

CAPE BRETON REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
Council Meeting – Minutes

**Tuesday,
September 13, 2022
6:03 p.m.
Council Chambers
2nd Floor, City Hall
320 Esplanade, Sydney, NS**

Mayor Amanda M. McDougall called the meeting to order.

Council: Mayor Amanda M. McDougall
Councillor Gordon MacDonald
Deputy Mayor Earlene MacMullin (left at 9:30 p.m.)
Councillor Cyril MacDonald
Councillor Steve Gillespie
Councillor Eldon MacDonald
Councillor Glenn Paruch
Councillor Steve Parsons
Councillor James Edwards
Councillor Ken Tracey
Councillor Darren Bruckschwaiger (left at 9:47 p.m.)
Councillor Darren O’Quinn
Councillor Lorne Green

Staff: John MacKinnon, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Jennifer Campbell, Chief Financial Officer
Deborah Campbell Ryan, Municipal Clerk
Demetri Kachafanas, KC, Regional Solicitor
Wayne MacDonald, Director of Engineering & Public Works
Michael Ruus, Director of Planning & Development
Deanna Evely, Director of Human Resources
Karen Neville, Senior Planner
Matt Viva, Manager of Wastewater
Robert Nearing, Manager Public Works East
Sharon MacSween, Senior Administrative Assistant
Angela Ross, Recording Secretary

Absent: N/A

Summary of Decisions

Land Acknowledgement

A Moment of Silence was held to recognize the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Roll Call

O' Canada

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve the September 13, 2022, Council Agenda as circulated.

2. PROCLAMATIONS:

2.1 Maritime Kids Health Day:

Motion that CBRM Mayor Amanda M. McDougall and Council proclaim September 14, 2022, as “Maritime Kids Health Day” in the Cape Breton Regional Municipality. **Carried.**

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

Motion that CBRM Mayor Amanda M. McDougall and Council proclaim September 16th – 18th, 2022, as the “Cape Breton Classic Cruisers Fall Classic Show & Shine Weekend” in the Cape Breton Regional Municipality. **Carried.**

2.3 Wrongful Conviction Day – 2022:

Motion that Mayor Amanda M. McDougall and Council, proclaim Sunday, October 2nd, 2022 as “Wrongful Conviction Day”, to help raise awareness to work toward the prevention of further wrongful convictions. **Carried.**

2.4 Medic Monday 2022:

Motion that Mayor Amanda M. McDougall and Council of the Cape Breton Regional Municipality proclaim Monday, September 26, 2022, as MEDIC MONDAY in the CBRM in appreciation for everything our paramedics do. **Carried.**

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Summary of Decisions (Cont'd)

PROCLAMATIONS (Cont'd):

2.5 Fire Prevention Week 2022:

Motion that CBRM Mayor Amanda M. McDougall and Council proclaim October 9th to 15th, 2022 as Fire Prevention Week throughout the Cape Breton Regional Municipality, and to urge all the people of the CBRM to protect their homes and families by heeding the important safety messages of Fire Prevention Week 2022, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of the Cape Breton Regional Fire and Emergency Services and its members. **Carried.**

2.6 Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Awareness Month – September 2022:

Motion that CBRM Mayor Amanda M. McDougall and Council proclaim the month of September, 2022 as FASD Awareness Month in the Cape Breton Regional Municipality. **Carried.**

3. DELEGATION:

3.1 Elizabeth Fry Society of Cape Breton:

Motion that staff be directed to prepare an Issue Paper for the next meeting of Council outlining the steps Council can take to change the definition/categorization of Correctional Facility in the CBRM Land Use Bylaw. **Carried.**

4. PLANNING ISSUES:

4.1 FINAL APPROVAL - Public Hearings:

a) Municipal Planning Strategy Request (Case 1087) – Dwayne Fudge:

Motion for final approval of the amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) and Land Use Bylaw (LUB) to allow motorcycle inspections and repair at 1526 Keltic Drive, Leitches Creek as outlined in the Staff Report dated September 2, 2022. **Carried.**

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Summary of Decisions (Cont'd)

PLANNING ISSUES - FINAL APPROVAL - Public Hearings (Cont'd):

b) Zone Amendment Application – Case 1088:

i. Request for Partial Street Closure - MacIsaac Street, Sydney Mines (PID 15725591):

