

CAPE BRETON REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
Council Meeting – Minutes

**Tuesday,
July 6, 2021
6:01 p.m.
Via Video Conferencing**

Mayor Amanda M. McDougall called the meeting to order.

Council: Mayor Amanda M. McDougall
Councillor Gordon MacDonald
Deputy Mayor Earlene MacMullin
Councillor Cyril MacDonald
Councillor Steve Gillespie
Councillor Eldon MacDonald
Councillor Glenn Paruch
Councillor Steve Parsons
Councillor James Edwards
Councillor Ken Tracey
Councillor Darren Bruckschwaiger
Councillor Darren O'Quinn
Councillor Lorne Green

Staff: Marie Walsh, Chief Administrative Officer
Jennifer Campbell, Chief Financial Officer
John MacKinnon, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Deborah Campbell Ryan, Municipal Clerk
Demetri Kachafanas, QC, Regional Solicitor
Wayne MacDonald, Director of Engineering & Public Works
Michael Ruus, Director of Planning & Development
Bill Murphy, Director of Recreation, Parks Grounds & Buildings
Sheila Kolanko, Property Manager
Karen Neville, Senior Planner
Kristen Knudskov, Planner
Sharon MacSween, Senior Administrative Assistant
Angela Ross, Recording Secretary

Absent: N/A

Summary of Decisions

Land Acknowledgement

Roll Call

Mayor McDougall recognized and congratulated Councillor James Edwards who received an Award of Merit from Hockey Nova Scotia.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve minutes from:

- **Special Council Meeting – May 26, 2021**

Carried.

Motion to approve minutes from:

- **Special Council Meeting – June 3, 2021**

Carried.

Motion to approve minutes from:

- **Council – June 15, 2021**

Carried.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

It was **agreed** that item 8.1 be dealt with at the end of the meeting.

Motion to approve the July 6, 2021, Council Agenda as amended and Addendum as circulated. **Carried.**

3. PROCLAMATIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

3.1 2021 Pride Week:

Motion that Mayor Amanda M. McDougall, Council and staff continue their support for a community where we embrace, recognize, and celebrate diversity, inclusion, respect, and fellowship for all of our residents and recognize August 5th to August 12th, 2021 as Pride Week in the Cape Breton Regional Municipality. **Carried.**

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Summary of Decisions (Cont'd)

PROCLAMATIONS & RESOLUTIONS (Cont'd):

3.2 Hiroshima Memorial Day – August 6th, 2021:

Motion that Mayor Amanda M. McDougall and Council of the Cape Breton Regional Municipality proclaim August 6th, 2021, as “*Hiroshima Memorial Day*” here in the Cape Breton Regional Municipality; a day to remember the devastation of the Hiroshima in 1945, and to renew our commitment to ensuring freedom from the threat posed by nuclear weapons, here and everywhere. **Carried.**

3.3 Equalization:

Motion that CBRM Mayor Amanda M. McDougall and Council call upon both the Provincial and Federal Governments to provide answers to the questions put forth by the NSEF at the February 23, 2021 Council meeting regarding the administration of the Equalization Program as outlined in Appendix “A” attached to the Resolution. **Carried.**

4. PRESENTATION:

4.1 Northside Business Park – Proposed Policy, Procedures, and Pricing Review:

Motion that the CBRM REN and CBRM staff be directed to review existing land sale processes and policies related to property within the Northside Business Park. **Carried.**

5. PLANNING ISSUES:

5.1 FINAL APPROVAL – PUBLIC HEARINGS:

a) Case 1083: Request for a Three-Unit Apartment at 52 King Street, North Sydney (PID 15024383; District 2):

Motion for final approval of the application by Lisa Penny to permit a 3-unit apartment at 52 King Street, North Sydney, by amending the zoning for PID 15024383 from Residential Urban C (RUC) to Residential Urban 3-Unit (RU3). **Carried.**

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Summary of Decisions (Cont'd):

PLANNING (Cont'd):

5.2 APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE: N/A

5.3 STREET RENAMING:

a) Renaming of a Portion of Eighth Street, New Waterford:

Motion to approve the renaming of a portion of Eighth Street, New Waterford, as outlined in red on the map attached to the staff report dated June 21, 2021, to “Charlesworth Street”. **Carried.**

