

Cape Breton Regional Municipality

Special Council Meeting

AGENDA

THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2025

6:00 P.M.

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

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AGENDA ITEMS

Land Acknowledgement

Roll Call

1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** (Motion Required)

2. **VOLUNTEER WEEK:**

2.1 **Proclamation: 2025 Volunteer Week:**

Deputy Mayor Eldon MacDonald (See page 3)

2.2 **Presentation of 2025 Volunteer Awards:** (See page 4)

a) **Anne Holland Memorial Award** – Wil Van Hal, Recreation Manager
Awarded in recognition of an outstanding community volunteer.

b) **Gary McDonald Memorial Award** – Mitch MacDonald, Events, Festivals and Community Support Coordinator
Awarded in recognition of an outstanding volunteer group or project.

c) **Youth Volunteer Award** – Wil Van Hal, Recreation Manager
Awarded in recognition of an outstanding youth volunteer.

ADJOURNMENT



PROCLAMATION

2025 Volunteer Week

WHEREAS:

The theme for National Volunteer Week is Volunteers Make Waves. It highlights the power, impact and importance of individual and collective volunteer efforts across Canada. 24 million Canadians give their time through formal or informal types of volunteering, contributing close to 5 billion volunteer hours per year.

WHEREAS:

Volunteers in the CBRM mentor our children, support those feeling isolated, beautify our green spaces, and fundraise for our charitable organizations. They have continued to give their time and talents to support families, friends, neighbors, and strangers, people standing up to systemic racism, and people sharing insights on how to create a more just and equitable society.

WHEREAS:

CBRM's volunteers are individuals, families, workers, retirees, community members of all ages and backgrounds. The collective result of the work done by our volunteers is that our municipality is a more desirable place to live. During National Volunteer Week 2025, we come together to recognize and celebrate the importance of each and every volunteer's impact from coast to coast to coast.

**BE IT THEREFORE
RESOLVED:**

That CBRM Mayor Cecil P. Clarke and Council proclaim April 27th to May 3rd, 2025, as "Volunteer Week" in recognition of the crucial role played by volunteers throughout our municipality.

Deputy Mayor Eldon MacDonald - District #5

May 1st, 2025



Cape Breton Regional Municipality Special Volunteer Awards Criteria

Anne Holland Memorial Award

(In Recognition of an Outstanding Community Volunteer)

To recognize an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the inception and growth of community opportunities within the field of recreation.

Nominees must have made a significant contribution in one or more of the following criteria:

- exhibited a high standard of volunteer performance (e.g. dedication, commitment, time, energy, attitude, and motivation)
- contributed to a broad range of activities within the field of community volunteerism
- shown outstanding leadership in the field of volunteerism

Gary McDonald Memorial Award

(In Recognition of an Outstanding Volunteer Group or Project)

Presented to a volunteer group to recognize an outstanding project that improves recreation opportunities in the CBRM.

Projects must have made a significant contribution in one or more of the following criteria:

- increased available opportunities that have proven to be innovative or unique
- included a significant number of participants
- endeavoured to encompass all-inclusive services for community members

Youth Volunteer Award

(In Recognition of an Outstanding Youth Volunteer)

Students throughout the Cape Breton Regional Municipality who attend area schools or post-secondary institutions will be considered for this award. Open to students 25 years and younger.

Nominees must have made a significant contribution in one or more of the following criteria:

- demonstrated a balance between volunteering for school, community projects, and/or community organizations
- show their volunteer activities have taken place in a variety of areas or purposes
- volunteers a significant number of hours on a regular basis for specific activities, projects, or organizations
- shown impact through their leadership

