

Minutes of the meeting of the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board held at the Cochrane Ranchehouse on Friday November 18, 2022

# **Delegates in Attendance**

Mayor Peter Brown - City of Airdrie Mayor Jyoti Gondek - City of Calgary Mayor Jeff Genung – Town of Cochrane (Vice Chair) Reeve Delilah Miller – Foothills County Mayor Craig Snodgrass - High River Mayor Tanya Thorn - Town of Okotoks Councillor Kevin Hanson – Rocky View County Ann Laing, 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 JP Leclair, GIS & Data Lead

## **Guests: Metis Nation Region 3**

Lawrence Gervais Elder Kerrie Moore Elder Art Cunningham Elder George Pambrun Ross Pambrun Amber Boyd Wynter Ducharme

#### 1. Call to Order & Land Acknowledgment

Chair Clark called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM and provided a land acknowledgment. He thanked Mayor Genung and The Town of Cochrane staff for hosting the Board meeting. Chair commented on the recently released Premier's mandate letters, which outline the objectives and priorities of the work Ministers will focus on in their roles. The letters are available online. CMRB staff are working with Municipal Affairs to understand the scope and timing of the work to be undertaken. Finally, it was noted the performance reviews for the Chief Officer and Chair have commenced.

# 2. Approval of Agenda

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

**Motion:** That the Board approve the agenda.

Motion carried unanimously.

## 3. Consent Agenda

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

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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#### M 2022-55

M 2022-56



# 4. Challenge to REF Application 2022-08

Chair Clark outlined the process for this agenda item. CMRB Administration provided their presentation first, followed by Foothills County and the Town of High River, Each had 15 minutes to present. The motion was put on the floor and debate commenced. A recorded vote was requested.

#### **Main Motion:**

M 2022-57

**Moved by** Reeve Miller **Seconded by** Councillor Hanson, accepted by Chair.

**Motion:** That the Board approve REF Application 2022-08 Foothills County Foothills Crossing ASP.

#### **Motion Arising:**

Moved by Mayor Snodgrass, No Seconder. Motion not accepted on the floor.

Motion: That the Board postpone approval of REF Application 2022-08 until the Context Study of JPA 4 has been completed, within one year.

### **Return to Main Motion:**

Motion carried. Recorded vote requested.

In Favour: Airdrie, Calgary, Chestermere, Cochrane, Foothills, Okotoks, Rocky View.

Opposed: High River.

## 5. Welcoming Metis Nation of Alberta Region 3

CMRB was honoured to have representatives from Metis Nation of Alberta Region 3 (MNAR3) in attendance at the meeting. Chair Clark offered a gift to the elders, Elder George Pambrun gave a prayer and President Lawrence Gervais provided a brief history of the MNAR3. The importance of relationship building and collaborations were discussed. Opportunities such as flag raising for Metis Week and the Metis Mixers at Lougheed House were identified. Chair Clark expressed interest in attending the Metis Mixers at a future date.

#### 6. REF Interpretation Guide

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

**Motion:** That the Board approve the Regional Evaluation Framework Interpretation Guide.

Motion carried unanimously.

# 7. Budget 2023

M 2022-58

Jordon Copping reviewed the Budget 2023, including the notes that were missing at the bottom of page 62 of the agenda package:

- 2) In year withdrawals from reserves are higher than overall reserve draw down because of timing of grant.

1) The ACP Grant was received from the Government of Alberta in Q3.

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- 3) Salary was budgeted before CPP and EI numbers were released. Staffing costs will be within original budget.
- 4) CMRB accounts are calculated on a cash basis. Extra payment in the quarter. Costs will be within budget.
- 5) Any costs related to the Growth and Servicing Plan finalization are billed to Contingency.
- 6) Under budget due to delay in beginning some Regional Initiative work.

Jordon answered questions about future funding and stated he is working with EMRB and has reached out to Municipal Affairs on this subject. In addition, CMRB is investigating other grant opportunities.

M2022-59

**Moved by** Mayor Brown, **Seconded by** Mayor Snodgrass, accepted by Chair. **Motion:** That:

- A) the Board approve the 2022 Cost of Living Allowance Salary Increase;
- B) the Board approve the 2023 CMRB Budget.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved into closed session at 12:56. Return to open session at 1:05.

#### 8. Chair's Contract

M2022-60

**Moved by** Mayor Genung, **Seconded by** Mayor Gondek, accepted by Chair. **Motion:** That the Board approve the Chair contract as per the discussion in closed session and direct Administration to undertake all necessary action to execute the contract.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### 9. Roundtable

The Board discussed the following topics:

- A member suggested dropping the GoTo Meeting streaming from Board meetings, since YouTube is available for viewers. As CMRB moves around the region for meetings, simplifying the process may be appropriate. Chair Clark suggested this could be discussed at the strategic session in January on how we work together.
- The Board discussed a potential advocacy item around approaching Municipal Affairs to determine what municipalities' rights are in relation to land use considerations for wind and solar energy applications. Of concern are the agricultural, transportation and future growth impacts, as well as



financial security for land reclamation. A suggestion was made that the Board could consider pooling resources to bring forth coordinated policies or regulations. Chair Clark asked Ann Laing of Municipal Affairs to provide a summary of where municipalities may have "intervener status" for these types of applications for the next meeting. Currently the affected municipality does not have legal standing to speak at an Alberta Utilities Commission hearing because they are not considered a landowner. Next steps will be decided after receipt of the information from Municipal Affairs and may come to a future Board meeting as an advocacy item.

#### 10. Next Meeting

Board Strategic Session Friday January 20th, 2023 @ 9:30 AM, at the Royal Hotel located in Calgary.

The December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 Land Use & Servicing Committee meeting will be cancelled.

11. Adjournment at 1:25 PM.

Greg Clark, Chair