

Cape Breton Regional Municipality

Council Meeting

AGENDA

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24TH, 2017

6:00 P.M.

****Note date change***

Council Chambers
2nd Floor, City Hall
320 Esplanade, Sydney, NS

Cape Breton Regional Municipal Council

Tuesday, January 24th, 2017

6:00 p.m.

AGENDA ITEMS

ROLL CALL

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Moment of Silent Reflection

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (Previously Distributed)

- Council – December 15th, 2016
- Council – December 19th, 2016 (Continuation of December 15th, 2016)

2. PLANNING ISSUES:

2.1 Final Approval – Public Hearing:

- a) Zoning Amendment Application 1031 Derrick Marsman, 30 Elmwood Ave, Whitney Pier (PID 15874886):

Public Hearing to consider amending the Land Use By-Law to permit construction of a four unit apartment building at 30 Elmwood Ave., Whitney Pier. Karen Neville, Planner (See page 5)

2.2 Approval to Advertise: N/A

3. BUSINESS ARISING:

3.1 Nominating Committee, January 24th, 2017

- a) Council Appointments to CBRM Committees and External Agencies for 2017: (To be distributed at the Meeting)

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BUSINESS ARISING (Cont'd):

Nominating Committee, January 24th, 2017 (Cont'd):

- b) **Port of Sydney Development Corporation – Memorandum of Association and Articles of Association:** Mr. Jim Gogan, Solicitor (To be distributed at the Meeting)

3.2 General Committee, January 10th, 2017:

- a) **Request from New Aberdeen Revitalization Society:**

Committee recommends that Council convey PID #154404080 to the New Aberdeen Revitalization Society, for \$1.00. Malcolm Gillis, Director of Planning (See page 14)

- b) **Appointment of External Auditors:**

Committee recommends that Council approve the appointment of the auditing firm MGM and Associated for a 5-year term commencing 2016/17, renewable on an annual basis by the future Audit Committee for years ending 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21. Jennifer Campbell, Manager of Finance (See page 19)

- c) **Insurance Services Extension Agreement:**

Committee recommends that Council approve the extension of the existing general insurance agreement for one year to allow adequate time for open insurance claims as a result of the October flood to close. Jennifer Campbell, Manager of Finance (See page 21)

- d) **Aerial Apparatus Replacement:**

Committee recommends Council approve borrowing in the amount of \$1,293,849.29 for the purchase of the aerial apparatus, as outlined in the staff Issue Paper, to replace the North Sydney aerial which was damaged during the October flood. Chris March, Deputy Fire Chief, Volunteer Coordination (See page 23)

4. RESOLUTIONS & PROCLAMATIONS:

4.1 Resolutions:

- a) **Chronicle Herald Newsroom's One Year Anniversary on Strike**
Deputy Mayor Eldon MacDonald
Councillor Kendra Coombes (See page 25)

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RESOLUTIONS & PROCLAMATIONS (Cont'd):

Resolutions (Cont'd):

- b) **Mira Provincial Park – Support for Season Extension**
Councillor Amanda McDougall (See page 26)

4.2 Proclamations:

- a) **Family Literacy Day**
Councillor Kendra Coombes (See page 27)
- b) **White Cane Week**
Councillor Clarence Prince (See page 28)
- c) **African Heritage Month**
Councillor Jim MacLeod (See page 29)
- d) **Family Violence Prevention Week**
Councillor Darren Bruckschwaiger (See page 30)

5. REPORTS:

- 5.1 **Financial Statements to November 30, 2016:** Jennifer Campbell,
Manager of Finance (See page 31)

Adjournment

Zoning Amendment Application #1031 – Derrick Marsman, 30 Elmwood Ave, Whitney Pier (PID 15874886):

Ms. Karen Neville, Planner, provided background information regarding this issue.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor MacLeod, seconded by Deputy Mayor Eldon MacDonald, approval to advertise notice of a Public Hearing to be held during the January 2017 meeting of Council, to consider the zoning amendment application to permit construction of a four unit apartment building at 30 Elmwood Ave., Whitney Pier.

Motion Carried.



TO: CBRM Council

FROM: Karen Neville

**SUBJECT: ZONING AMENDMENT APPLICATION – 1031
Derrick Marsman
30 Elmwood Ave, Whitney Pier
(PID 15874886)**

DATE: January 18th, 2017

Introduction

The Planning and Development Department has received a zoning amendment application from Mr. Derrick Marsman requesting permission to construct a four unit apartment building at 30 Elmwood Ave (PID 15874886) [Attachment A]. The property currently contains a vacant building which Mr. Marsman plans on demolishing. This vacant building was originally constructed and occupied as a public school and after the school closed was occupied as a church. Mr. Marsman intends on using the building's foundation to construct a storey and a half apartment building which will be 99ft by 57ft (Attachment B).

The area surrounding the property in question is predominantly low density residential. According to CBRM records, there are 88 main buildings in the immediate neighbourhood (Attachment A). Of those, there are 65 single detached dwellings, 19 two unit dwellings, 2 three unit dwellings, and one vacant church hall in addition to the building in question. Of the residential buildings, 46% are considered to be owner unoccupied.

