

Cape Breton Regional Municipality

Council Meeting Minutes

August 20, 2024

9:30 a.m. Via Videoconferencing

Council

Deputy Mayor James Edwards

Councillor Gordon MacDonald

Councillor Steve Gillespie

Councillor Eldon MacDonald

Councillor Glenn Paruch

Councillor Steve Parsons

Deputy Mayor James Edwards

Councillor Ken Tracey

Councillor Darren Bruckschwaiger

Councillor Darren O'Quinn

Councillor Lorne Green

Staff

Marie Walsh, Chief Administrative Officer

Christa Dicks, Municipal Clerk

Demetri Kachafanas, KC, Regional Solicitor

Jennifer Campbell, Chief Financial Officer

John MacKinnon, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/Director of Technology

Wayne MacDonald, Director of Engineering and Public Works

Kirk Durning, Director of Recreation, Parks and Grounds, and Buildings and Facilities

Karen Neville, Acting Director of Planning and Development/Senior Planner

John Crane, Manager By-Laws and Building Inspection Services

Sheila Kolanko, Property Manager

Jamie Gillis, Manager of Recreation, Parks, Grounds and Buildings

Colin Fraser, Legal Researcher

Sharon MacSween, Senior Administrative Assistant

Kelly McDonald, Recording Secretary

Absent

Mayor Amanda M. McDougall-Merrill (Regrets)

Councillor Earlene MacMullin (Regrets)

Councillor Cyril MacDonald (Regrets)

The following does not represent a word for word record of the proceedings of this meeting. The agenda, reports, supporting documents, information items circulated, and video (if available) are online at www.cbrm.ns.ca.

The Council met In Camera in accordance with Section 22(2)(e) of the *Municipal Government Act* for item number seven.

Deputy Mayor James Edwards called the meeting to order.

Land Acknowledgement

Roll Call

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1. Approval of Agenda

Motion

Moved by Councillor Parsons, seconded by Councillor Eldon MacDonald, to approve the August 20, 2024, council agenda and addendum as presented.

Motion Carried

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion

Moved by Councillor Darren O'Quinn, seconded by Councillor Paruch, to approve the CBRM Minutes from:

- Council – June 25, 2024

Motion Carried

3. Proclamations

3.1 Emancipation Day (for ratification)

Motion

Moved by Councillor Green, seconded by Councillor Paruch, that CBRM Mayor Amanda M. McDougall-Merrill and Council proclaim August 1, 2024, as Emancipation Day in the Cape Breton Regional Municipality and encourage all CBRM residents to continue working hard to establish a caring and compassionate society in which all its members, regardless of race or ethnic origin, have the right to live in conditions of good health, safety, dignity, respect, and peace.

Motion Carried

3.2 Pride Week 2024 (for ratification)

Motion

Moved by Councillor O'Quinn, seconded by Councillor Eldon MacDonald, that CBRM Mayor Amanda M. McDougall-Merrill and Council continue their support for a community where we embrace, recognize, and celebrate diversity, inclusion, respect, and fellowship for all our residents and recognize August 2nd to August 9th, 2024, as Pride Week in the Cape Breton Regional Municipality.

Motion Carried

3.3 Hiroshima Memorial Day (for ratification)

Motion

Moved by Deputy Mayor James Edwards, seconded by Councillor Tracey, that CBRM Mayor Amanda M. McDougall-Merrill and Council proclaim August 6th, 2024, as Hiroshima Memorial Day in the Cape Breton Regional Municipality. A day to remember the devastation of Hiroshima in 1945, and to renew our commitment to ensuring freedom from the intolerable threat to civilization and existence posed by nuclear weapons.

Motion Carried

3.4 Wetlands Appreciation Week (for ratification)

Motion

Moved by Councillor Eldon MacDonald, seconded by Councillor Gillespie, that CBRM Mayor Amanda M. McDougall-Merrill and Council proclaim the week August 10th to 18th, 2024, as Wetlands Appreciation Week in the Cape Breton Regional Municipality.

Motion Carried

3.5 Acadian Day/Journée de l'Adacie (for ratification)

Motion

Moved by Councillor Gordon MacDonald, seconded by Councillor Tracey, that CBRM Mayor Amanda M. McDougall-Merrill and Council proclaim Thursday, August 15th, 2024, as Acadian Day and encourage all residents to celebrate the rich heritage and culture of all Acadians in Nova Scotia and Canada.

Motion Carried

3.6 Indian Independence Day (for ratification)

Motion

Moved by Councillor Paruch, seconded by Councillor Green, that CBRM Mayor Amanda M. McDougall-Merrill and Council proclaim Thursday, August 15th, 2024, as Indian Independence Day in the Cape Breton Regional Municipality. It is our honour to extend best wishes to all the Indians celebrating the 78th anniversary of India's Independence.

Motion Carried

3.7 Burn Care Week

Motion

Moved by Councillor O'Quinn, seconded by Councillor Gillespie, that CBRM Mayor Amanda M. McDougall-Merrill and Council proclaim the week of August 18th to 25th, 2024, as Burn Care Week in the Cape Breton Regional Municipality, in recognition of the importance of supporting the Cape Breton Firefighters Burn Care Society in raising public awareness and promotion of community education in regard to burns and burn care.

