

Cape Breton Regional Municipality

Council Meeting

ADDENDUM

TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025

2:00 P.M.

Council Chambers
2nd Floor, City Hall
320 Esplanade, Sydney, NS

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ADDENDUM ITEMS

3. PROCLAMATIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

3.9 **Recognizing Captain Jeff MacKinnon and the “Death Coast” Salvage Efforts**
Councillor Steve Gillespie (See page 3)

ADJOURNMENT



PROCLAMATION

Recognizing Captain Jeff MacKinnon and the “Death Coast” Salvage Efforts

WHEREAS:

The Nova Scotian “Death Coast” is an infamously treacherous stretch of the North Atlantic Ocean, home to a staggering estimated 25,000 shipwrecks throughout history; and

WHEREAS:

Cape Breton’s Captain Jeff MacKinnon, a third-generation shipwreck salvager, has continued his family’s legacy by leading premier recovery efforts of historical artifacts and cultural treasures from these wrecks; and

WHEREAS:

Captain MacKinnon and his team of ex-FBI, military, and police divers have dedicated themselves to uncovering long-lost artifacts, braving the perils of the North Atlantic in order to document, preserve, and share irreplaceable pieces of maritime history; and

WHEREAS:

Captain MacKinnon has been granted exclusive rights to dive and salvage in these dangerous waters, providing a once-in-a-generation opportunity to explore shipwrecks of historical and cultural significance; and

WHEREAS:

“The Death Coast” television series highlights Captain MacKinnon’s mission to recover artifacts of international importance, while promoting local heritage and advancing public knowledge of Nova Scotia’s rich maritime history; and

WHEREAS:

all artifacts recovered during the series are returned to the Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage, Special Places Protection, ensuring that these artifacts remain preserved for future generations.

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RESOLVED:
BE IT THEREFORE:

that CBRM Mayor Cecil P. Clarke, on behalf of Council and the residents of CBRM, does hereby recognize and commend Captain Jeff MacKinnon and his elite dive team for their exemplary contributions to historical preservation, maritime research, and community pride in showcasing the legacy of the “Death Coast.”

BE IT FURTHER
RESOLVED:

that the CBRM formally applauds Captain MacKinnon’s unwavering dedication, integrity, and remarkable bravery, and extends its wholehearted support for his continued efforts in safeguarding our shared nautical heritage.

Councillor Steve Gillespie - CBRM District #4

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