SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 19, 2025

A Special Meeting of Victoria County Municipal Council was held via Team's on June 19, 2025, at 10:00am with Warden Organ in the Chair.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

District #1- Donna Matheson-Lefort

District #3- Jess Kerr

District #4- Rosella Born

District #5- Fraser Patterson

District #6 – Tim Donovan

District #7- Jackie Organ

District #8 – Wanda Hennick

STAFF PRESENT

Leanne MacEachen, CAO

Alix Redden, CFO

Steff MacLeod, Municipal Clerk and Executive Assistant, Recorder

Natasha Kochhar, Manger of Communications

ABSENT

District #2- Perla MacLeod

CALL TO ORDER

Warden Organ called the meeting to order and presented the agenda for approval.

On Motion of Councillor Kerr seconded by Councillor Donovan to approve the June 19, 2025 agenda.

Motion Carried.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION – CIRCULAR MATERIALS

The following Resolution was read and presented to Council:

A RESOLUTION OF THE Municipality of the County of Victoria COUNCIL TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL TO COLLECT RECYCLABLE MATERIALS ON BEHALF OF CIRCULAR MATERIALS

***WHEREAS**, Circular Materials, a national not-for-profit producer responsibility organization, has been designated to manage the collection of residential recyclable materials in accordance with extended producer responsibility regulations; and*

***WHEREAS**, Circular Materials has presented a proposal to the Municipality of the County of Victoria for the collection of recyclable materials on its behalf, starting **December 1st, 2025 – December 31st, 2027,** with the option for two (2) one-year extension options, and*

***WHEREAS**, the Municipality recognizes the environmental and operational benefits of continuing and enhancing recycling services under the terms proposed; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Municipality wishes to formalize its commitment to act as a service provider under the terms outlined by Circular Materials;*

***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**:*

1. *The Council of the Municipality of the County of Victoria hereby accepts the proposal from Circular Materials to provide collection services for recyclable materials on its behalf at **$5.65** per stop and **$1.50** per stop for education services.*
2. *The Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), or designate, is authorized to execute all necessary agreements and documents related to this service agreement with Circular Materials.*
3. *The Municipality commits to complying with the reporting, operational, and service delivery requirements as outlined by Circular Materials for the term of the agreement.*
4. *This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.*

*PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the Municipality of the County of Victoria this **19th** of **June, 2025.***

Signed:

Jackie Organ, Warden
Municipality of the County of Victoria

Leanne MacEachen, CAO
Municipality of the County of Victoria

On Motion of Councillor Donovan seconded by Councillor Born to approve the Circular Materials Resolution to accept the proposal to collect recyclable materials on behalf of Circular Materials.

Motion Carried.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CAPITAL FUNDING REQUEST

CAO MacEachen explained that the Province is in the process of establishing a new Emergency Management Department and, as part of this initiative, is offering funding opportunities to municipalities for the purchase of capital equipment.

The Province has indicated it is prepared to contribute up to $200,000 toward the purchase of an emergency response vehicle. Staff are seeking Council's direction to proceed with an application for this funding, with a total project budget of up to $300,000.

The municipality currently has $100,000 in reserve funds available to contribute toward the purchase. However, staff are hopeful that neighbouring municipalities will agree to share in the cost through a formal cost-sharing arrangement. If cost-sharing partnerships cannot be secured, an alternative approach would be to charge municipalities that make use of the vehicle during emergencies.

On Motion of Councillor Born seconded by Councillor Donovan to direct staff to submit an application to the Province of Nova Scotia for emergency management funding in the amount of $200,000 to support the purchase of an emergency response vehicle, with a total project budget of up to $300,000.

Motion Carried.

MUNICIPAL GRANT UPDATE

The North Highlands Community Museum was originally allocated **$10,000** in error; the correct amount should have been **$1,000**. This correction accounts for the updated total in the grants allocation.

On Motion of Councillor Kerr seconded by Councillor Born to approve the updated Municipal Grants at the cost of $267,551.00.

Motion Carried.

ADJOURN

Councillor Patterson made a motion to adjourn at 10:34am.