

Cape Breton Regional Municipality

Council Meeting

ADDENDUM

TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2021

6:00 P.M.

**MAIN CONCOURSE
CENTRE 200**

Cape Breton Regional Municipal Council

Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 9, 2021
6:00 p.m.

Main Concourse
Centre 200

ADDENDUM ITEMS

Community Spirit Plaque: Deputy Mayor Earlene MacMullin (See page 3)

(After Moment of Silence Reflection)

3. **PROCLAMATIONS:**

3.4 **World Down Syndrome Day:** Mayor Amanda M. McDougall (See page 4)

7. **BUSINESS ARISING:**

7.1 **Council – January 26, 2021**

a) **Sydney Central Library Study: Service, Programs and Operation Plan:** Councillor Eldon MacDonald (See page 5)



GOVERNMENT HOUSE

February 1, 2021

Her Worship Mayor Amanda McDougall
Cape Breton Regional Municipality
320 Esplanade
Sydney, NS B1P 7B9

Your Worship,

I am delighted to send the enclosed Community Spirit Plaque to the Cape Breton Regional Municipality.

As we are all aware, during 2020 this province experienced great turmoil when we were all impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and the series of tragic events that soon followed. As a small province with a tight-knit population, the impact of these events was deeply felt across our region. During this period, I had an opportunity to call numerous municipal and Indigenous leaders to speak about how their residents were coping during this difficult time. I was greatly impressed to learn how resilient and positive Nova Scotians were in adapting to these significant challenges. The wonderful residents of our province demonstrated their amazing spirit and resourcefulness as they found innovative ways to continue their volunteerism and help those who are less fortunate.

In recognition of the tremendous spirit and resilience, I announced the creation of the plaque at the Celebrating Community Spirit and Volunteers Ceremony on 28 September 2020. It is hoped that you will display this plaque in your community. My staff have prepared the enclosed instructions for the installation of the plaque.

While we are not yet able to travel to your community to personally present the plaque, my wife Patsy and I hope there will be an opportunity to visit the Cape Breton Regional Municipality in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

The Honourable Arthur J. LeBlanc, ONS, QC
Lieutenant Governor

Proclamation: World Down Syndrome Day

Whereas: March 21st is World Down Syndrome Day. This is a day to raise awareness of Down Syndrome and celebrate that every person is unique and different; and

Whereas: World Down Syndrome is recognized throughout Canada as a day to raise awareness of and celebrate the many accomplishments, contributions and talents people with Down Syndrome bring to their communities; and

Whereas: Down Syndrome Day is a time for us to reflect on how we can better ensure individuals in our community with Down syndrome live complete and fulfilling lives and appreciate the strengths and abilities of those with Down syndrome; and

Whereas: People with Down Syndrome make significant contributions to the fabric of our communities. They participate in the workplace, run their own businesses, create art and music, excel in sports and recreation, and pursue studies in schools, community college and university within the CBRM;

Be It Therefore

Resolved: The CBRM Mayor Amanda M. McDougall and Council proclaim March 21st 2021 as **World Down Syndrome Day** in the CBRM and encourage all residents of the CBRM and the Government of Nova Scotia to **#SeeTheAbility** and **#LeaveNoOneBehind**.

Mayor Amanda M. McDougall
Mayor - Cape Breton Regional Municipality

March 9, 2021

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320 Esplanade

Sydney, Nova Scotia, B1P 7B9

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To: Mayor Amanda M. McDougall and Council
From: Councillor Eldon MacDonald – District 5
Date: March 9, 2021
Subject: Sydney Central Library Study: Service, Programs and Operation Plan

Further to the motion passed at the January 26, 2021 Council meeting (copy attached), I am submitting the following motion for consideration at the Council meeting of March 9th, 2021. The background of my submission is during a meeting of March 1st involving the three levels of government, ACOA and key members of the CBRM staff, it was discussed and requested that further clarity be provided from Council that Council is endorsing the new Sydney Central Library Waterfront Project as submitted by Harbour Royal Development Limited in order for the Design and Development funding to be considered by all funding partners in moving the project to next steps, in a follow up meeting to be determined pending the approved motion below.

Proposed Motion:

Moved by Councillor Eldon MacDonald, seconded by that Council approve the Service, Program and Operational Plan as submitted in the TCI Management Consultants Report and in collaboration with Harbour Royal Development Limited and Trifos Design Consultants as per the Pre-Development Agreement signed between the Cape Breton Regional Municipality and Harbour Royal Development Limited to allow funding options to be established for the Design and Development phase of the project in pursuing the construction of the new Sydney Central Waterfront Library.

Thank you.

Councillor Eldon MacDonald

Attachment

Excerpt: Council Minutes – January 26, 2021

Sydney Central Library Study: Service, Programs and Operational Plan Mr. Greg Young, CMC, Director - TCI Management Consultants

Mayor McDougall introduced Mr. Greg Young, CMC Director – TCI Management Consultants and his team Jon Linton, Beth Ross, and Spyro Trifos.

Mr. Young, provided a presentation on the Sydney Central Library Study highlighting the following:

- Background Since 2016
- Purpose
- Research Activities
- Caveats and Assumptions
- Consultations
 - Library Board and Staff
 - Stakeholder Groups
- Partnerships
 - Some Enthusiasm but No Funding Imminently Available
- Letters of Support
- Proposed Waterfront Location Offers Significant Benefits
- Determinants Affecting Future Library Space
- First Nations Component
- Service Review Components Affecting Future Library Space
- Library Space Required
- Capital Cost Implications
- Potential Capital Funding Sources
- CBRL Current Operating Cost Snapshot
- Operating Cost Implications to CBRM
- Long Term Benefits

Mayor McDougall asked Deputy Mayor MacMullin to assume the Chair so she could join in the discussion and offer thoughts on this issue. After Mayor McDougall's input, she returned to the Chair.

After a lengthy discussion, the following motion was brought forward:

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Eldon MacDonald, seconded by Councillor Parsons, to approve in principle the Service, Program and Operational Plan as submitted by TCI Management Consultants Report and to arrange a meeting of all funding partners to come together to discuss the funding options for the Design and Development phase of the project.

Motion Carried.

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PRESENTATIONS – Sydney Central Library (Cont'd):

Mayor McDougall noted she will work with staff to set up a meeting with representatives from various levels of government and departments that would be influential in providing the funding necessary to build a new Central Library and will reconvene with Council to verify that date and in quickest time frame possible.

Mayor McDougall thanked Mr. Young and his team for their work on the Library Study.

