

Minutes of the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board meeting Held at the Town of Okotoks Council Chambers on Friday October 13, 2023

## **Delegates in Attendance**

Mayor Peter Brown – City of Airdrie
Mayor Jyoti Gondek – 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

#### **CMRB Administration:**

Greg Clark, Chair Jordon Copping, Chief Officer Liisa Tipman, Director of Regional Planning Jaime Graves, Director of Regional Projects

## 1. Call to Order & Opening Comments

Chair Clark called the meeting to order at 9:35 AM and thanked the Town of Okotoks for hosting. Mayor Genung provided a land acknowledgment. Chair Clark asked members to advise CMRB Administration of any changes to Board or Committee representatives following municipal organizational meetings coming in the next few weeks.

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

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

Motion: That the Board approve the agenda of the October 13, 2023 meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

# 3. Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda contained the following items:

- A. Minutes July 21, 2023
- B. Q2 Actuals for 2023

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

**Motion:** Motion that the Board approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion carried unanimously.

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## 4. Community Presentation – Town of Okotoks

Mayor Thorn presented to the Board on water in the Town of Okotoks, focussing on water constraints, water security, key water management tools and regional collaboration opportunities. Members asked questions and discussed how water restrictions are being implemented in their municipalities, non-potable water uses, budgets for water licensing and the role of developers in the process.

#### **Closed session**

The Board moved into a closed session at 10:06 AM and returned to public session at 11:09 AM.

Mayor Snodgrass left the meeting at 11:05 AM.

## 5. Board Strategic Initiatives

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**Moved by** Mayor Brown **Seconded by** Mayor Colvin, accepted by Chair.

**Motion:** That the Board receive for information the Board Strategic Initiatives Update.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### 6. Salary Adjustment 2024

Jordon Copping reviewed this item. A recorded vote was requested.

M2023-29

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

**Motion:** That the Board approve a salary increase of 2% effective January 1, 2024, for all CMRB staff.

**Motion Carried.** 

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

#### 7. Member Funding

Jordon Copping presented this item and members discussed the options. A member noted that CMRB operates on a population voting model, and that should be taken into consideration in the funding model. Other factors considered were growth rates of members, CMRB budget, Municipal Affairs funding and staff. A recorded vote was requested.

M2023-30

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

**Motion:** That the Board adopt proposed funding formula Option 6 for one year and direct CMRB administration to explore other funding formulas with interested



member municipalities to determine if a more appropriate formula exists for future years, with a report back by Q4 2024.

**Motion Carried.** 

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

## 8. Budget 2024

Jordon Copping presented this item and noted that the budget figures do not bind the Board into specific project costs. There were discussions around specific project budget increases, funding sources, consultants and municipal expert participation. A recorded vote was requested.

M2023-31

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

**Motion:** That the Board approve the 2024 CMRB Budget.

Motion Carried.

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

## 9. Proposed 2024 Board & Committee Meeting Dates

Members discussed the meeting dates and agreed to move the September Governance Committee meeting to Friday September 13. Meeting invites will be circulated after member organizational meetings are complete.

M2023-32

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

**Motion:** That the Board approve the proposed 2024 Board and Committee meeting dates, as amended.

Motion Carried unanimously.

#### 10. Roundtable

- Liisa Tipman provided an update on the Speaker Series being held November 24 at Fort Calgary on Digital Twins. BILD Calgary Region is sponsoring the event and reception following the presentations. An invite has been circulated to councils, staff and industry.
- Jaime Graves provided an update to the Board that Infrastructure Canada is developing a funding program for a future Permanent Public Transit Fund with potential for a regional stream of funding. CMRB Administration and TAGs are working together on the matter and will report back.



# 11. Next Meeting

Friday November 24, 2023 @ 9:30 AM, Fort Calgary.

12. Adjournment at 11:45 PM.

Greg Clark, Chair