

Cape Breton Regional Municipality

Special Council Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2023

1:03 p.m. – Via Videoconferencing

Council

Mayor Amanda M. McDougall-Merrill

Councillor Gordon MacDonald

Councillor Earlene MacMullin

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

Staff

Marie Walsh, Chief Administrative Officer

Christa Dicks, Municipal Clerk

Demetri Kachafanas, KC, Regional Solicitor

John MacKinnon, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/Director of Technology

Wayne MacDonald, Director of Engineering and Public Works

Michael Ruus, Director of Planning and Development

Kelly McDonald, Recording Secretary

Absent

Councillor Cyril MacDonald (Regrets)

Councillor Lorne Green (Regrets)

The following does not represent a word for word record of the proceedings of this meeting. The agenda, reports, supporting documents, information items circulated, and video (if available) are online at www.cbrm.ns.ca.

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

Land Acknowledgement

Roll Call

1. Approval of Agenda

Motion

Moved by Councillor Paruch, seconded by Councillor MacMullin, to approve the October 20, 2023, Special Council Agenda as presented.

Motion Carried

2. Proposed Service Exchange Agreement with the Province of Nova Scotia

Discussion between Council and staff, regarding the Proposed Service Exchange Agreement, included:

- Time frame of the last Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
- Collections, Housing, and Education rates
- Advantages/disadvantages for the CBRM by this MOU
- Support between municipalities
- Inflation of costs
- Municipal Charters
- Lack of support to CBRM from the Province of Nova Scotia
- Financial contributions from the Federal Government
- Communication and comments from parliamentary groups
- Equalization fund
- Encouragement for the public to contact local Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs)

Meeting adjourned at 2:01 p.m.

Amanda M. McDougall-Merrill
Mayor
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Christa Dicks
Municipal Clerk