

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Land Use and Servicing Committee
of the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board
on Thursday September 21, 2023, by Go-To Meeting

Delegates in Attendance:

Councillor Tina Petrow – City of Airdrie
Councillor Gian-Carlo Carra – City of Calgary
Mayor Jeff Colvin – City of Chestermere
Mayor Jeff Genung – Town of Cochrane
Reeve Delilah Miller – Foothills County
Mayor Craig Snodgrass – Town of High River
Councillor Rachel Swendseid – Town of Okotoks (Vice Chair)
Councillor Sunny Samra – Rocky View County

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

Chair Clark called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM and Councillor Swendseid provided a land acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Mayor Genung, **Seconded by** Councillor Swendseid, accepted by Chair.
Motion: That the Committee approve the agenda.
Motion carried unanimously.

3. Review Minutes

Moved by Councillor Petrow, **Seconded by** Mayor Genung, accepted by Chair.
Motion: That the Committee approve the Minutes of the July 6, 2023 meeting.
Motion carried unanimously.

4. Water Roadmap Update

Bart Schoonbaert from ARUP provided a presentation to the Committee and answered questions. Jaime Graves responded to questions around fulfillment of the charter, and specifically addressed each recommendation coming out of the ARUP presentation, including: advocate, convene, enable, promote, elevate and investigate. Some members felt the directions were not specific enough to translate into actions, and suggested more clearly identifying the tangible outcomes before it goes to the Board.

A recommendation to liaise more closely with other watershed advisory groups in the region was suggested. The committee identified other areas of focus such as drought mitigation, water storage availability and connectivity to stormwater. In addition, it was noted the Committee should focus on where specific actions enhance the objectives of the Growth & Servicing Plans. The Committee discussed the role of the Province versus the ability of the region to make decisions about water.

City of Calgary member put forward an alternate motion to direct CMRB Administration to strengthen the Water Roadmap Update to address areas that are insufficient, including providing specific actions, enhanced direction, fulsome gap analysis, prioritization of outcomes and a stronger link to the Growth Plan, returning to the Land Use and Servicing Committee by January 2024. Members of the Committee and CMRB Administration asked questions about the “fulsome gap analysis” portion of the motion and what it meant in terms of budget and staff time. Clarification was also requested around the term “enhanced direction” and a friendly amendment was suggested to change the term to “clarity of direction”.

Moved by Councillor Carra, **Seconded by** Councillor Samra, accepted by Chair.

Motion: That the Land Use and Servicing Committee direct CMRB Administration to strengthen the Water Roadmap Update to address areas that are insufficient, including providing specific actions, clarity of direction, fulsome gap analysis, prioritization of outcomes and a stronger link to the Growth Plan, returning to the Land Use and Servicing Committee by January 2024.

Motion carried.

5. Scoping the Regional Transportation and Transit Master Plan

Jaime Graves introduced this item and reviewed the brief in the agenda package. She noted that following an investigation into the details and status of data and inputs to and dependencies of the RTTMP, CMRB Administration are recommending a delay to the procurement process to complete the RTTMP. Members discussed budget implications, joint planning areas, federal grants for transit funding, and how delaying the procurement would affect the overall project. One member was strongly opposed to a delay and felt the scoping should continue along with the procurement. Although CMRB received no concerns at the technical advisory working group level prior to the meeting, the member advised a delay in scope was not acceptable to them. A motion was suggested to direct Administration to provide a scope of RTTMP in alignment with the previously approved project charter, returning to committee by Q1 of 2024.

David Cooper, Scoping RTTMP SME consultant, added that a delay in the procurement process was being suggested, not a pause on the entire project. Concerns around retaining a consultant and then having to stop was also discussed.

Mayor Genung left the meeting at 12:00.

In the interest of time, a member requested the debate cease and the proposed motion be moved and voted on, or the item be tabled. Chair Clark accepted the motion to table.

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

Motion: That the Committee table this item to the October 19 Land Use & Servicing Committee meeting.

Motion carried.

6. Board Strategic Initiatives Update

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

Motion: That the Committee receive for information an update on Board initiatives.

Motion carried unanimously.

7. Roundtable

Liisa Tipman updated the committee on the progress of the Speaker Series to be held November 24, 2023. Three speakers have been secured to talk about digital twins and what modelling can do for Growth Plan monitoring and planning work in the region. More information will be forthcoming by way of an invitation. Member councils and other stakeholders will also be invited to attend.

8. Next Meeting: Thursday October 19, 2023.

9. Adjourned @ 12:30 PM.



Chair Greg Clark