

Cape Breton Regional Municipality

Council Meeting

ADDENDUM

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH, 2023

9:30 A.M.

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

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ADDENDUM ITEM

- 2.2 James Delorey Day
Councillor Lorne Green (See page 3)



PROCLAMATION

James Delorey Day

WHEREAS: On the afternoon of December 5th, 2009, seven-year-old James Delorey wandered and became lost in the wilderness behind his family's home in South Bar; and

WHEREAS: James lived with autism and was non-verbal, but you could always hear him giggling when he was near; and

WHEREAS: Throughout the two days and nights that included the first blizzard of the season, young James and his loyal dog Chance survived while a massive search was underway receiving unwavering support from the entire community; and

WHEREAS: On December 7th, Chance returned home, leaving behind a trail of paw prints in the snow. Shortly after, searchers located James just over 1 kilometer from his home, he was curled up under a tree with an obvious impression in snow where Chance laid beside him; and

WHEREAS: While the community hoped and prayed for James' recovery, tragically, he peacefully passed away; and

WHEREAS: Young James will continue to live forever in the hearts of his family and of those within our community; and

James Delorey Day (Cont'd)

WHEREAS:

Since 2010, in James' honour with collaboration and support from his family, fundraising efforts have been coordinated under the guidance and support of Nick Burke and Andrew Petrie, and have raised almost \$20,000 in donations and which have gone to support the Autism Society of Cape Breton, Cape Breton Search and Rescue for both Project Lifesaver and their Building Fund, Cape Breton Branch of the SPCA, Cape Breton Regional Hospital Cancer Patient Care Fund and Whitney Pier Youth Club. Beginning in 2011, the first Saturday of December, has been dedicated as the "James Delorey Annual Fundraising Day" in his honour while supporting one of our local charities.

**BE IT THEREFORE
RESOLVED:**

That CBRM Mayor Amanda M. McDougall-Merrill and Council proclaim December 2nd, 2023, as James Delorey Day in the Cape Breton Regional Municipality.

Councillor Lorne Green - CBRM District #12

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