

CAPE BRETON REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
Council Meeting – Minutes

**Tuesday,
July 14, 2020
9:00 a.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 (arrived 9:10 a.m.)
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
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
Michael Ruus, Director of Planning and Development
Bill Murphy, Director of Recreation, Parks, Grounds & Buildings
Michael Seth, Fire Chief /Director of Fire & Emergency Services
Ray Boudreau, Senior Manager of Public Works
Allan Clarke, Manager of Recreation, Parks, Grounds & Buildings
Adam MacNeil, Manager of Finance
Inspector Paul Muise, CBRPS
Karen Neville, Senior Planner
Kristen Knudskov, Planner
Sheilah MacDonald, Communications Officer – Mayor’s Office
Sharon MacSween, Senior Administrative Assistant
Angela Ross, Recording Secretary

Absent: N/A

Summary of Decisions

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve minutes from:

- **General Committee – March 3, 2020**
- **Council – June 23, 2020**

Carried.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve the July 14, 2020 Council Agenda and Addendum as circulated.

Carried.

3. PROCLAMATIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

3.1 Hiroshima Day – August 6th, 2020:

Motion that Mayor Cecil P. Clarke and Council of the Cape Breton Regional Municipality proclaim August 6th, 2020 as “*Hiroshima Memorial Day*” here in the Cape Breton Regional Municipality. A day to remember the devastation of the Hiroshima in 1945, and to renew our commitment to ensuring freedom from the threat posed by nuclear weapons, here and everywhere. **Carried.**

3.2 Proclaim the Good:

Motion that Mayor Cecil P. Clarke and Council thank citizens for their contributions, actions, and good deeds during the pandemic and proclaim the 32 “Proclaim the Good” #CBRMProud proclamations. **Carried.**

3.3 Narcotics Anonymous in person recovery meetings in Nova Scotia:

Motion that Mayor Cecil P. Clarke and CBRM Council write a letter to the Nova Scotia Minister of Health, the Honorable Randy Delorey, copying MLA Bain, MLA Comer, MLA Coombes, MLA Mombourquette and MLA Ryan to advocate for Narcotics Anonymous in person recovery meetings be deemed essential. In addition, request the Province provide these groups with proper guidance on how these meetings can take place as safely as possible on an ongoing basis and as we prepare for the second wave of the pandemic. **Carried.**

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Summary of Decisions (Cont'd):

PROCLAMATIONS & RESOLUTIONS (Cont'd):

3.4 Rededicate the BayPlex as The Miners Forum:

Motion that Mayor Cecil P. Clarke and Council of the Cape Breton Regional Municipality, at the request of the Glace Bay Minor Hockey Association and United Mine Workers of America, rededicate the BayPlex recreation complex as The Miners Forum. **Carried.**

ADDENDUM

3.5 Liberty Pier:

Motion 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. **Carried.**

4. PRESENTATIONS:

4.1 Destination Cape Breton Association Update:

Spokesperson Mr. Terry Smith, CEO, provided an update on the activities of Destination Cape Breton Association in relation to their strategies for post-pandemic recovery.

For Information Only.

4.2 CBRM / ACAP Cape Breton Eco-Partnership 2020-21 Work Plan:

Mr. Joel Inglis, Chair of the ACAP Board, and Ms. Erika Shea, member of the ACAP Board, shared details of the work plans and the overall vision for ACAP Cape Breton in 2020/21.

For Information Only.

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Summary of Decisions (Cont'd):

5. PLANNING ISSUE:

5.1 FINAL APPROVAL – PUBLIC HEARING:

a) Municipal Planning Strategy and Subdivision By-law Text Amendment – Application 1073:

Motion for final approval of the amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Subdivision By-law to permit the acceptance of digital subdivision plans, as outlined in the staff report dated July 7, 2020. **Carried.**

6. BUSINESS ARISING:

6.1 Council Meeting – June 23, 2020:

a) Renaming of Cornwallis Street, Sydney:

Motion to circulate the list of names presented by staff in the Memo dated July 13, 2020, to the residents and property owners of Cornwallis Street requesting they select one name from the list. A name will be selected at random from the top three names as chosen by residents and property owners during the second circulation. **Carried.**

6.2 Council Meeting – June 9, 2020:

a) Winter Operations Strategy Review:

A web based demonstration was provided on CBRM street and sidewalk plowing priorities.

