

Cape Breton Regional Municipality

Council Meeting

ADDENDUM

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH, 2023

6:00 P.M.

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

Cape Breton Regional Municipality

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ADDENDUM ITEM

- 5.2 **NSCC Sydney Waterfront Campus:** **6:50 p.m.**
Carla Arsenault, BPR, MBA, NSCC Principal (See page 3)
- 10.2 **Cape Breton Regional Fire Chiefs' Association:** **8:15 p.m.**
Rod Beresford, Volunteer Fire Chief (See page 8)



NSCC Sydney Waterfront Campus
Presentation to CBRM Council
November 14, 2023

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Background

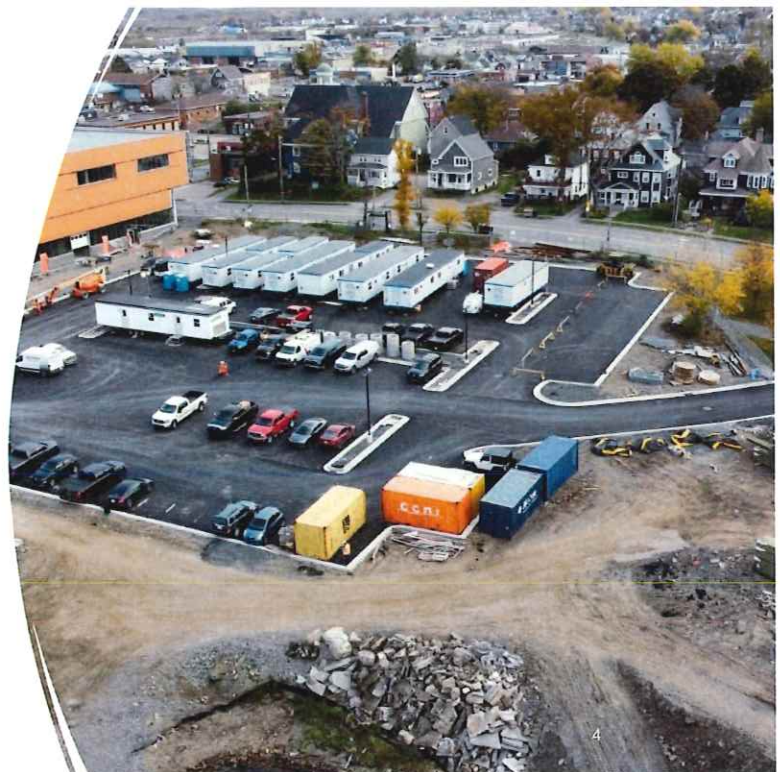
- Announced in summer 2020, NSCC Sydney Waterfront Campus is scheduled to open in September 2024
- Total investment of \$170,000M, with \$135,000 in hard construction costs
- Employing up to 200 local construction workers daily
- 305,000 square foot facility
- 4 buildings connected by pedways on Esplanade and Charlotte Street
- Targeting LEED gold designation
- Rick Hansen Accessibility standards
- Geothermal heating & cooling, net zero ready building
- 200 parking spaces on site for staff, visitor parking, accessible parking, and electric vehicles.

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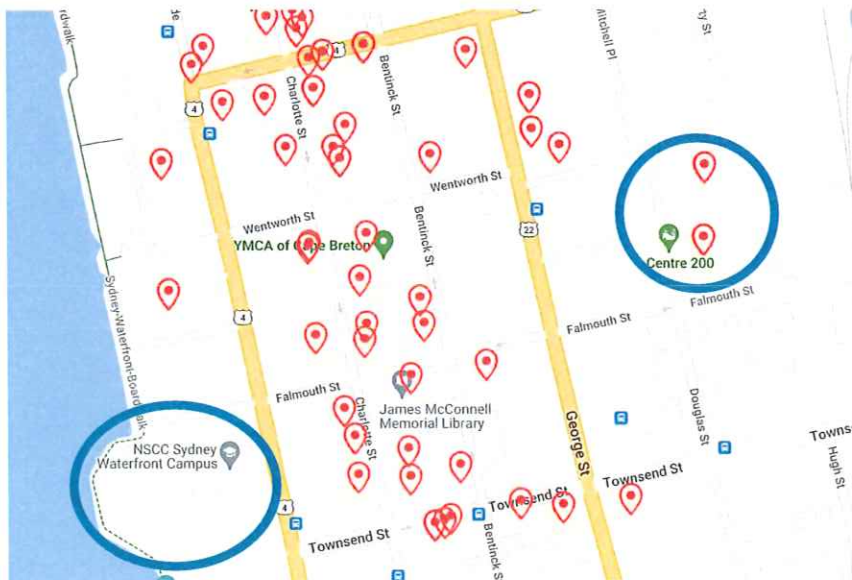


