

Village of New Maryland

Council

20 March 2024

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

Deputy Mayor Mike Pope
Councillor Tim Scammell
Councillor Mariet van Groenewoud

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 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 Deputy Mayor Mike Pope and **seconded by** Councillor Mariet van Groenewoud that the minutes of the regular session of Council of 21 February 2024 be approved as circulated.
MOTION CARRIED.

4. Disclosure of Interest

No *Disclosures of Interest* were declared.

5. Presentations

There were no presentations.

6. Proclamations

Mayor Wilson-Shee proclaimed the month of March as *Kidney Month* in the Village and urged all residents to become aware of their own kidney health, as well as the importance of the organ donor registry.

She also proclaimed 26 March 2024 as *Purple Day* in an effort to raise awareness of epilepsy in Canada.

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:

- ❖ February 24: *Coldest Night of the Year Walk* hosted by the John Howard Society of Fredericton Inc.; this was a family-friendly walk to raise funds in support of local charities serving people experiencing hurt, hunger and homelessness; the New Maryland Lions Club placed 7th at the event by raising \$2,510 (*two thousand, five hundred and ten dollars*); participation at the event included 314 (three hundred fourteen) walkers, 49 (forty-nine) teams and 52 (fifty-two) volunteers (*Councillor Scholten also participated*);
- ❖ February 26 : Seniors Advisory Committee (*Councillor van Groenewoud also attended*);
- ❖ March 02: Breakfast hosted by the Rotary Club in Hanwell;
- ❖ March 02: Riverview Ford Fredericton Red Wings Junior A Hockey Club in honour of their senior players and local hero, the late Danny Grant;
- ❖ March 04: PNM Zoomers monthly meeting;

- ❖ March 04: Capital Region Service Commission (CRSC) Governance meeting;
- ❖ March 08: meeting with Jeff Tapley to discuss the Neighborhood Watch Program;
- ❖ March 12: Union of Municipalities of NB (UMNB) Zone 5 meeting held at Fredericton City Hall (*Councillors Scholten and van Groenewoud also attended*);
- ❖ March 16: Village of Hope Maple Syrup Festival; and
- ❖ March 20: UMNB Advocacy Day 2024 held at the Crowne Plaza; presenters included the Green Party, Liberal Party and the Progressive Conservative Party; Councillor Scholten was involved in the organization of the event and the delivery of the presentations; the session continues tomorrow; (*Councillor van Groenewoud also attended*).

Mayor Wilson-Shee offered congratulations to the University of NB (UNB) REDS hockey team who became back-to-back champions in the 2024 U SPORTS men's hockey University Cup and to Coach Gardiner MacDougall who was named Coach of the Year and winner of the Father George Kehoe Memorial Award. She concluded her comments by explaining that the Village has chosen the Voyent Alert! notification system as a tool to ensure that residents stay informed during emergency situations and are aware of day-to-day notifications, and encouraged all residents to register for the alerts. Additional information is on the Village website and residents are invited to contact Village staff for assistance if needed.

9. Comments by Members of Council

Deputy Mayor Mike Pope reported that he attended the Public Safety Forum hosted in the Hanwell and that he had provided a detailed update to Council at the previous Council-in-Committee meeting. The RCMP shared important information at the meeting, in particular regarding community engagement, and he is looking forward to their next meeting on 01 May 2024.

Deputy Mayor Pope also reminded residents of major curling events taking place in our region. The 2024 Canadian Collegiate Athletic Association/Curling Canada Championships and U SPORTS/Curling Canada University Championships recently concluded and the 2024 Canadian Mixed Doubles Curling Championship is currently taking place at the Capital Winter Club and the Aitken University Centre. The national competitions include well-known curlers and Deputy Mayor Pope commented that it is great to see that level of play in our region.

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

- February 27: Union of Municipalities of New Brunswick (UMNB) Advocacy Days Committee Zoom call with members of the NB Liberal Party to discuss property tax issues;
- February 28: Fredericton Chamber of Commerce seminar on cyber security with guest speakers David Shipley from Beauceron Security and Adam Sprague of BrunNet;
- March 12: UMNB Advocacy Committee meeting with the NB Liberal Party caucus to discuss issues impacting municipalities such as municipal fiscal reform, tax reform, housing, health care, policing, downloading of services and how to create a more lasting and effective partnership between the provincial and municipal governments; Councillor Scholten explained that this meeting was part of UMNB's outreach to the provincial parties in NB in advance of the advocacy days event that was organized for municipal members and leaders from each of the 3 (three) parties;
- March 12: UMNB Zone 5 meeting to discuss issues of concern in advance of the UMNB Board meeting scheduled for March 22nd and March 23rd;
- March 14: UMNB Advocacy Days Committee to review materials and presentations planned for the Advocacy Days event scheduled for March 20th and March 21st; and

- March 20: UMNBA Advocacy Days activities with representatives from over 50 (fifty) municipalities, leaders from all political parties and experts in the fields of fiscal reform and government relations; this event provided an opportunity for UMNBA members to voice their concerns, learn more about the issues they face, listen to what the parties are proposing on issues and to voice concerns to the leaders of the 3 (three) political parties that will be vying for a win in the upcoming provincial election.

