Village of New Maryland
Council
21 May 2025

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

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 Deputy Mayor 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** Councillor Tim Scammell that the minutes of the regular session of Council of 16 April 2025 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 18 May 2025 to be Loyalist Day in the Village of New Maryland.

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 she attended since the last Council meeting:

- April 17: staff Easter brunch to wish staff a happy Easter;
- April 17: PNM Zoomers potluck and guest speaker Dianne Earle from Scott's Nursery presented on Spring Gardening and shared the history of Scott's Nursery, "Over 80 years of experience growing with you.";
- April 24: Capital Region Service Commission (CRSC) Oversight Committee meeting; 1st (first) quarter review by Chief Executive Officer (CEO), John Smith;
- April 28: met with CEO John Smith, CRSC;
- April 29: volunteered at Tim Hortons on Bishop Drive with decorating Smile Cookies; proceeds raised from this campaign go to the Women in Transition House;
- April 29: Overdose Response and Naloxone Administration training by guest speaker Heather Ibbetson from AIDS New Brunswick Inc;
- April 30 to May 1: meetings in Saint John, NB with CEOs and Chairs from 12 (twelve) Regional Service Commissions (RSC), the Union of Municipalities of New Brunswick (UMNB), Association Francophone Des Municipalités Du Nouveau-Brunswick (AFMNB), Premier Susan Holt, Minister Aaron Kennedy, and senior staff of the Department of Environment and Local Government (ELG); the Province will be

conducting a review of the RSCs; it has requested an independent study to gain a deeper understanding of the progress and challenges across regions to determine what improvements can be made;

- May 1: New Maryland Heritage Association (NMHA) meeting;
- May 3: Bowl for Kid's Sake event, Big Brothers and Big Sisters; was joined by Mayor Dave Morrison of Hanwell, Mayor Bob Powell of Oromocto, and Councilor Ruth Breen of Fredericton;
- May 5: PNM Zoomers meeting;
- May 5: met with CEO John Smith, CRSC;
- May 6: PNM Zoomers exercise class followed by a potluck; this was the last class before summer;
- May 6: CRSC monthly meeting with 2 (two) presentations: Ignite, Regional Strategy, and Fredericton Capital Region Tourism, Regional Strategy; matters discussed included the Community Promotional Funding Program (CPFP) distribution of $50,000 (*fifty thousand dollars*); the division of these funds was between Fredericton and Oromocto previously but funds will now be made available by application to other physician recruitment groups operating in the region;
- May 6: workshop by Stiletto Consulting to examine gaps and opportunities in the recruitment and retention of health care professionals in the Capital Region;
- May 7: 31st (thirty-first) Annual Kingswood Turnaround Achievement Awards Ceremony; as Chair of the CRSC, presented a scholarship to Kaelynn Jones, Oromocto High School; Mayor Wilson-Shee extended congratulations to all the students who were recognized and commended their hard work in changing their attitude, behaviour, academics and overall achievement; she further acknowledged the parents, teachers, staff, support systems and volunteers who were instrumental in helping;
- May 8: Tourism Spring Launch (*Kelsey Embleton, Recreation Coordinator and Cynthia Geldart, CAO/Clerk attended*);
- May 9: Chalmers Foundation 12th (twelfth) Annual Radiothon Opening Ceremonies;
- May 10: New Maryland Lions Club (NMLC) Breakfast, proceeds for New Maryland Elementary School (NMES) playground fundraiser; a very successful event; thanks were extended to everyone who volunteered;
- May 10: special meeting of UMNB to discuss new draft by-laws (*Councillor Alex Scholten attended*);
- May 10: volunteered at the Spring Social – Meals on Wheels;
- May 11: NMHA meeting;
- May 12: Spring Convocation Dinner and Reception;
- May 13: met with Kelly Shaw, CRSC;
- May 13: St. Thomas University Spring Convocation; Mayor Wilson-Shee congratulated the graduates; special mention to New Maryland students who all graduated with Distinction: Bachelor of Social Work, Nicole Dale and Ashley LeBreton; Bachelor of Arts, Emily Collins and Oliver Pearson, son of Councillor Laurie Pearson;
- May 14: met with resident, Sama Almaarofi;
- May 14: raising of the Loyalist Flag (*all members of Council, Fire Chief Farrell, Assistant Clerk Maggie Kitchener, and residents Gary Campbell and Myrna McCarty attended*);
- May 15: Annual General Meeting (AGM) Fredericton Internation Airport;
- May 15: retirement dinner honouring CRSC Chief Operating Officer, Don Fitzgerald;
- May 16: Vision 2030 Summit, Ignite Regional Economic Development Strategy and Action Plan Framework held at the Crowne Plaza;
- May 20: CRSC Economic Expansion Committee meeting via Zoom; discussion was on Interprovincial Trade;
- May 20: NMLC meeting; the Lions Club will donate $10,000 (*ten thousand dollars*) to the NMES Playground Project; a $5,000 (*five thousand dollars*) donation had already been committed; proceeds from the community breakfast will be used as a top-up to reach the full $10,000 (*ten thousand dollars*); Norah Matchett and her father, Erik, were invited guests; Norah is the 2025 IWK Champion Child and is actively

