Cape Breton Regional Municipality

Council Meeting

AGENDA

Tuesday, December 16th, 2014

6:00 P.M.

Council Chambers
2nd Floor, Civic Centre
320 Esplanade, Sydney, NS
Cape Breton Regional Municipal Council

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AGENDA ITEMS

PRAYER (See page _6_)

ROLL CALL

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** (Previously Distributed)
   
   Council – November 18th, 2014

2. **DELEGATION:**
   
   2.1 **Crossroads Cape Breton – “Working on Work”:** Colleen Cann MacKenzie, Spokesperson (See page _7_)
   
   2.2 **National Crime Prevention Centre (NCPC) - Grant Application:** Sergeant Tom Ripley, Community Mobilization Officer and Mr. Barry Waldman, Consultant for Cape Breton Regional Police Service (See page _35_)

3. **BUSINESS ARISING:**
   
   3.1 **CBRM Board of Police Commissioners – December 9th, 2014:**
   
   a) **CBRPS Buildings:**

Police Commission recommends that Council approve a shift in the approved expenditures from the 2014/15 Capital Budget to allow the completion of the internal renovations to first priority, and that the installation of the generator and external weather stripping be moved to the 2015 Budget process. Bill Murphy, Manager of Engineering and Public Works and Chief Peter McIsaac, M.O.M. (See page _36_)

...Continued
BUSINESS ARISING (Cont'd):

3.2 General Committee – December 2nd, 2014:

a) NSP Maritime Link Incorporated – Request to Use Wood Roads and Trails:

Committee recommends that Maritime Link Incorporated be authorized to use wood roads and trails as outlined in the staff report of November 26th, 2014 and upon certain conditions prescribed by staff, including the use of roads at their own risk, restoring the roads/trails to the condition in which they were prior to their use and directing them to make the proper enquiries to ensure the roads are actually owned by CBRM. Demetri Kachafanas, Solicitor (See page 40)

4. PLANNING ISSUE:

4.1 District Boundary Review for 2014: Malcolm Gillis, Director of Planning, (See page 48)

5. REPORTS:

5.1 Financial Reports to October 31, 2014: (for information only) Marie Walsh, Chief Financial Officer (See page 58)

6. BY-LAWS, RESOLUTIONS & MOTIONS:

6.1 By-Laws:

a) First Reading:

i) Defined Benefit Pension Plan Amendments: Angus Fleming, Director of Human Resources (See page 60)

b) Second / Final Reading: N/A

6.2 Resolutions:

a) “Sir John A. Macdonald – 200th Birthday” Councillor Claire Detheridge (See page 65)

...Continued
BY-LAWS, RESOLUTIONS & MOTIONS (Cont’d):

Resolutions (Cont’d):

b) “Canada East Pipeline Resolution”
   Deputy Mayor George MacDonald (See page 66)

c) “Seaside Communications – Connecting Canadians Program
   in CBRM”
   Councillor Mae Rowe (See page 67)

d) “EastLink – Erection of Telecommunications Tower – Floral
   Heights Sub-Division”
   Councillor Ivan Doncaster (See page 68)

7.3 Motions: N/A

Adjournment
Cape Breton Regional Municipal Council

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PRAYER

God Our Creator, bless us as we gather today for this meeting;
You know our most intimate thoughts;
Guide our minds and hearts
so that we will work
for the good of the community,
and help all your people.

Give us today the strengths
and wisdom to carry out our duties
in the most caring and respectful ways.

Teach us to be generous in our outlook,
courageous in the face of difficulty,
and wise in our decisions.

Amen
Deborah Campbell, BBA, MPA
Municipal Clerk
Cape Breton Regional Municipality
320 Esplanade
Sydney, NS B1P 7B9

Subject: Request to Present to Mayor Clarke and Council

Dear Ms. Campbell:

I would like to make a presentation to Council at your meeting on December 16th, 2014. The purpose of my presentation will be to promote a greater awareness of our organization, our mission and our concrete outcomes. The work we do in this community is of tremendous importance and we would be pleased to have the opportunity to share this information with the larger community of CBRM.

Crossroads is seeking recognition from Council and appreciation of the work that we do in the form of a commitment to partnership with us. We need the leadership of the Mayor and Council in order to affect the deep change of reducing stigma around mental illness, and thus create a more inclusive and healthy CBRM community as a whole. Specifically, we would like the Council to designate someone who will continue to collaborate with us towards the formation of a more formal partnership.

The possibilities are exciting when we commit to working together!

Sincerely,

Colleen C. MacKenzie
Colleen Cann Mackenzie
Crossroads Cape Breton
Working on Work

Colleen Cann MacKenzie
Crossroads Cape Breton, CBDHA

Crossroads Cape Breton, CBDHA

Opened
May 1995

Active Membership
150 – 160

Daily Attendance
45-50 members

Contacts in 2013/14
25,727

Three Year Accreditation
2003, 2006 & 2011
Clubhouse International
Creating Community. Changing the World of Mental Health

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation
2014 Humanitarian Prize Co-Recipient

"the world's largest humanitarian prize, awarded to an organization that is doing extraordinary work to alleviate human suffering."

