

**Minutes of the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board
held at the High River Council Chambers
on Friday April 28, 2023**

Delegates in Attendance

Councillor Tina Petrow – City of Airdrie
Councillor Peter Demong – City of Calgary
Mayor Jeff Colvin – City of Chestermere
Mayor Jeff Genung – Town of Cochrane
Reeve Delilah Miller – Foothills County
Mayor Craig Snodgrass – High River
Mayor Tanya Thorn - Town of Okotoks
Councillor Kevin Hanson – Rocky View County (Vice Chair)
Shawn Ewasiuk, Municipal Affairs (virtual)

CMRB Administration:

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

1. Call to Order & Land Acknowledgment

Chair Clark called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM and Councillor Hanson provided a land acknowledgment. The Chair thanked Mayor Snodgrass for hosting the meeting in High River.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Petrow **Seconded by** Mayor Snodgrass, accepted by Chair.

Motion: That the Board approve the agenda.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. High River Community Update

As the host member, Mayor Snodgrass provided an update to the Board on High River's current work which includes redoing the Town Plan, a community pool expansion and plans to update their wastewater treatment plant.

M 2023-07

4. Consent Agenda

Items coming forward on the Consent Agenda included the following:

- A. Board Minutes February 24, 2023
- B. Q4 Actuals 2022
- C. Q1 Actuals 2023
- D. Board Strategic Initiatives Update

M 2023-08

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

Motion: That the Board approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. 2022 Audited Financial Statements

Calvin Scott from Avail LLP presented the audited financial statements for 2022 to the Board and reviewed the Independent Auditor's Report and financial results. He noted that CMRB had a clean audit and the statements are being presented fairly in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Moved into closed session @ 9:17 AM. Returned to open session @ 9:23.

M 2023-09

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

Motion: That the Board approve the Audited Financial Statements for 2022.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. REF Interpretation Guide

Liisa Tipman introduced this item and noted the proposed amendments were approved by the Land Use & Servicing Committee on March 9, 2023. The amendments came about as a result of testing out the Guide on the first REF submission which identified a lack of clarity around environmentally sensitive area studies.

M 2023-10

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

Motion: That the Board approve the proposed amendments to the REF Interpretation Guide.

Motion carried unanimously.

7. Proposed Member Funding Model

Jordon Copping reviewed the Member Funding Model brief and answered questions about advocacy, the upcoming election, and comparisons to EMRB. Some members felt that Municipal Affairs should be fully funding the CMRB as a provincially mandated body and were not open to considering a funding requisition. Others felt that although in principle they felt CMRB should be funded fully by the Province, if a requisition is required for the CMRB 2024

budget, members would have to decide on a model and bring it to their councils in the fall of 2023 for their own budgeting purposes. Members requested that a full, thorough advocacy plan be created and circulated to all elected officials, and not just a simple letter to Municipal Affairs.

M 2023-11

Moved by Councillor Petrow **Seconded by** Mayor Snodgrass, accepted by Chair.

Motion: That the Board direct CMRB Administration to advocate to the provincial government to increase the ongoing investment in CMRB.

Motion carried.

Following further debate on the second proposed motion in the agenda package around member funding, and after alternate motions were proposed and discussed, the Board made a motion to postpone this decision to the June Board meeting.

M 2023-12

Moved by Mayor Snodgrass **Seconded by** Reeve Miller, accepted by Chair.

Motion: That the Board postpone this matter to the June 23, 2023 Board meeting.

Motion carried.

8. Roundtable

A request was made to add a discussion around solar projects in the region to an upcoming Land Use & Servicing Committee meeting, to be led by Rocky View County.

Airdrie updated the Board on a Housing and Homelessness Workshop hosted in their community with 17 municipalities from across the province and shared the theme of how people connect with their communities, not simply the building they live in and how we should align that with land use planning.

- 9. Next Board Meeting: Friday June 23, 2023.** The Chair noted changes to the Fall meeting schedule where the Board and Governance meeting dates are switched. The next Governance Committee meeting is now on September 15 and the Fall Board meeting is October 13.

10. Adjournment @ 10:26 AM.



Chair Greg Clark