

CAPE BRETON REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
Special Council Meeting – Minutes

**Tuesday,
May 17, 2022
1:48 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
Councillor Steve Gillespie
Councillor Glenn Paruch
Councillor Darren Bruckschwaiger
Councillor Darren O’Quinn
Councillor Lorne Green

Staff: Marie Walsh, Chief Administrative Officer
Jennifer Campbell, Chief Financial Officer
Deborah Campbell Ryan, Municipal Clerk
Demetri Kachafanas, QC, Regional Solicitor
Wayne MacDonald, Director of Engineering & Public Works
Ray Boudreau, Senior Manager of Public Works
John Phalen, Manager of Public Works Central
Kathy Donovan, Manager of Fleet/Transit
James Forsey, Transit Supervisor
Karen Neville, Senior Planner
Sharon MacSween, Senior Administrative Assistant
Tanya Nicholson, Recording Secretary

Absent: Councillor Cyril MacDonald (Regrets)
Councillor Eldon MacDonald (Regrets)
Councillor Steve Parsons (Regrets)
Councillor James Edwards (Regrets)
Councillor Ken Tracey (Regrets)

Summary of Decisions

Land Acknowledgement

Roll Call

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve the May 17, 2022 Special Council Agenda and Addendum as circulated.
Carried.

ADDENDUM:

1A. PROCLAMATION:

1A.1 Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) Day:

Motion that CBRM Mayor Amanda M. McDougall and Council proclaim May 19th, 2022 as “**Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) Day**” in the Cape Breton Regional Municipality and join and spread awareness to better understand these diseases to find a cure. **Carried.**

2. PRESENTATION:

2.1 Nova Scotia Department of Public Works

Representatives from the Nova Scotia Department of Public Works provided a presentation on Highway Programs.

CBRM Director of Engineering and Public Works will be asked to facilitate a workshop with the Department of Public Works and Council at a later date.

3. Active Transportation Plan Update:

The Senior Planner provided an update on the CBRM Active Transportation Plan.

For Information Only.

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Summary of Decisions (Cont'd)

4. Transit Cape Breton:

a) Update:

This issue was postponed to the May 24, 2022, Council meeting.

b) Operational Review:

This issue was postponed to the May 24, 2022, Council meeting.

5. Review of Action Items from the Meeting:

Mayor McDougall reviewed action items from this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Land Acknowledgement

Roll Call

Mayor Amanda M. McDougall advised that there would be a short recess at 2:30 p.m. for staff to participate in the Flag Raising for the International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia.

1. Approval of Agenda

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Green, seconded by Councillor O’Quinn, to approve the May 17th, 2022 Special Council Agenda and Addendum as circulated.

Motion Carried.

ADDENDUM:

1A. PROCLAMATION:

1A.1 Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) Day:

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Gordon MacDonald, seconded by Deputy Mayor MacMullin, that CBRM Mayor Amanda M. McDougall and Council proclaim May 19th, 2022 as “**Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) Day**” in the Cape Breton Regional Municipality and join and spread awareness to better understand these diseases to find a cure.

Motion Carried.

At this point in the meeting, Mayor McDougall advised that there is a meeting scheduled for June 21, 2022 with Ministers Karla MacFarlane and Pat Dunn to discuss what a community transportation plan would look like for the CBRM and what funding would be available to implement it.

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2. PRESENTATION:**2.1 Nova Scotia Department of Public Works:**

Troy Webb, Acting Executive Director of Maintenance and Operations, presented on behalf of Mark Peachy who was unable to attend the meeting, and introduced Paul Colton, Acting District Director for the Eastern District, and Cody Roland, Area Manager for Cape Breton Public Works, who were also in attendance. Mr. Webb then provided a presentation on the Department of Public Works Highway Programs, including:

- Highway System Size and Scope
- Organizational Structure
- Maintenance & Operations
- Engineering & Construction
- Capital, Budgets Maintenance & Operations
- Five Year Highway Improvement Plan – 2022/23
- Paved Roads (excluding 100 Highway series)
- Gravel Roads
- Bridges
- Snow and Ice Control Program
- Registry of Motor Vehicles
- Road Upgrading Requests

At this point in the meeting, Mayor McDougall called a recess to allow Council and staff to participate in the Flag Raising Ceremony for the International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia.

Recess at 2:41 p.m.

Reconvened 3:02 p.m.

Representatives from the NS Department of Public Works then responded to questions on issues in CBRM, including the following:

- J-Class and Gravel Roads
- Brush/weed cutting
- Potholes on Grand Lake Road (asphalt tender)
- Maintenance of Bridges
- Contaminated fill at Airport Road
- Quality of paint used for road markings
- Budget allocation in CBRM

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PRESENTATION - Nova Scotia Department of Public Works (Cont'd):

- Tobin Road entrance to the Northside Industrial Park
- New roundabouts to be constructed
- Snow removal
- Ruts in the pavement on Highway 125

Mayor McDougall requested Mr. Colton to provide the list of Department of Public Works projects in the CBRM for this year via email.

Mayor McDougall thanked the presenters from the Department of Public Works and advised that the CBRM Director of Engineering and Public Works will be asked to facilitate a workshop with the Department of Public Works and Council at a later date.

Mayor McDougall advised that due to time constraints, the Transit Cape Breton Update and the Operational Review will be postponed until the May 24th Council meeting, however the Active Transportation Plan update will proceed today.

3. Active Transportation Plan Update:

Karen Neville, Senior Planner, advised Council that a detailed presentation on a new Active Transportation Plan for CBRM will be provided by the consultants, Fathom Studios, at an upcoming meeting of Council. She then reviewed the staff report in the agenda package.

Following the presentation, Council discussed the information provided and thanked the Senior Planner for providing the update.

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5. Review of Action Items from the Meeting:

Mayor McDougall noted that that there will be discussion with the Director of Engineering and Public Works to facilitate a workshop with the Department of Public Works and Council at a later date.

Meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

Mayor Amanda M. McDougall

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Deborah Campbell Ryan
Municipal Clerk