What is a Clubhouse?

- International Model - 1948
- 333 in 33 Countries
- >100,000 members
- Community - hope, dignity and opportunity
- Outcome - recovery
Recovery Happens Here!

What is “Recovery”?

“Recovery is a deeply personal, unique process of changing one’s attitudes, values, feelings, goals, skills and/or roles. It is a way of living a satisfying, hopeful and contributing life…”

William Anthony
Recovery is possible

Recovery is individual
Crossroads Supporting Members’ Recovery

- Voluntary*
- Work-ordered day
- Relationships & peer support
- Health & wellness
- Evening & holiday events
- Housing, education & employment

Housing

Supported Housing for individuals with mental Illness (SHIMI)
Rural Transportation

Mental Health Awareness Night – Screaming Eagles
Free Your Mind Festival

Real Work
What is the connection?

"Low-income Canadians are more likely to die earlier and to suffer more illnesses than Canadians with higher incomes, regardless of age, sex, race and place of residence."

Second Report on the Health of Canadians

...the connection

"Canadians with low literacy skills are more likely to be unemployed and poor, to suffer poorer health and to die earlier than Canadians with high levels of literacy."

Second Report on the Health of Canadians
... the connection

"When a person is not employed and therefore loses a great sense of self, purpose and social interactions, the results can be devastating to both the health of the individual and his or her family."

Public Health Agency of Canada, 2008

The Facts

- Unemployment rate in Canada 6.8%
- Unemployment rate in Cape Breton 14.8%


- Functional Illiteracy 44-66%

Karen Blair, Adult Learning Association of CB
February 2013 – 17.3%

“In any other place that would be a state of emergency.”

Mayor Cecil Clarke

And for Crossroads members?

“Most people who live with a serious mental illness view employment as central to their recoveries, yet fewer than 15% have jobs…”

Bond & Drake, 2013
Crossroads Response

- Believing
- Persisting
- Thinking outside the box
- Finding like minded people

Crossroads Response

- Insisting on fair wages for real work
- Creating healthier government policies
- Fostering Social Procurement
Social Procurement

Social procurement involves organizations and individuals choosing to purchase based on the social outcome when they buy a good or service.


Social Procurement

...engaging "mainstream" suppliers; or, by engaging with social enterprises that support persons suffering disadvantage or isolation.

Employment Partnerships

Pathways to Employment
No Frills

Martin Entertainment

Aerosmith - 280 hours of work!!
CB District Health Authority
Northside General

CBDHA
Regional Hospital
CBDHA Print Shop

Starting January 2015!

Entrepreneurship
Stand Up for Mental Health Comics

Mental Illness & Addictions Conference

Newest Employer
Sydney Ports Corporation
Most Successful Survey Team in Atlantic Canada!

335 Hours this Year!

Longest Employer in Cape Breton
Cape Breton
Regional Municipality

Ach-Na-Sith (Field of Peace)
Supporting Crossroads

CBRM PROCLAMATION

Mental Health Day
October 10th, 2014

Concert at Cruise Pavilion
Dialogue & Interest

Members Working in Past Year

Supported Employment

53
Unique Qualities of Crossroads Employment

- 100% shift coverage
- Fair wages are paid by employer
- Committed three-way partnership
- Good for people & good for business

Our Goals

- Expand partnerships
- Align with economic directions
- Identifying champions & leaders
- Connect people with gaps
- Building commitment to social procurement
SP Across Jurisdictions

- NS Sustainable Procurement Policy (2009)
- Canada Sustainable Development Act (2008)
- France, Australia

City of Toronto

"Socially responsible public procurement extends beyond conventional job creation and employment opportunities for disadvantaged groups and has far deeper impact by promoting "decent work" including fair wages, promoting compliance with social and labour rights, and supporting social inclusion."

City of Toronto, 2014
2014 Community Health Plan
Recommendation

Create links between the District, government, educational institutions and entrepreneurs/businesses to assist in economic growth opportunities with an emphasis on the social determinants of health.

Community Health Plan 2014-2017

The Ivany Report

IT IS ABOUT US - our COURAGE, our IMAGINATION and our DETERMINATION to do BETTER
Our ASK to CBRM...

- Leadership
- Commitment to partnership
- Strike a working group to examine the development of a Social Procurement policy within CBRM

The Power of Work...

- Creates connections
- Builds on strengths
- Gives purpose & meaning
- Leads to more
- Provides identity
- Creates health
- Transforms people & communities
Thank you!!

