

CAPE BRETON REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

Council Meeting – Minutes

**Tuesday,
September 12, 2023
6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers
2nd Floor, City Hall
320 Esplanade, Sydney, NS**

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

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
Demetri Kachafanas, KC, Regional Solicitor
Christa Dicks, Municipal Clerk
Wayne MacDonald, Director of Engineering & Public Works
Michael Ruus, Director of Planning & Development
Sheila Kolanko, Property Manager
Sharon MacSween, Senior Administrative Assistant
Kelly McDonald, Recording Secretary

Summary of Decisions

Land Acknowledgement

Roll Call

O' Canada

Olivia Burke - Nova Scotian Winner of World Junior Highland Dance Championship in Scotland

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve the September 12, 2023, Council Agenda as circulated.

Motion to Amend to include a brief statement from staff regarding contracting out garbage services to provide information to CUPE 759 employees. **Carried.**

Main Motion Carried.

2. PROCLAMATIONS:

2.1 Wrongful Conviction Day:

Motion to proclaim October 2nd, 2023, as Wrongful Conviction Day, to help raise awareness to work toward the prevention of further wrongful convictions. **Carried.**

2.2 Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Awareness Month:

Motion to proclaim the month of September 2023, FASD Awareness Month in the Cape Breton Regional Municipality. **Carried.**

2.3 British Home Child Day:

Motion to proclaim September 28th, 2023, as "British Home Child Day" in the CBRM. **Carried.**

2.4 Dystonia Awareness Month:

Motion to proclaim the month of September 2023, to be "Dystonia Awareness Month" in the Cape Breton Regional Municipality and CBRM Mayor Amanda M. McDougall-Merrill and Council join the call for better education, understanding and research about dystonia. **Carried.**

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Summary of Decisions (Cont'd)

PROCLAMATIONS (Cont'd):

2.5 Right to Know Week:

Motion to proclaim September 25th to October 1st, 2023, to be “Right to Know Week” in the CBRM. **Carried.**

2.6 Cape Breton Classic Cruisers Fall Classic Show & Shine Weekend:

Motion to proclaim September 8th & 9th, 2023, as the “Cape Breton Classic Cruisers Fall Classic Show & Shine Weekend” in the Cape Breton Regional Municipality. **Carried.**

3. DELEGATION:

3.1 Bras d’Or Lakes CEPI:

4. BUSINESS ARISING:

4.1 a) Request from The Bras d’Or Lake Biosphere Region Association:

Motion for CBRM to appoint a member to the BLBRA Board at earliest convenience. **Carried.**

5. CORPORATE SERVICES ISSUES:

5.1 Request for Street Closure (PID 15646813) Undeveloped Road Reserve, Off Waterview Drive, Sydney Mines (District 1):

Motion to direct the Legal Department to initiate a formal street closure pursuant to Section 315 of the Municipal Government Act, for the property identified as PID 15646813 (Attachment “A”) with the intention of providing a Confirmatory Deed to Mr. Tobin’s client. **Carried.**

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

N/A

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Summary of Decisions (Cont'd)

7. **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:**
Jennifer Campbell, Chief Financial Officer

7.1 **CBRM to July 31, 2023:**

For Information Only.

7.2 **Port of Sydney Development Corporation to July 31, 2023:**

For Information Only.

8. **REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS FROM THIS MEETING:**
Mayor Amanda M. McDougall-Merrill

ADJOURNMENT

Land Acknowledgement

Roll Call

O' Canada

Olivia Burke – Nova Scotia Winner of World Junior Highland Dance Championship in Scotland

Mayor honored and congratulated Olivia Burke, Nova Scotian Winner of World Junior Highland Dance Championship in Scotland, who was present at the Council meeting. Mayor and Councillor Cyril MacDonald presented a gift on behalf of the Cape Breton Regional Municipality to Olivia for her accomplishment.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Parsons, seconded by Deputy Mayor Edwards, to approve the September 12, 2023, Council Agenda as circulated.

Motion to Amend:

Moved by Councillor Green, seconded by Councillor Gordon MacDonald, to include a brief statement from staff regarding contracting out garbage services to provide information to CUPE 759 employees.

Discussion:

During discussion, Director of Engineering & Public Works informed of the following:

- Previous correspondence between staff and the CUPE 759 union.
- Cape Breton Post discussion
- Challenges faced by Solid Waste regarding new technologies
- Disposal in Guysborough
- Request For Qualification (RFQ) & Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)

Motion to Amend Carried.

Main Motion Carried.

