Village of New Maryland
Special Session of Council
17 June 2026

Present:	Mayor Alex Scholten	Deputy Mayor Tim Scammell
	Councillor Steve Clements	Councillor Laurie Pearson
	Councillor Mike Pope	Cynthia Geldart, CAO/Clerk
	Maggie Kitchener, Assistant Clerk	
	Rob Pero, Development Services Manager	
Absent:	Councillor Mariet van Groenewoud	

1. Call to Order
Mayor Alex Scholten called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the acknowledgement that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Wolastoqiyik and Mi'kmaq people. We recognize and honour the enduring presence, knowledge, and contributions of Indigenous peoples in this region, past, present, and future. As we meet here today, may we do so with respect for the land and a shared commitment to understanding, reconciliation, and collaboration.

2. Approval of the Agenda
MOVED BY Councillor Mike Pope and **seconded by** Deputy Mayor Tim Scammell that the agenda be approved as circulated. **MOTION CARRIED.**

3. Disclosures of Interest
No *Conflicts of Interest* were declared.

4. Public Hearing: Proposed *Zoning By-law Amendment No. 04-01-2026 Section 7.22* Off-Street Parking Requirements
- Mayor Scholten provided opening remarks and explained that the objective of the public hearing was to provide residents and landowners an opportunity to express to Council their comments in support of, or opposition to, the proposed amendment to the Village Zoning By-law;
- he further explained that during the recent review of a development proposal comprising of underground parking facilities, it was noted that the Village's standard for the required width of a drive aisle between opposing perpendicular parking stalls exceeded the standard width required in various other municipalities in the province and the Atlantic region;
- the current Village standard is for a 7.5 (seven point five) metre wide drive aisle; senior staff were of the opinion that a 6.0 (six point zero)-metre drive aisle width would remain functional and be more economical to the development of off-street parking facilities for future development in the Village; the proposed drive aisle width reduction to 6.0 (six point zero) metres is also perceived by staff as being in alignment with other Municipal Plan and Zoning By-law objectives relating to on-site green space preservation and minimizing the overall footprint impact of new developments at any given site;
- the PAC reviewed and recommended Council approval; and
- Rob Pero, Development Services Department Manager, noted that some inquiries for clarification had been made on the Village's Facebook page and directly to Council members, which were answered by staff and the respective Council members; per the Procedure on Public Hearing in the *Village Procedural By-law No. 50*, these were not considered official comment submissions; staff received no official written or verbal comments addressed to the Village Clerk or Council, and no residents were present at the public hearing.

11. Adjournment

MOVED BY Councillor Steve Clements and **seconded by** Councillor Mike Pope that the meeting be adjourned. **MOTION CARRIED**.

The meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Maggie Kitchener
Maggie Kitchener
Assistant Clerk

Alex Scholten
Mayor

VILLAGE of NEW MARYLAND
1991 N.B.

Cynthia Geldart
CAO/Clerk