



Cape Breton Regional Municipality

Council Meeting Addendum

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

2:00 p.m.

Council Chambers
Second Floor, City Hall
320 Esplanade, Sydney, Nova Scotia

3.11 Nova Scotia Polish Heritage Month

Councillor Glenn Paruch (See page 3)



PROCLAMATION

Nova Scotia Polish Heritage Month

- WHEREAS:** the Cape Breton Regional Municipality is home to one of Canada's longest-standing Polish communities; and
- WHEREAS:** in 2019, on the recommendation of Cape Breton's St. Michael's Polish Benefit Society, the Nova Scotia House of Assembly unanimously passed a resolution to recognize every September going forward as Nova Scotia Polish Heritage Month; and
- WHEREAS:** the month of September was selected in part because it is a month of special anniversaries for Polish Cape Bretoners, including the founding of the St. Michael's Polish Benefit Society (1909) and the founding of St. Mary's Polish Church (1913); and
- WHEREAS:** a list of activities for the broader community has been planned for the month within the CBRM, including a Sunrise Service for Peace, a Cultural Open House in the revitalized Polish Village Hall, the launch of the new *Ogródek-Food Garden* card game, special walks and youth outreach events; and
- WHEREAS:** the theme for 2025 Nova Scotia Polish Heritage Month is "Nature" and the featured artist this year is the Choir of St. Mary's Polish Church, the only Polish-language choir in Atlantic Canada.
- BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED:** that CBRM Mayor Cecil P. Clarke and Council do hereby proclaim September 2025, as Polish Heritage Month in the Cape Breton Regional Municipality and encourage all residents to experience the warmth, hospitality, and special sites of Cape Breton's Polish community. We recognize the many ongoing contributions of Polish Cape Bretoners to the cultural, economic, and social life of the region. We acknowledge the CBRM's valuable and productive Twin City agreement with the City of Wałbrzych, Poland.