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 Mike Pope provided an update on the Recreation & Leisure Services Department activities.

- The Athletic Park outdoor rink had a short season this year but when it was open, it was well used and appreciated by our residents with many positive comments received from the public. In total, the outdoor rink was open for 22 (twenty-two) days this season and is now closed.
- On a positive note, staff entered our outdoor rink in CARHA Hockey's Outdoor Rink contest in February and were recently notified that our entry was selected as one of the \$1,000 (*one thousand dollar*) prize winners to assist our outdoor rink for the 2024-2025 season. Social media posts will be shared regarding this exciting news and staff have already been discussing plans for the prize money.
- Three successful 1 (one) day camps were held at the New Maryland Centre over March break. Sixty children enjoyed themed activities, crafts, cooking, group games and lots of outdoor play. Many thanks to the Day Camp staff who led the camps.
- Staff are currently working on the 2024 themes and daytrip plans for the summer and this information will be posted before the end of March. Deputy Mayor Pope commented that he was pleased to report that there will not be any increase to the cost of the Day Camps this year. With the school year ending later this year, the camps will begin a week later (starting the week of 02 July 2024) and will conclude on Friday, 30 August 2024. This will ensure we still provide 9 (nine) weeks of camp this summer.
- The summer student jobs have been posted and this year we will hire 7 (seven) Day Camp Counsellors, 4 (four) Recreation Maintenance and 4 (four) Transportation Maintenance positions. The job descriptions, including pay rates and the application form, can be found on the Village website, social media and the University of New Brunswick and St. Thomas University job boards. We are accepting applications until Monday, 25 March 2024.
- The Babysitter Course scheduled for 08 March 2024 was unfortunately cancelled and a new date of Friday, 03 May 2024 has been confirmed.
- Staff recently joined the 2024 Communities in Bloom initiative on behalf of the Village. After participating in the "Best Gardens" program for the past 3 (three) years, this seemed like a logical next step to promote the Village's ongoing beautification efforts, as well as highlight our nature trails, community garden, tree planting initiatives, heritage conservation efforts (Victoria Hall / St. Mary the Virgin Church) as well as the gardens of individual homeowners. This initiative will provide an opportunity to showcase the Village and staff are looking forward to welcoming the judging panel this summer. Details will be forthcoming over the next couple of months.
- The New Maryland Minor Baseball Association has launched their registration for summer programs. Their Facebook page contains all of the details including age groups, fees, and the online registration

form. Staff are actively investigating field options to accommodate the growing number of participants in baseball. The New Maryland Soccer Association has also opened summer registration and details are available on their Facebook page as well as their website.

- The Parish of New Maryland (PNM) Zoomers' activities and program highlights are available on the Village website or via email at pnmzoomers@gmail.com.

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Mike Pope and **seconded by** Councillor Tim Scammell the adoption of the Recreation and Leisure Services Department report as presented.

Discussion on the Motion: Mayor Wilson-Shee offered congratulations to our Recreation Foreman Kirk Billings for his dedicated work in flooding the outdoor rink and success in winning the contest.

MOTION CARRIED.

