

CAPE BRETON REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
Special Council Meeting – Minutes

**Tuesday,
June 30, 2021
9:30 a.m.**

Via Video Conference

Mayor Amanda M. McDougall called the meeting to order.

Council: Mayor Amanda M. McDougall
Councillor Gordon MacDonald
Councillor Cyril MacDonald
Councillor Steve Gillespie
Councillor Eldon MacDonald
Councillor Glenn Paruch
Councillor Steve Parsons
Councillor Ken Tracey
Councillor Darren Bruckschwaiger
Councillor Darren O'Quinn
Councillor Lorne Green

Staff: Marie Walsh, Chief Administrative Officer
John MacKinnon, Deputy 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
Bill Murphy, Director of Recreation, Parks Grounds & Buildings
Michael Ruus, Director of Planning & Development
Fire Chief Michael Seth, Director of Fire & Emergency Services
Deanna Evely, Director of Human Resources
Kirk Durning, Manager of Recreation
Ken LeBlanc, Community Development Coordinator
Angela Ross, Recording Secretary

Absent: Deputy Mayor Earlene MacMullin (Regrets)
Councillor James Edwards (Regrets)

Summary of Decisions

Land Acknowledgement

Roll Call

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve the June 30th, 2021, Special Council Agenda as circulated. **Carried.**

2. Welcome and Introductions

Mayor McDougall welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the presenters.

3. CBRM Strategic Plan – Strategic Visioning Facilitation Summary: Setting Priorities:

A presentation was provided on the draft CBRM Strategic Plan.

4. General Discussion

Council engaged in general discussion following the presentation.

The Clerk's office was asked to compile a list of action items from this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Land Acknowledgement

Roll Call

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Cyril MacDonald, seconded by Councillor Green, to approve the June 30th, 2021, Special Council Agenda as circulated.

Motion Carried.

2. Welcome and Introductions:

Mayor McDougall welcomed those in attendance and introduced Chloe Donatelli, Consultant from Common Good Solutions, and Alyce MacLean, President of Common Good Cape Breton. The Mayor noted that they are available to help guide Council through the draft Plan and following the presentation, Council would have the conversations needed to develop a list of priorities and how to reach out to the public and gather feedback to develop next steps.

3. CBRM Strategic Plan – Strategic Visioning Facilitation Summary: Setting Priorities:

Alyce MacLean provided background information and reviewed the draft deliverables that were gathered from the previous meetings with Council regarding Strategic Planning.

Alyce MacLean then provided details on the approach they had taken with CBRM in the development of a strategic plan which is the internal deliverable to be used as a roadmap for future Council decisions, as well as a high-level public deliverable for citizens of the CBRM to provide feedback on CBRM's identified priorities. She noted that any information and feedback from the external deliverable should be brought over into the internal document.

The PowerPoint presentation also included the following:

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CBRM Strategic Plan – Strategic Visioning Facilitation Summary: Setting Priorities (Cont’d):

- Public Deliverable – draft
 - Vision
 - Mission
 - Values
 - Priority Areas and Measurable Actions:
 - Economic Development
 - CBRM Charter
 - Development of Harbours
 - Population Growth and Inclusivity
 - Diversified Revenue Sources

Mayor McDougall thanked Alyce MacLean and Chloe Donatelli for their presentation.

4. General Discussion:

Council **agreed** to relax the speaking time limit rules for the meeting.

Mayor McDougall advised that Council should have discuss top priority areas and develop an action plan and timeframe.

Council discussion included the following:

- Municipal Charter: the CAO said she had recently met with Provincial officials regarding the Charter and they indicated that Council should decide what they want to do that they cannot do now under current legislation, noting that it may only require changes to the MGA and not to get caught up in a Charter. A Workshop on the Charter will be required.
- Integrated Community Sustainability Plan
- Requirements of persons with disabilities
- Approach to be used to provide the public with the draft strategic plan (i.e. social media; website)
- The new Community Consultation person in the Mayor’s office will be tasked with developing a framework for community consultation and feedback, including Town Hall meetings, in early Fall.

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Mayor McDougall asked that the Clerk's Office compile a list of action items from this meeting. She thanked all in attendance, noting that Council would be notified regarding next steps.

Meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

Mayor Amanda M. McDougall

Deborah Campbell Ryan
Municipal Clerk
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