

## **Cape Breton Regional Municipality**

Special Council Minutes

May 1, 2025

6:00 p.m. at City Hall Council Chambers

### **Council**

Mayor Cecil P. Clarke

Councillor Steve Gillespie

Deputy Mayor Eldon MacDonald

Councillor Steve Parsons

Councillor Dave MacKeigan

Councillor Paul Nickituk

Councillor Darren O'Quinn

### **Staff**

Demetri Kachafanas, KC, Interim Chief Administrative Officer

Christa Dicks, Director of Corporate Information Services / Municipal Clerk

Wil Van Hal, Recreation Manager

Sean Tobin, Chief of Staff

Toni Delorenzo, Principal Secretary, Mayor's Office

Jenna MacQueen, Communications Advisor

Wil Roy, Community Development Coordinator

Cindy Hynes, Recreation Program Coordinator, Rural Recreation Development

Mitch MacDonald, Recreation Events, Festivals and Community Support Coordinator

Joe Costello, Recreation Program Coordinator, Arts, Culture and Creative Events

Paula Jacobs, Recreation Program Coordinator, Adults and Seniors

Spencer Merrill, Information Technology Technician

Sharon MacSween, Recording Secretary

### **Absent**

Councillor Gordon MacDonald (regrets)

Councillor Earlene MacMullin (regrets)

Councillor Esmond "Blue" Marshall (regrets)

Councillor Glenn Paruch (regrets)

Councillor Steven MacNeil (regrets)

Councillor Kim Sheppard-Campbell

The following does not represent a word for word record of the proceedings of this meeting. The agenda, reports, supporting documents, information items circulated, and video (if available) are online at [www.cbrm.ns.ca](http://www.cbrm.ns.ca).

**Mayor Cecil P. Clarke called the meeting to order.**

## **Land Acknowledgement**

## **Roll Call**

### **1. Approval of Agenda**

#### **Motion**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Eldon MacDonald, seconded by Councillor Parsons, to approve May 1, 2025, special council agenda as presented.

#### **Motion Carried**

### **2. Volunteer Week**

#### **2.1 Proclamation: 2025 Volunteer Week**

#### **Motion**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Eldon MacDonald, seconded by Councillor Gillespie, that Council proclaim April 27<sup>th</sup> to May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, as "Volunteer Week" in recognition of the crucial role played by volunteers throughout our municipality.

#### **Motion Carried**

At 6:04 p.m., Mayor Clarke welcomed recipients and guests, and acknowledged the importance of recognizing those in the community that stand out, step up and serve their fellow citizens and for the betterment of the community.

Demetri Kachafanas, KC, Chief Administrative Officer, acknowledged and thanked recreation, parks and grounds, facilities and all departments for their effort supporting community involvement and volunteers.

Mayor Clarke expressed his appreciation to staff who work with volunteers.

**2.2 Presentation of 2025 Volunteer Awards****a) Anne Holland Memorial Award**

**Awarded in recognition of an outstanding community volunteer.**

Wil Van Hal, Recreation Manager, provided background information and criteria for the Anne Holland Memorial Award. The district seven councillor provided the biography on Michael MacMillan.

Recipient: Michael MacMillan

Presented by: Councillor Parsons and Anne Holland's brother, Bill Smith.

**b) Gary McDonald Memorial Award**

**Awarded in recognition of an outstanding volunteer group or project.**

Mitch MacDonald, Events, Festivals and Community Support Coordinator, provided background information and criteria for the Gary McDonald Memorial Award. The district ten councillor provided the biography on Coal Coast Community Garden.

Co-Recipient: Coal Coast Community Garden

Presented by: Councillor Nickituk and Gary McDonald's wife and daughter Sharyn McDonald and Alexis Lemarche.

**c) Youth Volunteer Award:**

**Awarded in recognition of an outstanding youth volunteer.**

Wil Van Hal, Recreation Manager, provided background information and criteria for the Youth Volunteer Award. The district four councillor provided the biography on Owen Long.

Recipient: Owen Long

Presented by: Councillor Gillespie

At 6:25 p.m. Mayor Clarke recognized Cindy Hynes, Recreation Coordinator, and her efforts to the annual Volunteer Awards.

**Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.**

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**Cecil P. Clarke**  
**Mayor**

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**Christa Dicks**  
**Municipal Clerk**  
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