6. BY-LAWS & MOTIONS:

6.1 By-laws:

a) Second / Final Reading – Public Hearing:

i) Parking Meter By-law T-5 – Proposed Amendments (Parking Area Request):

Motion that the amendments to the Parking Meter By-law T-5 be approved for second/final reading as presented. **Carried.**

b) First Reading: N/A

7. BUSINESS ARISING:

7.1 Council Meeting – June 15, 2021:

a) Sydney Harbour Investment Partners (SHIP) – Formation of Steering Committee:

Motion that the composition of the CBRM Steering Committee for Sydney Harbour Investment Partners shall consist of three (3) Council members, the Chief Administrative Officer, and a staff member from CBRM Regional Enterprise Network (REN) to assist in the advocacy and work required to move the project forward. **Carried.**

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Summary of Decisions (Cont'd):

BUSINESS ARISING: Council Meeting – June 15, 2021: Sydney Harbour Investment Partners (SHIP) – Formation of Steering Committee (Cont'd):

Motion to appoint the following Councillors to the CBRM Steering Committee for Sydney Harbour Investment Partners:

- Councillor Steve Gillespie
- Councillor Eldon MacDonald
- Councilor Lorne Green

Carried.

b) **SHIP/Novaporte – Council Actions and Support:**

Motion that Council provide a letter of support to the Canadian Infrastructure Bank supporting a loan request from SHIP. **Carried.**

Motion that Council send correspondence to the Premier of Nova Scotia signed off by CBRM Mayor and Council offering unanimous support for the container terminal development and the need for investment support towards rail reconstruction. **Carried.**

7.2 **Nominating Committee – June 23, 2021:**

a) **Report on Call for Expressions of Interest: Citizen Representatives on Committees:**

Motion to approve the recommendation of the following citizens to the Nova Scotia Minister of Community Services for appointment to the Cape Breton Island Housing Authority Board for a three-year term:

- Candidate #1
- Candidate #3
- Candidate #4

Carried.

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Summary of Decisions (Cont'd):

BUSINESS ARISING: Nominating Committee – June 23, 2021: Report on Call for Expressions of Interest: Citizen Representatives on Committees (Cont'd):

Motion to appoint the following citizens to the Port of Sydney Development Corporation Board for a three-year term:

Expertise in Marketing

- Candidate #6

Expertise in Business and Commerce

- Candidate #8

Carried.

b) **Diversity Committee – Community Member at Large (vacancy)**

Motion to appoint the applicant as outlined in the staff Memo of June 28, 2021, to the Diversity Committee as a Community Member at Large for a two-year term. **Carried.**

7.3 **Audit Committee – July 6, 2021:**

a) **Banking Services RFP:**

Motion that RFP P08-2021 – Banking Services be awarded to the Bank of Montreal. **Carried.**

ADDENDUM

7.4 **Fire & Emergency Services Committee Meeting – June 29, 2021:**

a) **Cape Breton Regional Fire Chiefs' Association Report – “Specialty Services” Financial Support:**

Financial Support for the Specialty Services was discussed.

For Information Only.

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Summary of Decisions (Cont'd):

8. CORPORATE SERVICES ISSUES:

Item 8.1 was dealt with later in the meeting.

8.2 The Kinsmen Club of Sydney/Horizon Achievement Centre

Motion to approve the request to release the condition in the deed so that the Kinsmen Club of Sydney can sell the property and use the funds toward the construction of the new Horizon Achievement Centre, and to authorize Mayor and Clerk to execute a Quit Claim Deed releasing the condition and interest CBRM has in the property as outlined in the staff Issue Paper dated June 25, 2021. **Carried.**

8.3 Fees for the Provision of Tax Information:

a) Provision of Tax Information By-law (Draft):

Motion to approve the proposed increases in tax information fees and approve first reading of "T-300 Provision of Tax Information By-Law." **Carried.**

b) Tax Certificate Resolution (Proposed Amendment):

Motion to approve by resolution the revised fee for the issuance of Tax Certificates in the amount of \$75.00. **Carried.**

9. COUNCILLOR AGENDA REQUESTS:

9.1 Renaming Indian Beach – North Sydney:

Motion that staff be directed to provide an Issue Paper outlining steps and consultation requirements to begin the process of changing the name of "Indian Beach". **Carried.**

10. UPDATE – 2021 Audit:

The Chief Financial Officer provided an update on the year-end reporting and monthly financial statements.

