

*Cape Breton Regional Municipality
Special Council Meeting – Minutes*

**Tuesday,
June 19, 2023
10:10 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
Councillor Gordon MacDonald
Councillor Steve Gillespie
Councillor Eldon MacDonald
Councillor Glenn Paruch
Councillor Darren Bruckschwaiger
Councillor Darren O'Quinn

Staff:

Marie Walsh, Chief Administrative Officer
Jennifer Campbell, Chief Financial Officer
Deborah Campbell Ryan, Municipal Clerk
Michael Ruus, Director of Planning and Development
Wayne MacDonald, Director of Engineering and Public Works
Kelly McDonald, Recording Secretary

Absent:

Councillor Earlene MacMullin (Regrets)
Councillor Cyril MacDonald (Regrets)
Councillor Steve Parsons (Regrets)
Deputy Mayor James Edwards (Regrets)
Councillor Ken Tracey (Regrets)
Councillor Lorne Green (Regrets)

Summary of Decisions

Land Acknowledgement

Roll Call

1. Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve the June 19, 2023, Special Council Agenda as circulated. **Carried.**

2. Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation Housing Accelerator Fund:

Motion to direct staff to submit a Housing Action Plan, including the initiatives listed in Appendix A of the Issue Paper dated June 15, 2023, and any other required documentation to the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation as part of the Municipality's application for the Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF). **Carried.**

Adjournment

Land Acknowledgement

Mayor McDougall-Merrill reminded Council that June 21, 2023, is National Indigenous People's Day.

Roll Call

1. Approval of Agenda:

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Paruch, seconded by Councillor Eldon MacDonald, to approve the June 19, 2023, Special Council Agenda as circulated.

Motion Carried.

2. Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation Housing Accelerator Fund:

Michael Ruus, Director of Planning and Development, reviewed his Issue Paper in the agenda package. Director Ruus noted that staff requires direction from Council on CBRM's participation in this program. The following motion was then put forward:

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Paruch, seconded by Councillor Bruckschwaiger, to direct staff to submit a Housing Action Plan, including the initiatives listed in Appendix A of the Issue Paper dated June 15, 2023, and any other required documentation to the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation as part of the Municipality's application for the Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF).

Discussion:

- The number of permits issued last year.
- Staff resources required to administer the program and associated costs.
- The number of staff in the HRM Housing Department.
- Timelines in APPENDIX A included in the Issue Paper.
- E-permitting.
- Definition of affordable housing.

The Mayor then called for the vote.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Mayor Amanda M. McDougall-Merrill

Deborah Campbell Ryan
Municipal Clerk