

Cape Breton Regional Municipality

Special Council Meeting Minutes

November 1, 2024

1:30 p.m. at City Hall Council Chambers

Council

Mayor Cecil P. Clarke

Councillor Gordon MacDonald

Councillor Earlene MacMullin

Councillor Esmond "Blue" Marshall

Councillor Steve Gillespie

Deputy Mayor Eldon MacDonald

Councillor Glenn Paruch

Councillor Steve Parsons

Councillor Steven MacNeil

Councillor Dave MacKeigan

Councillor Paul Nickituk

Councillor Darren O'Quinn

Councillor Kim Sheppard-Campbell

Staff

Marie Walsh, Chief Administrative Officer

John MacKinnon, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/Director of Technology

Christa Dicks, Municipal Clerk

Demetri Kachafanas, KC, Regional Solicitor

Wayne MacDonald, Director of Engineering and Public Works

Jennifer Campbell, Chief Financial Officer

Tyson Simms, Director of Planning and Development

Kelly McDonald, Clerk's Department

YueCong Cao, Clerk's Department

Sharon MacSween, Recording Secretary

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Mayor Cecil P. Clarke called the meeting to order.

Land Acknowledgement

Roll Call

1. Approval of Agenda

Motion

Moved by Councillor Gordon MacDonald, seconded by Councillor Paruch, to approve the November 1, 2024, Special Council agenda as presented.

Motion Carried

2. Municipal Affairs Performance Audit

Mayor Clarke introduced the issue and reviewed the background information provided in the agenda.

After discussion, the following motion was put forward:

Motion

Moved by Councillor Eldon MacDonald, seconded by Councillor Paruch, to request the Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing to conduct a performance audit of the financial management and budgetary practices of the Cape Breton Regional Municipality (CBRM).

Motion Carried

3. Outstanding Issue Papers

Mayor Clarke introduced the issue and reviewed the information provided in the agenda.

Motion

Moved by Councillor MacMullin, seconded by Councillor Gordon MacDonald, to rescind all outstanding issue papers currently in circulation and request that future items requiring Council review be submitted as formalized staff reports, prepared in alignment with Council's strategic priorities.

Discussion:

- Prioritize outstanding issue papers
- Mayor, Council, and Directors will be included in the priority list process
- Prioritizing proclamations

Motion Carried

4. Election of Deputy Mayor

Christa Dicks, Municipal Clerk, reviewed the memo dated November 1, 2024, and informed of the Policy Respecting the Deputy Mayor also included in the agenda.

The Mayor called for nominations for Deputy Mayor.

Councillor Parsons nominated Councillor Eldon MacDonald and Councillor Eldon MacDonald accepted the nomination. Hearing no further nominations, Councillor Eldon MacDonald was declared Deputy Mayor for a one-year term.

Meeting adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

Cecil P. Clarke
Mayor

Christa Dicks
Municipal Clerk
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