



CAPE BRETON REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
OFFICE *of the* MAYOR

July 4, 2016

The Hon. Zach Churchill, Minister
Department of Municipal Affairs
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Dear Minister Churchill:

Re: Request for CBRM REN Funding

Further to our discussions, the CBRM wishes to proceed as a separate R.E.N. and is asking for the same level of 50/50 matching contributions of \$223,956.00 from the Province and City.

The total budget for the 2016/17 fiscal year has not changed at \$465,912.00 to be delivered through Business Cape Breton (BCB). The additional \$18,000.00 is cost recovery dollars received by BCB.

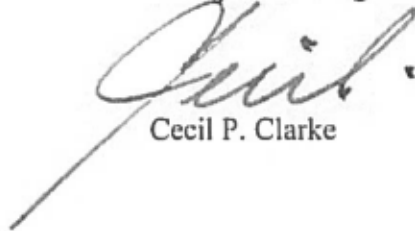
The decision of the CBRM is based on the complexity of structure and process. This in no way is a reflection of the positive and proactive relationship that the four counties of Cape Breton Island share. The collaboration and cooperation achieved over the past four years shall be the basis of an island-wide cooperation agreement to build on our collective successes to date.

Moreover, the CBRM is truly a regional enterprise as it was formerly a city, county and six towns that now work together to deliver regional planning, policing, public works and water utility services to name just a few. Therefore, it is only natural that we comprise one of the largest RENs in terms of size and population.

CBRM's Chief Administrative Officer, Michael Merritt, has met with Mark Peck of your office and has presented our perspective in person in addition to my communications with my municipal colleagues in R.E.N. No. 6. Attached please find a copy of the approved Business Plan for the CBRM through Business Cape Breton.

I hope that under your leadership, the positive economic development we have forged will continue between the Province and the City as we continue to advance and achieve more positive change. My CAO will follow-up with your Deputy Minister and Mark Peck to provide any other information or substantiation you may require.

Kind personal regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Cecil', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the left.

Cecil P. Clarke

CPC/rfd

Attachment - 1

c: Ms. Kelliann Dean, Deputy Minister, DMA
Mr. Michael Merritt, CAO, CBRM
Ms. Marie Walsh, CFO, CBRM
Mr. Mark Peck, Exec. Dir., DMA