

Village of New Maryland
Council
19 June 2024

Present: Mayor Judy Wilson-Shee Deputy Mayor Mike Pope
 Councillor Laurie Pearson Councillor Tim Scammell
 CAO/Clerk Cynthia Geldart Councillor Alex Scholten
 Assistant Clerk Maggie Kitchener

Absent: 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 Tim Scammell that the agenda be approved as distributed. **MOTION CARRIED.**

3. Approval of the Minutes

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Mike Pope and **seconded by** Councillor Alex Scholten that the minutes of the regular session of Council of 15 May 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

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:

- ❖ May 16: *Protecting Yourself from Fraud* session and potluck hosted by the PNM Zoomers with guest speaker Nick Ingraham, a CIBC representative;
- ❖ May 23: Capital Region Service Commission (CRSC) special board meeting; proposed motions did not proceed as a Point of Order was raised;
- ❖ May 25: opening ceremony for Bowl for Kids' Sake, hosted by Big Brothers Big Sisters and held at the Kingswood Resort; representatives from Oromocto, Fredericton, Hanwell and New Maryland were in attendance;
- ❖ May 27: Age-Friendly Committee (AFC) meeting;
- ❖ May 30: CRSC staff luncheon barbeque;
- ❖ May 30: New Maryland Heritage Association (NMHA) meeting;

- ❖ June 5: Mayor’s Walk with students from New Maryland Elementary School (NMES) to kick off the ParticipACTION Community Better Challenge;
- ❖ June 6 to 9: FCM Annual Conference and Trade Show held in Calgary, AB; this year’s theme was *Redefining our Future (Councillor van Groenewoud also attended)*;
- ❖ June 12: NMES grade 5 (five) celebration followed by a family picnic;
- ❖ June 12: the first of a series of Garden Talks held at Victoria Hall;
- ❖ June 13: tour of the walking trails at the NMC with two kindergarten classes;
- ❖ June 13: Fredericton State of the City Address (*Deputy Mayor Pope and Councillor Scholten also attended*);
- ❖ June 14: tour of the walking trails at the NMC with two kindergarten classes;
- ❖ June 17: Regional Development Corporation (RDC) Economic Expansion Committee presented *RDC Funding Programs* via Zoom; the speaker was RDC Vice-President Rob Kelly (*Deputy Mayor Pope, Councillor Scholten and senior staff members also attended*);
- ❖ June 18: Lion’s Club year-end celebration (*Councillor Scholten also attended*); the District Governor and past District Governor were special guests; 2 (two) new members were sworn in; members of the newly formed Leo Club were in attendance; the purpose of Leo Clubs is *Leadership, Experience Opportunity*; there are currently 11 (eleven) members, and 6 (six) members attended;
- ❖ June 19: Communities in Bloom committee meeting; and
- ❖ June 19: graduation ceremony at Lisa Dunn’s Learning Academy held at the NMC.

Mayor Wilson-Shee offered congratulations to students in the area who are graduating this year and encouraged them to “continue to believe in yourself and follow your dreams”.

Mayor Wilson-Shee shared a special acknowledgement as follows:

- the Long-Service Recognition Awards Program of the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators (CAMA) is dedicated to honouring and celebrating the dedication of their members in public service and municipal management, a cornerstone priority for their association. These awards are based on the duration of full-time paid employment in municipal government specifically in management roles such as Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) or those reporting directly to them. Recognition is granted at the 10 (ten) year mark and subsequently in 5 (five) year intervals. This year it was their privilege to acknowledge the commitment of our CAO/Clerk, Cynthia Geldart, for her remarkable 30 (thirty) years in service in municipal government management roles. Cynthia’s dedication to her role has contributed to the advancement of our municipality and CAMA was pleased to recognize her achievements. Cynthia’s recognition pin was presented to her at the CAMA Long Service Awards Luncheon held at the annual conference in Banff, AB on 04 June 2024.

Mayor Wilson-Shee concluded her comments by stating that she has known Ms. Geldart for over 20 (twenty) years and expressed appreciation to her on behalf of Council for her continued service. Ms. Geldart was presented with a certificate and token of appreciation.

9. Comments by Members of Council

Deputy Mayor Mike Pope offered congratulations to Ms. Geldart for her thirty (30) year achievement and expressed appreciation for her contributions to the Village. He further offered congratulations and recognized the hard work of the graduates of Fredericton High School (FHS), Bliss Carmen Middle School (BCMS), New Maryland Elementary School (NMES), and Ecole Sainte-Anne (ESA).

