

Cape Breton Regional Municipality

Council Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2024

6:01 p.m. at City Hall Council Chambers

Council

Mayor Amanda M. McDougall-Merrill

Councillor Gordon MacDonald

Councillor Earlene MacMullin

Councillor Steve Gillespie

Councillor Glenn Paruch

Deputy Mayor James Edwards

Councillor Ken Tracey

Councillor Darren Bruckschwaiger

Councillor Darren O'Quinn

Councillor Lorne Green

Staff

Christa Dicks, Municipal Clerk

John MacKinnon, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/Director of Technology

Demetri Kachafanas, KC, Regional Solicitor

Jennifer Campbell, Chief Financial Officer

Wayne MacDonald, Director of Engineering and Public Works

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

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

Mark Bettens, Fire Chief and Director of Fire and Emergency Services

Craig MacNeil, Deputy Fire Chief

Sheila Kolanko, Property Manager

Peter Vandermeulen, Planner

Sharon MacSween, Senior Administrative Assistant

Kelly McDonald, Recording Secretary

Absent

Councillor Cyril MacDonald (Regrets)

Councillor Eldon MacDonald (Regrets)

Councillor Steve Parsons (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) and (22)(g) of the *Municipal Government Act* for item number nine.

Mayor Amanda M. McDougall-Merrill called the meeting to order.

Land Acknowledgement

Roll Call

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1. Approval of Agenda

Motion

Moved by Councillor Green, seconded by Councillor Paruch, to approve the May 14, 2024, council agenda as presented.

Motion Carried

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion

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

- Special Council – March 31, 2021
- Emergency Council – March 10, 2023

Motion Carried

At this point, Councillor Bruckschwaiger left the meeting.

3. Proclamations

3.1 National Police Week

Motion

Moved by Councillor Green, seconded by Councillor O’Quinn, that CBRM Mayor Amanda M. McDougall-Merrill and Council proclaim May 12-18, 2024, as National Police Week in the Cape Breton Regional Municipality.

Motion Carried

3.2 Moose Hide Campaign Day

Motion

Moved by Councillor O’Quinn, seconded by Councillor Green, that CBRM Mayor Amanda M. McDougall-Merrill and Council proclaim May 16, 2024, as Moose Hide Campaign Day in the Cape Breton Regional Municipality.

Motion Carried

3.3 World Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) Day

Motion

Moved by Councillor Paruch, seconded by Councillor Gillespie, that CBRM Mayor Amanda M. McDougall-Merrill and Council proclaim May 19th, 2024, as Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) Day in the Cape Breton Regional Municipality.

Motion Carried

3.4 Victorian Order of Nurses (VON) Week

Motion

Moved by Deputy Mayor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Tracey, that CBRM Mayor Amanda M. McDougall-Merrill and Council proclaim May 19-25, 2024, as VON Week in the Cape Breton Regional Municipality.

Motion Carried

3.5 Access Awareness Week

Motion

Moved by Councillor Gillespie, seconded by Councillor Paruch, that CBRM Mayor Amanda M. McDougall-Merrill and Council proclaim May 26th to June 1st, 2024, as Access Awareness Week in the Cape Breton Regional Municipality.

Motion Carried

3.6 Menstrual Health Day

Motion

Moved by Councillor MacMullin, seconded by Councillor Gordon MacDonald, that CBRM Mayor Amanda M. McDougall-Merrill and Council proclaim May 28th, 2024, as Menstrual Health Day in the Cape Breton Regional Municipality.

Discussion:

- Importance of donating feminine products

Motion Carried

4. By-laws and Motions

4.1 Second / Final Reading – Public Hearing:

i) CBRM Licensing By-law for Shared Dwellings and Licence Fee Policy

Peter Vandermeulen, Planner, reviewed the issue paper and recommendations in the agenda package. Mayor McDougall-Merrill called three times for any members of the public wishing to speak on the matter, no speakers came forth. The following motions were then put forward:

Motion

Moved by Councillor MacMullin, seconded by Councillor Paruch, final approval of the new CBRM Licensing By-law for Shared Dwellings, indicated in attachment B of the May 14, 2024, agenda package.

Motion Carried

Motion

Moved by Councillor MacMullin, seconded by Councillor Gillespie, to adopt the CBRM Fee Policy: Licensing, indicated in Attachment C of the May 14, 2024, agenda package.

Motion Carried

ii) Request from Tomorrow’s Legends – Centennial/Bi-Centennial Complex – Portion of PIDs 15092554, 15092570, and 15538077 6:28 p.m.

Director Durning reviewed the issue paper and recommendation in the agenda package. Mayor McDougall-Merrill called three times for any members of the public wishing to speak on the matter, no speakers came forth. The following motion was then put forward:

Motion

Moved by Councillor Paruch, seconded by Councillor Gordon MacDonald, approval of the sale of the property for \$1.00, as outlined in red (Attachment A) included in the May 14, 2024, council agenda, and subject to subdivision approval and compliance to the municipal land-use bylaw.

Motion Carried

4.2 First Reading – N/A

5. Presentations

5.1 ABO Energy – Community Solar Opportunity

Representatives of ABO Energy provided a presentation titled, “Community Solar Opportunity”. Discussion took place regarding community consultation, potential subscriber costs, permits, and risk assessments. The following motion was then put forward:

Motion

Moved by Councillor Gordon MacDonald, seconded by Councillor Paruch, to send ABO Energy a letter of support for the project submission on behalf of CBRM Council.

Motion Carried

6. Corporate Services Issues

6.1 Request for Easement – NSPI Commercial Street, North Sydney (District 2) PID 15638919

Sheila Kolanko, Property Manager, reviewed the issue paper and recommendation in the agenda package. The following motion was then put forward:

Motion

Moved by Councillor MacMullin, seconded by Councillor Gordon MacDonald, to approve the revised plan for the Easement Agreement in favour of Nova Scotia Power Incorporation across the CBRM property (PID 15638919) to help facilitate the applicant's request.

Motion Carried

7. Committee Reports

7.1 Fire and Emergency Services Committee

Deputy Mayor Edwards reviewed the report in the agenda package. Discussion took place regarding clarification on joint review committee processes.

For Information Only

8. Review of Action Items from this Meeting.

No action items were noted for this meeting.

Council met In Camera at 7:31 p.m. in accordance with Section 22(2)(e) and (22)(g) of the *Municipal Government Act*.

9. In Camera

9.2 Tower Road Volunteer Fire Department

Open meeting reconvened at 8:35 p.m.

Motion

Moved by Deputy Mayor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Tracey, to revoke the Certificate of Registration of Tower Road Volunteer Fire Department for cause in accordance with Section 294(5) of the *Municipal Government Act* due to the fact that the department does not have the required level 1 firefighters.

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Amanda M. McDougall-Merrill
Mayor

Christa Dicks
Municipal Clerk
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