Motion for approval of the closure of that portion of the public street/right-of-way identified as PID 15725591, MacIsaac Street, Sydney Mines, in Attachment A to the staff Issue Paper dated September 2, 2022 and convey to the applicant for \$1.00. **Carried.**

ii. 22-Unit Apartment Building at 224 Pitt Street, Sydney Mines (PID 15505282 & PID 15725591):

Motion for final approval of the zoning amendment to allow a 22-unit apartment building on the property located on 224 Pitt Street, Sydney Mines (PID 15505282 and PID 15725591) as outlined in the staff Report dated September 2, 2022. **Carried.**

c) Zone Amendment Request (Case 1090) - Thomas Street, Sydney (PID 15082407):

Motion for final approval of the amendment to the Land Use Bylaw to allow the development of a 3-unit apartment building on PID 15082407, located on Thomas Street in Sydney, as outlined in the staff Report dated September 2, 2022. **Carried.**

d) Zone Amendment Request - Case 1091 - Mixed-Use Commercial Development at PID 15046535 (1957 Kings Road, Howie Center):

Motion for final approval of the zone amendment for PID 15046535 from Rural CBRM (RCB) to Rural CBRM-RB (RCB- RB) to allow a mixed-use commercial development on property located at 1957 Kings Road, Howie Centre, as outlined in the staff report dated September 2, 2022. **Carried.**

4.2 APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE: N/A

Summary of Decisions (Cont'd):

5. BUSINESS ARISING:

5.1 CBRM Council: July 12, 2022:

- a) **Request to Repeal the CBRM COVID-19 Mandatory Vaccination Policy:**

Motion to repeal the existing CBRM COVID-19 Vaccination Policy. **Defeated.**

6. CORPORATE SERVICE ISSUES:

6.1 Property Transfer to CBRM – Portion of PID 15468192, Thirteenth Street, New Waterford:

Motion to authorize the acquisition of property by CBRM from Public Works Government Services Canada (PWGSC) as identified as a portion of Lot 1A, PID 15468192, shown outlined in blue on the plan attached to the staff Issue Paper dated September 13th, 2022 at no cost to the Municipality. **Carried.**

6.2 Land Purchase – Future Louisbourg Wastewater Treatment Plant Site

Motion that staff be directed to proceed with the purchase of PIDs 15571532, 15458268, 15690795, and 15690803 for \$80,000 plus legal fees which are estimated to be in the range of \$2,000 to \$2,500. **Carried.**

6.3 Land Expropriation, Lot 2021-1, PID 15408867, Glace Bay Wastewater Treatment Plant:

Motion that staff be directed to proceed with the expropriation of Lot 2021-1 from PID #15408867 in order to proceed with the construction of the Glace Bay Wastewater Treatment Plant. **Carried.**

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Summary of Decisions (Cont'd):

CORPORATE SERVICE ISSUES (Cont'd):

6.4 Central Library – Consultation Process:

Motion that the CBRM Community Consultation Coordinator be directed to move ahead with a public consultation process, to be completed within a one-month timeline, to engage the public on the two options for the Central Library as outlined in the Mayor's Memo dated September 7, 2022 and allow opportunity for alternate sites to be suggested and considered. **Carried.**

A **Point of Privilege** was raised by Councillor Gordon MacDonald to express his opinion that the public in the Council Chambers Gallery should not be allowed an opportunity to speak when not on the agenda.

Following Council discussion, it was **agreed** to adjourn the meeting and defer item 6.5 to the next meeting of Council.

ADJOURNMENT

Land Acknowledgement

A Moment of Silence was held to recognize the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Mayor McDougall noted that a Book of Condolences has been made available at Centre 200 for those who want to pay their respects.

Roll Call

O' Canada

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Parsons, seconded by Councillor Paruch, to approve the September 13, 2022, Council Agenda as circulated.

Motion Carried.

2. PROCLAMATIONS:

2.1 Maritime Kids Health Day:

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Tracey, seconded by Councillor Gordon MacDonald, that CBRM Mayor Amanda M. McDougall and Council proclaim September 14, 2022, as "Maritime Kids Health Day" in the Cape Breton Regional Municipality.

Motion Carried.

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

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Eldon MacDonald, seconded by Councillor Cyril MacDonald, that CBRM Mayor Amanda M. McDougall and Council proclaim September 16th – 18th, 2022, as the "Cape Breton Classic Cruisers Fall Classic Show & Shine Weekend" in the Cape Breton Regional Municipality.