Councillor Alex Scholten offered congratulations to Ms. Geldart and expressed appreciation for her contributions to the Village and surrounding communities. He provided an update of the meetings and events that he attended since the last Council meeting:

- May 25: Union of Municipalities of New Brunswick (UMNB) Board of Directors meeting;
- May 28: UMNB Conference Planning Committee meeting; discussed future topics to be covered and guest speakers; the conference will be hosted in Fredericton for all municipal elected officials in the province on the weekend of October 4;
- May 29: UMNB Municipal Reform Committee meeting; discussed municipal fiscal reform and the status of the Canadian Community Building Fund;
- May 30: volunteered on the organizing committee and at the Philanthropy in Action 2024 event hosted by the Fredericton Community Foundation (FCF) and held at the University of New Brunswick (UNB) Currie Centre; this annual event celebrates local philanthropists and this year's award recipients were Margaret and Bill Jones; local youth philanthropists were celebrated as well; Councillor Scholten noted that the recognized youth included children as young as elementary school-age; the event raised over \$120,000 (*one hundred twenty thousand dollars*) for the Fredericton Community Foundation and will be used to support several organizations within the Capital Region; last year, the FCF provided over \$1,000,000 (*one million dollars*) in grants to local community support organizations;
- June 11: UMNB Election Campaign Steering Committee meeting; discussed how to best prepare UMNB and our municipal members to raise awareness around municipal issues in advance of the upcoming provincial election in October; a pre-election tool kit will be provided to the community;
- June 12: UMNB Municipal Reform Committee meeting; and
- June 13: Canada HomeShare presentation held at the Grant Harvey Centre; Canada HomeShare is a national not-for-profit organization that offers a home sharing program where seniors can rent or share parts of their home with both local and international students; the goal of the program is to help address loneliness and financial difficulties for seniors while providing housing solutions for students; this program is working effectively in Ontario and was recently started in Fredericton, Miramichi and Woodstock.

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

- May 30: attended as a special guest on the Carr Brothers Show;
- June 1: participated in a pickleball game, held at the NMES (*Cheryl Scammell attended also*); and
- June 12: New Brunswick Building Standards Working Group meeting.

Councillor Laurie Pearson offered congratulations to Ms. Geldart and expressed appreciation for her contributions to the Village. She further congratulated and recognized the hard work of the graduates and students of FHS, ESA, BCMS, and NMES. She noted that it was good to see many residents present at prom and graduation celebrations.

10. Planning Advisory Committee (PAC)

There was no report to read into the record. Councillor Tim Scammell brought forward 2 (two) 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 2024, staff advertised via the Village social media outlets to solicit potential candidates for the available membership positions; and

- at the Council-In-Committee meeting held on 22 May 2024, Council reviewed applications from highly qualified candidates and indicated their intention to re-appoint incumbent Gillian Ash Richard. Councillor Laurie Pearson was selected for appointment as Council's representative on the Committee.

MOVED BY Councillor Tim Scammell and **seconded by** Councillor Alex Scholten the following Resolution of Council: ***Be It Resolved That*** the Council for the Village of New Maryland hereby appoint Gillian Ash Richard 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 16 June 2027. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOVED BY Councillor Tim Scammell and **seconded by** Councillor Alex Scholten the following Resolution of Council: ***Be It Resolved That*** the Council for the Village of New Maryland hereby appoint Councillor Laurie Pearson 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 18 June 2025. **MOTION CARRIED.**

11. Emergency Response Plan (ERP) Committee

No report was presented for the Emergency Response Plan Committee.

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.

- He reported that 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 Pickleball Try-it Event was a successful kick off to the month and the Mayor's Walk on 5 June 2024 with the entire NMES student body in attendance was a successful event as well. The Yoga in the Park sessions have been popular and the Day Camp Drop-ins at local parks are new this year. The Fredericton Disc Golf Association will host a Try-it Event from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Athletic Park on Saturday, 22 June 2024. The Village was in 5th (fifth) place provincially as of 13 June 2024.
- The Community Garden opened on Friday, 31 May 2024 for the season and Deputy Mayor Pope expressed appreciation to the Recreation staff for their hard work. All the plots have been reserved, and the Take a Plant, Leave a Plant garden bed has been popular with the gardeners. New this year, through the partnership with Communities in Bloom (CIB), the Village received several packages of seeds from the Compost Council of Canada through their Grow a Row, Share a Row program, and the wildflower seed packet giveaway was popular among residents. The local Girl Guides planted the wildflower seeds as part of a community project on bees and attracting pollinators.
- The CIB initiatives are underway. The beautification has been completed throughout the Village including hanging baskets, highway planters, flower beds and the subdivision/park flower boxes. An orange flower representation has been planted at the circle entrance flower bed in honour of the colour of the year being orange for the CIB program. Activity stencils were completed and new ones were added along the sidewalks and in the parks. The first Garden Talk was held on 12 June 2024 and was a success. The next speaker, Alysha McGrattan from Nature NB, will be presenting *Planting to Attract Monarch Butterflies and Pollinators* on 26 June 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Staff are compiling the Community Profile information which will be submitted, along with the proposed judge's itinerary by 30 June 2024. A reminder that the judges will arrive on 30 July 2024 and judging will take place on 31 July 2024. The judges have been invited to attend the Ice Cream social event on the evening of 30 July 2024.
- The baseball and soccer programs had an early start to the season as a result of the onset of warmer weather in May. Registration numbers for each program have been high. The soccer club is running the following

