Croix, Facilities Manager; Karen Duncan, Assistant Clerk; Cynthia Geldart, Chief Administrative Officer; and Joan Chandra, Treasurer.

**Absent from photo:** Rob Pero, Building Inspector/Development Officer and Lisa Steeves, Administrative Assistant.

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## Mayor's Closing Remarks

Mayor Frank Dunn

In closing, we encourage you to take the time to visit our website at [www.vonm.ca](http://www.vonm.ca) and to attend Council meetings, which are held the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. and are open to the public. Both venues provide a format for residents to express their opinions, ask questions or share suggestions that you feel will enhance the lifestyle of our community.

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