Parking

- Parking Strategy for new campus under development
- Current Marconi Campus has 600 parking spaces.
- It is anticipated that the new campus will require fewer parking spaces due to downtown location and better transportation options.
- **However, there will be a requirement for up to 400 offsite parking spaces.**
- Centre 200 would fulfill a significant portion of offsite parking requirements.



Downtown Sydney – NSCC to C200



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Why C200?

- Proximity to the new campus. Students can either walk or take a shuttle bus from Centre 200.
- Economic impact to local business – students walking within the downtown core
- Optimizing existing infrastructure (peak parking times at NSCC are opposite of C200)
- Increasing downtown vibrancy – building on initiatives such as Charlotte St. redesign
- Increased revenue to CBRM
- Support of the sustainability vision of the new NSCC Campus (targeting LEED Gold, which requires minimization of parking footprint).
- Encouraging active transportation, carpooling, and use of public transportation.

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The Opportunity

- Keeping students downtown will create maximum economic benefit for downtown Sydney
- Revenue generation for CBRM
- Creating more walkable, more vibrant communities
- Further collaboration between NSCC & CBRM to utilize existing assets

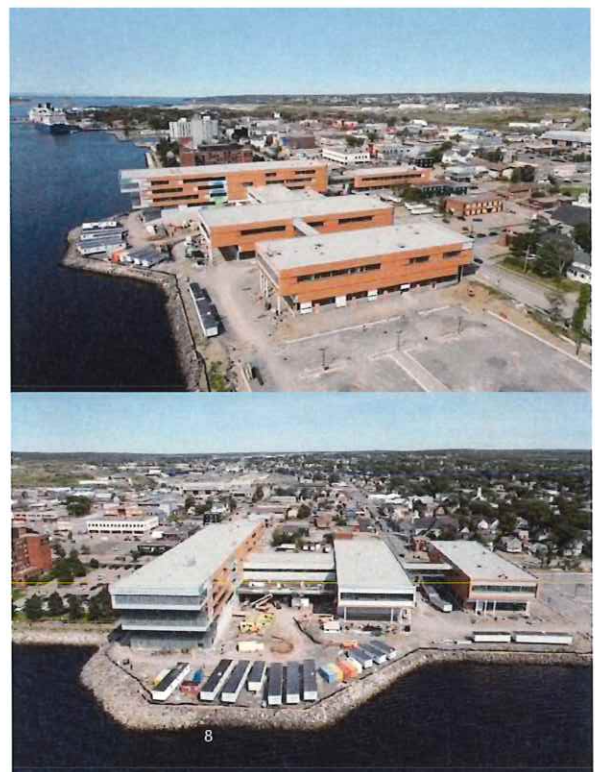
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The Ask

- Up to 250 parking spaces at C200
- 5-year lease

NSCC Student Hours:

- September – April
- 8am – 4 pm, Monday - Thursday
- 8am – 12pm on Fridays
- Closed for all holidays, including between Christmas & New Years
- NSCC to provide alternative parking options for students outside of downtown when C200 is occupied



Sydney Waterfront Campus

- Represents a transformational change for the community.
- It is significant to the CBRM.
- It is significant for Cape Breton.
- It is significant to our province.

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Thank you


Cape Breton Regional Fire Chiefs' Association:

Motion


Moved by Councillor Parsons, seconded by Councillor Paruch, the Cape Breton Regional Fire Chiefs' Association have opportunity to present to CBRM Council regarding support for career and volunteer fire fighters.

