

Cape Breton Regional Municipality

Council Meeting

ADDENDUM

TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2020

9:00 A.M.

***NOTE START TIME**

**VIA
VIDEO/TELECONFERENCING**

Cape Breton Regional Municipal Council

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Tuesday, July 14, 2020
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ADDENDUM ITEM

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Resolution

Liberty Pier

WHEREAS: 2020 marks 75 years since the liberation of the Netherlands; and

WHEREAS: our own Cape Breton Highlanders, highly respected throughout the Canadian Corp, played a pivotal role in that victory with the battle of Delfzijl; and

WHEREAS: The Cape Breton Highlanders were called in to claim the town for the Allies – a mission successfully completed – but not without a great sacrifice as in ten days of fighting the Highlanders lost 62 men with another 168 wounded making it Capes’ hardest fight of the war; and

WHEREAS: the people of Delfzijl and all of Holland, to this day, are grateful for what the regiment did 75 years ago and continue to pay tribute to the sacrifice made by our Canadians in the fight for their freedom; and

WHEREAS: we have a wonderful opportunity at hand to do the same; reinforcing our connection to Holland, paying tribute to our heroes and a fight for liberation that should never be forgotten and celebrating the immeasurable contribution of Dutch immigrants to this Island, adding great cultural and economic diversity to our region.

**BE IT THEREFORE
RESOLVED:**

that Mayor Cecil P. Clarke, and Council of the Cape Breton Regional Municipality dedicate the Port of Sydney’s 2nd Berth to the men and women on both sides of the Atlantic who fought for freedom, in commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the Liberation of the Netherlands which included the valiant action of the Cape Breton Highlanders and many of our service personnel by naming the berth: Liberty Pier.

Councillor Jim MacLeod
Tuesday, July 14, 2020

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ISSUE PAPER

DATE: July 10, 2020

TO: Chief/Michael Seth, Marie Walsh CAO, All Council

FROM: Chris March/Deputy Fire Chief, Volunteer Coordinator
Manager Fleet, Training & Prevention
Public Information Officer
Cape Breton Regional Fire & Emergency Service

RE: C.B. Regional Fire & Emergency Service's
Issue Paper, Transfer Ownership NSCC E-Wing Facility

Purpose

To request approval from Cape Breton Regional Municipal Council for the Cape Breton Regional Municipality to begin negotiations and discussions for a request to the Province of Nova Scotia to transfer the Nova Scotia Community College, Marconi Campus E-Wing facility to the Cape Breton Regional Municipality upon the NSCC's relocation to their new facility on the Esplanade Sydney, Nova Scotia.

Issue

Relocation of Fire Service Divisions creating financial, logistical and maintenance efficiencies for the CBRM's Fire & Emergency Service.

Background:

As per the papers written to CB Regional Fire Chief/Director Michael Seth,

- February 25, 2020
- May 14th. 2020.

(attached)

Conclusion

An opportunity exists for the CBRM to acquire the use or ownership of the NSCC, Marconi Campus E-Wing facility. After a site tour and a review of the building plans by the CBRFES Administration team, we feel as though the NSCC E-Wing facility would be a tremendous CBRFES facility, housing all divisions, Training, Prevention, Hazmat, Fleet and Emergency Management under one roof.

Recommendation

The CBRM's Cape Breton Regional Fire & Emergency Service requests approval from Cape Breton Regional Council to begin negotiations and discussions to request transfer of ownership of the NS Province's NSCC, Marconi Campus E-Wing Facility to the Cape Breton Regional Municipality when the NSCC, Marconi Campus relocates to the Esplanade, Sydney Nova Scotia.

Original signed by:

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February 25, 2020

To: Chief M. Seth

Background

As a result of communications between Cape Breton Regional Municipality Mayor Cecil P. Clarke and Nova Scotia Premier Stephen McNeil, on Wednesday, February 5th, yourself, Mayor Cecil P. Clarke, representatives from Cape Breton Transit and representatives from the Cape Breton Regional Fire & Emergency Service, including myself, attended the Nova Scotia Community College, Marconi Campus E-Wing for a facility tour conducted by NSCC Academic Chair Mr. Bruce Clark and Facilities Manager Mr. Steward MacDonald.

As per your request this is a letter outlining the benefits of the *Cape Breton Regional Fire & Emergency Service* acquiring the Nova Scotia Community College, Marconi Campus' E-Wing, their Trades Building.

Current

Currently the Cape Breton Regional Fire & Emergency Service (CBRFES) is made up of thirty-three volunteer fire departments, 750-800 volunteer firefighters, one career department, the Sydney Fire Department with two stations, a career force of roughly 65 personnel, volunteer Training & Prevention Divisions an Emergency Management Division, a Fleet Maintenance Division and a volunteer Hazardous Materials Response Team. These emergency providers are listed as three zones, Central, Sydney and surrounding area, East, Glace Bay and surrounding area and North, North Sydney and surrounding area.

