

*Cape Breton Regional Municipality
Emergency Council Meeting – Minutes*

**Friday,
March 10, 2023
9:37 a.m.
Council Chambers
2nd Floor, City Hall
320 Esplanade, Sydney, NS**

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

Present:

Mayor Amanda M. McDougall-Merrill
Deputy Mayor James Edwards
Councillor Gordon MacDonald
Councillor Earlene MacMullin
Councillor Cyril MacDonald
Councillor Steve Gillespie
Councillor Eldon MacDonald
Councillor Glenn Paruch
Councillor Darren O’Quinn
Councillor Lorne Green

Staff:

Marie Walsh, Chief Administrative Officer
Deborah Campbell Ryan, Municipal Clerk
Jennifer Campbell, Chief Financial Officer
Demetri Kachafanas, KC, Regional Solicitor
Michael Ruus, Director of Planning and Development
Angela Ross, Clerk’s Department
Sharon MacSween, Recording Secretary

Absent:

Councillor Steve Parsons (Regrets)
Councillor Ken Tracey (Regrets)
Councillor Darren Bruckschwaiger (Leave of Absence)

The Council met on March 7, 2023, in accordance with Section 22(2)(e) of the Municipal Government Act.

Summary of Decisions

Land Acknowledgement

Roll Call

1. Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve the March 10, 2023, Emergency Council Agenda as circulated. **Carried.**

2. RHI 3 Funding – Follow up with CMHC

Motion to direct staff to submit all four applications in draft form to the CMHC submission portal by March 15, 2023. **Carried.**

A **Point of Order** was raised that all four proponents should have opportunity to address Council if one proponent is given the opportunity to do so. Council **agreed.**

Adjournment

The Council met on March 7, 2023, in accordance with Section 22(2)(e) of the Municipal Government Act.

Land Acknowledgement

Roll Call

Mayor Amanda M McDougall-Merrill provided the Rules of Order and decorum for the meeting.

1. Approval of Agenda:

Motion:

Moved by Councillor MacMullin, seconded by Councillor Cyril MacDonald, to approve the March 10, 2023, Emergency Council Agenda as circulated.

Motion Carried.

2. RHI 3 Funding – Follow up with CMHC:

Mayor McDougall-Merrill advised that since the Council decision on March 7, 2023, considerable effort has been put into finding options for CBRM to move forward with Rapid Housing Initiatives (RHI). New information provided to CBRM Council and staff by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) brought awareness that the process to apply for RHI is more flexible than what CBRM was aware of.

Mayor McDougall-Merrill reviewed the Memo included in the agenda package that discussed ways CMHC is willing to work with CBRM during the application process for RHI 3 Funding.

Discussion took place regarding eligibility, criteria, and mandate to receive funding. The following motion was then put forward:

Motion:

Moved by Councillor MacMullin, seconded by Councillor Gordon MacDonald, to direct staff to submit all four applications in draft form to the CMHC submission portal by March 15, 2023.

Discussion:

Council members discussed the efforts by Mayor and staff to obtain the new information that was brought forward in regard to recent eligibility criteria changes by CMHC.

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that from the recent meetings that took place with staff and CMHC, CMHC has changed parameters which will allow more flexibility for CBRM to consider more than one option.

Motion Carried.

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RHI 3 Funding – Follow up with CMHC (Cont'd):

Councillor Green raised a **Point of Order** that all four proponents should have opportunity to address Council if one proponent is given the opportunity to do so. Council **agreed**.

Meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

Mayor Amanda M. McDougall-Merrill

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Christa Dicks
Municipal Clerk