Motion Carried.

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PROCLAMATIONS (Cont'd):

2.3 Wrongful Conviction Day – 2022:

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Cyril MacDonald, seconded by Deputy Mayor Earlene MacMullin, that Mayor Amanda M. McDougall and Council, proclaim Sunday, October 2nd, 2022 as “Wrongful Conviction Day”, to help raise awareness to work toward the prevention of further wrongful convictions.

Motion Carried.

2.4 Medic Monday 2022:

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Gordon MacDonald, seconded by Councillor Eldon MacDonald, that Mayor Amanda M. McDougall and Council of the Cape Breton Regional Municipality proclaim Monday, September 26, 2022, as MEDIC MONDAY in the CBRM in appreciation for everything our paramedics do.

Motion Carried.

2.5 Fire Prevention Week 2022:

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Green, seconded by Councillor O’Quinn, that CBRM Mayor Amanda M. McDougall and Council proclaim October 9th to 15th, 2022 as Fire Prevention Week throughout the Cape Breton Regional Municipality, and to urge all the people of the CBRM to protect their homes and families by heeding the important safety messages of Fire Prevention Week 2022, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of the Cape Breton Regional Fire and Emergency Services and its members.

Motion Carried.

2.6 Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Awareness Month – September 2022:

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor MacMullin, seconded by Councillor Gordon MacDonald, that CBRM Mayor Amanda M. McDougall and Council proclaim the month of September, 2022 as FASD Awareness Month in the Cape Breton Regional Municipality.

Motion Carried.

3. DELEGATION:

3.1 Elizabeth Fry Society of Cape Breton:

Darlene MacEachern, Executive Director, reviewed the presentation in the agenda package and provided an overview of the Elizabeth Fry Society.

Julie Kendall, Associate Executive Director, discussed the Capacity Building through Programs and Services that the Elizabeth Fry Society provides.

Alison Aho, Vice President of the Board of Directors, and criminal defense lawyer, discussed what the Society is hoping to achieve in regards to the Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS). She advised that the Society is looking to purchase a building that is convenient and connected to the community to offer more housing options for their clients. She discussed the significant housing challenges and the current zoning regulations which significantly limit the areas in the Cape Breton Regional Municipality in which a house like this can operate.

Alison Aho advised that the Director of Planning and Development indicated that the Satellite Apartment Program meets the designation of a correctional dwelling which precludes the Society from operating a home in downtown Sydney. They are asking that the definition of correctional dwelling be altered or expand the zone in which they are permitted. Correctional dwellings should be allowed in the downtown central business district zone as it is important for clients to be central to services and to protect the rights of their clients. She added that support letters have been submitted regarding amending the MPS to change the definition for designation to address how the Satellite Apartment Program has a home atmosphere including its social function and as a stepping stone for community reintegration while providing accommodations and to help rehabilitate a specific population. The Society is not a government organization and is a non-for-profit charity.

After the presentation, the Director of Planning and Development advised that his department has been in contact with the Elizabeth Fry Society for over a year. The current zoning classification does not permit a correctional dwelling unit in downtown. The options provided were to proceed with a zone amendment or challenge the decision by an appeal. With only months away from new Land Use Bylaw and Municipal Planning Strategy, staff advised the Elizabeth Fry Society to discuss with Dillon to consider the request in the CBRM Forward project as timelines would conflict. He also clarified that the men's facility located in the downtown Sydney, preexisted the current Bylaw.

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DELEGATION - Elizabeth Fry Society of Cape Breton (Cont'd):

Discussion continued regarding moving forward and how to challenge the Society's classification as a correctional facility under the Land Use By-law. The following motion was then put forward:

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor MacMullin, seconded by Councillor Paruch, that staff be directed to prepare an Issue Paper for the next meeting of Council outlining the steps Council can take to change the definition/categorization of Correctional Facility in the CBRM Land Use Bylaw.

Discussion:

Following discussion on the issue, the Mayor called for the vote.

Motion Carried.

Mayor McDougall thanked the representatives for their presentation.

4. PLANNING ISSUES:

4.1 FINAL APPROVAL - Public Hearings:

a) Municipal Planning Strategy Request (Case 1087) – Dwayne Fudge:

Karen Neville, Senior Planner, provided an overview of the request outlined in her Report which was included in the agenda package and recommended Council consider this application as part of CBRM Forward. However, if Council wishes to proceed with the applicant's request, a motion should be passed to adopt the Amending By-laws found in the attachments D and E of her report.