Why a zoning amendment is necessary for this development?

The property is zoned Residential Urban C (RUC). While the RUC zone permits a range of uses, when it comes to residential development only one and two unit residential dwellings are permitted in the RUC zone. As a result, Mr. Marsman has requested the zoning on the property be amended to permit a four unit apartment building.

What Does the Municipal Planning Strategy Say?

The Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) does have a policy that permits apartment buildings as optional uses for abandoned community or education service buildings. The objective of this policy is to facilitate the re-use of these abandoned, often very large, buildings in what would otherwise be residential neighbourhoods. However, in this case the building is in such poor condition it is not feasible for it to be converted and it must be demolished. The removal of the building means that the above policy no longer applies; and zoning would need to be changed to permit an apartment building on the property.

There are several policies in the MPS which advocate for higher density residential developments under a variety of circumstances. When the current zoning does not permit the scale of a proposed residential

development it is a policy of the MPS to at least consider a zoning amendment. If a zoning amendment is considered, Policy 1. d. 9 Part 4 of the MPS provides a list of six criteria Council must use to evaluate the merits of the zoning amendment application. The criteria are listed below along with an evaluation of the proposed application.

- The development proposal must include a landscaping plan to buffer and screen low density residential uses from the starker ancillary components of the site (*e.g. parking spaces, driveways, utility facilities, etc.*)

The proposed parking area will be small and located on either side of the main building (Attachment C). It is the applicant's intention to plant a series of shrubs or trees along the driveway and to the north of the first parking area. The properties to the immediate west and south of the property are vacant and owned by the CBRM (Attachment A). These properties have been deemed essential by CBRM due to the fact they are either the location of a road parcel or are the location of the Coke Oven Brook. These properties will likely not be developed in the future and will remain vegetated.

- an on-site parking and vehicular maneuvering plan which does not exacerbate traffic movement problems along any public street/road abutting the site shall be included;

Four parking spaces must be provided to be in compliance with the parking standards of the Land Use Bylaw. The proposed site plan depicts the location of the proposed parking (Attachment C).

- traffic emanating to and from the site shall not significantly increase the volume of traffic along any public street/road it will be accessing;

The criteria to evaluate increased traffic is more relevant when considering a zone amendment for a much larger apartment building. That being said, the Land Use By-law permits more than one two unit buildings on a property serviced by municipal water and sewer as of right. The property in question is quite large and is capable of accommodating several two unit dwellings without the need for a zone amendment. If the applicant chooses to undertake this option the resulting development have similar or greater volume of traffic as the proposed four unit building.

- The development proposal must mitigate the potential adverse effects any significant buildings will have on much smaller scale low density residential buildings.
- The site plan and building design must respect any aesthetic aspects of the streetscape that are easily discernable;
- Any adverse effects such as bulk and height resulting from a significantly greater scale than existing residential development in proximity shall be mitigated.

The existing vacant building is a one storey. The proposed building will be on the foundation of the current building and will be a storey and a half (Attachment B). While most of the houses on Elmwood Ave are two storey, the majority of the surrounding neighbourhood is comprised of one and two storey homes. The applicant does plan on planting vegetation on the site to mitigate the greater scale of the proposed building on the existing residential development. The proposed building will also be setback from the surrounding low density residential development. Although there is a vegetation plan for the property and the proposed building is setback from surrounding low density residential development, the scale of the proposed building is still significantly greater than the buildings in the area. However the new building will be replacing a building of a similar scale which existed in this neighbourhood for several decades.

When considering a proposed amendment for an apartment building the MPS states that the purpose of zone amendment is to ensure that the apartment building does not adversely affect low density residential development in the vicinity. The MP5 also states that the allowable density and scale of an apartment development within a neighbourhood shall be correlated based on:

- the level of the public street/road accessing the site;
- the variety of land use types in the vicinity; and
- the existing development densities in a given neighbourhood;

The objective of this policy is to direct higher density and larger scale apartment developments to areas accessed by higher level streets where there is already a mix of land use types and higher density developments. The property in question fronts on Elmwood Avenue which is a Level 5 street. A Level 5 street is a low level street that only serves local traffic. A Transit Cape Breton route along Gatacre Street is just approximately 500 ft. from the proposed site of the apartment building. The area in question is residential, with the exception of the current building and a vacant church hall. The area is predominantly comprised of single unit dwellings and would be considered to be a low density area. The scale of the proposed building would be considered to be large in comparison to the surrounding residential development. Based on the criteria above, the location of the property in question does not necessarily warrant itself for higher density and larger scale development.

There are justifiable reasons to consider rejecting this application, such as the low density character of the neighbourhood and scale of the proposed building. However this development will replace a long since abandoned building with a new building that is relatively the same scale. The apartment building will be well setback from the much smaller in scale existing homes (the closest will be more than 180 ft. away) and its height will be no greater than the surrounding buildings. The immediate area also has a high concentration of buildings that are owner unoccupied. The number of apartments will just be four and it is close to a bus route. A decision of Council to approve this zoning amendment application should be defensible if appealed.