Motion Carried

3.8 Arthritis Awareness Month

Motion

Moved by Councillor Tracey, seconded by Councillor Green, that CBRM Mayor Amanda M. McDougall-Merrill and Council proclaim September 2024, as Arthritis Awareness Month in the Cape Breton Regional Municipality.

Motion Carried

4. Public Hearings

4.1 Second/Final Reading

i) Request for Municipal Heritage Registration

Deputy Mayor Edwards informed only property owner can address council. Karen Neville, Heritage Officer/Acting Director of Planning and Development, reviewed the memo and recommendation in the agenda package. Karen Neville advised that the property owner was not present to address Council, and the property owner requested that her original submission to the Heritage Advisory Committee be considered as her comments to Council. The following motion was then put forward:

Motion

Moved by Councillor Gordon MacDonald, seconded by Councillor Eldon MacDonald, to direct staff to register 26 Archibald Ave, North Sydney (PID 15026644) as a Municipal Heritage Property.

Motion Carried

4.2 First Reading: N/A

5. Presentations

5.1 Cape Breton Partnership – CBRM Regional Enterprise Network Update 2024-25 Q1 Report

Representatives of Cape Breton Partnership provided a presentation titled, “CBRM Regional Enterprise Network Update 2024-25 Q1 Report”. Discussion took place including the strategy vision, strategy mission, CBRM REN Employee Team and Board, CBRM REN Liaison Oversight Committee, investment and leveraging, Cape Breton Partnership Initiatives, key activities, and the film industry.

For Information Only

5.2 Destination Cape Breton Strategy 2024-27

Terry Smith, CDME/Chief Executive Officer, of Destination Cape Breton provided a presentation titled, “Destination Cape Breton Strategy 2024-27”. Discussion took place including marking levy update, strategy, economic forecast, tourism employment, future growth, goals, sustainability, and inclusivity.

For Information Only

6. Corporate Services Issues

6.1 Request to Deem CBRM Property Surplus PID 15002744 – North Sydney (District 2)

Sheila Kolanko, Property Manager, reviewed the issue paper and recommendation in the agenda package. Discussion took place regarding ownership of surrounding properties. The following motion was then put forward:

Motion

Moved by Councillor Gordon MacDonald, seconded by Councillor Parsons, to declare the subject property, identified herein as PID 15002744, surplus and to be sold at market value.

Motion Carried

6.2 2024 Municipal and CSAP Elections – Various

Christa Dicks, Municipal Clerk/Returning Officer, reviewed the memo and recommendation in the agenda package. Discussion took place regarding the voter's list and expenses. The following motion was then put forward:

Motion

Moved by Councillor Gordon MacDonald, seconded by Councillor Parsons, to designate August 27, 2024, as the date to complete the amended list of electors as per Section 38(1) of the *Municipal Elections Act*.

Motion Carried

6.3 Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC)

Director Durning reviewed the memo and recommendation in the agenda package. Jamie Gillis, Manager of Recreation, Parks, Grounds and Buildings, informed of modifications, structure, design, and weight distribution of the HVAC unit. Discussion took place regarding replacement costs, lifetime expectancy, and procurement requirements. The following motion was then put forward:

Motion

Moved by Councillor Eldon MacDonald, seconded by Councillor Tracey, to award the contract and complete the purchase and supply of the new unit in this fiscal year and include the installation in capital planning for next year's budget.

Motion Defeated

Addendum

John Crane, Manager By-Laws and Building Inspection Services, reviewed the memo and recommendation included in the agenda package as an addendum. Discussion took place regarding Dog Control Officer requirements. The following motion was then put forward:

Motion

Moved by Councillor Bruckschwaiger, seconded by Councillor Tracey, to appoint the named individuals included in the agenda package as By-Law Officers to administer and enforce the requirements of the CBRM Dog By-Law while in the employ of the Cape Breton Branch of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty of Animals (SPCA).

Motion Carried

Council recessed to go In Camera at 12:56 p.m.

7. In Camera

7.1 Approval of Offer

This item was addressed In Camera in accordance with Section 22(2)(e) of the *Municipal Government Act*.

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7.2 Centennial Purchase and Sale Agreement

This item was addressed In Camera in accordance with Section 22(2)(e) of the *Municipal Government Act*.

Council reconvened in open session at 2:42 p.m.

The following motion was then put forward:

Motion

Moved by Councillor Paruch, seconded by Councillor Eldon MacDonald, to direct staff to proceed with the agreement on the basis of the proposal provided by Tomorrow's Legends, replacing the dollar amount with appraised amount.

Motion Carried

Committee Reports: N/A

8. Review of Action Items from this Meeting

Christa Dicks, Municipal Clerk, noted the following action item:

- To request the SPCA to do a CBRM Council presentation.

Meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

Cecil P. Clarke
Mayor

Christa Dicks
Municipal Clerk
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