2. PROCLAMATIONS:

2.1 Wrongful Conviction Day:

Moved by Councillor Gordon MacDonald, seconded by Councillor Green, that the CBRM Mayor Amanda M. McDougall-Merrill and CBRM Council proclaim October 2nd, 2023, as Wrongful Conviction Day, to help raise awareness to work toward the prevention of further wrongful convictions.

Motion Carried.

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PROCLAMATIONS (Cont'd):

2.2 Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Awareness Month:

Moved by Councillor MacMullin, seconded by Councillor Cyril MacDonald, that CBRM Mayor Amanda M. McDougall and Council proclaim the month of September 2023, FASD Awareness Month in the Cape Breton Regional Municipality.
Motion Carried.

2.3 British Home Child Day:

Moved by Councillor MacMullin, seconded by Councillor Eldon MacDonald, that Mayor Amanda M. McDougall-Merrill and Council proclaim September 28th, 2023, as “British Home Child Day” in the CBRM.
Motion Carried.

2.4 Dystonia Awareness Month:

Moved by Councillor Gillespie, seconded by Councillor Paruch, that the Mayor Amanda M. McDougall-Merrill and Council proclaim the month of September 2023, to be “Dystonia Awareness Month” in the Cape Breton Regional Municipality and CBRM Mayor Amanda M. McDougall-Merrill and Council join the call for better education, understanding and research about dystonia.
Motion Carried.

2.5 Right to Know Week:

Moved by Councillor Paruch, seconded by Councillor Gillespie, that Mayor Amanda M. McDougall-Merrill and Council of the Cape Breton Regional Municipality proclaim September 25th to October 1st, 2023, to be “Right to Know Week” in the CBRM.
Motion Carried

2.6 Cape Breton Classic Cruisers Fall Classic Show & Shine Weekend:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Bruckschwaiger, that Mayor Amanda M. McDougall-Merrill and Council of the Cape Breton Regional Municipality proclaim September 8th & 9th, 2023, as the “Cape Breton Classic Cruisers Fall Classic Show & Shine Weekend” in the Cape Breton Regional Municipality.
Motion Carried.

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3. DELEGATION:

3.1 Bras d'Or Lakes CEPI:

Ron Newcombe, CEPI Co-coordinator, provided a presentation explaining that CEPI is a group of partners collaborating who are committed to the preservation and sustainable development of the ecosystem of the Bras d'Or Lakes and watershed lands. The presentation further described the organizational structure, the vision, the purpose, the objectives, the guiding principles, the value, and the current initiatives of CEPI. Ron Newcombe spoke about the upcoming conference themed, "Moving Two-eyed Seeing from Vision to Action," and informed of the different methods of how to sponsor CEPI.

4. BUSINESS ARISING:

4.1 Council – August 22, 2023:

a) Request from The Bras d'Or Lake Biosphere Region Association:

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Green, seconded by Councillor Gillespie, to appoint Councillor Steve Parsons to the Bras d'Or Lake Biosphere Region Association Board.

Motion Carried.

5. CORPORATE SERVICES ISSUES:

5.1 Request for Street Closure (PID 15646813) Undeveloped Road Reserve, Off Waterview Drive, Sydney Mines (District 1):

Sheila Kolanko, Property Manager, clarified the correct PID is 15646813 in the subject line of the Issue Paper. Sheila reviewed the Issue Paper in the agenda package and made a recommendation. The following motion was then put forward:

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Gordon MacDonald, seconded by Councillor MacMullin, to direct the Legal Department to initiate a formal street closure pursuant to Section 315 of the Municipal Government Act, for the property identified as PID 15646813 (Attachment "A") with the intention of providing a Confirmatory Deed to Mr. Tobin's client.

Motion Carried.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

N/A

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7. **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:**

Mayor suggested to invite James Kerr, Chair of Port Board, to next Council meeting being held on October 10, 2023, to answer financial questions.

7.1 **CBRM to July 31, 2023:**

For Information Only.

7.2 **Port of Sydney Development Corporation to July 31, 2023:**

For Information Only.

8. **Review of Action Items from this Meeting:**

At the conclusion of the meeting, Mayor Amanda M. McDougall-Merrill gave gratitude for the Fire Services Crews, announced the upcoming celebration of life for Bruce Gouthro, and gave condolences for the passing of Lloyd Hines, Former Minister of Transportation/past Councillor/Warden.

Meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Mayor Amanda M. McDougall-Merrill
Mayor
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Christa Dicks
Municipal Clerk