The Training Division is located at the Grand Lake Road Fire Emergency Services Center where CB Regional Fire rents a 1200 sq. ft suite \$1,550 p/m \$18,000 per annum and a 2000 sq. ft. apparatus & equipment bay, \$800 p/m \$9,600 per annum. The volunteer Hazmat Team is also located at the GLR Emergency Services Center and rents a 2000 sq. ft. \$9,600 per annum, apparatus & equipment bay.

The Fire Prevention Division is located at the Civic Center, Esplanade where two Fire Prevention Offices (FPOs) share a space with two cubicles in the Fire Services Suite 103. This space is not adequate and provides no private area when our FPOs require private consultation with CBRM clients and/or the public. Their area is also a public administration shared area with a photo copier and printer that is shared with all staff, including eight CBRM Building Officials. This makes personal and private consult very challenging in terms of face to face interactions or telephone communications with clients.

The Fleet Maintenance Facility is located on 297 Townsend Street, Sydney. This facility is the property of Nova Scotia Power and CB Regional Fire rents this location for \$7,500 per month,

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\$90,000 per annum, all expenses in. This 8,000 sq. ft. facility employs two mechanics who service over 200 fire fleet, light, medium and heavy-duty fire apparatus and related equipment.

Our CB Regional Fire Service Divisions are quite spread out geographically and we are facing square footage challenges with our growing service.

Future Opportunity

The acquisition of the NSCC E-Wing Facility would provide the Cape Breton Regional Fire & Emergency Service the opportunity to unite our divisions in one single facility. There are many benefits to this unification, the least being a sense of professionalism and a unified identity. 90% of our fire membership consists of volunteers. Professionalism in terms of conduct, behavior and training is of utmost importance to volunteer firefighters.

Speaking as a former volunteer firefighter, I can decisively say that identity is also extremely important and is part of a retention agenda. If our volunteers feel they are members of a professional organization that is recognized and identifiable as one, they are proud to be and remain as members.

Resulting from the facility tour on February 5th and with a perusal of the E-Wing building plans by Operations Regional Deputy Chief Gilbert MacIntyre and myself, provided to us by the NSCC, we feel as though the capacity of this facility would allow the CBRFES to amalgamate all of our divisions into one facility.

There would be adequate space to house the, Training & Preventions Divisions, the Hazardous Materials Response Team, the Fire Fleet Maintenance Division, and our Emergency Management Division.

The E-wing facility would allow for safe, modern and efficient light, medium and heavy-duty apparatus maintenance and repairs as well as proper storage for parts, tools and mechanical equipment. There is also a secure outdoor compound for storage requirements for valuable larger equipment. The square footage for our Fleet Division would increase from a very limiting 8,000 sq. ft. to a more acceptable 20,000 sq. ft.

The CBRFES Training Division operates a 55Ft. mobile burn training trailer as well as many other training props and equipment. The NSCC facility has ample room for the 55 Ft. unit as well as an abundance of room for future exterior "*training grounds*" expansion. There are three large classrooms that would allow training activities to all be held in this facility. On occasion we have had to rent space in other CBRM locations to accommodate our large training classroom requirements.

Our volunteer Fire Prevention Division and employed FPOs would have proper office space for efficient job performance requirements as well as adequate areas for public and or private consultation with clients and/or the CBRM public. There is also space for our CBRFES Fire



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Prevention Officers and our Volunteer Prevention Division Team to complete Public Education seminars, demonstrations and training evolutions, both interior and exterior when required.

There is space for our Emergency Management Division. With some facility construction and minor renovations there may be an opportunity to create a primary, proper sized and equipped full time, CBRM Emergency Coordination Center (ECC)

The CBRFES Hazmat Team could also be stationed and respond from this facility, there is ample space for their apparatus and equipment. Efficiencies would be recognized when the Hazmat Team utilizes our Training Division, its personnel, equipment and props.

During a meeting hosted by Mayor Cecil P. Clarke held on Tuesday, February 11th on the NSCC E-Wing facility, it was mentioned by the CBRM CAO Marie Walsh that the CB Regional Police Service also require additional equipment and storage space. If the CBRFES was to occupy the NSCC E-Wing facility, that would free up 4,000 sq. ft. of apparatus and equipment space as well as a 1,200 sq. ft. office suite at the Grand Lake Road Fire location. CB Regional Police currently occupy a 2,000 sq. ft. space at the Grand Lake Fire location. The opportunity for tripling Police space in their current location directly across from the Police Services, Central location, would then exist.