Public Hearing:

The Mayor asked if there was anyone present to speak for or against the amendment.

Don Burt of Beechmont, a motorcyclist, spoke in support of the amendment. He explained that the business was allowed in the old facility and should be with this new facility.

John Allen MacInnis, of Keltic Drive, spoke against the amendment, raising concerns with respect to the environment and property values. He is asking Mayor and Council to vote to keep his community residential.

Robert Ball, area resident, spoke in support of the amendment and noted that Council should support local business. He indicated that he does not hear noise from the area currently and noted that the prior business had much more noise. **Continued...**

PLANNING ISSUES - FINAL APPROVAL - Public Hearings - Municipal Planning Strategy Request (Case 1087) – Dwayne Fudge (Cont'd):

Tom Kummer, small business owner in Mira, spoke in support of the amendment. He appreciates people who start businesses in the Municipality.

After Council discussion, the following motion was put forward:

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Cyril MacDonald, seconded by Councillor Green, final approval of the amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) and Land Use Bylaw (LUB) to allow motorcycle inspections and repair at 1526 Keltic Drive, Leitches Creek as outlined in the Staff Report dated September 2, 2022.

Discussion:

Following discussion on the issue, the Mayor called for the vote.

Motion Carried.

b) Zone Amendment Application – Case 1088:

i. Request for Partial Street Closure - MacIsaac Street, Sydney Mines (PID 15725591):

Karen Neville, Senior Planner, provided an overview of the staff Issue Paper included in the agenda package. She advised that there are two Public Hearings associated with the application, and therefore two separate motions are required. She noted that the Planning and Development Department did not receive any comments related to either request prior to the meeting.

Karen Neville advised that the staff recommendation is for Council to approve the closure of a portion of the public street/right of way identified as PID 15725591 as shown on Attachment A and to convey to the applicant for a dollar and to adopt the Amending Bylaw found in attachment E of the Issue Paper dated September 2, 2022.

Public Hearing - Street Closure:

The Mayor asked if there was anyone present to speak for or against the Street Closure, seeing that there was no one, the following motion was put forward.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Gordon MacDonald, seconded by Deputy Mayor MacMullin, approval of the closure of that portion of the public street/right-of-way identified as PID 15725591, MacIsaac Street, Sydney Mines, in Attachment A to the staff Issue Paper dated September 2, 2022, and convey to the applicant for \$1.00.

Motion Carried.

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PLANNING ISSUES - FINAL APPROVAL (Cont'd):

ii. **22-Unit Apartment Building at 224 Pitt Street, Sydney Mines (PID 15505282 & PID 15725591):**

Public Hearing – Zone Amendment:

The Mayor asked if there was anyone present to speak for or against the Zone Amendment, seeing that there was no one, the following motion was put forward.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Gordon MacDonald, seconded by Deputy Mayor Earlene MacMullin, final approval of the zoning amendment to allow a 22-unit apartment building on the property located on 224 Pitt Street, Sydney Mines (PID 15505282 and PID 15725591) as outlined in the staff Report dated September 2, 2022.

Motion Carried.

c) **Zone Amendment Request (Case 1090) - Thomas Street, Sydney (PID 15082407):**

Karen Neville, Senior Planner, provided an overview of the zone amendment request included in the agenda package and recommended that Council adopt the Amending Bylaw found in Attachment F of the Issue Paper dated September 2, 2022.

The Senior Planner advised that a written comment was received after the Issue Paper was prepared and prior to the deadline, and it was circulated to Council. The comments received were not supportive of the zone amendment request and concerns were in regard to on street parking and property tax.

Karen Neville advised that a submission was received after the deadline and she provided an overview of the questions and comments received that included property tax, on street parking, storm drains and catch basins. She advised that concerns regarding drains and catch basins will be passed on to Public Works for their consideration and will be verified for compliance with the Land Use Bylaws and building codes as well as reviewed by Building Officials and the Development Officer upon application for a building and development permit.

Public Hearing:

Charlene Humbey spoke against the application and shared her concerns regarding on-street parking.

The applicant and property owner, Ray Embree, advised that there will be enough parking for the residents of the property and that the property will meet all requirements by CBRM.