For Information Only.

b) Renaming Harbourview Drive, Sydney River, District #4:

Motion to approve the renaming of Harbourview Drive, Sydney River and forward the names Abigail, Shannon, Trestle, and Barss to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal for their approval. **Carried.**

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Summary of Decisions (Cont'd):

BUSINESS ARISING - Council Meeting – June 9, 2020 (Cont'd):

c) **Procurement Policy Changes:**

Motion to approve the amendments to the Procurement Policy as outlined in the staff Issue Paper dated June 3, 2020. **Carried.**

d) **Proposed Amendments to Various CBRM Policies:**

Motion to approve the amendments to the following Committees as presented.

- Committees RC4 Policy
- Council Agenda Policy
- Rules of Order RC1 Policy

Carried.

6.3 Council Meeting – May 26, 2020:

a) **Alternative Voting (electronic) by Telephone or Internet for the 2020 Municipal and CSAP Elections – Updated Report:**

Motion to approve the use of electronic voting (telephone and internet) as the only means of voting in the election, commencing at 8:00 am. On Wednesday, October 7, 2020 through to Saturday, October 17, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. **Carried.**

6.4 Council Meeting – April 7, 2020:

a) **Homeless and Vulnerable Citizen Supports – Extension Request:**

Motion to set aside the remaining funds to facilitate an expedient response to the anticipated second wave of the pandemic in the fall. **Carried.**

6.5 General Committee – March 3, 2020:

a) **Funding Request - East Coast Music Association:**

Motion to approve the funding request of up to \$150,000 (cash and in-kind), based on the budget and event program presented during the March 3, 2020 meeting. Should the event plans change significantly as a result of COVID-19 restrictions, staff will work with event organizers to bring back a revised proposal. **Carried.**

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Summary of Decisions (Cont'd):

7. CORPORATE SERVICES ISSUES:

7.1 C.B. Regional Fire & Emergency Services, Fleet Maintenance Facility:

Motion to approve the renewal lease for three (3) years with Nova Scotia Power for the facility on 297 Townsend Street, Sydney, Nova Scotia to be used as the Cape Breton Regional Fire's Fleet Maintenance Facility and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the agreements on behalf of CBRM. **Carried.**

7.2 CBRM Public Wi-Fi Initiative:

The Deputy Chief Administrative Officer discussed the benefits and the initial proposed public Wi-Fi areas.

For Information Only.

7.3 Seton School Repurpose:

Motion to approve the recommendation to accept ownership of Seton School and then immediately turn ownership over to the North Sydney Food Bank Society for \$1.00 provided the following conditions are met:

1. We are provided with a viable business plan that ensures the project is sustainable without a subsidy from CBRM aside from the regular support provided to other food banks i.e. tax exemption for the square footage they occupy and lease costs if required.
2. They are approved funding from CMHC for the Food Bank retrofit.

Carried.

ADDENDUM:

7.4 Transfer Ownership NSCC E-Wing Facility:

Motion 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. **Carried.**

Summary of Decisions (Cont'd):

8. COUNCILLOR AGENDA REQUESTS:

8.1 Management of Rail Trail by CBRM:

Discussion took place regarding the Management of the Rail Trail.

For Information Only.

8.2 Role of Community Stakeholder Committee - Rail Trail:

Motion that staff be directed to provide an Issue Paper on initiating the process of formalizing a Community Stakeholder Committee for the CBRM Rail Trail. **Carried.**

9. PUBLIC SERVICES ISSUE:

9.1 Additional J-Class Roads - 2020:

Motion that staff be directed to expand the 2020 J-Class Initial Paving Program should CBRM be successful in receiving COVID 19 Emergency funding. **Carried.**

Adjournment

Roll Call

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion:

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

- **General Committee – March 3, 2020**
- **Council – June 23, 2020**

Motion Carried.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion:

Moved by Councillor MacLeod, seconded by Councillor George MacDonald, to approve the July 14, 2020 Council Meeting Agenda and Addendum as circulated.

Motion Carried.

3. PROCLAMATIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

3.1 Hiroshima Day:

Motion:

Moved by Councillor McDougall, seconded by Councillor MacMullin, that Mayor Cecil P. Clarke and Council of the Cape Breton Regional Municipality proclaim August 6th, 2020 as “*Hiroshima Memorial Day*” here in the Cape Breton Regional Municipality. A day to remember the devastation of the Hiroshima in 1945, and to renew our commitment to ensuring freedom from the threat posed by nuclear weapons, here and everywhere.

Motion Carried.