12. (ii) Public Works Department Updates

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

- Public Works staff investigated 2 (two) reports in February 2024 and both were resolved to the satisfaction of the residents and staff.
- Public Works staff are busy with winter and spring maintenance activities which include monitoring stormwater systems and open ditches during mild weather events, preparing equipment for spring maintenance activities, and maintaining water and wastewater equipment.
- The tender for the construction of a Water Treatment Process (WTP) Control Building and a Booster Pump/PRV Station for the Sunrise Wellfield Development project will be closing tomorrow, 21 March 2024. This tender involves the construction of 2 (two) buildings, the development of 2 (two) sites including emergency power, paving, landscaping, and security fencing. The WTP will be constructed in Sunrise Estates near the Sunrise Estates Park and the Booster Station will be constructed along the New Maryland Highway in front of the Village's Operations Building, located at 492 New Maryland Highway. This wellfield development will provide redundancy for the Village's existing water system as well as allow future development in the Village. The Sunrise Wellfield Development project would not be possible without the financial support from the Federal and Provincial governments.
- With spring just around the corner, staff are considering dates for the annual street sweeping, leaf collection and the tree mulching programs. More information will be made available on the Village website and social media outlets once the dates are confirmed. Councillor van Groenewoud reminded residents to visit the sites on a regular basis to stay informed of Village activities.
- Staff will start sweeping sand to the edge of municipal streets near the end of March and into April before the street sweeping contractor begins their work. This process reduces the amount of work and time for the contractor and staff are able to start sweeping the streets much sooner than the contractor.
- During the leaf collection program, leaves will only be collected if they are contained in compostable bags, and for the tree mulching program, the pile of branches is to be no larger than 2.4m long x 1.22m wide x 1.22m high (8ft x 4ft x 4ft).
- The posted 40km/hr speed limit in the Village is for ideal driving conditions. Recently, there have been numerous fluctuations in temperature and weather. Motorists are asked to allow extra time and greater stopping distances as black ice conditions may exist and to be watchful of pedestrians using crosswalks and walking along streets where there is no sidewalk.
- Councillor van Groenewoud concluded her report by explaining that the ban on overnight parking on Village streets is in effect and will end on the last day of March. 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. In addition, when parking on the street, vehicles should be parked so as not to impede the flow of traffic or hamper access to any driveway.

MOVED BY Councillor Mariet van Groenewoud and **seconded by** Councillor Alex Scholten the adoption of the Public Works Department report as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

12. (iii) Develop Services Department

Councillor Tim Scammell brought 3 (three) motions forward. The first motion was regarding Cash-in-Lieu of Land for Public Purposes (LFPP) regarding Shannon Subdivision 24-1. The applicant, Mr. Roger Shannon, resides at 10 Kerry Lane and is also the owner of the adjacent vacant land at 7 Atkinson Lane which is located at the intersection of Atkinson Lane and New Maryland Highway. Mr. Shannon proposes the creation of Lot 24-1 as an interior serviced building lot for his future construction of a single-family dwelling. Per the Village Subdivision By-law, and at the discretion of Council, there shall be paid to the Village, in lieu of the setting aside of Land for Public Purposes, a sum representing 8% (eight percent) of the market value of proposed Lot 24-1.

MOVED BY Councillor Tim Scammell and **seconded by** Deputy Mayor Mike Pope the following Resolution of Council: ***Be It Resolved That*** the Council for the Village of New Maryland accept \$6,000.00 (*six thousand dollars*) as cash-in-lieu of the dedication of Land for Public Purposes in relation to the subdivision of the property at 7 Atkinson Lane, being PID 75062455, to create Lot 24-1 as a serviced building lot, and Parcel 'A' to be consolidated with PID 75318071. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The next 2 (two) motions were regarding the request for a zoning amendment for 7 Atkinson Lane.

MOVED BY Councillor 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, 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, 08 May 2024, commencing at 6:30 p.m. at the New Maryland Centre, located at 754 New Maryland Highway.** The purpose of which will be to consider requested *Zoning By-law Amendment 04-01-2024, A By-law to Amend Zoning By-law 04-2019*, to re-zone the property at 7 Atkinson Lane, being Property Identification Number 75062455, from a Residential Zone Two (R-2) to a Residential Main Street Zone (R-4) to enable the future development of a 2 (two)-storey, 10 (ten)-unit apartment building; and ***Be It Further Resolved That*** staff proceed with the necessary public notifications as prescribed per the *New Brunswick Community Planning Act*. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOVED BY Councillor Tim Scammell and **seconded by** Deputy Mayor Mike Pope the following Resolution of Council: ***Be It Resolved That*** the Council for the Village of New Maryland, in accordance with Section 110 of the *New Brunswick Community Planning Act*, S.N.B. 2017, Chapter 19 and amendments thereto, hereby requests that staff forward to the Planning Advisory Committee, for their review, requested *Zoning By-law Amendment 04-01-2024, A By-law to Amend Zoning By-law 04-2019*, to re-zone the property at 7 Atkinson Lane, being Property Identification Number 75062455, from a Residential Zone Two (R-2) to a Residential Main Street Zone (R-4) to enable the future development of a 2 (two)-storey, 10 (ten)-unit apartment building. Council further requests that the Planning Advisory Committee provide their recommendations to Council prior to Wednesday, 08 May 2024. **MOTION CARRIED.**

12. (iv) Seniors Advisory Committee (SAC)

Councillor Alex Scholten provided an update of the Seniors Advisory Committee (SAC) activities.