Notice of the Public Hearing

In accordance with the *Municipal Government Act*, notice of this application was placed in the January 9th and January 16th editions of the Cape Breton Post. Notice was also mailed to assessed property owners in the vicinity of the property in question. At the time this report was prepared no written comments were received by the Planning and Development Department.

Recommendation

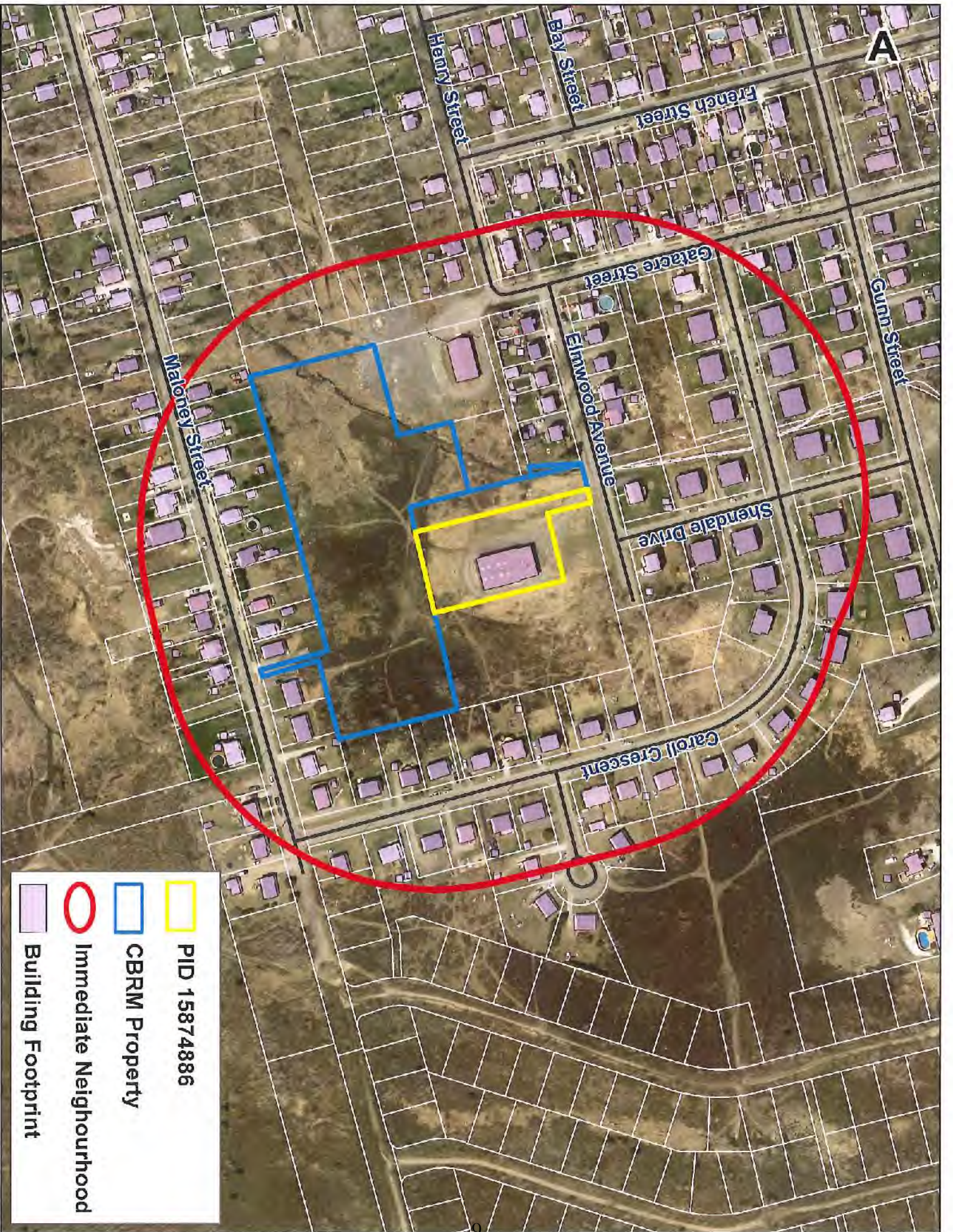
I recommend that Council approve amending the zoning for PID 15874886 from Residential Urban C (RUC) to Elmwood Avenue (EWA).

The Amending By-law can be found in Attachment D.

Submitted by:

Originally Signed by

Karen Neville
Planning and Development Department



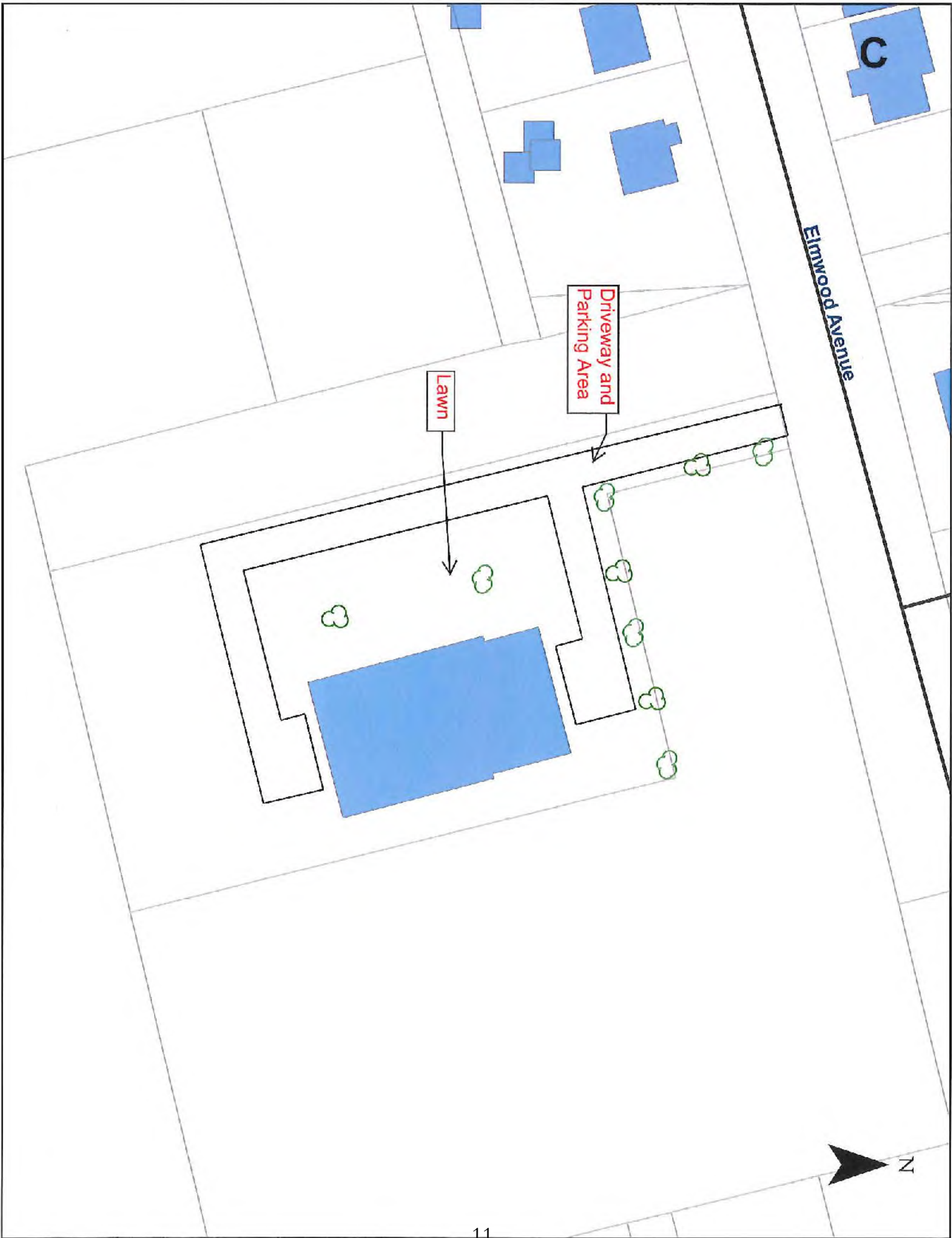
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-  PID 15874886
-  CBRM Property
-  Immediate Neighbourhood
-  Building Footprint



SCALE 1/4" = 10'





By-law
of the Cape Breton Regional Municipality
 amending the
Cape Breton Regional Municipality's
Land Use Bylaw

Pursuant to Section 210 of the Municipal Government Act of Nova Scotia, the Council of the Cape Breton Regional Municipality hereby amends the text and map of the Cape Breton Regional Municipality's Land Use By-law in the following manner:

THAT: Council Renumbers Part 95 Definitions to Part 96

THAT: Council amends the text of the Land Use By-law by creating the following Zone.

PART 94 ELMWOOD AVENUE (EWA) ZONE

Section 1 EWA Uses Permitted

Development Permits shall only be issued in the EWA Zone for one or more of the following uses in compliance with any relevant section of the General Provisions Part, and any specific section of this Part devoted to the use.

- One 4 unit apartment building *in compliance with the provisions of Section 2*
 - All uses permitted in the RUC Zone subject to the RUC Zone requirements
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Section 2 Apartment Building Development Standards

- The maximum number of storeys shall be two
 - A minimum of 4 parking spaces shall be provided on-site in compliance with the definition for parking space in this Bylaw. All other aspects of the parking area shall be in compliance with the General Provision Section of this Bylaw titled "Parking Area Standards".
 - To soften the starkness of the apartment building and parking area, a stand of shrubs, bushes, or trees shall be planted in the yard located on between the apartment building located on PID 15874886 and Elmwood Avenue. This shall be completed within a year of the issuance of a Development Permit.
 - All areas of the lot parcel subject to this Zone not occupied by the building footprint, parking area, or deck shall be in compliance with the definition for landscaped open area in this Bylaw.
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Section 3 Lot Coverage Provision for all Uses Permitted in this Zone

- a. The total maximum lot parcel coverage for all main uses in this Zone shall be 1/3rd (i.e. 33%) of the lot parcel area.
 - b. The part of a building used to calculate this maximum lot parcel coverage is the roof to the edge of the eave (i.e. dripline)
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THAT: Council amends the Land Use Bylaw map by deleting the Residential Urban C (RUC) Zone in effect for PID 15874886 and replacing it with the Elmwood Avenue (EWA) Zone.