programs: Under 4 (four), Under 5 (five), and Under 7 (seven) at the NMES Soccer Field; and Under 9 (nine), Under 11 (eleven), and Under 13 (thirteen) at the Athletic Park Soccer Field. The New Maryland Minor Baseball program has 11 (eleven) age groups scheduled including 3 (three) teams at the Bantam Ballfield, under 15 (fifteen) and under 18 (eighteen).

- Congratulations were offered to resident Lucas Hannay and the Hannay family. Lucas was recently drafted to the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League, a significant accomplishment to be proud of and recognized.
- Deputy Mayor Pope shared reminders of the following events and activities:
 - registration for the remaining Day Camp spots is available daily at the Village office and the discounted rate applies until Friday, 28 June 2024;
 - the Disc Golf Try-it Event will be held in Athletic Park on Saturday, 21 June 2024 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and is free for residents to attend;
 - the final Yoga in the Park session with Tabitha Crowell will be held on Monday, 24 June 2024;
 - the next Garden Talk will be held on Wednesday, 26 June 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at Victoria Hall and residents were reminded to contact Recreation Coordinator Michelle Sawler in the Village office to register;
 - the Canada Day Let's Celebrate event, hosted by Village Council, will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the NMC on 01 July 2024; *Back Two Basics* will be performing, along with a BBQ, face painting, a bouncy castle, and cake;
 - the Strawberry Social will be held on Tuesday, 16 July 2024 at the New Maryland Centre park (or indoors depending on the weather) with the Celtic/Folk duo *Artisan's Cove* performing;
 - the Ice Cream Social will be held on Tuesday, 30 July 2024 at the NMC starting at 6:30 p.m. with A Maritime Kitchen Party featuring *Frantically Atlantic* at 7:00 p.m.; and
 - a Babysitter Course is being held on 21 August 2024 at Victoria Hall at a cost of \$60 (*sixty dollars*) and the course is for ages 11 (eleven) and up.

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: Deputy Mayor Pope clarified that the Disc Golf Try-It event will be held on Saturday, 22 June 2024 and that pre-registration was not required. **MOTION CARRIED.**

12. (ii) Public Works Department Updates

Councillor Alex Scholten provided an update on the activities of the Public Works Department.

- Public Works staff investigated 7 (seven) reports in May 2024 for culvert repair, municipal water quality, tree damage and plow. The reports are in progress and will be investigated to the satisfaction of residents and staff.
- Public Works staff are busy with monitoring the stormwater systems and open ditches during rainfall events, preparing equipment for summer maintenance, patching asphalt, repairing sod damage from winter activities, inspecting culverts for repair and maintenance, maintaining water and wastewater equipment, renovating the Springwater Reservoir, monitoring water and wastewater facilities to ensure their performance meets our operational standards, and continuing their training on safety and operational procedures.
- K-Line Construction has started the construction on the Water Treatment Process (WTP) Control Building located at 170 Kingston Avenue with the excavation of the foundation. The construction of the Booster Pump/PRV Station located at 492 New Maryland Highway will start mid-June. The buildings are part of the Sunrise Wellfield Development project. This wellfield development will provide redundancy for the

Village's existing water system as well as allow further development in the Village. The Sunrise Wellfield Development project would not be possible without the financial support from the Federal and Provincial governments.