3.2 Proclaim the Good:

Motion:

Moved by Councillor MacMullin, seconded by Councillor McDougall, that Mayor Cecil P. Clarke and Council thank citizens for their contributions, actions, and good deeds during the pandemic and proclaim the 32 “Proclaim the Good” #CBRMProud proclamations.

Motion Carried.

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PROCLAMATIONS & RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

3.3 Narcotics Anonymous in person recovery meetings in Nova Scotia

Motion:

Moved by Councillor MacMullin, seconded by Deputy Mayor Doncaster, that Mayor Cecil P. Clarke and CBRM Council write a letter to the Nova Scotia Minister of Health, the Honorable Randy Delorey, copying MLA Bain, MLA Comer, MLA Coombes, MLA Mombourquette and MLA Ryan to advocate for Narcotics Anonymous in person recovery meetings be deemed essential. In addition, request the Province provide these groups with proper guidance on how these meetings can take place as safely as possible on an ongoing basis and as we prepare for the second wave of the pandemic.

Discussion:

Councillor MacMullin asked that MLA Geoff MacLellan also be copied on the letter.

Motion Carried.

3.4 Rededicate the BayPlex as The Miners Forum:

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Bruckschwaiger, seconded by Councillor George MacDonald, that Mayor Cecil P. Clarke and Council of the Cape Breton Regional Municipality, at the request of the Glace Bay Minor Hockey Association and United Mine Workers of America, rededicate the BayPlex recreation complex as The Miners Forum.

Motion Carried.

ADDENDUM:

3.5 Liberty Pier:

Motion:

Moved by Councillor MacLeod, seconded by Councillor Eldon MacDonald, 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.

Motion Carried.

4. PRESENTATIONS:

4.1 Destination Cape Breton Association Update:

Spokesperson Mr. Terry Smith, CEO, provided an update on the activities Destination Cape Breton Association in relation to their strategies for post-pandemic recovery.

After the presentation, the following items were discussed:

- Visitor attraction by Destination Cape Breton
- Measuring the success of influencers
- Attraction or strategy to bring more business events to the area
- Employment projections
- Business groups affected

Mayor Clarke thanked Mr. Smith for his presentation.

4.2 CBRM / ACAP Cape Breton Eco-Partnership:

Councillor Amanda McDougall introduced the spokespersons for the presentation.

Mr. Joel Inglis, Chair of the ACAP Board, and Ms. Erika Shea, member of the ACAP Board, and shared details of the work plans and the overall vision of ACAP Cape Breton for 2020/21.

Following the presentation, some of the items discussed included

- Trashformers program
- Budget
- Project based money leveraged through the Province
- Climate change and dedicated resource person

Mayor Clarke thanked Mr. Inglis and Ms. Shea for their presentation and suggested the Executive Director arrange follow up with the Chief Administrative Officer and Chief Financial Officer.

5. PLANNING ISSUES:

5.1 FINAL APPROVAL – PUBLIC HEARING:

a) Municipal Planning Strategy and Subdivision By-law Text Amendment – Application 1073:

Ms. Karen Neville, Senior Planner, provided background information on the issue.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor MacLeod, seconded by Councillor Prince, final approval of the amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Subdivision By-law to permit the acceptance of digital subdivision plans, as outlined in the staff report dated July 7, 2020.

Public Hearing:

At this point in the meeting, the Mayor asked staff to report on the input received from the public regarding the amendment.

Senior Planner Neville advised that there were no submissions received regarding the amendments.

Motion Carried.

6. BUSINESS ARISING:

6.1 Council Meeting – June 23, 2020:

a) Renaming of Cornwallis Street, Sydney:

Ms. Karen Neville, Senior Planner, provided background information on the issue and shared the list of suggested names for the renaming of Cornwallis Street.

Some of Council discussion included the following items:

- Practice of naming streets after fallen war veterans from the local community
- Timeline for completion

Mayor Clarke suggested that a CBRM-wide Policy in regards to the naming of streets be brought forward by the Planning Department for future discussion.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Eldon MacDonald, seconded by Councillor Gillespie, to circulate the list of names presented by staff in the Memo dated July 13, 2020, to the residents and property owners of Cornwallis Street requesting they select one name from the list. A name will be selected at random from the top three names as chosen by residents and property owners during the second circulation.

Motion Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING (Cont'd):

6.2 Council Meeting – June 9, 2020

a) Winter Operations Strategy Review:

Mr. Ray Boudreau, Senior Manager of Public Works, provided background a demonstration by web based mapping on the street and sidewalk plowing priorities for CBRM.