References

- The IPS Supported Employment Learning Collaboration (Bond & Drake, 2013)
- Public Policy Trends and Instruments Supporting the Social Economy: International Experiences. *Crystal Tremblay 2010, Canadian Social Economy Research Partnerships*
Dec. 10\textsuperscript{th} 2014

To: Ms. Deborah Campbell  
Municipal Clerk, CBRM

Fr: Sgt. Tom Ripley  
Community Mobilization Officer  
CBRPS

Dear Ms. Campbell

At this date, I formally request that myself and Mr. Barry Waldman, a consultant for the Regional Police, be added to the CBRM December 16\textsuperscript{th} 2014 Council Meeting agenda to speak to the National Crime Prevention Centre application that will be submitted on behalf of the CBRPS. The anticipated federal funding for this project will be $4,158,408. Our request to Council is to approve CBRM funding of $120,000 in 2015 and $630,000 over the life of the 5 year crime preventive RELAYS project. We have also asked the Nova Scotia Department of Justice to contribute the same amount of funding that we will be asking of the CBRM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sgt. Tom Ripley  
Community Mobilization Officer  
Cape Breton Regional Police Service
CBRPS Buildings:

Police Chief McIsaac provided background information on this issue. He stated that CBPRS staff have been working with CBRM Corporate staff over the last several months, on identifying ways to address deteriorating conditions in the Central Police Headquarters, which continue to affect flow, function and efficiency of police operations. Chief McIsaac advised the Commission that an architect developed blueprints for a renovation to leverage available space and create better workflow and service delivery.

Chief McIsaac stated there was $550,000 allocated from the 2014/15 Capital Budget to aid with improvements to the Central HQ facility which would include the design and installation of the emergency generator, minor interior improvements and weather proofing for the exterior of the building. It was noted that the design work for the generator was complete however would not be ready for installation until spring or summer of 2015.

Mr. Spyro Trifos, Architect, advised the Commission that after a review of the building, he felt the Central HQ facility was a great candidate for renovations and noted that there would be no structural changes made to the building.

The following motion was put forth;

Motion:
Moved by Commissioner Eldon MacDonald, seconded by Commissioner Routledge, that a recommendation be made to Council to approve a shift in the approved expenditures from the 2014/15 Capital Budget to allow the completion of the internal renovations to first priority, and that the installation of the generator and external weather stripping be moved to the 2015 Budget process.

Discussion:
The CFO noted that the cost of the design specifications would be deducted from the $550,000.

Motion Carried
Issue Paper

TO: Chief Peter McIsaac

RE: Central Police Capital Schedule

DATE: December 8, 2014

Background

During the capital budget approval process $550,000.00 was allocated to required improvements to the Central Police Station. Improvements included the design and installation of the emergency generator, design specifications for minor interior improvements and weather proofing for the exterior of the building.

As identified in Spyro Trifos’s verbal report, there is a major concern in the existing space allocation requiring more significant changes in the lower floor of the Central Police Station. With the design work for the emergency generator being concluded, it is confirmed the emergency generator will not be ready to be installed until May 2015.

Recommendation

With the approved capital budget, it is recommended that a shift in the approved expenditures be recommended by the Police Commission to Council to allow the completion of the internal renovations to the first priority, followed by the design specifications for the emergency generator. It is further recommended that the Installation of the generator and external weather stripping be moved to the 2015 capital budget process.

Bill Murphy, Manager
Parks, Grounds & Buildings
MEMO

To: CBRM Board of Police Commissioners
From: Chief Peter McIsaac
Date: December 5, 2014
Topic: CBRPS Buildings

CBPRS staff have been working with CBRM Corporate staff over the last several months, on identifying ways to address deteriorating conditions in the Central Police Headquarters, which continue to affect flow, function and efficiency of police operations. The CBRM has re-engaged an architect to develop blueprints for a renovation to leverage available space and create better workflow and service delivery.

Additionally, as a result of the CBRM Organizational Review which identified the elimination of several buildings, the CBRPS was approached by CBRM Corporate Staff on the possibility of relocating our North Division operations to the Sydney Mines Heritage Building. With the assistance of an architect, CBRPS and CBRM officials are in the process of assessing the facility for its suitability to police operations and whether or not it is a viable option for us to relocate to this space.

We bring these items forward for your information as we move forward with addressing building needs related to service delivery in our community, within current fiscal realities.

Peter J. McIsaac

The Cape Breton Regional Police Service, in partnership with the people, is committed to serve and protect our community.

www.cbrps.ca
NSP Maritime Link Incorporated – Request to Use Wood Roads and Trails:

The Regional Solicitor stated that his office was in receipt of a request from Mr. Duncan Morum on behalf of the Maritime Link Group to use Wood Roads and Trails to give access to their work sites.

Mr. Kachafanas explained to Council that Maritime Link Incorporated had previously obtained easements from CBRM to cut trees to facilitate their project and are now hoping to use the existing wood roads and trails to access the site required to be cleared.

**Motion:**
Moved by Councillor MacLeod, seconded by Councillor Saccary, that a recommendation be made to Council to authorize Maritime Link Incorporated the use of the wood roads and trails as outlined in the staff report dated November 26th, 2014 and upon certain conditions prescribed by staff, including use of roads at their own risk, restoring the roads/trails to the condition in which they were prior to their use and directing them to make the proper enquiries to ensure the roads are actually owned by CBRM.