raising funds for the IWK by making and selling bracelets and operating a lemonade stand; Norah was presented with $500.00 (*five hundred dollars*) to go towards her campaign; Norah's goal is to raise $1,500 (*one thousand, five hundred dollars*); due to her courage during her surgeries, she was given the nickname Big Brave Nora; (*Councillor Scholten attended*);

- ❖ May 21: Janice Pickard, Mayor Wilson-Shee and NMHA members met with Tony and Manon Charters from Ontario for a tour of the building the group is restoring, formally known as St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church; and
- ❖ Mayor Wilson-Shee noted the CRSC has moved their office to 1133 Regent Street, Suite 300 in Fredericton.

9. Comments by Members of Council

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

- ➢ April 17 and 29: Fredericton Community Foundation (FCF) Philanthropy in Action (PIA) organizing committee meetings in advance of the FCF PIA Dinner and Auction taking place on 22 May 2025; this event celebrates community leaders who have made significant philanthropic contributions; this year's award recipients are Brenda and David Sansom; this event is the biggest fundraising activity for the FCF which supports many local initiatives from not-for-profit organizations to cultural and heritage matters to school playgrounds;
- ➢ May 6: UMNB Conference Committee meeting in preparation for this year's AGM and conference being hosted in Saint John in October;
- ➢ May 7: received the Change Maker Award from Greener Village for contributions in volunteering, advocacy, fundraising and donating for the benefit of the organization; Councillor Scholten explained that the expression "many hands make light work" applies to the many dedicated volunteers assisting Greener Village in their work to help the many people in the community facing food insecurity; Councillor Scholten expressed his pride in being part of that effort and offered congratulations to all of the award winners celebrated at the ceremony;
- ➢ May 8: spoke with a resident about the trail and bike system in New Maryland and his interest in helping promote the advantages of connecting the bike and trail system with Fredericton's trails; Councillor Scholten explained that Council has attempted this effort before and he is looking forward to speaking about the matter further with Council and staff;
- ➢ May 9: Fredericton Chamber of Commerce Immigration Advocacy Committee meeting and presentation; matters discussed included the impact immigrants or newcomers make to local economy, health care and education systems, and the need to ensure immigration quotas for New Brunswick are maintained at existing levels and are not cut back as the federal government announced late last year; Atlantic Canada is unique in its need for immigration given the region's rapidly aging population and declining workforce; the Atlantic Immigration Program was designed several years ago as an agreement between the Atlantic Provinces and the federal government to recognize this need and to help address it, but due to issues more pronounced in other regions of Canada, immigration quotas have been reduced by half; a lot of advocacy work is needed for this, and as such, Chambers from across Atlantic Canada are working together to seek a resolution to this issue and promote the need to continue the program;
- ➢ May 9 and 10: assisted with the NMLC/NMES fundraising breakfast in support of the new playground at NMES;
- ➢ May 10: UMNB members' meeting to discuss revised by-laws for the organization; municipal reform and the amalgamation with the Cities Association of New Brunswick have prompted major changes to better represent all municipalities in the Province;
- ➢ May 14: UMNB Municipal Reform Committee meeting; matters discussed were the Provincial budget, municipal fiscal reform, property tax reform, and RSC reform; and

