

Minutes of the meeting of the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board on Friday March 11, 2022

Delegates in Attendance

Councillor Tina Petrow – City of Airdrie
Mayor Jyoti Gondek – City of Calgary
Mayor Jeff Colvin – City of Chestermere
Mayor Jeff Genung – Town of Cochrane (Vice Chair)
Reeve Delilah Miller – Foothills County
Mayor Tanya Thorn - Town of Okotoks
Councillor Kevin Hanson – Rocky View County
Mayor Pat Fule – Town of Strathmore
Reeve Amber Link – Wheatland County
Shawn Ewasiuk - Municipal Affairs

CMRB Administration:

Greg Clark, Chair
Jordon Copping, Chief Officer
Liisa Tipman, Project Manager-Land Use
Jaime Graves, Project Manager-Intermunicipal Servicing
Shelley Armeneau, Office Manager
JP Leclair, GIS Analyst

1. Call to Order & Opening Comments

Called to order at 8:33 AM. Chair Clark referenced a letter that had been circulated by the Town of Strathmore and Wheatland County asking the Board to support their removal from CMRB. He also updated the Board on his recent conversation with Minister McIver who has requested a meeting with the Board to announce his proposed approach to the Growth and Servicing Plan, along with information about ongoing membership. The date for this meeting is being scheduled and will hopefully be before the next Board meeting on April 29th. In light of this, Chair Clark suggested discussion on membership of Strathmore and Wheatland be deferred to after the meeting with the Minister. No concerns were raised.

2. Approval of Agenda

M 2022-10

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

Motion: That the Board approve the agenda of the March 11, 2022 meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

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3. Review and Approve Minutes

Moved by Reeve Link Seconded by Mayor Genung, accepted by Chair.

Motion: That the Board approve the Minutes of the January 21, 2022 meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. 2021 Draft Audited Financial Statements

Calvin Scott from AVAIL LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, presented to the Board and advised that AVAIL are bringing forward a clean opinion, with nothing significant to note. No illegal acts or fraud, no disagreements with management, and no difficulties were encountered during the audit. He thanked the CMRB Administrative team for their cooperation. The Governance Committee reviewed the Draft Audited Financial Statements on February 25 and recommended approval to the Board.

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M 2022-11

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

Motion: That the Board approve the 2021 Audited Financial Statements. **Motion carried unanimously.**

5. Indigenous Engagement Update Anne Harding and Andrea Hanson provided an update to the Board on the Indigenous engagement planning approach, outreach and connections, what we've learned so far, early recommendations and next steps.

Members discussed engagement with affected indigenous groups on possible train lines from Calgary to Banff, MOU frameworks, budget, inviting Siksika to the April 29, 2022 Board meeting, and building relationships. In response to a question about meeting with the Tsuut'ina Nation, Anne Harding advised she has a meeting with Chief Whitney scheduled on May 2. Jordon Copping also noted he and former Chair Chris Sheard met with Tsuut'ina Nation in early 2019.

Jordon Copping noted that he has been in touch with member CAOs about a topic of interest that arose when he and Chair Clark met with members of the Siksika Nation Council. In December 2021 the Siksika Nation voted to accept the Global Settlement Agreement. Jordon Copping is meeting with CAOs to discuss if they have developed, or are in the process of developing, an Urban Reserves Strategy or similar document as there may be efficiencies to be found by working together with Indigenous Nations near the Calgary Metropolitan Region. Efficiencies may include developing a template document which could be tailored to the needs of each member municipality. He will provide a further update once the scheduled meetings have been completed.



M2022-13

Moved by Mayor Thorn, **Seconded by** Mayor Gondek, accepted by Chair. **Motion:** That the Board receive for information an update on CMRB Indigenous Engagement and direct CMRB to begin discussions with Siksika Nation and MNA Region 3 regarding MOU frameworks.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Joint Planning Area Context Study Terms of Reference

Jaime Graves presented this item and answered questions about timeframes, providing assistance to member municipalities in creating TORs, sequencing, and the effects of the lack of ministerial approval of the Growth Plan and Servicing Plan which is linked to commitments in the plans and work going forward.

M2022-14

Moved by Mayor Genung, **Seconded by** Councillor Petrow, accepted by Chair. **Motion:** That the Board submit a request to the Minister that the Joint Planning Area Context Study Terms of Reference committed to in the Growth Plan be due 6 months from the Minister's approval of the Growth Plan.

Motion carried unanimously.

7. Annual Report

CMRB Administration answered questions about the Annual Report, including acknowledgement of the challenges and concerns some members had in the approval of the Growth and Servicing Plans. Jordon Copping confirmed the printed Annual Report would be circulated to councils. A member encouraged Board members to review the Annual Report with their councils.

M2022-15

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

Motion: That the Board approve the Annual Report.

Motion carried unanimously.

8. Q4 Actuals

Jordon Copping presented and answered questions about the 2021 Q4 actuals.

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

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Motion: That the Board review and receive for information the 2021 Q4 Actuals.

Motion carried unanimously.



- Next Meeting
 Friday April 29, 2022 @ 9:30 AM.
- 10. Adjournment at 9:35 AM.

Greg Clark, Chair