

Cape Breton Regional Municipality

Special Council Meeting Minutes

October 28, 2024

2:45 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

Councillor Lorne Green

Staff

Marie Walsh, Chief Administrative Officer

John MacKinnon, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/Director of Technology

Jennifer Campbell, Chief Financial Officer

Christa Dicks, Municipal Clerk

Demetri Kachafanas, KC, Regional Solicitor

Wayne MacDonald, Director of Engineering and Public Works

Ray Boudreau, Senior Manager of Engineering and Public Works

Jenna MacQueen, Communications Officer

Sharon MacSween, Recording Secretary

Absent

Councillor Cyril MacDonald

Deputy Mayor James Edwards (Regrets)

Councillor Ken Tracey

Councillor Darren Bruckschwaiger

Councillor Darren O'Quinn

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 Parsons, seconded by Councillor Eldon MacDonald, to approve the October 28, 2024, Special Council agenda as presented.

Motion Carried

At 3:45 p.m. Councillor MacMullin requested the tally of votes from the Audit Committee meeting. The information was provided by Councillor Parsons who chaired the Audit Committee meeting.

Council discussed the citizen vacancy on the Audit Committee, composition and process of appointments to committees, committee participation and voting process at the Audit Committee meeting earlier in the day, impact of the approving the audited financial statements two days before the new council is sworn in, asset valuation process performed by staff and audit deadlines and updates.

In response to a question, Jennifer Campbell, Chief Financial Officer, explained the debenture process and advised that as long as CBRM is outstanding with the filing of the Audited Financial Statements for Year Ended March 31, 2023, the province will withhold the release of the operating grant and gas tax transfers until the financial reporting requirements are complete.

2. Business Arising

2.1 Audit Committee – October 28, 2024, Special Council

**a) Draft Audited Financial Statements for Year Ended
March 31, 2023**

Motion

Moved by Councillor Eldon MacDonald, seconded by Councillor Parsons, to approve and release the:

- CBRM Consolidated Financial Statements for the Year Ended March 31, 2023
- CBRM Water Utility Financial Statements for the Year Ended March 31, 2023
- Audit Findings Report for the Year Ended March 31, 2023

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 3:06 p.m.

Cecil P. Clarke
Mayor

Christa Dicks
Municipal Clerk
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