For Information Only.

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Summary of Decisions (Cont'd):

Corporate Services Issues (Cont'd)

8. CORPORATE SERVICES ISSUES:

8.1 Harbour Royale Development Limited – Request for Extension of Waterfront Pre-Development Agreement:

Motion that staff be directed to provide an Issue Paper exploring options for a new central library outside of the waterfront development proposal. **Withdrawn**

Motion to go In-Camera immediately to discuss the details of the current Waterfront Pre-Development Agreement and letter received from the Harbour Royal Development Limited. **Carried.**

It was **agreed** to continue the meeting past 9:00 p.m.

The Council meeting moved In-Camera at 9:15 p.m. and resumed open session at 10:03 p.m.

Motion that the request for the extension of the Waterfront Pre-development Agreement be granted. **Defeated.**

ADJOURNMENT

Land Acknowledgement

Roll Call

Mayor McDougall recognized and congratulated Councillor James Edwards who received an Award of Merit from Hockey Nova Scotia.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Cyril MacDonald, seconded by Councillor Paruch, approval of the Minutes from:

- **Special Council Meeting – May 26, 2021**

Motion Carried.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Parsons, seconded by Deputy Mayor MacMullin, approval of the Minutes from:

- **Special Council Meeting – June 3, 2021**

Motion Carried.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Bruckschwaiger, seconded by Councillor Green, approval of the Minutes from:

- **Council Meeting – June 15, 2021**

Motion Carried.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mayor McDougall asked that item 8.1 be dealt with at the end of the meeting to allow for a more fulsome discussion. **AGREED**

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Deputy Mayor MacMullin, to approve the July 6, 2021, Council Meeting Agenda as amended and Addendum as circulated.

Motion Carried.

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3. PROCLAMATIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

3.1 2021 Pride Week:

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Parsons, seconded by Deputy Mayor MacMullin, that Mayor Amanda M. McDougall, Council and staff continue their support for a community where we embrace, recognize, and celebrate diversity, inclusion, respect, and fellowship for all of our residents and recognize August 5th to August 12th, 2021, as Pride Week in the Cape Breton Regional Municipality.

Motion Carried.

3.2 Hiroshima Memorial Day – August 6th, 2021:

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor O’Quinn, that Mayor Amanda M. McDougall and Council of the Cape Breton Regional Municipality proclaim August 6th, 2021, as “*Hiroshima Memorial Day*” here in the Cape Breton Regional Municipality; a day to remember the devastation of the Hiroshima in 1945, and to renew our commitment to ensuring freedom from the threat posed by nuclear weapons, here and everywhere.

Motion Carried.

3.3 Equalization:

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Gordon MacDonald, seconded by Councillor Green, that CBRM Mayor Amanda M. McDougall and Council call upon both the Provincial and Federal Governments to provide answers to the questions put forth by the NSEF at the February 23, 2021 Council meeting regarding the administration of the Equalization Program as outlined in Appendix “A” attached to the Resolution.

Discussion:

In response to a question, it was clarified that Council are permitted to act as a conduit for community groups and have done so in the past.

Councillor’s discussion included the following:

- Language used in the questions by NSEF
- Clarity that Appendix “A” is considered part of the Resolution
- That the CAP and Equalization be considered as separate issues

Motion Carried.

4. PRESENTATION:

4.1 Northside Business Park – Proposed Policy, Procedures, and Pricing Review:

Tyler Mattheis, Director, Economic Development – CBRM Regional Enterprise Network, provided a presentation on the Northside Business Park proposed policy, procedures and pricing review, highlighting the following:

- Background
- Current vs. Potential Future Process
- Roles and Responsibilities
- Sale Conditions to be considered
- Is there current demand?
- Next Step

In response to a question, Director Mattheis clarified that if approved, changes and options to consider would come back to Council for approval.

Mayor McDougall thanked Tyler Mattheis and his team for their presentation.

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor MacMullin, seconded by Councillor Gordon MacDonald, that the CBRM REN and CBRM staff be directed to review existing land sale processes and policies related to property within the Northside Business Park.

Discussion:

- Clean up strategy for unsightly properties
- Transportation network and the effects of construction will be included in future discussion

Motion Carried.