- The SAC met on 26 February 2024 with 6 (six) members in attendance.
- Councillor van Groenewoud shared with the Committee a document that she received regarding *Household Emergency Information*. She suggested the information may be helpful for residents to keep important information close at hand.
- The Committee discussed the proposed low-income seniors housing being proposed in McAdam as a potential example for the Village.
- Councillor van Groenewoud advised the Committee that Councillor Scholten would not be available to work with the Committee on the Age-Friendly survey. She suggested that the number of questions be scaled down from the original Age-Friendly survey to make it easier and more user-friendly. The original survey consisted of 66 (sixty-six) questions and she would like to see that reduced to 30 (thirty). The questions will need to be translated to French, by a professional translator. After some discussion, the Committee concluded that the survey should be completed and ready to release to the public in late September or early October 2024.
- Councillor Scholten concluded his report by noting that the next SAC meeting is scheduled for Monday, 25 March 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

MOVED BY Councillor Scholten and **seconded by** Councillor Tim Scammell the adoption of the SAC report as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

13. Approval of the Treasurer's Report

MOVED BY Councillor Laurie Pearson and **seconded by** Councillor Tim Scammell the following Resolution of Council: ***Be It Resolved That*** the Treasurer's Report be adopted as follows: Payments made in the month of February 2024 from the General Operating account by cheques and direct payments **\$315,214.58** (*three hundred fifteen thousand, two hundred fourteen dollars and fifty-eight cents*); from the Water & Sewer Operating account **\$326,091.53** (*three hundred twenty-six thousand, ninety-one dollars and fifty-three cents*); from the General Capital account **\$15,537.47** (*fifteen thousand, five hundred thirty-seven dollars and forty-seven cents*); and from the Water & Sewer Capital account **\$198,931.42** (*one hundred ninety-eight thousand, nine hundred thirty-one dollars and forty-two cents*). **MOTION CARRIED.**

14. Public Input / Inquires

No input and/or inquiries were brought forward.

15. New Business

(i) Third and Final Readings of Dangerous or Unightly Premises and Property By-law No. 57-2024

Councillor Mariet van Groenewoud explained that, as per the procedural requirement of the *NB Local Governance Act*, notice was published on the Village website and social media to advise of Council's intention to enact proposed amendments to the referenced by-law. First and second readings of the by-law were conducted by Council at their regular meeting of 21 February 2024 and the following motions will conclude the enactment process.

MOVED BY Councillor Mariet van Groenewoud and **seconded by** Councillor Alex Scholten to read *By-law No. 57-2024, Village of New Maryland Dangerous or Unightly Premises and Property By-law* for the **THIRD** time, this reading by Summary, pursuant to section 15(4) of the *Local Governance Act*. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Councillor van Groenewoud read the following summary: *By-law No. 57-2024, Village of New Maryland Dangerous or Unightly Premises and Property By-law is comprised of amendments:*

- 1) to update *NB Local Governance Act* (the “Act”) section references invoked in the by-law to be consistent with the most current version of the *Act*;
- 2) to add supplemental definitions to promote clarity in the interpretation and enforcement of the by-law; and
- 3) to standardize document formatting to achieve visual and organizational consistency among all Village by-law documents.

MOVED BY Councillor Mariet van Groenewoud and **seconded by** Deputy Mayor Mike Pope to read *By-law No. 57-2024, Village of New Maryland Dangerous or Unightly Premises and Property By-law*, for the FINAL time, this reading by title only, thereby enacting the by-law. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Councillor van Groenewoud read the title *By-law No. 57-2024, Village of New Maryland Dangerous or Unightly Premises and Property By-law*.

(ii) Third and Final Readings of Procedural By-law Amendment No. 50-01-2024

Councillor Alex Scholten reported that the Seniors Advisory Committee (SAC) and Council have discussed the value of adding a youth component to the SAC and changing the committee name to reflect the importance of representing all age groups within our community. During the formal Council meeting of 21 February 2024 Council passed the necessary motions for first and second readings of the by-law amendment and the following motions for third and final readings will officially amend the by-law to implement the requested changes.

MOVED BY Councillor Alex Scholten and **seconded by** Councillor Mariet van Groenewoud to read *By-law Amendment No. 50-01-2024*, an amendment to *Procedural By-law No. 50-2021* for the THIRD time, this reading in its entirety. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Councillor Scholten read *By-law Amendment No. 50-01-2024* in its entirety, as attached.

MOVED BY Councillor Alex Scholten and **seconded by** Councillor Mariet van Groenewoud to read *By-law Amendment No. 50-01-2024*, an amendment to *Procedural By-law No. 50-2021* for the FINAL time, this reading by title only, thereby enacting the by-law amendment.

Councillor Scholten read the title *Procedural By-law Amendment No. 50-01-2024*.

16. Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting

The next formal Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 17 April 2024 at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chamber.

17. Motion for Adjournment

MOVED BY Councillor Mariet van Groenewoud and **seconded by** Deputy Mayor Mike Pope to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Geldart
CAO/Clerk

Judy Wilson-Shee
Mayor

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