

**Minutes of the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board Meeting  
Held at Fort Calgary on Friday November 24, 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 (Vice Chair)  
Deputy Reeve Don Kochan – Rocky View County  
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  
Shelley Armeneau, Office Manager

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

Chair Clark called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM and Deputy Reeve Kochan provided a land acknowledgment.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

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

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**Motion:** That the Board approve the agenda of the November 24, 2023, meeting.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**3. Consent Agenda**

Included in the Consent Agenda were Minutes of the October 13, 2023, Board meeting and the Board Strategic Initiatives Update.

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

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

**Motion carried unanimously.**

#### 4. City of Calgary Community Update

Mayor Gondek provided a presentation on the City of Calgary's Housing Strategy and discussed the following points:

- Calgary's housing crisis
- Development and overview of Calgary's strategy
- Implementation and next steps

Mayor Gondek answered questions about availability of housing for citizens moving to Calgary for employment opportunities, consideration of affordability of satellite communities, affects of diminished federal and provincial funding, Indigenous housing recommendations, Housing Accelerator Fund and lack of regional opportunities through federal funding.

#### 5. Vice Chair Election

Chair Clark noted the Vice Chair position had recently become vacant after a change in Board representation at Rocky View County. An email was circulated to members on October 24, 2023, inviting nominations for the position. Mayor Thorn put her name forward. The Board resoundingly agreed to Mayor Thorn taking the position of Vice Chair, and she formally accepted the nomination.

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

**Motion:** That the Board elect Mayor Tanya Thorn as Vice Chair of the Board.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

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#### 6. Draft CMR Additions to Reserve Framework

Anne Harding from Forum Community Relations introduced this item and answered questions. She noted that the purpose of the ATR Framework is to provide useful considerations for how member municipalities and First Nations can respectfully work together when land within a member municipality has been identified for potential conversion to a First Nation Reserve. Each addition to reserve will be unique and how each municipality and First Nation handles the addition will be unique. By no means is the framework prescribing what needs to be done, but is more about principles to work together. She also noted that the Framework was created through working group participants of member municipalities and two First Nations in the region. Members discussed land use policies, taxes, water servicing, and advancing reconciliation.

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

**Motion:** That the Board approve the draft CMR Additions to Reserve Framework as non-binding general principles for use and adaptation by member municipalities.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Closed session**

The Board moved into a closed session at 11:15 AM and returned to public session at 12:33 PM.

**7. Infrastructure Canada Permanent Transit Fund**

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

**Motion:** That the Board receive information on the Infrastructure Canada Permanent Public Transit Fund and a proposed approach for member municipalities to work together on a regional application.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**8. Roundtable**

Mayor Genung thanked member municipalities who reached out during the Town of Cochrane's recent water and waste water emergency. In particular, he expressed his gratitude to the City of Calgary for their assistance during the local emergency and credited regional relationships built at the CMRB table.

**9. Next Meeting**

Friday, December 15 @ 9:30 by GoTo Meeting.

**10. Adjournment at 12:36 PM.**



Greg Clark, Chair