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5. PLANNING ISSUES:

5.1 FINAL APPROVAL – PUBLIC HEARINGS:

a) Case 1083: Request for a Three-Unit Apartment at 52 King Street, North Sydney (PID 15024383; District 2):

Kristen Knudskov, Planner, provided background information on the issue.

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Earlene MacMullin, seconded by Councillor Gordon MacDonald, final approval of the application by Lisa Penny to permit a 3-unit apartment at 52 King Street, North Sydney, by amending the zoning for PID 15024383 from Residential Urban C (RUC) to Residential Urban 3-Unit (RU3).

Public Hearing:

The Planner noted there were two (2) public submissions received; one (1) in favor and one (1) opposed to the application. She also noted that she received two calls requesting information on the application.

Motion Carried.

5.2 APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE: N/A

5.3 STREET RENAMING:

a) Renaming of a Portion of Eighth Street, New Waterford:

Kristen Knudskov, Planner, provided background information on the issue noting that Council passed a motion to close a portion of Eighth Street in New Waterford which resulted in two street segments both named Eighth Street which do not connect to one another and therefore each street segment should have a unique name and the segment with the fewest addresses should be renamed.

Planner Knudskov advised that affected residents were invited to suggest a new name, however no suggestions were received. She advised that the Beaton Institute also provided a list of names of several Cape Breton Highlander veterans who served during World War 1 from the new Waterford area and Private George Charlesworth was selected by random draw, therefore Charlesworth Street was recommended.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor O’Quinn, seconded by Councillor Parsons, to approve the renaming of a portion of Eighth Street, New Waterford, as outlined in red on the map attached to the staff report dated June 21, 2021, to “Charlesworth Street”.

Motion Carried.

6. BY-LAWS & MOTIONS:

6.1 By-laws:

a) Second / Final Reading – Public Hearing:

i) Parking Meter By-law T-5 – Proposed Amendments (Parking Area Request):

Michael Ruus, Director of Planning & Development, provided background information on the issue.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Eldon MacDonald, seconded by Councillor Cyril MacDonald, that the amendments to the Parking Meter By-law T-5 be approved for second/final reading as presented.

Public Hearing:

Director Ruus advised that no public hearing submissions were received.

Motion Carried.

b) First Reading: N/A

7. BUSINESS ARISING:

7.1 Council Meeting – June 15, 2021:

a) Sydney Harbour Investment Partners (SHIP) – Formation of Steering Committee:

Marie Walsh, Chief Administrative Officer, advised that at the June 15, 2021 Council Meeting, a motion was passed approving the formation of a CBRM Steering Committee and the next step for Council is to decide on its composition. She advised the composition could include the following:

- Some Council and staff (noting staff could include REN staff)
- Some Council and no staff
- All Council

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BUSINESS ARISING: Council Meeting – June 15, 2021: Sydney Harbour Investment Partners (SHIP) – Formation of Steering Committee (Cont'd):

Mayor McDougall provided a brief update on what has been happening in the interim and expressed the need for Council direction on how to move forward.

Some of Council discussion included the following:

- Council make nominations and vote at the current meeting
- Councillors shared their thoughts on the make-up of the Committee
- Point of Order was raised by Deputy Mayor MacMullin that the committee members should be recommended to Council by the Nominating Committee

In response to a question, the Municipal Clerk suggested that Council decide on a definitive number and composition of the Committee and noted that Council has the right to appoint members at this meeting or receive recommendations from the Nominating Committee.

After discussion, the following motion was put forward.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Eldon MacDonald, seconded by Councillor Parsons, that the composition of the CBRM Steering Committee for Sydney Harbour Investment Partners shall consist of three (3) Council members, the Chief Administrative Officer, and a staff member from CBRM Regional Enterprise Network (REN) to assist in the advocacy and work required to move the project forward.

Discussion:

During discussion, Tyler Mattheis, Director of Economic Development for the CBRM REN, advised that he was willing to serve as the member of the CBRM REN on the Steering Committee.

Motion to Amend:

Moved by Councillor Green, seconded by Councillor Cyril MacDonald, to change the number of Councillors on the Steering Committee to five (5) Council members, along with the CAO and member of the REN.

