

Minutes of the meeting of
the Advocacy Committee of
the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board
held at CMRB Offices on Thursday May 16, 2019

Delegates in Attendance:

Mayor Peter Brown – City of Airdrie
Deputy Mayor Delilah Miller – Foothills County
Councillor Tanya Thorn – Town of Okotoks
Reeve Amber Link – Wheatland County

CMRB Administration:

Christopher Sheard, Chair
Jordon Copping, Chief Officer
Shelley Armeneau, Office Manager

1. Call to Order

Called to order at 9:30 AM

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Mayor Brown, **Seconded by** Councillor Thorn, accepted by Chair.

Motion: That the Committee approve the agenda of the May 16, 2019 meeting as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Reeve Link, **Seconded by** Councillor Thorn, accepted by Chair.

Motion: That the Committee approve the Minutes of the March 22, 2019 meeting as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Advocacy Plan

The Committee provided feedback on the Advocacy Plan, which is intended to introduce the CMRB to newly elected officials and members of the provincial civil service in the Region. Letters to MLAs and Ministers were circulated and discussed. It was suggested that letters also go to the Minister of Transportation and Minister of Infrastructure. The letters will go to the May 24 Board meeting for further review and direction.

Moved by Councillor Thorn, **Seconded by** Mayor Brown, accepted by Chair.

Motion: That the Committee recommends the Board review the letters to MLAs and Ministers as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Advocacy Topics

The Committee reviewed the list of potential advocacy items and prioritized three topics. A draft regional position paper will be created on these three issues and brought to the Board no later than the August Board meeting. The identified members will work with their own administration, along with CMRB staff, to create the report.

- Improved health services outside of Calgary, including ambulance services (Airdrie & Wheatland County);
- Water and sewer infrastructure (educational backgrounder - Okotoks); and
- Reducing red tape, specifically rules around occupational health and safety (compile member summary reports - Foothills).

Councillor Thorn suggested reaching out to the Alberta Water Council for feedback and possible project opportunities.

6. Vice Chair Selection

Reeve Amber Link self-nominated for the position of Vice Chair by email. There being no further nominations, the Chair moved that nominations cease. Reeve Link was confirmed as Vice Chair of the Advocacy Committee.

7. Next Meeting

Next meeting to be determined at the call of the Chair. Work related to item 5 will be circulated for review and feedback by email.

8. Adjourned at 11:03 AM.



CMRB Chair, Christopher Sheard