PASSED AND ADOPTED: by a majority of the whole Council at a duly called meeting of the Cape Breton Regional Municipal Council held on _____.

MAYOR

CLERK

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the attached is a true and correct copy of the Land Use Bylaw amendment Amending By-law of the Cape Breton Regional Municipality adopted by Regional Council during a meeting held on _____ to amend the Cape Breton Regional Municipality's Land Use By-law.

Deborah Campbell, CLERK

Request From New Aberdeen Revitalization Society:

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Bruckschwaiger, seconded by Councillor George MacDonald, that a recommendation be made to Council to convey PID #15440480 to the New Aberdeen Revitalization Society, for \$1.00.

Discussion:

Councillor Bruckschwaiger advised that the New Aberdeen Revitalization Society is planning other projects such as a community garden. He noted that Mr. Allister Moore, Vice-Chair of the Society, was present and requested permission for Mr. Allister Moore to address the Committee.

It was agreed by the Committee to allow Mr. Moore to speak.

Mr. Moore thanked the General Committee for the opportunity to speak on behalf of his organization. He advised that the New Aberdeen Revitalization Society has received four bids on the land from families in Ontario and Quebec. They identify and market properties via Kijiji to specific groups and noted that many individuals expressing interest have family in the area. Mr. Moore pointed out that the community has the only special needs daycare in Canada. He also noted that their organization has criteria new for construction, which is for single families who are looking to build single family dwellings and not duplexes or triplexes.

Councillors expressed their appreciation to the members of the New Aberdeen Revitalization Society for their efforts and vision in the community and to Councillor Bruckschwaiger and the late Councillor Flynn for their ongoing support of the organization.

The Director of Planning, in response to a question, advised that a list of over 1000 properties was presented to Council in 2016 and they were declared surplus to the needs of the Municipality, with conditions. All CBRM properties in the New Aberdeen area were included at that time.

Motion Carried.



TO: CBRM Council

FROM: Malcolm Gillis

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FROM NEW ABERDEEN
REVITALIZATION SOCIETY**

DATE: January 5th, 2017

CBRM is in receipt of a letter from the New Aberdeen Revitalization Society requesting they be given the opportunity to appear before Council to ask to be conveyed the parcel of land identified in the Province's Land Registry as property identification number 15440480 for \$1.00. The parcel is outlined in red on the map with this report. It is in the New Aberdeen neighbourhood of the community of Glace Bay.

The Society was organized as a volunteer association to foster the rehabilitation of their neighbourhood. It is now in the Province's Registry of Joint Stocks and incorporated as a not for profit organization under the Society's Act. They have developed a working relationship with the CBRM with an understanding if they can entice families to invest in new family home construction within their neighbourhood the CBRM would consider conveying building lots for free to the Society so that the Society can convey the building lots to a family intending to construct a home.

The Society is now in receipt of an offer from a prospective buyer interested in constructing a dwelling on the above referenced parcel. An Agreement of Purchase and Sale would be entered into obliging the Society to convey the property and for construction to start (i.e. foundation footers in the ground) within a year of the conveyance or the property would revert back to the Regional Municipality.

Municipalities in the Province of Nova Scotia cannot convey property directly to private individuals except for market value. However, Section 51 of the Municipal Government Act allows municipalities to sell at a price less than market value to a nonprofit organization that Council considers to be carrying on an activity that is beneficial to the Municipality. Staff of the Planning, Legal, and Finance departments believes the Society, and the circumstances of this conveyance, meet that test. CBRM conveys a parcel of land already deemed surplus by Motion of Council (i.e. CBRM has no vested interest in retaining it) that would be very difficult to sell on

the open market, a new family moves into a neighbourhood in dire need of rehabilitation and the new construction generates tax revenue on a site currently generating no tax revenue.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends Council adopt a Motion to convey the parcel identified in the Province's Land Registry as PID# 15440480 to the New Aberdeen Revitalization Society for one dollar.

Submitted by:

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

Malcolm Gillis
Planning and Development Department

New Aberdeen Society's request to acquire PID #15440480



New Aberdeen Revitalization Affordable Housing Society
26 Second Street, Glace Bay
B1A 4E8

To whom it may concern,

The New Aberdeen Revitalization Affordable Housing Society was formed in 2014 under the former CBRM By-Laws manager Rick Fraser. The goal of the society sounds simple, to encourage people to build on the vacant properties in New Aberdeen, Glace Bay. The CBRM currently isn't receiving any tax dollars for many of the vacant lots in the area. We hope to help sell these lots at a lower price so people will build on the land; this will not only help to get more tax dollars for the municipality but it will bring more people to the area, improve the overall look and hopefully bring the area back to it's former glory (or create a new found glory).

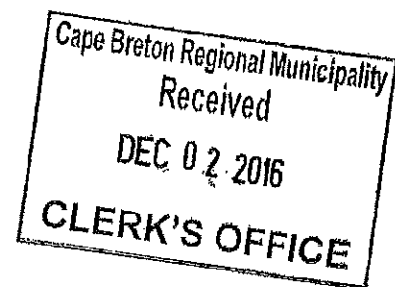
At this time, we ask to appear before CBRM council to request that the municipality turn over land located at 26 Ninth Street, Glace Bay, PID # 15440480 to the New Aberdeen Revitalization Affordable Housing Society for \$1.00.