**Motion Carried**
ISSUE PAPER

TO: Council

FROM: Demetri Kachafanas, Regional Solicitor

DATE: November 26, 2014

RE: NSP Maritime Link Incorporated – Request to Use Wood Roads and Trails

I am in receipt of a request from the Duncan Morum on behalf of the Maritime Link group to use Wood Roads and Trails to give access to their work sites. Maps of the sites and roads are attached for your review.

As you may recall, Maritime Link Incorporated obtained easements from CBRM to cut trees to facilitate the project. They are now hoping to use the existing wood roads and trails to access the site required to be cleared.

In my opinion

Recommendation

I recommend that Council pass a motion authorizing the use of the roads upon certain conditions prescribed by staff including use of the roads at their own risk, restoring the roads/trails to the condition in which they were prior to their use and directing them to make the proper enquiries to ensure the roads are actually owned by CBRM.

Yours truly,

Demetri Kachafanas
Dear Mr. Kachafanas

I have attached a map and local plans showing the locations where we would like to use roads on CBRM land, as promised below.

Could you please have a look at his and let me know what process we should follow to obtain the council’s consent.

Many thanks

Duncan Morum

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From: MORUM, DUNCAN
Sent: November 2, 2014 7:39 PM
To: ‘Demetri Kachafanas (dkachafanas@cbrm.ns.ca)’
Subject: Maritime Link - Potential request for use of woods roads to access the power line easement

Dear Mr. Kachafanas

I am working with the Maritime Link project to facilitate preparatory tree clearing and ground works. We are very grateful for all the assistance already given in the grant of easements for the project and I wonder if I might enquire about some further help?

Our tree clearing contractors have identified woods roads, which could be used to give access to their work sites. A few of these trails are owned by CBRM and I would like to make a request to use those routes. I expect to receive a full list in the next few days that will include maps and a description of the length of trail that could be used.

Ideally, the consent sought would be permanent as the same trails would likely be useful for the long term maintenance of the line when it is in operation. However, if it is easier for the council at this stage, a temporary agreement would meet the immediate need.

I wonder if you could let me know if you would be the right person to send the list of requests to, or if not, you could redirect me, please?

With thanks

Duncan Morum
Senior Lands Manager
902 237 3157
duncan.morum@emera.com

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District Boundary Review for 2014:

Motion:
Moved by Deputy Mayor Saccary, seconded by Councillor Rowe, approval to conduct a public consultation process for the District Boundary Review for 2014 as outlined in the staff report dated August 26th, 2014 as follows:

- Notice by Canada Post mail to all civic addresses within the only two communities affected by the proposed district boundary adjustment (i.e. North West Arm and Point Edward) advising them the CBRM is considering re-aligning the boundary between Districts 3 and 4 by removing these two communities from District 4 into District 3. The notice should explain the reason why and give them the month of October to respond.
- Notices published in the Cape Breton Post advising the readers the only change being recommended in the re-alignment of the two above referenced districts. As with the Canada Post mail it would give the reader the month of October to respond.
- An identical notice on the CBRM Website.

Discussion:
It was suggested that staff also post notice on the CBRM Social Media Sites.

Motion Carried.
TO: CBRM Council
FROM: Malcolm Gillis

SUBJECT: DISTRICT BOUNDARY REVIEW FOR 2014 REPORT ON PUBLIC CONSULTATION

DATE: December 12th, 2014

Earlier this year, the Clerk’s office received a letter from the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board stating the CBRM must conduct a review this year “to confirm or to alter the number and boundaries of polling districts and the number of councillors.” In a staff report dated August 26th, and presented to the September 23rd meeting of CBRM Council, I recommended that the boundary between Districts 3 and 4 be realigned by moving the communities of Point Edward and North West Arm from District 4 to be added to District 3. No other boundary adjustment was advocated in that report. That report is included in the agenda package for the December 16th Council meeting.

Responding to the staff recommendation in that above referenced report, Council passed a Motion instructing staff to conduct a public consultation process to gauge the opinions of the CBRM electorate regarding the proposed lone boundary adjustment. CBRM staff attempted to engage the opinions of the CBRM electorate in the following manner.

1. A letter was mailed by Canada Post to each and every household with at least one eligible voter in the communities of Point Edward and North West Arm. The letter explained the recommended boundary adjustment and offered a variety of means the recipient could contact pertinent staff of the CBRM. The mailed letters and the published notices asked the reader to provide a response by no later than early November.
2. Two notices were published in the Cape Breton Post.
3. Notices and the September staff report, including maps, were posted on the CBRM web page and Facebook page.

No response was received by the Planning Department as a result of the above referenced public consultation process.
Recommendation:
I recommend that CBRM Council pass a Motion accepting the efforts of staff culminating in this issue paper as the “study” required by the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board i.e. CBRM presents recommends the Board accepts a proposal to re-align the boundary between Districts 3 and 4 by removing the communities of North West Arm and Point Edward from District 4 into District 3. No other boundary adjustments are advocated and the number of councillors shall remain the same for the 2016 election.