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BUSINESS ARISING: Council Meeting – June 15, 2021: Sydney Harbour Investment Partners (SHIP) – Formation of Steering Committee (Cont'd):

Motion to Amend (Cont'd):

Discussion on the Motion to Amend:

- Quorum requirements
- The Mayor is an ex officio member on all Committees
- Process to appoint Council members

Several Councillors expressed concern that five (5) Councillors on the Steering Committee was too many, and with the agreement of the seconder, Councillor Green withdrew the motion to amend.

Amendment Withdrawn.

Main Motion Carried.

It was **Agreed** that Council would nominate members and move forward with a vote.

- Councillor Green nominated Councillor Gillespie who accepted the nomination.
- Councillor Parsons nominated Councillor Eldon MacDonald who accepted the nomination.
- Councillor Eldon nominated Councillor Edwards who accepted the nomination.
- Councillor Earlene nominated Councillor Gordon who accepted the nomination.
- Councillor Parsons nominated Councillor Green who accepted the nomination.
- Councillor Paruch nominated Councillor Bruckschwaiger who declined the nomination.

Hearing no further nominations, nominations ceased.

Council was directed to vote for three Councillors and John MacKinnon, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, agreed to act as a scrutineer of the votes via private chat and provide the results to Council.

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BUSINESS ARISING: Council Meeting – June 15, 2021: Sydney Harbour Investment Partners (SHIP) – Formation of Steering Committee (Cont'd):

Later in the meeting, the results were provided to Council and the following motion was put forward:

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor MacMullin, seconded by Councillor O'Quinn, to appoint the following Councillors to the CBRM Steering Committee for Sydney Harbour Investment Partners:

- Councillor Steve Gillespie
- Councillor Eldon MacDonald
- Councilor Lorne Green

Motion Carried.

b) SHIP/Novaporte – Council Actions and Support:

Mayor McDougall advised that subsequent to Council's decision to extend the Development and Option Agreement with Sydney Harbour Investment Partners (SHIP), there have been two requests made of Council to extend support in advancing the project, as follows:

1. Provide a letter of support to the Canadian Infrastructure Bank supporting a loan request from SHIP.
2. Send correspondence to the Premier of Nova Scotia offering general support for the container terminal development and the need for investment support towards rail reconstruction.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Eldon MacDonald, seconded by Councillor Bruckschwaiger, that Council provide a letter of support to the Canadian Infrastructure Bank supporting a loan request from SHIP.

Discussion:

In response to a question, the Mayor clarified that there is no CBRM financial obligation associated with the support.

Motion Carried.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Parsons, seconded by Councillor Edwards, that Council send correspondence to the Premier of Nova Scotia signed off by CBRM Mayor and Council offering unanimous support for the container terminal development and the need for investment support towards rail reconstruction.

Motion Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING (Cont'd):

7.2 Nominating Committee – June 23, 2021:

a) Report on Call for Expressions of Interest: Citizen Representatives on Committees:

Deborah Campbell, Municipal Clerk, advised that the Nominating Committee reviewed the citizen applications for various Committees and recommendations were made and provided by candidate number for Council's consideration.

She advised that Council should deal with each Committee separately, and after Council passes the motions approving the citizen nominations by candidate number, the citizens will be contacted. Once they have accepted the positions and any required background checks have been completed, the names of the successful candidates will be publicly released at a future Council meeting.

Cape Breton Island Housing Authority

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Gillespie, seconded by Councillor Eldon MacDonald, to approve the recommendation of the following citizens to the Nova Scotia Minister of Community Services for appointment to the Cape Breton Island Housing Authority Board for a three-year term:

- Candidate #1
- Candidate #3
- Candidate #4

Motion Carried.

Port of Sydney Development Corporation

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Eldon MacDonald, seconded by Councillor Gillespie, to appoint the following citizens to the Port of Sydney Development Corporation Board for a three-year term:

Expertise in Marketing

- Candidate #6

Expertise in Business and Commerce

- Candidate #8

Motion Carried.

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BUSINESS ARISING: Nominating Committee – June 23, 2021 (Cont'd):

b) Diversity Committee – Community Member at Large (vacancy)

The Municipal Clerk advised that the Clerk's Office received notification that a member of the Diversity Committee would not be able to continue as a member and therefore has resigned from the Committee.

It was pointed out that at the June 23rd meeting, the Nominating Committee was advised that of those applicants who were not selected during a recent recruitment process, there is a potential candidate who could serve on the Diversity Committee as a Community Member at Large. The Committee recommended that staff contact that individual and ask if they would be interested in re-offering to serve on the Diversity Committee as a Community Member at Large.

