



Cape Breton Regional Municipality

Council Meeting Addendum

Tuesday, February 10, 2026
2:00 p.m.

**Council Chambers
Second Floor, City Hall
320 Esplanade, Sydney, Nova Scotia**

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Corporate Services Issues

Cape Breton Regional Municipality's Canada Revenue

Agency Profile Directors Change: Evan Baillie, Manager of
Finance (See page 4)

Council Agenda Requests

Property Value Service Cooperation (PVSC) – High

Assessments: Councillor Kim Sheppard-Campbell
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Adjournment

STAFF REPORT

To: **MAYOR CLARKE AND CBRM COUNCIL**
Submitted by: **Evan Baillie, Manager of Finance**
Date: **February 9, 2026**
Subject: **Cape Breton Regional Municipality's Canada Revenue Agency
Profile Directors Change**

Origin

Four approved directors on the CBRM (Cape Breton Regional Municipality)'s CRA (Canada Revenue Agency) profile no longer work for the municipality and therefore we require a motion from Council to update this information with the agency. The Finance Department requests that council update the approved directors on Cape Breton Regional Municipality's Canada Revenue Agency profile.

Recommendation

That Council approve the update of authorized directors/approved personnel on the CBRM's CRA profile as follows:

The following individuals be removed:

- Marie Walsh
- Jennifer Campbell
- Angus Flemming
- Adam MacNeil

The following be appointed as directors of the organization:

- Demetri Kachafanas, Chief Administrative Officer
- Nancy Dove, Chief Financial Officer
- Christa Dicks, Director Corporate Information Services & Municipal Clerk
- Deanna Evely, Director of Human Resources

The following be appointed as approved personnel of the organization:

- Evan Baillie, Manager of Finance

A copy of this report can be obtained online at www.cbrm.ns.ca or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 902-563-5010.

Report Prepared by: Evan Baillie, Manager of Finance



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Councillor Agenda Request Form

Included on Agenda

(Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by 4:30 pm seven days before the meeting)

X Late Item

(Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon the day before the meeting)

Request from the Floor:

(New Business)

- Announcement
- Referral
- Submit Petition
- Notice of Motion

Date of Council Meeting: February 10, 2026

Subject: Property Value Service Cooperation (PVSC) – High Assessments

Motion for Council to Consider: That CBRM Council formally request that the Province of Nova Scotia, through the Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing, review the recent and significant increases in residential property assessments issued by the Property Valuation Services Corporation (PVSC) within CBRM.

Rationale: Residents of CBRM are feeling overwhelmed by the recent property assessments received by PVSC. Some properties assessments have gone up 60-80% in the past few years. These high assessments are occurring at a time when residents are already facing financial pressure with cost of oil to heat their homes and if electric, those costs been blown out of the water with NS Power's insane bills that were estimated. Along with this, groceries are barely affordable. We have families with both parents working that need to access food banks. Many residents are having trouble meeting basic needs, this is unacceptable.

Outcome Sought: Council seeks provincial engagement on this matter which includes a review and/or audit of PVSC's assessment practices, to ensure fairness, transparency, and affordability for CBRM residents. Council further requests that the province explore potential relief measures or policy responses to address the impact of rapidly rising property assessments on local homeowners and business owners.

Council Sheppard-Campbell
Date February 6, 2026

Received by Clerk's Department (date):
February 6, 2026

Excerpt: Committee of the Whole Minutes – January 14, 2025

Letter re PVSC 2025 Assessment Roll

Motion

Moved by Councillor Parsons, seconded by Councillor Gordon MacDonald, that Mayor Clarke writes a letter to the provincial department of Municipal Affairs on behalf of council to ask that a review be undertaken as it relates to the specific criteria of PVSC when it comes to setting assessment values for the residential sector.

Motion Carried



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March 22, 2025

Mr. Paul Lafleche
Deputy Minister
Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing
PO Box 216
Halifax, NS B3J 2M4

Re: Request for Review of PVSC Assessment Criteria for Residential Properties

Dear Deputy Minister Lafleche:

On behalf of the Cape Breton Regional Municipality Council, we are requesting the Department of Municipal Affairs undertake a review of Act be conducted as it relates to the Property Valuation Services Corporation (PVSC) and a review be conducted to reduce overall costs of assessment burden in the province.

Thank you for considering this request. We look forward to your response and are hopeful for a collaborative effort to address this important matter.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

**Christa Dicks
Municipal Clerk**

cc:
Mayor Cecil P. Clarke
Demetri Kachafanas, K.C., CAO
CBRM Council