We have received interest in this land from a buyer and hope that the sale of this land will be the beginning of the rebuilding of New Aberdeen.

Thank you,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

Allister Moore
Vice-Chair
New Aberdeen Revitalization Affordable Housing Society
P: 902-849-6462



Appointment of External Auditors:

Motion:

Moved by Councillor MacLeod, seconded by Councillor Gillespie, that a recommendation be made to Council to approve the appointment of the auditing firm MGM and Associates for a 5-year term commencing 2016/17, renewable on an annual basis by the future Audit Committee for years ending 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21.

Motion Carried.

MEMO

Date: December 21, 2016
To: Mayor and Council
From: Jennifer Campbell, CPA, CA Manager of Finance
Re: Appointment of external auditors

At the request of Council, the Finance department solicited competitive public bids for the provision of external auditing services for the Cape Breton Regional Municipality Water Utility, Port of Sydney Development Corporation, and the Cape Breton Regional Municipality. The competitive bidding closed on December 1, 2016. CBRM's predecessor auditing firm, MGM and Associates, was the successful proponent.

Section 12.5 of CBRM's procurement policy states:

"Selection of an auditor shall be completed by the Audit Committee of Council who will recommend the selection of an Auditor to Council."

As the Audit Committee for 2017/18 has not yet been established, I would request that Council approve the appointment of the auditing firm MGM and Associates for a 5-year term commencing 2016/17, renewable on an annual basis by the future audit committee for years ending 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

Jennifer Campbell, CPA, CA Manager of Finance

Insurance Services Extension Agreement:

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Eldon MacDonald, seconded by Councillor MacLeod, that a recommendation be made to Council to approve the extension of the existing general insurance agreement for one year to allow adequate time for open insurance claims as a result of the October 2016 flood to close.

Motion Carried.

MEMO

Date: December 21, 2016
To: Mayor and Council
From: Jennifer Campbell, CPA, CA Manager of Finance
Re: Insurance Services Extension Request

On March 31, 2017, our insurance services agreement's 5 year term will expire.

As per our procurement policy, we would now initiate our competitive bidding process and advertise for request for proposals. However, as you are aware, CBRM is the midst of complex and continually evolving insurance claims stemming from the flood of October 10, 2016. As the claim proceeds, and will remain open for some time to come, I feel it best to remain with our present insurers for an additional 1 year to allow adequate time for the open insurance claims to close.

As this request falls outside of our procurement policy, it must be approved by Council. Should Council approve this request for a 1 year extension to this term, it is the full intent of Finance to solicit bids for a new 5 year term in 2018.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION:

To approve a motion approving the extension of the existing general insurance agreement for 1 year.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

Jennifer Campbell, CPA, CA Manager of Finance

Aerial Apparatus Replacement:

Motion:

Moved by Councillor MacMullin, seconded by Councillor Prince, that a recommendation be made to Council to approve borrowing in the amount of \$1,293,849.29, for the purchase of the aerial apparatus as outlined in the staff Issue Paper, to replace the North Sydney aerial which was damaged during the October flood.

Motion Carried.



ISSUE PAPER

Subject: Aerial Apparatus Replacement

Date:

Distribution: Mayor & Council; CAO; CFO

Overview

The CBRM has an aerial apparatus located in each Division, North, East and Central. During the recent flood the North Sydney aerial was in for repairs at the Central maintenance facility and was subject to water damage. The unit was slated for cascaded replacement in 2018 following our C.B. Regional Fire & Emergency Service replacement policy. The unit was evaluated by our C.B. Regional Fire Mechanics Division along with representatives from Dependable Emergency Vehicles, Scarborough Ontario and Rocky Mountain Phoenix Fire Apparatus, Phoenix USA, both manufacturers of emergency vehicles.

We were advised that due to the age of the unit, its proximity to replacement, and subsequent flood damage, it would not be financially efficient to spend any further funds on repairs. This now leaves The C.B. Regional Fire & Emergency Service with a requirement to replace an aerial apparatus.

In discussions with the CAO and CFO we understand that there is currently room in our borrowing capacity to commit funds for the replacement of this apparatus.

Request

We are requesting a motion of Council to approve the sum of \$1,293,849.29 for the purchase of the aerial apparatus.

For your consideration,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

Chris March, BBA

Deputy Chief, Volunteer Coordination

Resolution

“Chronicle Herald Newsroom’s One Year Anniversary on Strike”

- Whereas:** The Chronicle Herald newsroom has been on strike for one year plus a day;
- And Whereas:** The Halifax Typographical Union (HTU) offered the Chronicle Herald a 5 percent pay cut and an increased work week that would amount to a 10 percent wage cut;
- And Whereas:** Before negotiations, the Chronicle Herald identified pension relief as its major demand and the HTU complied;
- And Whereas:** The Chronicle Herald is the largest newspaper in Atlantic Canada. The Herald and the newsroom play an important role in our democracy by ensuring community members are well informed on issues; important to them in their community.
- And Whereas:** We want to see this labour dispute resolved in the near future in order for the Chronicle Herald to continue to build on its rich history and allow these fine journalists to get off the picket line and back to work;
- Be It Therefore Resolved:** The Mayor and Council instruct staff to write a letter to the management at the Chronicle Herald urging them to come to the bargaining table with the Halifax Typographical Union and negotiate in good faith a new contract in order to resolve this strike. Ending this strike will enable the Chronicle Herald’s newsroom to get back to work, providing high quality journalism that best represents the interests of our communities.