This applicant was contacted and has indicated they want to re-offer. Once Council approves the appointment, their name will be publicly released at a future Council meeting.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Gillespie, seconded by Councillor Green, to appoint the applicant as outlined in the staff Memo of June 28, 2021, to the Diversity Committee as a Community Member at Large for a two-year term.

Motion Carried.

7.3 Audit Committee – July 6, 2021:

a) Banking Services RFP:

Jennifer Campbell, Chief Financial Officer (CFO), advised that on May 11, 2021, the Audit Committee directed staff to issue a Request for Proposals for Banking Services. The RFP was issued June 1, 2021 via the Nova Scotia Government's Tender Notices website and advertised weekly in the Cape Breton Post. The date of closing was June 24, 2021.

The CFO advised that three eligible bids were received and evaluated by herself and Finance Manager Adam MacNeil. The Audit Committee reviewed the staff Report at a meeting earlier this date and their recommendation was circulated to Council.

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor MacMullin, seconded by Councillor Cyril MacDonald, that RFP P08-2021 – Banking Services be awarded to the Bank of Montreal.

Motion Carried.

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BUSINESS ARISING (Cont'd):

7.4 Fire & Emergency Services Committee Meeting – June 29, 2021:

a) Cape Breton Regional Fire Chiefs' Association Report – “Specialty Services” Financial Support:

Councillor Darren Bruckschwaiger referenced the motion from the Fire & Emergency Services Committee and advised that after discussion, the need to accommodate funding for the Specialty Emergency Services provided by the Volunteer Fire Fighters of CBRM is not a requirement at this time and will be brought back during Budget deliberations.

Deputy Mayor MacMullin noted that the motion was made prior to discussion at the Committee meeting, but it was made clear that the Volunteer Association would be okay this year and the issue would be considered for next year's budget.

8. CORPORATE SERVICES ISSUES:

Item 8.1 was dealt with later in the meeting.

8.2 The Kinsmen Club of Sydney/Horizon Achievement Centre:

Demetri Kachafanas, QC, Regional Solicitor, provided background information on the issue and advised that in 1983 the former City of Sydney transferred land on Upper Prince Street in Sydney to the Kinsmen Club of Sydney and the building on the land was used to house the Horizon Achievement Center. There was a condition in the deed that the lands can only be used for community betterment and cannot be conveyed to a third party.

The Solicitor advised that the Horizon Achievement Centre is moving out of the building and have no use for the building. CBRM staff have determined the Municipality has no use for the building and does not want the property reconveyed to the Municipality.

The Kinsmen Club have requested that the condition in the deed be released so that they can sell the property with the intent to use the proceeds of the sale toward the building of the new Horizons Achievement Centre.

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CORPORATE SERVICES ISSUES: The Kinsmen Club of Sydney/Horizon Achievement Centre (Cont'd):

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Paruch, seconded by Councillor Cyril MacDonald, to approve the request to release the condition in the deed so that the Kinsmen Club of Sydney can sell the property and use the funds toward the construction of the new Horizon Achievement Centre, and to authorize Mayor and Clerk to execute a Quit Claim Deed releasing the condition and interest CBRM has in the property as outlined in the staff Issue Paper dated June 25, 2021.

Discussion:

In response to a question, the Solicitor advised that he is not aware of a potential sale of the building and does not feel there is any concern for the upkeep of the building if it is not sold.

Motion Carried.

8.3 Fees for the Provision of Tax Information:

- a) **Provision of Tax Information By-law (Draft):**
- b) **Tax Certificate Resolution (Proposed Amendment):**

Jennifer Campbell, Chief Financial Officer (CFO), provided background information on the issue as outlined in the staff Issue Paper dated June 25, 2021.

The CFO reviewed the following recommendations:

1. Increase the fee to \$15 per account per billing for the provision of tax information to financial institutions in order to align with fees charged by other municipalities;
2. Approval of a statement and bill reproduction fee of \$10 per reprint;
3. Increase the fee for the provision of tax information other than those described above to \$30, bringing CBRM's fee in line with other regional municipalities.
4. Increase the fee for tax certificates to \$75 per account to bring CBRM's fees in line with those charged by other regional municipalities;

The CFO advised that in order for the above changes to take effect, the following steps are required:

- 1) Approve the proposed By-law in accordance with the *Municipal Government Act*;
- 2) Repeal the current "Provision of Tax Information Policy" upon approval of the proposed By-law;
- 3) Pass a resolution approving the revised Tax Certificate fee of \$75.