After the demonstration, some of the items were discussed including:

- Future public access to the webpage URL
- Why some sidewalks are not maintained
- Technology to be used by 311

Mayor Clarke thanked Mr. Boudreau for his presentation.

For Information Only.

b) Renaming Harbourview Drive, Sydney River, District #4:

Ms. Kristen Knudskov, Planner, provided information on the issue.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Gillespie, seconded by Councillor Eldon MacDonald, to approve the renaming of Harbourview Drive, Sydney River and forward the names Abigail, Shannon, Trestle, and Barss to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal for their approval.

Motion Carried.

c) Procurement Policy Changes:

Mr. Adam MacNeil, Manager of Finance, provided background information on the issue and discussed the changes as outlined in the staff Issue Paper dated June 3, 2020.

In response to a question, Mr. MacNeil clarified changes to Local Bidder preference in sections the Policy and how the increase in these changes will help CBRM to support local business.

Ms. Jennifer Campbell, Chief Financial Officer, discussed the required amendments to the Policy due to changes in procurement regulations, i.e. the \$20,000 threshold, and the process required by CBRM to deviate from Policy.

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BUSINESS ARISING - Council Meeting – June 9, 2020:

Procurement Policy Changes (Cont'd):

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Eldon MacDonald, seconded by Councillor MacLeod, to approve the amendments to the Procurement Policy as outlined in the staff Issue Paper dated June 3, 2020.

Motion Carried.

d) Proposed Amendments to Various CBRM Policies:

Ms. Deborah Campbell Ryan, Municipal Clerk, provided background information on the proposed amendments to various CBRM Policies.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor MacLeod, seconded by Councillor Prince, to approve the amendments to the following Committees as presented.

- Committees RC4 Policy
- Council Agenda Policy
- Rules of Order RC1 Policy

Motion Carried.

6.3 Council Meeting – May 26, 2020:

b) Alternative Voting (electronic) by Telephone or Internet for the 2020 Municipal and CSAP Elections – Updated Report:

Ms. Deborah Campbell Ryan, Municipal Clerk/Returning Officer, provided background information on the issue.

Councillors shared their opinions on the decision of the Province to hold the October Election. The following items were also part of the discussion.

- Withdrawal of the AMANS and NSFMS from the provincial election planning committee
- Mail-in ballots as an option
- Criteria needed for electronic voting
- Timeline for release of election information to the public
- Process for voting at long-term care facilities
- Recommendation is for this year's election only
- Safety for citizens and staff is paramount
- Processes in place for those who have sight or hearing disabilities

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BUSINESS ARISING (cont'd):**Council Meeting – June 9, 2020: Alternative Voting (electronic) by Telephone or Internet for the 2020 Municipal and CSAP Elections – Updated Report (Cont'd):****Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Gillespie, seconded by Councillor McDougall, to approve the use of electronic voting (telephone and internet) as the only means of voting in the election, commencing at 8:00 am. On Wednesday, October 7, 2020 through to Saturday, October 17, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Discussion:

During discussion, some Councillors shared their views on an all-electronic election and public safety.

Motion Carried.

6.4 Council Meeting – April 7, 2020:**a) Homeless and Vulnerable Citizen Supports – Extension Request:**

Ms. Jennifer Campbell, Chief Financial Officer, provided background information on the request from the Ally Centre of Cape Breton to extend the contracts for the Bentinck St. comfort centre and portable toilets in 7 locations. Ms. Campbell estimated that there will be \$11,600 remaining from the 90-day contract period. Staff is seeking direction from Council on this request.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor MacLeod, seconded by Councillor MacMullin, to set aside the remaining funds to facilitate an expedient response to the anticipated second wave of the pandemic in the fall.

Discussion:

- Current public washroom access, particularly for homeless and vulnerable citizens
- Access to public washroom facilities now versus when a lockdown is in place
- Future response to these basic needs
- Letter sent by Dr. Monika Dutt to the Mayor and Council
- Role of municipalities in funding Community Services projects

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that an Issue Paper will be prepared to address the letter from Dr. Dutt.

In response to a question, Mayor Clarke discussed options for the remaining funding should the second wave not materialize.

Motion Carried.

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BUSINESS ARISING (Cont'd):**Council Meeting – April 7, 2020: Homeless and Vulnerable Citizen Supports – Extension Request (Cont'd):**

Following the motion, Mayor Clarke made reference to his response to Dr. Dutt, and his letter to Minister Chuck Porter and Minister Geoff MacLellan regarding the service gaps related to this matter.

