

**Minutes of the Calgary Metropolitan Region  
Board held at Mount Royal University  
on Friday July 22, 2022**

**Delegates in Attendance**

Councillor Heather Spearman – City of Airdrie  
Mayor Jyoti Gondek – City of Calgary  
Mayor Jeff Genung – Town of Cochrane (Vice Chair)  
Reeve Delilah Miller – Foothills County  
Councillor Rachel Swendseid - Town of Okotoks  
Councillor Kevin Hanson – Rocky View County

**CMRB Administration:**

Greg Clark, Chair  
Liisa Tipman, Director of Regional Planning  
Jaime Graves, Director of Regional Projects  
Shelley Armeneau, Office Manager  
JP Leclair, GIS & Data Lead

**1. Call to Order & Opening Comments**

Chair Clark called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Members discussed the agenda and a member requested an item on urgent care closures in Airdrie be added as #9 before the roundtable.

M 2022-37

**Moved by** Mayor Councillor Spearman **Seconded by** Mayor Gondek, accepted by Chair.

**Motion:** That the Board add an item to the agenda on urgent care closures in Airdrie, after the Growth Plan Update.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

M 2022-38

**Moved by** Councillor Swendseid **Seconded by** Councillor Hanson, accepted by Chair.

**Motion:** That the Board approve the agenda as amended.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**3. Review and Approve Minutes**

M 2022-39

**Moved by** Mayor Gondek **Seconded by** Councillor Hanson, accepted by Chair.

**Motion:** That the Board approve the Minutes of the June 9, 2022 meeting.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

#### 4. Environmentally Sensitive Areas Implementation Charter

Liisa Tipman introduced this item and confirmed that the project will help develop the dataset necessary to work towards a shared regional framework and better incorporate environmentally sensitive areas (ESAs) into the work of the Board. A member expressed concerns about duplication of work the Province is already doing. Liisa Tipman noted that the Calgary Metropolitan Region scope of work is more specific to the needs of the CMRB than the existing provincial mapping, and will provide context that will help inform future development.

**Moved by** Councillor Spearman **Seconded by** Mayor Gondek, accepted by Chair.

M 2022-40

**Motion:** That the Board approve the project charter for Environmentally Sensitive Areas Implementation.

**Motion carried.** A recorded vote was requested.

In favour: Airdrie, Calgary, Chestermere, Cochrane, High River, Okotoks, Rocky View. Opposed: Foothills.

#### 5. Indigenous Relations Phase 2 Project Charter

Jaime Graves answered questions and confirmed that member municipalities will be consulted during the process, and that the project is meant to build on existing relationships and initiatives and develop new ones where there are gaps. The consultant will be adapting to feedback from Indigenous groups as the work develops.

**Moved by** Councillor Swendseid, **Seconded by** Mayor Gondek, accepted by Chair.

M2022-41

**Motion:** That the Board approve the project charter for Phase 2 Indigenous Relations strategic initiative.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

#### 6. Regional Economic Development Charter

Members discussed the phasing of this project, adding agri-business opportunities, engaging with Calgary Stampede and Alberta Agriculture, and development credits. A member noted a Calgary Regional Partnership study on successful economic development partnerships that could be beneficial to consider.

**Moved by** Mayor Gondek, **Seconded by** Mayor Genung, accepted by Chair.

M2022-42

**Motion:** That the Board approve the project charter for the Regional Economic Development initiative.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

## 7. Growth Plan Approval Update

Chair Clark confirmed that the Minister of Municipal Affairs signed Ministerial Order No.MSD:064/22 which approves the Growth Plan and REF with revisions including establishing a new placetype and new parameters for residential developments. Liisa Tipman provided an overview of changes by the Minister that was circulated to the Board and administrations. The Growth Plan comes into effect on August 15, 2022 which means that prior to that date any submissions will go through the IREF process. Commencing on August 15, 2022, the REF process will be in effect. To support the successful implementation of the Plan via REF, a draft third party template and Interpretation Guide will be circulated to TAG for feedback and will come to the September 8 Land Use & Servicing Committee for approval.

**Moved by** Mayor Genung, **Seconded by** Councillor Spearman, accepted by Chair.

M2022-43

**Motion:** That the Board receive for information an update on the Growth Plan approval.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

## 8. Urgent Care Closures in Airdrie

Members discussed the closing of overnight urgent care services in Airdrie, and the various other health care issues the Region is facing including EMS wait times and understaffed hospitals. An advocacy position was determined, and the following motion was made:

### **Motion Arising:**

**Moved by** Mayor Gondek, **Seconded by** Councillor Spearman, accepted by Chair.

M2022-44

**Motion:** That the CMRB call a press conference at 12:30 PM today to call for an immediate meeting with Minister Copping to address urgent care closures in Airdrie and access to health care in the CMR.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

## 9. Roundtable

- Mayor Genung gave a brief update on the Calgary-Banff passenger rail project. CMRB will be facilitating a presentation at an upcoming meeting from a group called Friends of Calgary Airport Banff Rail Project.
- Councillor Swendseid announced that the Province has approved Water for Life grant funding for a raw water pipeline where water will be pumped from

the Bow River at the confluence with the Highwood River through a shared water system to water treatment facilities in Okotoks and Foothills County. Completion of the project is anticipated for August 2025.

- o Councillor Hanson updated members on Rocky View County's recent ag tour which had a successful turnout. Members discussed attending a future tour.

**10. Next Meeting**

Friday September 16, 2022 @ 9 AM.

**11. Adjournment at 11:45 AM.**



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Greg Clark, Chair