

**Cape Breton Regional Municipality**

**Council Meeting**

**ADDENDUM**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2025**

**2:00 P.M.**

Council Chambers  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Hall  
320 Esplanade, Sydney, NS

# Cape Breton Regional Municipality

## Council Meeting

**Tuesday, March 18, 2025**  
**2:00 p.m.**

### **ADDENDUM ITEMS**

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**ADJOURNMENT**



## **PROCLAMATION**

### **Autism Acceptance Month**

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**WHEREAS:**

April marks Autism Acceptance Month, and Tuesday, April 2nd, marks World Autism Awareness Day, when people across the globe come together as a community to celebrate autism and promote acceptance and inclusion; and

**WHEREAS:**

With the support of the autism community, the Cape Breton Region Chapter of Autism Nova Scotia builds understanding, acceptance, and inclusion for Autistics/individuals on the autism spectrum and their families through leadership, advocacy, education, training, and programming across the lifespan; and

**WHEREAS:**

Many dedicated Autistic individuals/people with autism, parents, teachers, researchers, and professionals, including those at Autism Nova Scotia and other community-based organizations, work tirelessly throughout our province to make the communities where we live accessible and inclusive for Autistics/individuals with autism, and their loved ones.

**BE IT THEREFORE  
RESOLVED:**

That CBRM Mayor Cecil P. Clarke and Council, proclaim April 2025 as Autism Acceptance Month throughout the municipality and encourage all our citizens to recognize the individuals/people with autism, family members, caregivers, educators, and other professionals who strive to make Nova Scotia an inclusive and accessible place for us all to call home.

*Councillor Paul Nickituk - CBRM District #10*

**March 18, 2025**



## **PROCLAMATION**

### **Green Shirt Day**

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**WHEREAS:**

After the devastating events of the Humboldt Broncos bus crash that took the lives of sixteen passengers, Humboldt Broncos defenseman Logan Boulet succumbed to his injuries April 7th; and

**WHEREAS:**

Logan's parents Bernadine and Toby Boulet offered to donate his organs so that six lives could live on; and

**WHEREAS:**

Logan had registered as an organ donor, after being inspired by his coach and mentor Ric Suggitt who was also an organ donor and saved six lives when he passed in 2017; and

**WHEREAS:**

As news spread of the organ donation by this young hockey player, it is estimated that almost 150,000 people registered to become organ donors in the days and weeks that followed. To date this is the largest number of Canadians registering to become organ donors in Canadian history due to one event; and

**WHEREAS:**

Green Shirt Day was created to honour, remember, and recognize all the victims and families of the fatal crash and to continue Logan's legacy by inspiring Canadians to talk to their families and register as organ donors.

**BE IT THEREFORE**

**RESOLVED:**

That CBRM Mayor Cecil P. Clarke and Council, proclaim April 7, 2025 Green Shirt Day in the Cape Breton Regional Municipality, and encourage all citizens to wear green, register their decision to become organ and tissue donors, and share their decision with their family.

*Councillor Steve Gillespie - CBRM District #4*

**March 18, 2025**



**Cape Breton Regional Municipality  
320 Esplanade  
Sydney, NS B1P 7B9**

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**To:** Mayor Clarke and Council  
**Submitted by:** John Phalen, Director of Public Works  
**Date:** March 18, 2025  
**Subject:** Update – Solid Waste Initiatives

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This report provides updates on several programs and initiatives planned by our Solid Waste Department. These include:

- 1. Call to Haul Garbage Program**
  - Residents can contact 311 or Solid Waste to schedule the curbside removal of larger items once the program has started.
  - Exact dates are to be determined.
- 2. Six-Week Bulk Item Drop-Off**
  - Beginning mid-April, residents may drop off bulk items for a six-week period at:
    - Glace Bay Public Works
    - New Waterford Public Works
    - North Sydney Drop-Off Site
    - SPAR Road (daily)
- 3. One-Week Traditional Heavy Garbage Pickup**
  - The exact dates for this one-week collection are to be determined.
  - Residents prohibited from placing item curbside prior to the designated week.
- 4. Regular “Out of Bag” Items**
  - Exact dates will be advertised.
- 5. Community Cleanups**
  - Community groups and residents are encouraged to organize cleanups in their neighborhoods.
  - Public Works will support these efforts by picking up waste collected from these cleanups.
  - Please notify Public Works in advance through 311 or the Solid Waste.

Recognizing this would be a transition year, additional funds were committed in this year's budget which was recently approved. Communications for these programs will be coordinated by the CBRM Communications Department and shared through various channels.