Motion Carried.






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Presentation to CBRM Mayor and Council
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Two Main Objectives

Review CBRFES Collective Progress

Support IAFF Members Who Volunteer

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Cape Breton Regional Fire and Emergency Services

33 Fire Departments + HazMat

~ 868 firefighters

~ 808 volunteer firefighters

Call Volume

2020 - 2504

2021 - 3041

2022 - 4549

2023 - 4235*



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Examples of Cooperation

Mutual Aid

- Glace Bay / Reserve Mines / Dominion
- Sydney River / Sydney
- Westmount / Coxheath / Sydney River

Automatic Aid



- Donkin / Port Morien / Birch Grove / Tower Road / Glace Bay
- Albert Bridge / Bateson / Marion Bridge / Mira Road
- Frenchvale Rd / North Sydney

Other Examples

- Platoon Chief Access and Support
- High Angle Rescue / Ice Rescue / Water Rescue



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June 10th Meeting

- Fire Administration, IAFF, Volunteer Fire Departments
- Meeting was a full day (9:00 until 4:30)
- General discussion and break out group format
- 100% support voiced from those in the room

Four main themes emerged:



1. Training
2. Purchasing and Procurement
3. Vehicle replacement
4. Volunteer compensation and career opportunities

Progress Re June 10th Meeting

Requests/motions/recommendations for:



- Standardized training and new training facilities for the fire service (career and volunteer)
- Plan/recommendation for vehicle replacement
- Purchasing and Procurement assistance via CBRM
- Career path is established, larger discussion around compensation for volunteer firefighters in CBRM


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Protection of life and property is not all of what volunteer fire departments do

- Schools – fire prevention, bike to school, etc.
- Halloween
- Christmas / Holiday Events
- Canada Day Events
- Warming Centres
- Community Days
- Fundraising for various causes



Holiday Hours

Christmas Eve - 24 Hours
 Christmas Day - 24 Hours
 Boxing Day - 24 Hours
 Dec 27-30 - Regular Hours
 New Years Eve - 24 Hours
 New Years Day - 24 Hours

Our Firefighters wear pagers 365 days of the year and are ready to respond at a moments notice to save lives in our community.

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday!

When no one is sure who to call .. call the fire department

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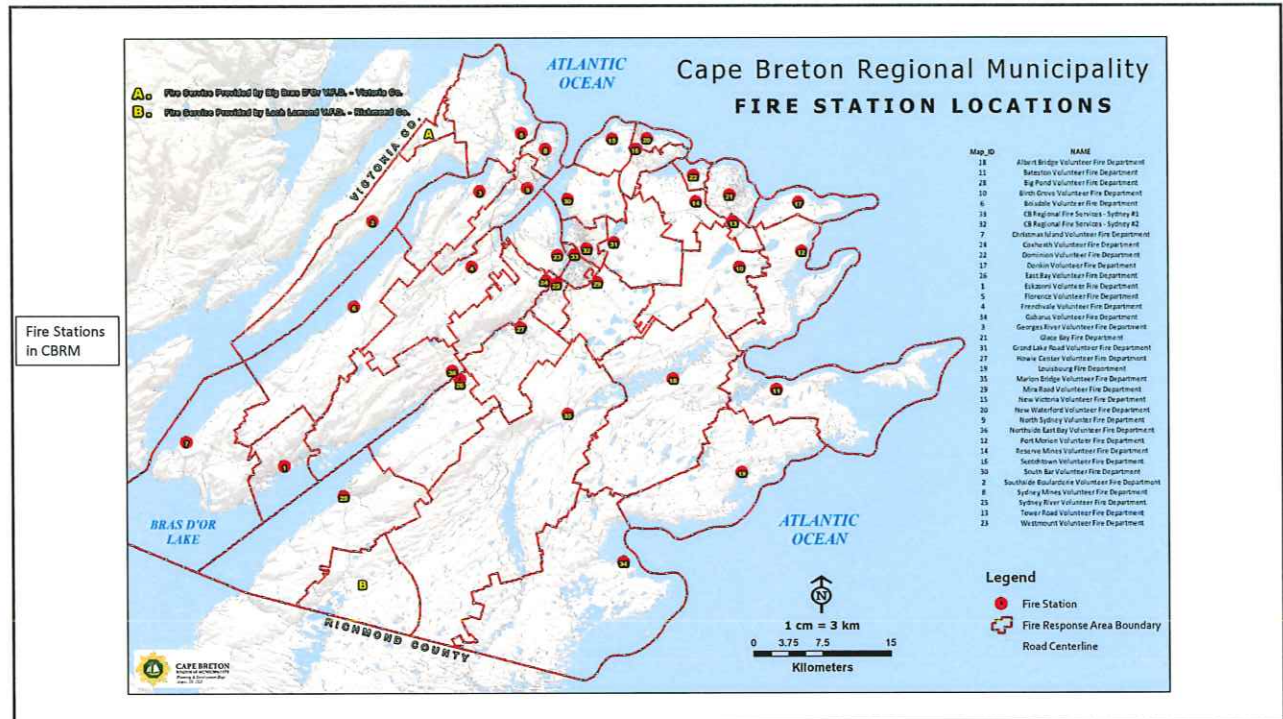