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PLANNING ISSUES - FINAL APPROVAL - Zone Amendment Request (Case 1090) - Thomas Street, Sydney (PID 15082407 (Cont'd)):

Madonna O'Connell spoke against the application and shared her concerns regarding on-street parking.

Ray Embree once again addressed the parking concerns and reassured those concerned that there will be enough parking for his tenants.

The Mayor asked if there was anyone else wishing to speak, seeing there was no one, Mayor McDougall then proceeded with Council discussion.

Following Council discussion, the following motion was put forward.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Eldon MacDonald, seconded by Councillor Paruch, final approval of the amendment to the Land Use Bylaw to allow the development of a 3-unit apartment building on PID 15082407, located on Thomas Street in Sydney, as outlined in the staff Report dated September 2, 2022.

Motion Carried.

d) **Zone Amendment Request - Case 1091 - Mixed-Use Commercial Development at PID 15046535 (1957 Kings Road, Howie Center):**

Karen Neville, Senior Planner, provided an overview of the request outlined in the staff Issue Paper included in the agenda package and recommended Council approve the amending bylaw and the zoning for PID 15046535 from Rural CRM RFCB to Rural CBRM RB (RCB- RB)

Senior Planner Neville advised that at the time the Issue Paper was submitted, no comments were received by the Planning and Development Department, however two submissions were received by the deadline date which were circulated to Council for their consideration. She discussed the submissions and provided details on the suggestions for an additional turning lane and concerns related to groundwater, signage, and access to the orchard.

Public Hearing:

Jennifer Dunford spoke against the application and shared her concerns regarding increase in traffic, noise, signage as well as the environment.

Walter McPhail spoke against the application and shared his concerns regarding alcohol usage while driving because of the lack of public transportation in the area. He also shared his concerns for adequate resources for septic and wells.

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PLANNING ISSUES - FINAL APPROVAL - Zone Amendment Request - Case 1091 - Mixed-Use Commercial Development at PID 15046535 (1957 Kings Road, Howie Center) (Cont'd):

Christopher Mertinitz, Project Manager, advised that they do take the concerns seriously and explained that they are following all guidelines. He advised that the beer made in the brewery will be primarily served in the onsite restaurant.

Eden Dunford shared her concerns regarding underage drinking, removal of beer cans and the treatment of animals.

Christopher Mertinitz reassured Council that there would be no alcohol supplied to minors and addressed her concerns about the treatment of animals.

Walter MacPhail shared his knowledge of the low water levels of Hampton Estates.

Following Council discussion, the following motion was put forward:

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Eldon MacDonald, seconded by Councillor Paruch, final approval of the zone amendment for PID 15046535 from Rural CBRM (RCB) to Rural CBRM-RB (RCB- RB) to allow a mixed-use commercial development on property located at 1957 Kings Road, Howie Centre, as outlined in the staff report dated September 2, 2022.

Motion Carried.

4.2 APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE: N/A

At this point in the meeting, Council agreed to continue the meeting past 9:00 p.m.

5. BUSINESS ARISING:

5.1 CBRM Council: July 12, 2022:

a) Request to Repeal the CBRM COVID-19 Mandatory Vaccination Policy:

Deanna Evely, Director of Human Resources, reviewed the Issue Paper included in the agenda package and provided Council the following three options for consideration:

1. Repeal existing CBRM Covid-19 Vaccination Policy
2. Maintain existing CBRM Covid-19 Vaccination Policy
3. Review the Policy in one year (or other time period deemed suitable by Council) to determine if any changes are required.

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BUSINESS ARISING - CBRM Council: July 12, 2022 - Request to Repeal the CBRM COVID-19 Mandatory Vaccination Policy (Cont'd):

After discussion, the following motion was put forward:

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Gordon MacDonald, seconded by Councillor Green, to repeal the existing CBRM Covid-19 Vaccination Policy.

Discussion:

During discussion, Councillors shared their views on the issue which included the following:

- Currently there are only roughly 5 employees that did not adhere to the Policy
- CBRM allowed to ask for proof of vaccination
- Obligation to employees are different than to prospective employees
- Amount of protection provided by the Vaccination

Following discussion on the issue, the Mayor called for the vote.

Motion Defeated.

Mayor McDougall explained that the Policy will remain as is and can be brought back at any time.