- May 21: AGM for Downtown Fredericton Inc. (DFI); DFI is a non-profit Business Improvement Area organization dedicated to sustaining and encouraging growth and development in Fredericton's Central Business District; DFI's programs are designed to revitalize, promote and enhance the commercial viability of the downtown, and are administered on behalf of its members in cooperation with private and public sector partners; Councillor Scholten was elected to the Board of Directors and looks forward to working with the organization to identify best practices and approaches to business development; these insights may help the Village attract new businesses to New Maryland and support the continued growth of those already operating there.

Mayor Wilson-Shee expressed appreciation to Councillor Scholten and Victory Meat and Produce Market for the donation of food for the breakfast fundraiser for the NMES playground. She noted further that she has scheduled a meeting with Honourable Luke Randall to discuss the trails and transportation.

Councillor Pearson provided an update of the meetings and events she attended since the last Council meeting:

- May 7: 31st (thirty-first) Annual Kingswood Turnaround Achievement Awards Ceremony; presented awards to 2 (two) students she works with directly and expressed pride in the 4 (four) students from Fredericton High School (FHS) who were also recognized; she noted that new programing at FHS has been making a meaningful difference in helping students succeed; Councillor Pearson also shared how rewarding it is to see students she supported during their high school years progress through post-secondary education and to see her own child graduate as well; and
- Councillor Pearson congratulated Councillor Scholten on receiving the Change Maker Award, noting his significant contributions to the community and local schools and expressed her appreciation for his ongoing support; other members of Council also extended their congratulations to Councillor Scholten

10. Planning Advisory Committee (PAC)

Councillor Laurie Pearson provided an update on the activities of the Planning Advisory Committee.

- The Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) met last on Monday, 05 May 2025. Due to a lack of new business, no meetings were held in March and April.
- The Building Permit Summary Reports for February, March and April 2025 were presented to the Committee. Projects ranged from windows, siding, sheds, decks, a pool, and general renovations.
- Worth noting was the 1 (one) permit issued for the construction of a single-family dwelling and 1 (one) permit for the installation of a roof top solar array.
- The 2025 year-to-date totals to the end of April amounted to 17 (seventeen) permits, $589,912.00 (*five hundred eighty-nine thousand, nine hundred twelve dollars*) in construction value and $4,564.25 (*four thousand, five hundred sixty-four dollars and twenty-five cents*) in permit fee revenue.
- The terms of office for Committee members Sam McEwan, Robin Chaplin, and Councillor Laurie Pearson are scheduled to expire in June 2025. Public notification of the opportunity for residents to submit expressions of interests in Committee membership was posted in early April with an application deadline date of 02 May 2025. Staff received 4 (four) responses for those positions.
- As it is customary for the Mayor to designate, on an annually rotating basis, a Village Councillor for Committee membership, Mayor Wilson-Shee has recently advised that Deputy Mayor Mike Pope has been selected to join the Committee next for a 1 (one)-year term of office. Upon Council's selection of other candidates for appointment, or re-appointment, motions of Council will be prepared by staff for consideration at the 18 June 2025 formal Council meeting.
- Staff updated the Committee that, per the NB *Community Planning Act*, a review of a Municipal Plan shall take place at least once every 10 (ten) years after the date the municipal plan is adopted. Such a review is for the purpose of examining and reporting on the plan's effectiveness and to make recommendations on any potential amendments.

- In the weeks and months ahead, staff will be consulting with Village Planning Director Frank Flanagan to determine the scope of the Municipal Plan and related development by-laws review and the relative need for amendments ranging on a wide variety of emerging topics.
- Councillor Pearson explained that she enjoyed her work on PAC and appreciated the opportunity.

MOVED BY Councillor Laurie Pearson and **seconded by** Councillor Tim Scammell the adoption of the Planning Advisory Committee report as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

11. Emergency Response Plan (ERP) Committee

There was no report to read into account.