**For Information Only**



CAPE BRETON REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY  
*OFFICE of the MAYOR*

March 18, 2025

Hon. Kim Masland, Minister  
Province of NS Emergency Management  
One Government Place  
1700 Granville St.  
Halifax, NS B3J 1X5

Dear Minister Masland:

RE: Moving Towards Consistent and Impactful Emergency Response

I am writing to acknowledge and thank you for your January 17, 2025, correspondence. The Cape Breton Regional Municipality (CBRM) has experienced firsthand the devastating impact of the increased frequency and severity of severe weather events, including the Thanksgiving floods of 2016, Hurricane Dorian in 2019, Hurricane Fiona in 2022, and most recently, the February 2024 snow event. With the significant deadfall remaining throughout our local wildlands from these disasters, Nova Scotia's on-going precipitation deficient, and noting Environment Canada's weather models predicting above normal temperatures until the end of July, we remain keenly aware of the immediate danger to CBRM posed by our elevated risk for a significant wildfire.

The following comments are offered to more directly speak to the two important points addressed in your letter.

**When the Provincial Coordination Centre (PCC) activates to a level 2, municipalities in the affected area(s) also activate their local Emergency Operations Centres.** To this end, with the generous financial support provided through the Atlantic Canada Opportunity Agency's Hurricane Fiona fund and the Province of Nova Scotia, our Municipality is constructing a new Emergency Coordination Centre (ECC) to assist our staff when providing municipal coordination and support to first responders during large scale emergencies and disasters within the Municipality. CBRM's new ECC will be located at City Hall and will include a redundant communication systems in a purpose-built space supported by a new emergency generator.

Additional clarity is requested regarding the hours of activation of a municipal ECC when the PCC is activated to level 2 for an incident encompassing the Municipality. For consideration, the CBRM ECC management team is comprised of directors and managers throughout our organization who, rather than take on new roles during an emergency, take on additional duties to their existing roles. Activation of a physical ECC that will remain in operation 24 hrs/day for the duration of an incident to align with the operating hours of the PCC would be a significant impact on our resources. Most municipalities have limited personnel available to be dedicated to the operation of an ECC. Although our team is fully engaged during the peak of the incident response phase, most of our personnel are not able to totally remove themselves from directly managing the disaster response of their own departments during the incident. Clarity as to whether the municipal ECC hours of operation are to mirror the PCC hours of operation is requested to gauge the impact on our resources.

**When the EOC is activated, a monitored phone number is available to citizens for the duration of the activation.** CBRM's 24 hour 311 has proved to be an asset throughout our various incident and disaster responses to direct requests for assistance from residents to the appropriate resource to assess and, where possible, fulfill that request. As the 311 service is an established and known number, the service can effectively meet our call intake needs when our Municipal ECC is activated. Requests received by 211 from residents that fall within the scope of our services may be forwarded to the Municipality. Those requests that fall outside of our scope must continue to be forwarded to the agency responsible for the service or support.

Our staff enjoy the close, supportive, and collaborative working relationship developed with the various agencies that now comprise Nova Scotia Department of Emergency Management and remain committed to continuing to grow this relationship for the benefit of the residents of CBRM and of Nova Scotia as a whole. We look forward to additional opportunities to collaborate with others and to move towards a more consistent and impactful emergency response for our residents.

As always, we will endeavor to meet the directives provided and, where required, update our practices and provide the training to implement any changes that are determined to be necessary.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by

Cecil P. Clarke  
Mayor

CPC/tfd

c: CBRM Council  
Demetri Kachafanas, CBRM I/CAO  
Mark Bettens, CBRM Fire Chief  
Bruce MacDonald, CBRM Manager of Emergency Management



CAPE BRETON REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY  
*OFFICE of the MAYOR*

March 11, 2025

Mr. David C. Dingwall  
President & Vice-Chancellor  
Cape Breton University  
1250 Grand Lake Road  
Sydney, NS B1M 1A2

Dear President Dingwall:

Thank you for taking time on March 7, 2025, to discuss offshore wind development.

At the March 4, 2025, Committee of the Whole meeting of Council, a question was raised about the possibility of a CBRM Offshore Wind Task Force.

Given the direct engagement by, and leadership within, CBU's Department of Risk Management, I believe the capacity to facilitate such a task force resides within CBU supported by the Municipality and other stakeholders such as the Province and the Cape Breton Partnership.

I am aware that your Sustainability Coordinator, Adam Brown, has been engaged with the offshore wind regulatory process and regional development prospects.

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this along with other strategic opportunities as part of your proposed CBU/CBRM MOU.

Warm and kind regards,

Original Signed by

Cecil P. Clarke  
Mayor

CPC/tfd

c: Demetri Kachafanas, CBRM I/CAO  
Tyler Mattheis, CBP President & CEO  
Adam Brown, CBU Sustainability Coordinator