There was discussion regarding next steps, including project liaison, and provincial/federal supports in the event of a second wave of the pandemic.

In response to a question related to streamlining Council's administrative process to avoid delays, Mayor Clarke discussed the options available in a State of Emergency, noting that Council can convene a meeting if necessary.

6.5 General Committee – March 3, 2020:**a) Funding Request - East Coast Music Association:**

Ms. Jennifer Campbell, Chief Financial Officer, provided background information on the issue.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Eldon MacDonald, seconded by Councillor MacMullin, to approve the funding request of up to \$150,000 (cash and in-kind), based on the budget and event program presented during the March 3, 2020 meeting. Should the event plans change significantly as a result of COVID-19 restrictions, staff will work with event organizers to bring back a revised proposal.

Motion Carried.

7. CORPORATE SERVICES ISSUES:**7.1 C.B. Regional Fire & Emergency Services, Fleet Maintenance Facility:**

Fire Chief Michael Seth, Director of Fire & Emergency Services, provided background information on the issue.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Bruckschwaiger, seconded by Councillor Gillespie, to approve the renewal lease for three (3) years with Nova Scotia Power for the facility on 297 Townsend Street, Sydney, Nova Scotia to be used as the Cape Breton Regional Fire's Fleet Maintenance Facility and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the agreements on behalf of CBRM.

Motion Carried.

CORPORATE SERVICES ISSUES (Cont'd):**7.2 CBRM Public Wi-Fi Initiative:**

Mr. John MacKinnon, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, provided background information on the issue. He discussed the benefits and the initial proposed public Wi-Fi areas that were identified and selected based on potential access volume and tourism implications. An area for each of the divisions were intended for Phase 1.

For Information Only.

7.3 Seton School Repurpose:

Ms. Marie Walsh, Chief Administrative Officer, provided background information on the issue.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor MacMullin, seconded by Councillor Eldon MacDonald, to approve the recommendation to accept ownership of Seton School and then immediately turn ownership over to the North Sydney Food Bank Society for \$1.00 provided the following conditions are met:

1. We are provided with a viable business plan that ensures the project is sustainable without a subsidy from CBRM aside from the regular support provided to other food banks i.e. tax exemption for the square footage they occupy and lease costs if required.
2. They are approved funding from CMHC for the Food Bank retrofit.

Discussion:

During discussion, the ownership of the food bank was discussed, and the Chief Administrative Officer noted that more information will be available once the final business plan is complete.

Motion Carried.

ADDENDUM:**7.4 Transfer Ownership NSCC E-Wing Facility:**

Fire Chief Michael Seth, Director of Fire & Emergency Services, provided background information on the issue.

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Doncaster, seconded by Councillor McDougall, 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.

Motion Carried.

8. COUNCILLOR AGENDA REQUESTS:**8.1 Management of Rail Trail by CBRM:**

Councillor Darren Bruckschwaiger provided background information on the issue and requested a verbal report be provided on the plans for management and oversight regarding the transition of the all-purpose Trail that runs through Gardiner Mines to Tower Road, from PWGSC to CBRM.

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that the staff Committee will be meeting on Thursday in terms of ownership and the go-forward plan. She also advised that CBRM has not yet taken ownership of the Trail as the Engineering and Public Works staff are reviewing environmental studies and bringing issues back to the Federal Government, prior to CBRM taking ownership.

Inspector Paul Muise advised that the trail will be difficult to police, however the Police Service will be involved as much as possible. He recommended that the stakeholder groups should be responsible and that Police can be part of their committee.

For Information Only.

8.2 Role of Community Stakeholder Committee - Rail Trail:

Councillor Amanda McDougall provided background information on the issue.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor McDougall, seconded by Councillor Bruckschwaiger, that staff be directed to provide an Issue Paper on initiating the process of formalizing the Community Stakeholder Committee for the CBRM Rail Trail.

Motion Carried.

9. PUBLIC SERVICES ISSUE:

9.1 Additional J-Class Roads - 2020:

Mr. Wayne MacDonald, Director of Engineering & Public Works, provide background information on the issue.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Gillespie, seconded by Councillor McDougall, that staff be directed to expand the 2020 J-Class Initial Paving Program should CBRM be successful in receiving COVID 19 Emergency funding.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 1:59 p.m.

Mayor Cecil P. Clarke

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**Deborah Campbell Ryan
Municipal Clerk**