By the end of this calendar year the Motion of Council recommending these changes must be sent by application on the required form to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board along with this report and any previous staff reports supporting it.

Submitted by:

[Signature]

Malcolm Gillis
Director of the Planning Department
TO: CBRM Council
FROM: Malcolm Gillis
SUBJECT: DISTRICT BOUNDARY REVIEW for 2014
DATE: August 26th, 2014

The Clerk’s office is in receipt of a letter from the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board stating the CBRM must conduct a review this year “to confirm or to alter the number and boundaries of polling districts and the number of councillors.” I’m sure this is surprising. However, the Legislation obliged municipalities to conduct a district boundary review in 2006 and after every subsequent 8 year period. In 2006 that was done by a Committee of Council Chaired by Councillor Vince Hall. In the words of the Utility and Review Board that public consultation process was “flawed”, but the Board was reluctant to instruct the CBRM to conduct another because there was not enough time prior to the 2008 election. Therefore the decision of the Board was that the number of districts would remain 16 for the 2008 election but CBRM was ordered to conduct another district boundary review prior to the 2012 election.

Less than a generation ago (i.e. just before amalgamation) Cape Breton County had 88 municipal politicians. With amalgamation that number was reduced to 21 councillors and a mayor. Several years after amalgamation that number was reduced to 16 councillors and we’re now down to 12 as a result of the last downsizing just two years ago. However, the notice from the Board is supported by Section 369 of the Municipal Government Act.

Obligations of a Municipality to satisfy the Utility and Review Board.
The Regional Municipality must first conduct a study. Normally there are two components to such a study. (1) The question of the number of councillors and (2) of the population size of the voters in each district to ensure equity of representation.

In its letter to the CBRM Clerk, the Board acknowledged that just a couple of years ago the CBRM “…conducted an extensive consultative process leading to the Board’s decision…” in support of a reduced number of councillors. The Board acknowledges “…there is a general public acceptance” of the reduced number and so the Board “…is prepared to consider a simplified application…”. This leaves us to consider the 2nd component i.e. equity of representation.
The fundamental dictum in a democratic election is the expectation of equal representation. The idea is that one vote in one district should have the same influencing power as a vote in another district i.e. the voter population of each district should be as close as reasonably possible to the average district voter population for the whole Regional Municipality. There are exceptions to this rule because the real world is complicated and they are referenced in the Act e.g. population density, geographic size of each district, and community of interest. The Board expects each district to have a voter population within 10% of the average for all districts, but will consider exceptions to this rule up to a range of + or −25% if the Regional Municipality can defend such a variance with the arguments of geographic size of a district and community of interest.

**Staff's Findings**

Table 1 below shows the number of voters in each of the 12 CBRM districts registered to vote during the 2012 election. Only 4 of the districts were within 10% of the average. Four were less than 10% and four were greater than 10%. The four districts with a voter population greater than 10% were allowed to remain so high to compensate for the four districts with a voter population less than 10%. The arguments for four districts having a voter population less than 90% of the average were both geography (their sheer size) and community of interest. Each of the four districts with a voter population of less than 90% of the average are larger than the aggregate size of all of the four districts with a voter population greater than 10% of the average. The community of interest card was played to the Board as well. For purposes of 911 emergencies, the CBRM is divided into 110 communities whose boundaries were determined after extensive public consultation. We very seldom choose to split these communities for this very reason and the Board has been very respectful of that.

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**Table 1**

**VOTER COUNT AND VARIANCE 2012 CBRM ELECTION**

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We are now in receipt of the current number of registered voters from the Province after the latest Provincial election. Using our GIS we’ve mapped them according to their civic address and divided them into the current 12 district boundaries. The results (see Table 2 below) show that 11 of the 12 districts are once again all within the threshold of + or − 25% of the average district voter population. However, the voter count in one of the districts (i.e. District 3 a.k.a. Councillor Mae Rowe’s District) is more than 31% lower than the average i.e. 68.8% of the average (i.e. 2,414 voters less than the average). The Board will not accept such a discrepancy. This has to be rectified.

**Staff’s recommended solution**

Because all of the other districts are within the tolerable threshold and we just very recently went through a district boundary review, which resulted in a reduction in the number of districts from 16 to 12, we want to minimize the adverse effects of resolving this.

District 3 abuts three others i.e. District 2 (Councillor Charlie Keagan) District 4 (Councillor Claire Detheridge), and District 7 (Councillor Ivan Doncaster). District 7’s voter population was already well below average (i.e. −17.5%) and the current count is even lower at -17.7%. To take what’s needed from District 7 to replenish District 3 so that the number of voters is higher than -25% of the average would put District 7 precariously close to the -25% and, District 7 also is a predominately rural district with a very large geography, its population will most likely be declining in the future. That would be a difficult case to make before the Board.

**Table 2**

**VOTER COUNT AND VARIANCE 2014**

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To take what’s needed from District 2 we have two choices. Take a part of the community of North Sydney or add the community of Little Bras D’Or to Mae’s district. Taking a part of a community is contravening the criteria of the Board that says a community of interest is important and this argument is compounded by the fact North Sydney was at one time an incorporated Town. If we were to add the community of Little Bras D’Or into District 3 it would essentially divide District 2 into two separate and geographically unconnected parts i.e. District 3 would be between (i.e. divide) the western and eastern parts of District 2.

