

Cape Breton Regional Municipality

Council Meeting Minutes

May 28, 2024

9:33 a.m. at City Hall Council Chambers

Council

Mayor Amanda M. McDougall-Merrill

Councillor Gordon MacDonald

Councillor Earlene MacMullin

Councillor Cyril 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

Jennifer Campbell, Chief Financial Officer

Christa Dicks, Municipal Clerk

Wayne MacDonald, Director of Engineering and Public Works

Demetri Kachafanas, KC, Regional Solicitor

John MacKinnon, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/Director of Technology

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

Darren Barrington, Staff Sergeant

Joe Farrell, Staff Sergeant

John Crane, Manager of Bylaws and Building Inspections

Christina Lamey, Communications Information Officer

Jenna MacQueen, Communication Advisor

Desiree Vassallo, Communications/PR Advisor

Rob MacNamara, Communications Advisor – Mayor's Office

Sharon MacSween, Senior Administrative Assistant

Kelly McDonald, Recording Secretary

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 on May 14, 2024, pursuant to Section 22(2)(e) and 22(2)(g) of the *Municipal Government Act*.

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

Land Acknowledgement

Roll Call

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1. Approval of Agenda

Mayor McDougall-Merrill asked Council if it is agreed that representatives from Motionball organization make a presentation before proceeding with the remainder of the agenda items, Council agreed.

Motion

Moved by Councillor Gordon, seconded by Councillor Cyril MacDonald, to approve the May 28, 2024, council agenda and addendum as presented.

Motion Carried

Representatives from the Motionball organization presented Council with a plaque to show appreciation of the support received by the Cape Breton Regional Municipality.

2. Proclamations and Resolutions

2.1 Bike Month

Motion

Moved by Councillor Eldon MacDonald, seconded by Councillor Cyril MacDonald, that CBRM Mayor Amanda M. McDougall-Merrill and Council proclaim June 2024, Bike Month in the Cape Breton Regional Municipality.

Motion Carried

2.2 Motionball Month

Motion

Moved by Councillor Cyril MacDonald, seconded by Councillor Gillespie, that CBRM Mayor Amanda M. McDougall-Merrill and Council proclaim June 2024, Motionball Month in the Cape Breton Regional Municipality.

Motion Carried

2.3 ParticipACTION Community Challenge

Motion

Moved by Councillor O'Quinn, seconded by Councillor Green, that CBRM Mayor Amanda M. McDougall-Merrill and Council proclaim June 2024, as the time to get moving so the Cape Breton Regional Municipality can be ParticipACTION's Community Challenge "Most Active Community" in Canada.

Motion Carried

3. By-laws and Motions

3.1 Second / Final Reading – N/A

3.2 First Reading:

i) CBRM Tow Truck Licencing By-law

Staff Seargent Farrell reviewed the issue paper, proposed amendments of the CBRM Tow Truck Licencing By-law, and recommendation in the agenda package. Discussion took place regarding clarification of the amendments. The following motion was then put forward:

Motion

Moved by Councillor Gordon MacDonald, seconded by Councillor Gillespie, to approve for first reading of the amended Tow Truck Licencing Bylaw, By-Law No. T-200, and schedule a Public Hearing to consider adoption of the amended Bylaw at an upcoming meeting of Council.

Motion Carried

4. Planning Issues

4.1 Accessory Dwelling Units

Acting Director Neville reviewed the issue paper and options included in the agenda package. The following motion was then put forward:

Motion

Moved by Councillor Green, seconded by Councillor MacMullin, to direct staff to include the request, amending of the Municipal Planning Strategy, in review scheduled to begin this fall of year 2024.

Discussion:

- Process clarification

Motion Carried

5. Business Arising

5.1 Heritage Advisory Committee – May 16, 2024

a) Registration of 26 Archibald Ave., North Sydney

Acting Director/Heritage Officer Neville reviewed the Heritage Advisory Committee issue paper and recommendation included in the agenda package. The following motion was then put forward:

Motion

Moved by Councillor MacMullin, seconded by Councillor Eldon MacDonald, to initiate the process for registering 26 Archibald Ave., North Sydney as a Municipal Heritage Property.

Motion Carried

6. Corporate Services Issues

6.1 Gardiner Mines Senior Citizens and Pensioners

Association/PID 15236185

Solicitor Kachafanas reviewed the issue paper and recommendation included in the agenda package. The following motion was then put forward:

Motion

Moved by Councillor Bruckschwaiger, seconded by Councillor Tracey, to authorize a new lease for a five-year term from the 1st day of June 2024 to the 31st day of May 2029 with the terms and conditions unchanged from the previous lease.

Discussion:

- Correction to typo in the agenda package to clarify it is a five-year lease; not a ten-year lease.

Motion Carried

7. Council Agenda Requests

7.1 Task Force Report – Strategic Visioning

Mayor McDougall-Merrill reviewed the Task Force Report and recommendations included in the agenda package. Discussion took place regarding the significant amount of work put into this report, data sheets, and the importance of continuing to implement these task forces into the future. The following motion was then put forward:

Motion

Moved by Councillor MacMullin, seconded by Councillor Gordon MacDonald, to accept the Task Force Report – Strategic Visioning.

Motion Carried

7.2 Solution for Highway Line Paint

Councillor Gordon MacDonald reviewed the council agenda request form included in the agenda package. Discussion took place regarding safety concerns, paint materials, requirements for line painting, and other deteriorating factors of infrastructure. The following motion was then put forward:

Motion

Moved by Councillor Gordon MacDonald, seconded by Councillor Gillespie, to request to the Provincial Government to find a better solution for highway line paint, that is being used on local roads, crosswalks, and highways across CBRM.

Motion Carried

7.3 Policing of Provincial Highways

Mayor McDougall-Merrill reviewed the letter included in the agenda package. Discussion took place regarding public safety, correspondence between CBRM and Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Applications, and the lack support to CBRM from senior levels of government.

8. Committee Reports – N/A

9. Review of Action Items from this Meeting

Mayor Amanda M. McDougall-Merrill noted the following action items:

- Stand united in the efforts of justice regarding policing of highways.
- Coordinate a meeting with the Provincial Department of Public Works regarding highway maintenance, specifically line painting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

Amanda M. McDougall-Merrill
Mayor

Christa Dicks
Municipal Clerk
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