Major businesses and facilities protected by volunteer fire departments (some examples):

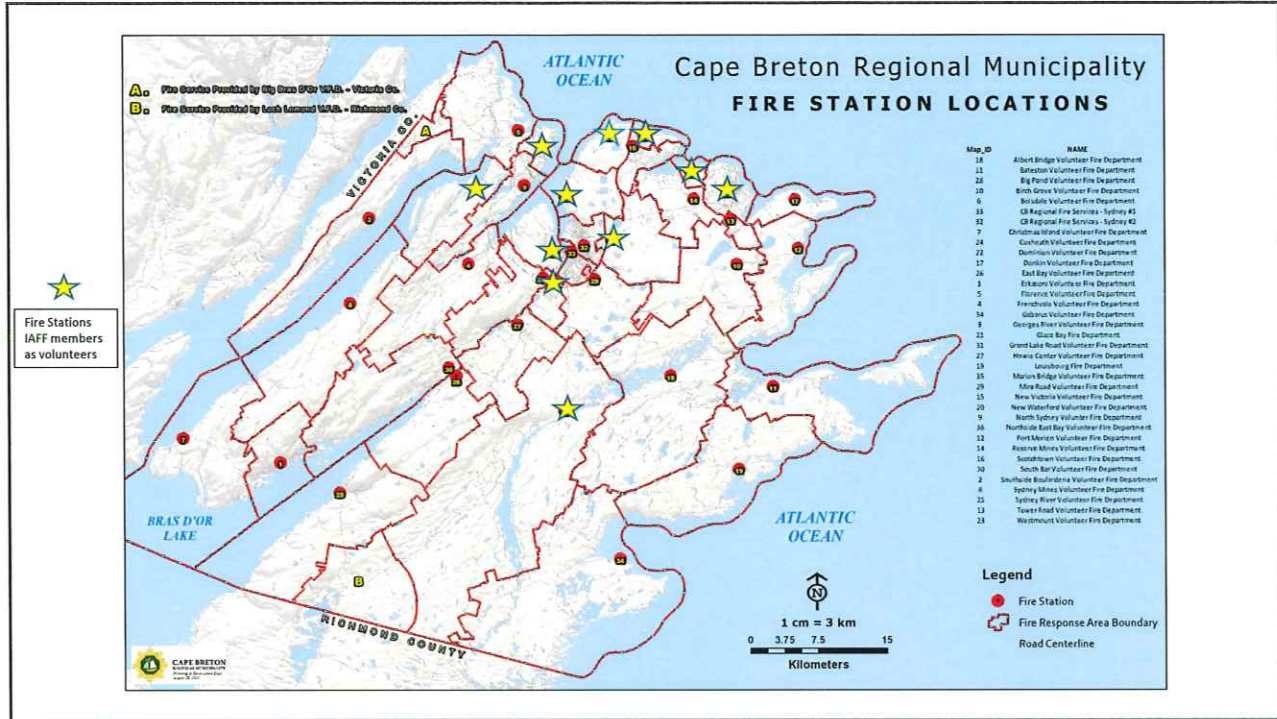
- Canadian Coast Guard College
- Cape Breton University
- Cape Breton Victoria Regional Centre for Education
- Fishing Vessels
- Fortress Louisbourg
- Highways and roadways
- J. A. Douglas McCurdy Airport
- Marine Atlantic
- Northside Industrial Park
- Nova Scotia Community College
- Nova Scotia Health Authority
- Nova Scotia Power – Lingan and Point Aconi
- Provincial and Municipal Parks
- Shopping Centres and Downtown Districts
- Sydport Industrial Park
- Water Rescue / Ice Rescue / High Angle Rescue