The voter count in District 4 during the last election was actually equal to the average. Now the current voter count is almost 5% higher than the average. If the communities of North West Arm and Point Edward are taken from District 4 and added to District 3, District 3 is increased to -25.9% and district 4 is within 1% of average. The number of registered voters in these two communities is 351. Both communities are entirely rural i.e. there is no sanitary sewer main. Any other exchange involving District 4 means carving out a part of a suburban neighbourhood i.e. a neighbourhood serviced by a sanitary sewer main.

Staff can’t figure out a better solution to resolve the low voter population in District 3 to the satisfaction of the Board. No other districts other than District 3 need to be adjusted.

**Recommendation:**
I recommend that CBRM Council accept the efforts of staff culminating in this issue paper as the “study” required by the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board i.e. CBRM presents to its constituents a proposal to re-align the boundary between Districts 3 and 4 by removing the communities of North West Arm and Point Edward from District 4 into District 3. No other boundary adjustments are advocated and the number of councillors shall remain the same for the 2016 election.

Before Council submits its recommendation to the Utility and Review Board CBRM must also conduct a public consultation. I recommend this public consultation be comprised of the following.

- Notice by Canada Post mail to all civic addresses within the only two communities affected by this proposed district boundary adjustment (i.e. North West Arm and Point Edward) advising them the CBRM is considering re-aligning the boundary between Districts 3 and 4 by removing these two communities from District 4 into District 3. The notice should explain the reason why and give them the month of October to respond.
- Notices published in the Cape Breton Post advising the readers the only change being recommended in the re-alignment of the two above referenced districts. As with the Canada Post mail it would give the reader the month of October to respond.
- An identical notice in the CBRM web site.

After the public consultation process, a final staff report would be submitted to the November meeting of the General Committee of Council. If there is a significant number of requests from your constituents using one of the above referenced forums, a special meeting of Council could be scheduled for November. In December a Motion of Council recommending these changes
would be sent by application on the required form to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board along with this report and any subsequent reports to support it.

Submitted by:

[Signature]

Malcolm Gillis
Director of the Planning Department
District boundary review prior to next CBRM election in October 2016

CBRM has been instructed by the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board to conduct a review of its electoral districts to ensure the principal of equal representation will be adhered for the 2016 municipal election. A report from the CBRM must be submitted to the Board by the end of the 2014 calendar year. Council accepted the recommendation of the Planning Department to adjust the boundary of two districts. The Department recommended a re-alignment of the boundary between Districts 3 and 4 by removing the communities of Point Edward and North West Arm from District 4 and adding them to District 3. No other boundary adjustment was advocated. The public is encouraged to learn more about this process and provide its opinions. The staff report with supporting maps and voter population tables is available on the CBRM web site. Any comments, questions, or recommendations brought to the attention of the Planning Department by no later than December 5th, 2014 will be brought to the attention of Council. The Department may be contacted by

- e-mail mggillis@cbrm.ns.ca
- phone 902-563-5027 or
- by visiting the Departmental office at Suite 200, civic center, 320 Esplanade.
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Total expended to date             $ 79,204,070  $ 82,658,300  $ 3,454,230  $ 142,730,596  $ 63,526,526
## INCOME STATEMENT

**OCTOBER 31, 2014**

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**Year To Date Assigned** | $82,863,999 | $82,785,827 | $78,173 | $142,730,596 | $59,866,597
Cape Breton Regional Municipality

ISSUE PAPER

To: Mayor and Council

December 10, 2014

RE: Defined Benefit Pension Plan Amendments

Background:

The following two amendments are administrative adjustments to amendments previously approved by Council. The CBRM Defined Benefit Committee at a duly called meeting held November 13, 2014 approved a motion recommending to Council the adoption of amendments 2002-02 and 2014-01

AMENDMENT 2002-02 Pre-Retirement Death Benefits

On March 18, 2003, Council approved amendment 2002-01 which provided an increase in death benefits to survivors from 60% to 66.2/3% effective January 1, 2002.

The amendment also removes an upward adjustment to the survivor pension in cases where the member had over 10 years of service and the surviving spouse did not receive CPP Survivor’s Pension for the period of service in the CBRM Plan. An adjustment upward was also made if the surviving spouse did receive a CPP Survivor’s Pension and the CPP Survivor’s Pension was reduced.

Eckler Consultant Ltd., pension consultants reviewing the history of this amendment determined that the retroactive removal did not affect anyone who died since January 1, 2002. In fact, the amendment has improved survivor benefits from 60% to 66.2/3% for all affected members over this period. Our future expectation is the same as survivors now receive a CPP Survivor’s Pension for each year the member worked for CBRM after January 1, 1966. In addition, reductions are only made to the CPP Survivor Pension when the surviving spouse is under the age of 45 and has no dependent children and is not disabled.