Deputy Mayor Eldon MacDonald – District #5
Councillor Kendra Coombes – District #11 – CBRM

January 24th, 2017

Resolution

“Mira Provincial Park – Support for Season Extension”

- Whereas:** The Mira River Provincial Park offers a picturesque water-side setting for a wide range of outdoor opportunities, including walking, boating, canoeing, water skiing, fishing and swimming;
- And Whereas:** A clearly defined trail in wooded areas, open fields and along the shore can be used in the winter months for cross-country skiing;
- And Whereas:** Campground accommodations include 156 open and wooded overnight sites, 97 un-serviced, 59 serviced, some with walk-in sites with sites near the shoreline available for canoeists and kayakers with group sites available;
- And Whereas:** Park amenities include, flush toilets, showers, dishwashing station, laundry, playground and game areas, disposal station, fire grills, boat launch and change houses with wireless internet access available at the administration building;
- And Whereas:** This park has been rated fourth in Nova Scotia and there are many other parks in the province that have longer seasons;
- Be It Therefore Resolved:** That Mayor Cecil P. Clarke and Council instruct staff to write a letter of support to Lloyd Hines, Honourable Minister of Natural Resources requesting that he support the operators of the Mira Provincial Park for their request to extend their season in consideration of its popularity and usage and the economic benefactor it has for the area.

Councillor Amanda McDougall – District #8 - CBRM

January 24th, 2017

Cape Breton Regional Municipality

Proclamation

Family Literacy Day

Whereas: Solid literacy skills are vital to our social and economic development as a municipality;

And Whereas: Research shows that parents have a strong influence on the literacy development of their children;

And Whereas: Family literacy programs serve to secure a solid learning foundation for our children;

And Whereas: Family learning helps maintain the literacy levels of adults and encourages the development of lifelong readers and learners;

Be It Therefore Resolved: That the CBRM Council proclaim Sunday, January 29th, 2017 as “Family Literacy Day” in the Cape Breton Regional Municipality.

Councillor Kendra Coombes
District # 11 - CBRM

January 24th, 2017

PROCLAMATION

White Cane Week February 5 - 11, 2017

- WHEREAS:** The week of February 5 -11, 2017 is recognized as White Cane Week; and
- WHEREAS:** White Cane Week aims to remind all Canadians that the traditional cane is a symbol of independence – not dependence - and that a lack of sight is not a lack of vision; and
- WHEREAS:** This is the 70th year this public awareness program has taken place in Canada and reflects the changing situations of people who are blind and visually impaired; and
- WHEREAS:** White Cane Week is a program of the Canadian Council of the Blind which has acted as “the voice of the blind” for over 70 years; and
- WHEREAS:** This campaign asks that service providers remove barriers that limit the fullness of life for our fellow blind and visually impaired citizens.
- BE IT THEREFORE
RESOLVED:** That the CBRM Council proclaim the week of **February 5th to 11th, 2017** as **White Cane Week** in Cape Breton Regional Municipality.

Councillor George MacDonald

January 24th, 2017

PROCLAMATION

“AFRICAN HERITAGE MONTH - 2017”

- Whereas:** To honour the 100th year anniversary of the No. 2 Construction Battalion and to continue to create awareness about the Decade for People of African Descent; the African Heritage Month Information Network is pleased to present as the theme for African Heritage Month 2017 **“Passing the Torch...African Nova Scotians and the next 150 years will honour past and present legacies of African Nova Scotians while looking forward to future greatness”**;
- And Whereas:** In 1916 the formation of the No. 2 Construction Battalion was completed and the making of the Battalion was the result of months and months of struggle for Black Canadians to be accepted into active duty to fight in the Great War;
- And Whereas:** The members of the Black Battalion had to fight to fight and the Black Battalion were trail blazers who broke the color barrier in the Armed Forces and due to their efforts they paved the way for African Nova Scotians to serve in the Armed Forces in the First World War, the Second World War, the Korean War, the Afghan War, Peacekeeping in the Sinai, Cyprus, the Congo and other conflict zones;
- And Whereas:** The commemoration of African Heritage Month in Canada can be traced to 1926 when Harvard educated black historian, Carter G. Woodson founded Negro History Week to recognize the achievements of African Americans;
- And Whereas:** African Heritage Month is an opportunity to reflect upon the unique and significant history of Black settlement in Nova Scotia, and to look forward to a future of strong participation by African Nova Scotians in all facets of economic, social, legal, political and educational life;
- Be It Therefore Resolved:** That Mayor Cecil P. Clarke & Council of the Cape Breton Regional Municipality, proclaim the month of February, 2017 as African Heritage Month, and encourage all citizens to recognize and celebrate now and throughout the year the many achievements and contributions of African Nova Scotians to our Municipality.