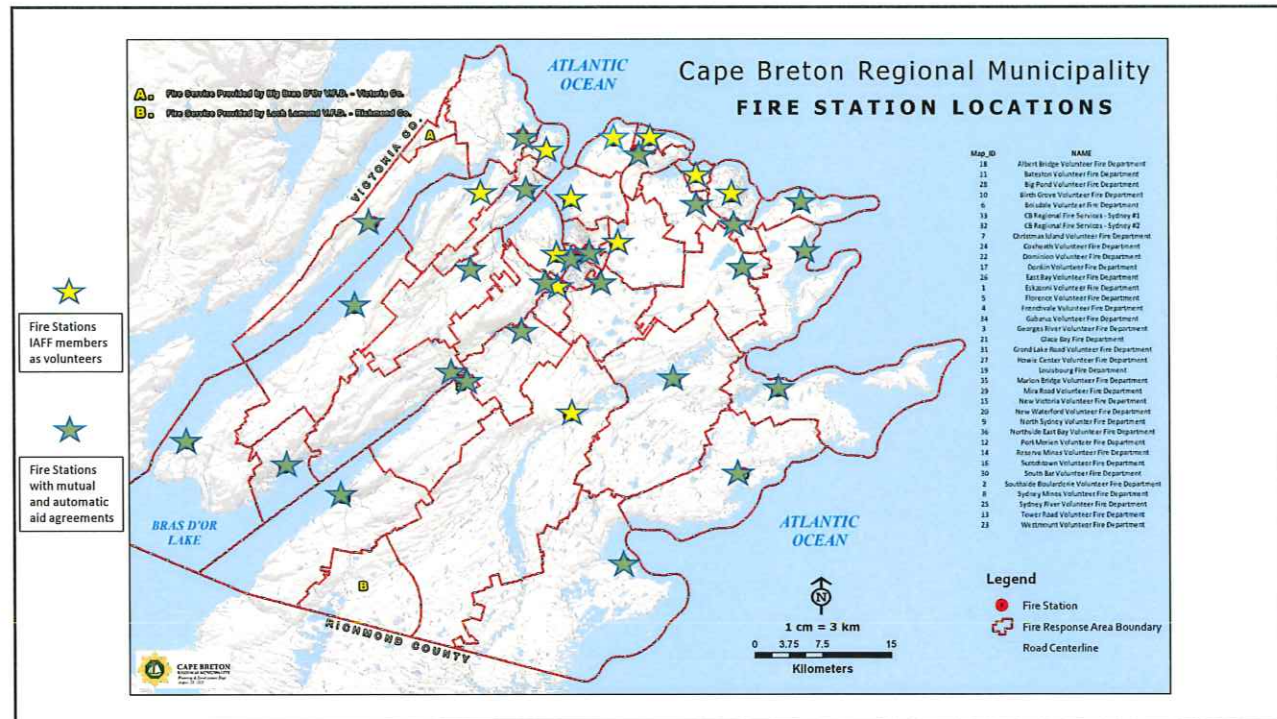
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What are we asking CBRM Mayor and Council to do?

1. CBRM to make a formal statement/position on the value of CBRM Volunteer and career firefighters.

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