Accordingly, CBRM was of the view providing a 66 2/3% benefit was most appropriate approach to pre-retirement death benefits, and is consistent with the post-retirement survivor’s benefit.

Continued...
AMENDMENT 2014-01 - Removal of the 5 year Crediting Cap on Pension Accruals while on LTD

The definition of Credited Service previously limited additional Credited Service while on approved leaves of absences for LTD, maternity, parental or other to five years, plus an additional three years in respect of absences that commence immediately after the birth or adoption of a child. The definition states that the Member must make contributions to the plan, or contributions must be made on their behalf by the Member’s LTD insurer.

With this amendment effective January 1, 2014, the five year cap is removed for LTD service provided that contributions are made by the Member during the period of service or contributions were made on their behalf by the Member’s LTD insurer. This change is consistent with Income Tax Act requirements and is also consistent with past administrative practice for the Plan in such cases where contributions were made by the Member or on the behalf by the Member’s LTD insurer.

Recommendation:

The CBRM Defined Benefit Committee recommends to Council the approval of Amendments 2002-02 and 2014-01 as presented.

Angus Fleming
Director of Human Resources
THE CAPE BRETON REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN
(as Amended and Restated January 1, 1999)
Registration #0234211

AMENDMENT 2002-02

WHEREAS the Cape Breton Regional Municipality ("Employer") has established the
Cape Breton Regional Municipality Defined Benefit Pension Plan ("Plan");

WHEREAS the Employer retains the right to amend the Plan; and

WHEREAS the Employer wishes to amend the Plan for consistency with intended terms and
administrative practice, as well as housekeeping items related to interest and the
Canada Revenue Agency, effective January 1, 2002;

NOW THEREFORE the Plan is amended effective January 1, 2002 as follows:

Section I – Definitions

Section I, "Definitions", is amended by:

1. Deleting subsection 1.16 in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

   "1.16  "Interest" shall mean Interest with respect to contributions made pursuant to subsection
   6.1 at the rate of 3% per annum compounded annually, or such other rate as may be
   adopted from time to time by the Regional Council. After December 31, 1987, such rate
   shall not be less than the average rate of five (5) year personal fixed term chartered bank
   deposit rate (CANSIM Series B14045) with such average to be determined over a
   reasonably recent period not exceeding twelve (12) months, or such other minimum rate
   as may be specified in the Act. For greater clarity, such average shall be determined
   over the 12 months of the preceding calendar year. This average shall continue to be
   used until the next such average is available.

   Member voluntary contributions made pursuant to subsection 6.3 shall be credited with
   Interest each year at the rate of return which is reasonably attributable to the portion of
   the pension fund in which Member voluntary contributions were invested, net of
   investment expenses.
THE CAPE BRETON REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN
(as Amended and Restated January 1, 1999)
Registration #0234211

AMENDMENT 2014-01

WHEREAS the Cape Breton Regional Municipality ("Employer") has established the Cape Breton Regional Municipality Defined Benefit Pension Plan ("Plan");

WHEREAS the Employer retains the right to amend the Plan; and

WHEREAS the Employer wishes to amend the Plan to amend the Plan to make changes to the definition of Credited Service;

NOW THEREFORE the Plan is amended effective January 1, 2014 as follows:

Section I – Definitions

Section I, "Definitions", is amended by:

1. Deleting subsection 1.7 in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

"1.7 "Credited Service" means the years and parts thereof of the following periods of a Member’s service with the Employer in Canada while a Member of the Plan:

(1) periods in respect of which the Member receives remuneration from the Employer and makes the required contributions pursuant to subsection 6.1;

(2) unpaid leaves of absence in respect of a period of Total Disability during which the Member receives or is in the waiting period to receive long-term disability benefits from a plan sponsored by the Employer, provided that he is not in receipt of a disability pension under subsection 4.1 and further provided that contributions are made to the Plan by the Member or on behalf of the Member by the Member’s long-term disability insurer;

(3) any period of absence required by law to be granted in respect of maternity or parental leave provided that the Member continues to make required contributions during the absence;"
"Subject to subsection 9.5, if a Member has a Spouse or Common Law Partner at his date of pension commencement, his pension shall continue to such surviving Spouse or Common Law Partner after his death in the full amount until a total of 60 monthly payments have been made since the pension commencement date, then reducing to 66 2/3% of the amount the Member was receiving immediately before his death, payable for life of the Spouse or Common Law Partner."

The undersigned certifies that the foregoing amendment is adopted on this ____ day of _____________, 2014.