*Councillor Jim MacLeod
January 24th, 2017*

Proclamation

Family Violence Prevention Week

WHEREAS:

Family Violence is a reality facing every Nova Scotian, as people in all communities are likely to live with, work with, or know someone who is experiencing or has experienced the trauma of abuse and neglect;

AND WHEREAS:

Increasing public awareness of family violence is a critically important endeavor. The impact of family violence is extensive – from human suffering, to loss of workplace productivity, to increasing demands on government and community agencies;

AND WHEREAS:

The issue of family violence is often sidetracked overshadowed by higher profile issues and remembrances throughout the year and seeing that there is a need to dedicate one specific period in the year to highlight the problems and the solutions to family violence;

**BE IT THEREFORE
RESOLVED:**

That the CBRM Council proclaim the week of February 12th to February 18th, 2017 as **Family Violence Prevention Week** in the Cape Breton Regional Municipality.

Councillor Darren Bruckschwaiger – District #10 – CBRM

January 24th, 2017

Summary

Statement of Revenue

November 30, 2016

Revenue	Year To Date Assigned	8 Month Budget	8 Month Budget Variance	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Remaining
Total Taxes	\$ 69,445,231	\$ 69,269,297	\$ 175,934	\$ 103,903,946	\$ 34,458,715
Total Federal Government	1,874,700	1,874,700	-	2,812,050	937,350
Total Federal Government Agencies	517,058	517,058	0	775,587	258,529
Total Provincial Government	1,273,207	1,273,212	(5)	1,909,811	636,604
Total Provincial Government Agencies	1,945,922	1,945,922	0	2,918,883	972,961
Total Services to Other Local Government	405,677	405,677	(0)	608,515	(202,838)
Total Transit	326,128	414,667	(88,538)	622,000	295,872
Total Environmental Development Services	175,960	194,667	(18,707)	292,000	116,040
Total Licenses & Permits	103,387	103,667	(279)	155,500	52,113
Total Fines & Fees	362,342	396,667	(34,325)	595,000	232,558
Total Rentals	454,647	453,386	1,261	680,079	225,432
Total Concessions & Franchises	279,108	266,667	12,442	400,000	120,892
Total Interest on Taxes	1,008,654	830,000	178,654	1,245,000	236,346
Total Finance Revenue	21,385	20,333	1,052	30,500	9,115
Total Solid Waste Revenue	1,648,995	1,466,667	182,328	2,200,000	551,005
Total Recreation & Cultural Service Programs	796,483	947,463	(150,980)	1,685,545	889,062
Total Water Utility Charges	3,301,007	3,301,007	(0)	4,951,510	1,650,503
Total Unconditional Transfers	10,556,429	10,556,429	(0)	15,834,643	5,278,214
Total Conditional Transfers	2,551,901	2,551,901	0	4,390,852	1,838,951
Year To Date Assigned	\$ 97,048,222	\$ 96,789,386	\$ 258,837	\$ 146,011,421	\$ 48,557,523

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Summary

Statement of Expenditures

November 30, 2016

Expenditures	Year to date Expended	8 Month Budget	8 Month Budget Variance	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Remaining
Legislative	\$ 870,409	\$ 1,028,551	\$ 158,142	\$ 1,458,956	\$ 588,547
Administration	682,363	853,726	171,363	1,108,790	426,427
Finance	1,725,672	1,889,399	163,728	2,832,019	1,106,347
Legal	363,124	387,075	23,951	569,072	205,948
Human Resources	1,032,049	1,106,511	74,462	1,638,145	606,096
Technology & Communications	675,215	710,535	35,320	1,165,464	490,249
Municipal Clerk	354,686	380,518	25,832	503,017	148,331
Fiscal Services	28,950,011	29,127,091	177,080	35,490,906	6,540,895
Occupational Health & Safety	132,898	147,642	14,744	219,722	86,824
Police Services	17,734,549	17,992,784	258,235	25,701,620	7,967,071
Fire Services (Incl EMO)	11,621,858	12,130,718	508,861	17,195,105	5,573,247
Engineering & Public Works	26,086,584	28,333,674	2,247,090	43,447,585	17,361,001
Planning	1,562,952	1,770,629	207,677	2,664,528	1,101,576
Facilities C200 & Arenas	2,176,481	2,025,796	(150,685)	3,042,283	865,802
Parks & Grounds	1,816,935	1,884,576	67,641	2,636,703	819,769
Buildings	1,983,939	2,169,989	186,050	3,324,603	1,340,664
Recreation	2,601,953	2,691,061	89,108	3,012,903	410,950
Total expended to date excluding 2016 Flood Costs	\$ 100,371,677	\$ 104,630,276	\$ 4,258,600	\$ 146,011,421	\$ 45,639,744
2016 Flood Costs	862,769	-	(862,769)	-	(862,769)
Total expended to date including 2016 Flood Costs	\$ 101,234,446	\$ 104,630,276	\$ 3,395,830	\$ 146,011,421	\$ 44,776,975

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