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Corporate Services Issues: Fees for the Provision of Tax Information (Cont'd):

During the discussion, some of the issues raised by Council members included:

- Review of cost recovery and service fee increases
- Timing and implementation.
- Suggestion to defer the issue to the Budget

After discussion, the following motions were put forward.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Green, seconded by Councillor Eldon MacDonald, to approve the proposed increases in tax information fees and approve first reading of “T-300 Provision of Tax Information By-Law.”

Discussion:

During discussion Councillors shared their concerns regarding the fess being passed on to CBRM taxpayers.

Motion Carried.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Eldon MacDonald, seconded by Deputy Mayor MacMullin, to approve by resolution the revised fee for the issuance of Tax Certificates in the amount of \$75.00.

Motion Carried.

9. COUNCILLOR AGENDA REQUESTS:

9.1 Renaming Indian Beach – North Sydney:

Deputy Mayor Earlene MacMullin advised that many local groups and individuals have reached out to her over the last few weeks to discuss the issue. Although at one time the name did not mean to offend but to acknowledge indigenous culture, that time has passed. To begin the process of renaming the beach will provide us an opportunity to learn more and understand the historic, indigenous importance of the area. These last few weeks have been very difficult and the intent of this request is to show our commitment to the pursuit of achieving vibrant and inclusive communities throughout the CBRM.

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor MacMullin, seconded by Councillor O’Quinn, that staff be directed to provide an Issue Paper outlining steps and consultation requirements to begin the process of changing the name of “Indian Beach”.

Discussion:

Council discussed the intent of the motion, and the process for public consultation.

Motion Carried.

10. UPDATE – 2021 Audit:

Jennifer Campbell, Chief Financial Officer, provided an update on the year-end reporting and monthly financial statements.

For Information Only.

8. CORPORATE SERVICES ISSUES:

8.1 Harbour Royale Development Limited – Request for Extension of Waterfront Pre-Development Agreement:

Mayor McDougall referenced the letter addressed to Mayor and Council dated June 23, 2021, from the Harbour Royal Development Limited (HRDL) requesting an extension of the Pre-Development Agreement which expired the end of June. She noted that this is the first time Council is meeting since receiving the request which requires a decision of Council on how to move forward.

The Mayor noted some options, including extending the agreement in its current form, negotiating a new agreement, explore other possibilities for the location of a new library, or issue a new RFP for the development of the waterfront. The Mayor also pointed out that Council may have to go In Camera to discuss details of the request.

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor MacMullin, seconded by Councillor Bruckschwaiger, that staff be directed to provide an Issue Paper exploring options for a new central library outside of the waterfront development proposal.

Discussion:

- Clarification on the letter and motion put forward
- Options available are better discussed In Camera

Point of Order by Councillor Parsons that the vote on the motion should wait until after discussion.

The Regional Solicitor advised Council on their options available and noted that discussion on the request should be done In-Camera.

The Municipal Clerk discussed options available to deal with the current motion if Council wanted to go In-Camera for discussion.

Following discussion, the mover and seconder agreed to withdraw the motion.

Motion Withdrawn

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CORPORATE SERVICES ISSUES: Harbour Royale Development Limited – Request for Extension of Waterfront Pre-Development Agreement (Cont'd):

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Bruckschwaiger, seconded by Councillor Gillespie, that Council move In-Camera immediately to discuss the details of the Waterfront Pre-Development Agreement and request received from the Harbour Royal Development Limited.

Discussion:

Councillors and the Solicitor shared their opinions on going In Camera immediately or scheduling a meeting for a future date.

It was **agreed** to continue the meeting past 9:00 p.m.

Motion Carried.

The Council meeting moved In-Camera at 9:15 p.m. and resumed open session at 10:03 p.m.

After the In-Camera session, the following motion was put forward.

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor MacMullin, seconded by Councillor Eldon MacDonald, that the request for the extension of the Waterfront Pre-Development Agreement be granted.

Motion Defeated

Meeting adjourned at 10:06 p.m.

Mayor Amanda M. McDougall

Deborah Campbell Ryan
Municipal Clerk
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