6. CORPORATE SERVICE ISSUES:

6.1 Property Transfer to CBRM – Portion of PID 15468192, Thirteenth Street, New Waterford:

Robert Nearing, Manager Public Works East, reviewed the Issue Paper included in the agenda package and recommended Council pass a motion to authorize the acquisition of property by CBRM from Public Works Government Services Canada (PWGSC) as identified as a portion of Lot 1A, PID 15468192.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor O'Quinn, seconded by Councillor Parsons, to authorize the acquisition of property by CBRM from Public Works Government Services Canada (PWGSC) as identified as a portion of Lot 1A, PID 15468192, shown outlined in blue on the plan attached to the staff Issue Paper dated September 13th, 2022 at no cost to the Municipality.

Motion Carried.

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CORPORATE SERVICE ISSUES (Cont'd):

6.2 Land Purchase – Future Louisbourg Wastewater Treatment Plant Site:

Matt Viva, Manager, Wastewater Operations, reviewed the Issue Paper included in the agenda package and recommended Council direct staff to proceed with the purchase of PIDs 15571532, 15458268, 15690795, and 15690803 for \$80,000 plus legal fees which are estimated to be in the range of \$2,000 to \$2,500.

After discussion, the following motion was put forward:

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Gillespie, that staff be directed to proceed with the purchase of PIDs 15571532, 15458268, 15690795, and 15690803 for \$80,000 plus legal fees which are estimated to be in the range of \$2,000 to \$2,500.

Discussion:

Following discussion on the issue, the Mayor called for the vote.

Motion Carried.

6.3 Land Expropriation, Lot 2021-1, PID 15408867, Glace Bay Wastewater Treatment Plant:

Demetri Kachafanas, KC, Regional Solicitor, reviewed the Issue Paper in the agenda and recommended that Council direct staff to proceed with the expropriation of Lot 2021-1 from PID #15408867 in order to proceed with the construction of the Glace Bay Wastewater Treatment Plant.

After discussion, the following motion was put forward:

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Tracey, seconded by Councillor Eldon MacDonald, that staff be directed to proceed with the expropriation of Lot 2021-1 from PID #15408867 in order to proceed with the construction of the Glace Bay Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Discussion:

Following discussion on the issue, the Mayor called for the vote.

Motion Carried.

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CORPORATE SERVICE ISSUES (Cont'd):

6.4 Central Library – Consultation Process:

Mayor McDougall reviewed the Memo in the agenda and suggested CBRM move ahead with a public consultation process to engage the public on two options, namely McConnell site to be considered for renovation and 70 Crescent Street, Sydney, and allow opportunity for alternate sites to be suggested and considered. Mayor McDougall advised that if approved by Council, Mike Targett, Community Consultation Coordinator in the Mayor's Office, could be directed to facilitate this request.

During Council discussion, some of the items raised included the following:

- The public consultation process and possibility of other sites being proposed
- Renovations of the current library facility and the courthouse
- Whether or not the Federal Government would turn the courthouse property over to CBRM
- Acquiring a report on the courthouse building and confirmation of the information on the building before consultation
- A letter from the federal government

Mayor McDougall advised that Mr. Pat Bates and Lisa Mulak were in the gallery and although not normal practice, Council **agreed** to allow them to address Council.

Mr. Pat Bates shared his views on the topic and asked that the Committee meet to discuss the two options and the budget.

In response to a question, Lisa Mulak shared her views on the two locations and in her opinion a new location would work best as both current options would require expansions.

Mayor McDougall advised that if Council wants to move forward with public consultation, that would have to be developed and approved by Council.

After discussion, the following motion was put forward:

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Green, seconded by Councillor Tracey, that the CBRM Community Consultation Coordinator be directed to move ahead with a public consultation process, to be completed within a one-month timeline, to engage the public on the two options for the Central Library as outlined in the Mayor's Memo dated September 7, 2022, and allow opportunity for alternate sites to be suggested and considered.

Discussion:

Following discussion on the issue, the Mayor called for the vote.

Motion Carried.

A **Point of Privilege** was raised by Councillor Gordon MacDonald to express his opinion that the public in the Council Chambers Gallery should not be allowed an opportunity to speak.

Following Council discussion, it was **agreed** to adjourn the meeting and defer item 6.5 to the next meeting of Council.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Mayor Amanda M. McDougall

Deborah Campbell Ryan
Municipal Clerk
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