Summary

An opportunity may exist for the CBRM to acquire the use or ownership of the NSCC E-Wing facility. After a site tour and a review of the building plans by the CBRFES Administration team, we feel as though the NSCC E-Wing facility would be a tremendous CBRFES facility, housing all divisions, Training, Prevention, Hazmat, Fleet and Emergency Management under one roof. This will give our CB Regional Fire Service a centralized location with an identity to be proud of. The NSCC E-Wing facility is a safe, modern, clean, spacious professionally designed building, a building that our Fire Service would be proud to call home.

Our Divisions currently have expenditures of \$145,000 + per annum for rent alone. This would be budget that could be reallocated to expenses for the operations of the E-Wing facility. With some of the larger training areas, classrooms and equipment, efficiencies may also be realized by offering these resources for use, upon availability and request, to other CBRM units. As an example, should CB Regional Police require classrooms, arrangements through a request could and would be made to accommodate. Our classrooms for example, would be most often utilized during evening and weekends, volunteer firefighter's availability times, while Police would likely require classrooms during weekday business hours.



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Recommendation

With your agreement and approval Chief, we would request that the transfer of ownership of the NSCC E-Wing to the Cape Breton Regional Municipality be made to the Province. We would additionally request that the CBRM allow the NSCC E-Wing to become our new *Cape Breton Regional Fire & Emergency Service, Divisions Facility.*

Thank you,
DC C. March

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May 14, 2020

To: Fire Chief M. Seth

Hello Chief, as per our meeting yesterday, May 13th with Mayor Cecil P. Clarke, Operations Deputy Fire Chief Gilbert MacIntyre, yourself, Fire Chief Michael Seth and me, Deputy Fire Chief Chris March, attached is a copy of a letter written as requested by you, through Mayor Clarke to CBRM CAO Marie Walsh on the benefits and request for the Cape Breton Regional Fire & Emergency Service to pursue the option of acquiring ownership, and or lease, of the NSCC E-Wing facility when it becomes available as a result of the facility relocation to the Esplanade, Sydney.

The letter outlines the need as well as the benefits for the CB Regional Fire Service in acquiring the E-Wing facility, the efficiencies and operational benefits are outlined and a recommendation to pursue this option is requested.

The heating, air conditioning and other logistical components of the E-wing are provided by the main NSCC building. If the CB Regional Fire Service is successful in acquiring the use of the NSCC E-Wing facility, we would work cooperatively, collaborating with any occupant of the main NSCC facility to ensure proper allocations of utility and logistical responsibilities and expenditures.

Perhaps a copy of this letter could be provided to Mayor Clarke for his discussions with the Province.

Thank you,
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A Community of Communities

Issue Paper

TO: Council Meeting

July 14, 2020

RE: Additional “J-Class Roads” – 2020

The Nova Scotia Department of Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal (NSTIR) has reached out to Cape Breton Regional Municipality (CBRM) to expand the 2020 J-Class Program to include “*all or some*” of the remaining roads from our Phase 6 List (attached).

This is an “*Operating Budget*” line item. Based on the current fiscal challenges of CBRM we would purport that this cost would seriously impact mandated operating functions.

Currently CBRM has applications submitted to the Federal and Provincial Governments with respect to COVID 19 Related costs, including Transit related operating cost impacts. Should CBRM receive the requesting funding, the operational budget would have more opportunity and could then participate in an expansion of the 2020 J-Class Program.

Recommendation:

Staff respectfully recommends Council direct Staff to expand the 2020 J-Class initial paving Program, should CBRM be successful in receiving COVID 19 Emergency funding.
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Respectfully submitted:

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

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Director EPW

"J- Class" Roads Initial Paving Program - Phase 6

District #12	Rhodena Drive (Victoria Mines)	.26 kms
	Kilkenny Lake Road (Victoria Mines)	.06 kms.
District #3	MacDonald Road (Scotch Lake)	1.60 kms
District #4	Summerhill Drive (Deerfield)	.03 kms
	Trunk #4 Loop (Sydney River)	.20 kms.
	Dobson Road (Westmount)	.10 kms
District #7	Marbern Street (Howie Center)	.50 kms
	Lauren Lane (Howie Center)	.31 kms
	Seaview Drive (Gabus)	.25 kms
District# 11	Guy Street (New Victoria)	.21 kms
	Livingston Road (Lingan)	.11 kms
District #8	Franklyn Road (Catalone)	.26 kms
	Seaview Lane (Little Lorraine)	.25 kms
	Rosewood Hts. (Mira)	.40 kms
		5.14kms

Post this list:

Dist. #7 = 2.25 kms.(9 roads) Dist. #8 = .71 kms. (3 roads) Dist. #3 = 1.17 kms. (4 roads)