- Councillor Scholten reminded residents that the posted speed limit throughout the Village is 40 (forty) km/hour and in the vicinity of the elementary school it is 30 (thirty) km/hour. Staff will be erecting speed radars to monitor vehicle speeds. Staff review the data collected and forward any observations that are a concern to the RCMP for their monitoring. If residents observe individuals driving at high rates of speed, they should contact the RCMP to initiate an investigation. The Village office also has "Keep It To 40" signs available free of charge if residents would like to install the signs on their property to encourage motorists to follow the speed limit. Drivers are also asked to be watchful of pedestrians using crosswalks and walking along streets with no sidewalks.
- The annual spring leaf collection was completed.
- The spring tree mulching program continues on the west side of the highway, while the east side of the highway has been completed. The pile of branches for the program are to be no larger than 2.4 metres by 1.22 metres by 1.22 metres.
- Councillor Scholten concluded his report by reminding residents to visit the Village's website, Facebook page and Twitter (X) feed on a regular basis to stay informed of municipal activities and events.

MOVED BY Councillor Alex Scholten and **seconded by** Deputy Mayor Mike Pope the adoption of the Public Works Department report as presented.

Discussion on the motion: Councillor Pearson commented that she received a heat advisory alert on the Voyent Alert app and encourages residents to install the Voyent Alert app to stay informed of advisory warnings and other urgent events. CAO/Clerk Geldart reported that a full-page advertisement regarding Voyent Alert will be in the utility bill mailout. **MOTION CARRIED.**

12. (iii) Development Services Department

Councillor Laurie Pearson presented 2 (two) recommendations for motions to be considered for approval by Council.

MOVED BY Councillor Laurie Pearson and **seconded by** Deputy Mayor Mike Pope the following Resolution of Council: ***Be It Resolved That*** in relation to Bennett Subdivision 24-1, the Council for the Village of New Maryland permit proposed Lot 24-1 to be subdivided from portions of PID 75080846 and to be connected to the available municipal sanitary sewer. Such sanitary sewer service connection shall be at the proponent's expense and to the satisfaction of the Village Engineer. Council further resolves that proposed Lot 24-1 shall also be permitted to be serviced via a private well, also at the owner's expense entirely, to facilitate the future residential development of the parcel in compliance with Village by-laws and all applicable Acts and Regulations of the Province of New Brunswick. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOVED BY Councillor Laurie Pearson and **seconded by** Councillor Alex Scholten the following Resolution of Council: ***Be It Resolved That*** the Council for the Village of New Maryland accept \$5,200.00 (*five thousand two hundred dollars*) as cash-in-lieu of Land for Public Purposes in relation to proposed Lot 24-1 to be subdivided from portions of PID 75080846 for the purpose of creating a new residential building lot. **MOTION CARRIED.**

12. (iv) Age-Friendly Committee (AFC)

Councillor Tim Scammell provided an update of the Age-Friendly Committee (AFC) activities.

- The AFC met on 27 May 2024 with 5 (five) members in attendance.
- The Committee reviewed the draft Neighbourhood Watch pamphlet and several edits were suggested. Upon completion of the edits required and the professional translation to French, pamphlets will be photocopied and folded. Funds for the photocopying will be provided by the New Maryland Community Support Group. More guidance is required from the RCMP to establish the program and criminal checks will be required for each volunteer. Signs for both ends of the Village, lanyards for photo identification, and 12 (twelve) safety vests with the Neighborhood Watch logo will need to be ordered. Prior to knocking on doors, the Block Captains will require training. Allison Palmer will be contacted for assistance. Information data from the Block Captains will be recorded to determine which issues to share with residents. Committee member Jeff Tapley was thanked for his hard work and research regarding the Neighbourhood Watch program.
- The Expression of Interest applications for youth members were posted to the Village's social media sites. An application was received from a university student who lives in the Village and she was invited to attend the AFC meeting in June.
- Councillor van Groenewoud reported at the meeting that she was continuing her work on the survey questionnaire and that everything was on schedule. She spoke with an individual who is working on developing a survey tool for communities to use and the Village will be permitted to use their subscription to 'Survey Monkey' when the survey is ready to send out.

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

13. Approval of the Treasurer's Report

MOVED BY Councillor Alex Scholten and **seconded by** Deputy Mayor 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 2024 from the General Operating account by cheques and direct payments \$1,748,312.85 (*one million, seven hundred forty-eight thousand, three hundred twelve dollars and eighty-five cents*); from the Water & Sewer Operating account \$749,057.05 (*seven hundred forty-nine thousand, fifty-seven dollars and five cents*); from the General Capital account \$22,021.45 (*twenty-two thousand, twenty-one dollars and forty-five cents*); and from the Water & Sewer Capital account \$66,545.85 (*sixty-six thousand, five hundred forty-five dollars and eighty-five 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, 17 July 2024 at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chamber.

17. Motion for Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maggie Kitchener
Assistant Clerk

Judy Wilson-Shee
Mayor

Cynthia Geldart
CAO/Clerk