__________________________________________________________
Authorized Signature

__________________________________________________________
Angus Fleming
Name

__________________________________________________________
Director of Human Resources
Title
CBRM Resolution
Sir John A. Macdonald – 200th Birthday

Whereas: Sir John A. Macdonald turns 200 on January 11th, 2015;

And Whereas: SirJohnA2015 has been mandated by the Federal Department of
Canadian Heritage to raise awareness of the life, legacy and
approaching bicentennial of Canada’s first Prime Minister;

And Whereas: The Federal Government is encouraging Canadian citizens and
politicians to stand up on January 11th, wherever they may be, and
propose a 200th birthday toast to modern Canada’s primary
architect and first Prime Minister;

And Whereas: The Federal Government is proud to invest in projects and
commemorations, like the anniversary of Sir John A. Macdonald
and the 200th anniversary of his birth will be an opportunity for all
Canadians to learn and to celebrate the important contributions
Canada’s first Prime Minister made to shape our great nation;

And Whereas: SirJohnA2015 recognizes that Macdonald is a controversial figure
in the history of Canada and some Canadians might even prefer a
“roast” to a “toast” to allow all voices to be heard;

And Whereas: With the support of all Canadians, and working toward engaging
all Canadians, will help tell the story of Macdonald, which is the
story of the place we all call home “Canada”;

Be It Therefore Resolved: That CBRM Mayor Cecil Clarke and Council encourage all of our
CBRM residents to make a toast or a roast on January 11th, 2015 in
honour of the 200th birthday to modern Canada’s primary Architect
and first Prime Minister, Sir John A. McDonald.

Claire Detheridge
Councillor Claire Detheridge – District #4 - CBRM

December 16th, 2014
Cape Breton Regional Municipality

“Canada East Pipeline Resolution”

Whereas: Trans Canada Corporation has intentions to construct an Energy East Pipeline;

And Whereas: Trans Canada proposes to bring this pipeline to St. John, New Brunswick;

And Whereas: Existing facilities in Point Tupper are ideally and strategically located to make this project even more successful;

And Whereas: The Premier of Nova Scotia has expressed his desire to see the pipeline extended to Point Tupper;

And Whereas: NuStar has expressed a desire and economic value in having the pipeline come into its facilities in Point Tupper;

And Whereas: Such an extension would better serve all of the East Coast and not end in New Brunswick;

And Whereas: The economic development opportunities would extend to all of Cape Breton Island and the Strait Area;

And Whereas: The economic development opportunities would affect all of Nova Scotia,

Be it therefore resolved: That CBRM Mayor Cecil P. Clarke and Council support the Premier’s efforts to work with the Province of Alberta and Trans Canada Corporation;

Be it further resolved: That a letter of support, along with a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Nova Scotia as well as Trans Canada Corporation along with copies to Minister Younger, Minister Samson, Minister McLellan, Federal Ministers Mackay and Raitt as well as NuStar.

Signature:

Deputy Mayor George MacDonald – District #9 - CBRM

December 16th, 2014
RESOLUTION
“Seaside Communications – Connecting Canadians Program in CBRM”

Whereas: Access to high speed internet service is as important to rural Canada today as rural electrification was in the 1940s and 1950s;

And Whereas: Seaside Wireless Communications Inc. was the contractor selected by the Province of Nova Scotia to provide internet access to unserved portions of the Cape Breton Regional Municipality under the Broadband for Rural Nova Scotia program;

And Whereas: Many the Cape Breton Regional Municipality residents and businesses are now seeking internet speeds greater than the 1.5 megabit per second download standard established under the Broadband for Rural Nova Scotia program;

And Whereas: The Government of Canada has established the “Connecting Canadians” program to help provide Canadians with access to internet services at speeds of at least 5 Megabits per second download;

And Whereas: Seaside Wireless Communications Inc. intends to apply for funding from the “Connecting Canadians” program to increase internet speeds available to its customers in the Cape Breton Regional Municipality.

Be It Therefore Resolved: That CBRM Mayor & Council support Seaside’s application to participate in the Connecting Canadians program.

Councillor Mae Rowe – District #3 – CBRM

December 16th, 2014
RESOLUTION
“EastLink – Erection of Telecommunications Tower – Floral Heights Sub-Division”

Whereas: EastLink proposes to construct a Telecommunications Tower behind civic address #115, Floral Heights Sub-Division in Sydney;

And Whereas: The residents residing in the Floral Heights Sub-Division and surrounding areas are strongly opposed to the installation of this tower;

And Whereas: Residents have signed a petition opposing the EastLink’s application citing health concerns relating to microwaves that are emitted from Telecommunication Towers being linked to leukemia, infertility, cancer, Alzheimer’s, autism and other health issues resulting from exposure;

And Whereas: There are other municipalities throughout Canada that have supported community organizers opposed to Telecommunications Towers;

And Whereas: Residents within a 1000 meter radius should be consulted by the tower proponent or Industry Canada in advance to any installation of Telecommunications Towers, Base Stations, Antennas and Transmitters so they can be fully informed of the biological health effects and have a say on the long-term implications of these devices in their immediate neighborhood and quality of life;

Be It Therefore Resolved: That CBRM Mayor and Council write to Industry Canada to affirm the CBRM staff recommendation to reject the proposal for the installation of a Telecommunications Tower behind civic address #115, Floral Heights Sub-Division in Sydney, N.S.

[Signature]
Councillor Ivan Doncaster – District #7 – CBRM

December 16th, 2014