12. Project Reports / Updates

12. (i) Recreation & Leisure Services Department

Councillor Alex Scholten provided an update on the activities of the Recreation & Leisure Services Department.

- The 2025 Spring/Summer Programs, Events & News Guide was distributed by mail and online starting 16 May 2025. The "Village News" contains information on programs and special events that will be offered by the Recreation & Leisure Services Department, important dates and news from various Village departments and general information on our local non-profit organizations.
- The first group of summer students began work this past week.
- Staff have also hired a full team of Day Camp counsellors for the summer.
- The Village is pleased to offer a Counsellor in Training (CIT) program this summer. An application form is available on the website and applications were accepted until Wednesday, 21 May 2025. A CIT Meet & Greet is planned for all applicants on Tuesday, 27 May 2025 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the New Maryland Centre. The CIT program provides the opportunity for students aged 14 (fourteen) to 16 (sixteen) to mentor with Day Camp Counsellors for a 2 (two)-week period at Village Day Camps.
- A Stay Safe course is scheduled for 25 June 2025 at Victoria Hall from 9:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., the cost is $50 (*fifty dollars*) per participant, ages 9 (nine) and up.
- A babysitter course is scheduled for 27 August 2025 at Victoria Hall from 9:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., the cost is $60 (*sixty dollars*) per participant, ages 11 (eleven) and up.
- Registration forms are available online and e-transfer payments are accepted for both courses. Registration is limited to 20 (twenty) participants.
- The Recreation team is preparing the Sunrise Community Garden for another year. The garden typically opens early to mid-June, weather permitting. The garden is fenced in with on-site water barrels and gardening tools. Community gardening is a healthy, inexpensive activity that allows individuals to interact with other gardeners socially, in a meaningful and physically productive way. Many gardeners share their seeds and plants with one another and this year, a "leave one take one" plant storage area set-up will be at the Community Garden as well.
- The "PNM Zoomers" activities and program highlights are as follows:
  - monthly meetings are held on the 1st (first) Monday of every other month at 10:00 a.m. in the Boardroom at the NMC; the next meeting will be held in September;
  - Stretch and Strengthening classes take place every Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Senior Center; classes are on pause until September;
  - the Craft Club meets every other Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Senior Center; the next meeting will be held on 28 May 2025;
  - the Book club meets every 4th (fourth) Thursday at 11:00 a.m. in the Boardroom; the next meeting will be held on 22 May 2025;
  - the Painting Group meets every Wednesday from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Senior Center;

- potluck socials take place every other month at 6:00 p.m. in the Seniors Center, with a guest speaker at 7:00 p.m.; the next social will take place in September;
- PNM Zoomers offer a scholarship to university or high school students and anyone enrolled in a geriatrics or related field; application forms can be found on the Village website;
- PNM Zoomer memberships are available for the period from January to December, with an annual fee of $20.00 (*twenty dollars*); membership forms can be found on the Village website; and
- please visit the Village website or email pnmzoomers@gmail.com to learn more about the Zoomers' activities.

MOVED BY Councillor Alex Scholten and **seconded by** Councillor Mariet van Groenewoud the adoption of the Recreation and Leisure Services Department report as presented.

Discussion on the motion: Councillor Pearson noted that this scholarship has been actively promoted through FHS and expressed hope that this will encourage more applications. Mayor Wilson-Shee reminded residents that PNM meetings are now held every second month. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Councillor Alex Scholten explained he had a motion to bring forward and provided background information.

- He reported that the 2005 Hobart SR-24 commercial dishwasher at the New Maryland Centre is not operable and due to its age, it is no longer possible to source the parts required to repair it. New plumbing codes now require water tempering kits to be installed on all commercial dishwashers which cool the discharge water before it enters the plumbing system to prevent damage. The Zurn grease interceptor is at its end of service life and needs to be replaced. As a result, the Village is replacing the dishwasher.

