

CAPE BRETON REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
Council Meeting – Minutes

**Wednesday,
April 22, 2020
1:30 p.m.**

Mayor Cecil P. Clarke called the meeting to order and noted the following participants in the Video/Teleconferencing:

Council: Mayor Cecil P. Clarke
Councillor Clarence Prince
Councillor Earlene MacMullin
Councillor Esmond Marshall
Councillor Steve Gillespie
Councillor Eldon MacDonald
Deputy Mayor Ivan Doncaster
Councillor Amanda McDougall
Councillor George MacDonald
Councillor Darren Bruckschwaiger
Councillor Jim MacLeod

Staff: Marie Walsh, Chief Administrative Officer
Jennifer Campbell, Chief Financial Officer
John MacKinnon, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Deborah Campbell Ryan, Municipal Clerk
Demetri Kachafanas, Regional Solicitor
Michael Ruus, Director of Planning and Development
Wayne MacDonald, Director of Engineering & Public Works
Bill Murphy, Director of Recreation, Parks, Grounds & Buildings
Michael Seth, Fire Chief and Director of Fire and Emergency Services
Allan Clarke, Manager of Buildings, Parks & Grounds
Francis Campbell, Manager of Solid Waste
Sheilah MacDonald, Communications Officer – Mayor’s Office
Sharon MacSween, Senior Administrative Assistant
Tanya Nicholson, Recording Secretary

Absent: N/A

Summary of Decisions

Roll Call

Moment of Silent Reflection

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve minutes from:

- **Council Meeting – April 7, 2020**

Carried.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve the April 22, 2020 Council Agenda and Addendum as presented.

Carried.

3. Discussion Paper – Solid Waste Service-Related Update:

Manager of Solid Waste provided an update on Solid Waste Services, and during the Council discussion, the following directives were put forward:

- Communication staff to advise the public that the heavy garbage program for the Spring of 2020 has been postponed/delayed and will not be proceeding on April 28th which is currently circulating on social media messaging.
- The Manager of Solid Waste to follow-up with the Procurement Department on a possible pricing agreement for the “Call to Haul” alternative to heavy garbage later in the year, with an update to be provided at the May 12th Council meeting.
- The Manager of Solid Waste to provide recommendation on Solid Waste drop-off sites at the May 12th Council meeting.
- Communication staff to develop communication plan with the reopening of the solid waste site on the SPAR Road, and to copy Council on all communications regarding solid waste operations during the pandemic.
- Staff to discuss the possibility of permitting extra privacy “black” bags as part of the 5-bag limit during the pandemic once the SPAR Road facility re-opens.
- Fire Chief Michael Seth to follow up with EMO Nova Scotia regarding individual residents cleaning up their own neighbourhoods (i.e. not a community clean-up).
- Staff to consider a CBRM community cleanup day later in the year.
- The Manager of Solid Waste to follow-up with Councillor Esmond Marshall regarding illegal dumping concerns in his District.

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Summary of Decisions (Cont'd):

ADDENDUM:

4. Homeless and Vulnerable Citizens Initiatives:

An update was provided on the matter.

For Information Only.

Adjournment

Roll Call

Moment of Silent Reflection

Mayor Clarke paid tribute and recognized the passing of the late CBRM Councillor Ray Paruch and noted the flags that are lowered in front of City Hall will be presented to his family honouring his service to the public for over 25 Consecutive years. Mayor Clarke advised a more formal recognition of Councillor Paruch will be held at a later date and offered condolences to his family and friends on behalf of the Mayor, Council and Staff.

Mayor Clarke sent heartfelt sympathies and prayers to everyone grieving from the tragic senseless loss that happened on the weekend in Colchester County and thanked all emergency service providers involved.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion:

Moved by Councillor MacLeod, seconded by Councillor Prince, approval of the Minutes from:

- **Council Meeting – April 7, 2020**

Motion Carried.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion:

Moved by Councillor MacMullin, seconded by Councillor Bruckschwaiger, to approve the April 22, 2020 Council Meeting Agenda as circulated.

Discussion:

It was agreed to include an Addendum as requested by Councillor McDougall regarding an update on the Homeless and Vulnerable Citizens Initiatives which were approved at the last meeting of Council.

Motion Carried.

Mayor Clarke advised that the next Council meeting will be held May 12th, 2020, with May 19th, 2020 being set aside for agenda items to be carried over from May 12th if required, noting that the Municipal Clerk will be sending out notice for these meetings.

3. Discussion Paper – Solid Waste Service-Related Update:

Mr. Wayne MacDonald, Director of Engineering & Public Works introduced this issue.

Mr. Francis Campbell reviewed the Discussion Paper included in the agenda package, noting the following seven (7) items for Council's information:

1. Heavy Garbage Clean-Up vs. "Call to Haul" options
2. Scheduled residential access to Spar Road and waste drop-off sites
3. Communications plan for what curbside waste collection includes
4. Yard waste/green bin/fire ban, etc. management and implications
5. Community/citizen-based Spring clean-ups
6. Illegal dumping concerns, public education and enforcement
7. Go-forward implications for Parks & Grounds, Trashformers, Public Works street side repairs

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ADDENDUM:

4. Homeless and Vulnerable Citizens Initiatives:

Councillor McDougall introduced the issue and asked for an update as she has been receiving several inquiries as to the status of the initiatives.

Mayor Clarke advised that CBRM is one of many partners, and currently CBRM is waiting for confirmation from the Province of Nova Scotia regarding funding. The Mayor noted that once we receive the green light from the Province, CBRM is willing to cash flow the total \$134,000 and will recoup from the other levels of government. He also noted that the Ally Centre has received funding from the Federal government for the washroom access program and will be proceeding with that initiative.

Discussion on various aspects of the initiatives followed.

For Information Only.

Meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

Mayor Cecil P. Clarke

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Deborah Campbell Ryan
Municipal Clerk