MOVED BY Councillor Alex Scholten and **seconded by** Deputy Mayor Mike Pope the following Resolution of Council: ***Be It Resolved That*** the Council for the Village of New Maryland, transfer from the General Capital Reserve Fund (Acct # 0626 1015-021) to the General Capital Fund (Acct # 0626 1020-875 the amount of $11,936 (*eleven thousand, nine hundred thirty-six dollars*) plus installation costs. **MOTION CARRIED.**

12. (ii) Public Works Department

Deputy Mayor Mike Pope provided an update on the activities of the Public Works Department.

- Public Works staff investigated 12 (twelve) public works reports during the month of April. The reports were inquiries into culvert repair, ditch drainage, street sign repair, removal of dead trees and snowplow damage.
- Public Works staff are busy with spring maintenance activities and have hired 4 (four) summer students to assist with maintenance throughout the Village.
- The sweeping of Village streets has been completed; staff wish to thank residents for their patience and cooperation during this operation.
- The spring tree mulching program started on Tuesday, 20 May 2025. Branch piles for the program should be no larger than 8 (eight) feet x 4 (four) feet x 4 (four) feet.
- The annual spring leaf collection started on Wednesday, 21 May 2025 on the east side of the highway and will continue on Thursday, 22 May 2025 on the west side of the highway. Only leaves in compostable bags will be collected.
- Council and staff remind residents that the posted speed limit throughout the Village is 40 (forty) km/hr, and 30 (thirty) km/hr near the elementary school. The Village has started using new speed radar technology supplied by NB Power and Livable Cities. The radars will provide additional data which the RCMP can use in their traffic enforcement operations. Speed radars will be erected to monitor vehicle speeds. Anyone who observes individuals driving at high rates of speed is encouraged to contact the RCMP for investigation. "Keep It To 40" signs are available at the Village Office free of charge for residents wishing

- The Village's municipal water system is checked daily and sampled weekly. Council and staff remind residents using private wells to have their water tested regularly for coliform and E. coli bacteria. Sample bottles and collection procedures are available at the Village office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, excluding holidays.
- To stay informed, residents are encouraged to regularly visit the Village's website and Facebook page.

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

12. (iii) Age-Friendly Committee:

Councillor Mariet van Groenewoud provided an update on the activities of the Age-Friendly Committee.

- She reported that the Age Friendly Committee (AFC) met on 28 April 2025.
- During that meeting there was a discussion of the AFC structure. As a member of the committee, Councillor Mariet van Groenewoud presented a proposal for the future direction of the AFC. The recommendation included the formation of a new, community-led committee comprising a maximum of 8 (eight) members, including 2 (two) youth members between the ages of 18 (eighteen) and 35 (thirty-five). The proposed structure would also include 2 (two) Councillors and 1 (one) staff representative.
- The current AFC and Council expressed support for the proposal of transitioning to a community-led model and agreed to host an Open House at a later date as a means of encouraging community involvement.

MOVED BY Councillor Mariet van Groenewoud and **seconded by** Councillor Tim Scammell the adoption of the Age-Friendly Committee report as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

13. Approval of the Treasurer's Report

Councillor Scammell explained that the adoption of the Treasurer's Report fulfills a municipal requirement under provincial legislation and introduced a motion to adopt the report.

MOVED BY Councillor Tim Scammell 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 April 2025: from the General Operating account by cheques and direct payments **$478,747.00** (*four hundred seventy-eight thousand, seven hundred forty-seven dollars*); from the Water & Sewer Operating account **$85,951.68** (*eighty-five thousand, nine hundred fifty-one dollars and sixty-eight cents*); from the General Capital account **$42,776.97** (*forty-two thousand, seven hundred seventy-six dollars and ninety-seven cents*); and from the Water & Sewer Capital account **$97,797.95** (*ninety-seven thousand, seven hundred ninety-seven dollars and ninety-five cents*). **MOTION CARRIED.**

14. Public Input / Inquires

There was no public input or inquiries.

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, 18 June 2025 at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chamber.

17. Motion for Adjournment

MOVED BY Councillor Alex Scholten and **seconded by** Councillor Mariet van Groenewoud to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Maggie Kitchener
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Assistant Clerk

Judy Wilson-Shee
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