

Delegates in Attendance

Mayor Peter Brown – City of Airdrie
Mayor Naheed Nenshi/Councillor Gian-Carlo Carra – City of Calgary
Mayor Marshall Chalmers – City of Chestermere
Mayor Jeff Genung – Town of Cochrane
Reeve Suzanne Oel – Foothills County
Mayor Craig Snodgrass – High River
Mayor Bill Robertson - Town of Okotoks
Reeve Dan Henn – Rocky View County
Mayor Pat Fule/Councillor Bob Sobol – Town of Strathmore
Reeve Amber Link – Wheatland County
Dale Beesley/Monte Krueger, Municipal Affairs

CMRB Administration:

Chris Sheard, Chair
Greg Clark, Incoming 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 9:33 AM. Chair Clark and Vice Chair Genung took a moment to thank Chair Sheard for his service and contributions to CMRB over the past 3 years. Jordon Copping also expressed his gratitude for Chris’ guidance, steadiness, and endless pursuit of perfection.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

M 2021-27

Motion: That the Board approve the agenda of the February 26, 2021 meeting, adding a discussion on the Province of Alberta’s Budget for 2021-22 under Roundtable.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Review and Approve Minutes

Moved by Mayor Brown **Seconded by** Reeve Henn, accepted by Chair.

M 2021-28

Motion: That the Board approve the Minutes of the January 29, 2021 meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. COVID Update

Dale Beesley updated the Board on public health orders, isolation hotels, vaccination programs, and details of the Town Hall meeting hosted by the Premier and Minister McIver. In response to a question on the lapse of the Public State of Health Emergency, Dale endeavoured to provide a response through Jordon to the Board. A link was provided to a Blue Cross website for information on pharmacies giving vaccinations.

Moved by Mayor Fule **Seconded by** Reeve Henn, accepted by Chair.

M 2021-29

Motion: That the Board receive for information a COVID update from the Government of Alberta.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Growth Plan Review Process

Members discussed the outstanding areas of disagreement table in the brief. Some members felt the table was not complete, and Jordon encouraged members to send him any additions. A member questioned the list of items in "Additional Considerations" and whether those are out of scope or are required elements of the Growth Plan. A concern was highlighted around alignment of the "Additional Considerations" and the extension letter from Minister McIver.

Peter Calthorpe from HDRC provided a presentation on regional scenarios, mixed use and masterplans vs. subdivisions, preferred growth areas, feedback on initial draft and modifications and clarification to the Plan.

During this portion of the meeting there was an interruption of the internet and the live-streaming was affected. Members discussed whether the meeting should be terminated, however since it was being recorded on the GoTo platform, a decision was made to continue and post the recorded meeting on the website immediately following the meeting.

Motion Arising:

Moved by Mayor Genung and accepted by Chair.

M2021-30

Motion: That the Board continue the meeting despite the internet interruption and post the recording on the CMRB website immediately following the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion:

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

M2021-31

Motion: That the Board receive for information a process for resolving outstanding areas of disagreement related to the Growth Plan.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Growth Plan

Jordan Copping introduced this item and confirmed that moving forward to conduct public engagement on this version of the Growth Plan still allows for edits and incorporation of the additional public engagement feedback before the final document is drafted. The current version is based on written feedback from member administrations, verbal feedback at TAG and Board meetings and through council presentations.

Concerns around going to public consultation with the current Draft Plan were identified, specifically without the REF and Servicing Plan to accompany it.

The Board discussed this item and requested that TAG:

- Complete a line-by-line review of the draft plan for small errors, awkward phrasing, clarity and organization, rather than content, prior to public engagement.
- Have a substantive discussion of REF and regional significance.
- Consider coming into force date of Plan. There have been some differing opinions as to when the Growth Plan will come into effect and when plans will start being reviewed against the policies of the Growth Plan.

Members discussed how the Plans will meet the requirements of the Regulation and whether economic viability has played a role in determining the policies. A member requested that there be a strong statement about source water protection in the Plan. Stephen Power of HDRC noted that a detailed evaluation of source water protection should be added as a follow-up item to the Growth Plan.

Motion Arising:

Moved by Reeve Henn **Seconded by** Reeve Link, accepted by Chair.

M 2021-32

Motion: Motion that this draft of the Growth Plan be referred to TAG for a review to take place next week and the decision to release the draft Plan for public engagement be decided by electronic vote after the TAG.

Following discussion on the motion, an amendment was proposed to remove “and be decided by electronic vote after the TAG” which was accepted by the mover. An addition was also suggested to include “and be released for public engagement” at the end. This was also accepted by the mover.

Motion: Motion that this draft of the Growth Plan be referred to TAG for a review to take place next week and be released for public engagement.

Motion carries.

Motion Arising A:

Moved by Reeve Link **Seconded by** Mayor Brown, accepted by Chair.

M2021-33

Motion: Motion that the draft Servicing Plan and REF process be reviewed by TAG and released for public engagement along with the Growth Plan.

The Chair asked for feedback from CMRB Administration on the possibility of including the REF process and Servicing Plan in the next round of public engagement. Jordon Copping advised that further discussions and work are required on the REF and Servicing Plan by TAG before they are ready for circulation, and that this timeline would be difficult to meet given the next round of public engagement is scheduled to start in mid-March.

Motion Arising B:

M2021-34

Moved by Mayor Robertson **Seconded by** Mayor Nenshi, accepted by Chair.

Motion: Motion to sever the motion into two parts:

- a) Motion that the REF be reviewed by TAG and released for public engagement along with the Growth Plan.
- b) Motion that the draft Servicing Plan be reviewed by TAG and released for public engagement along with the Growth Plan.

Motion fails.

Return to vote on Motion Arising A:
Motion fails.

7. Phase 3 of Public Engagement

Anne Harding presented this item and answered questions.

While one member asked if specific entities could be allowed to present directly to the Board, others felt in the interest of equity for all, the Board could not grant an audience to a specific few. Anne Harding advised there is a virtual open

house scheduled specifically for the developer industry and that others could be arranged. Jordon also noted that a Communications & Engagement TAG group was developed early in 2020 that includes BILD, CREB, NAIOP and others that are updated on a bi-weekly basis. As a result of those meetings, direct feedback from that TAG group was presented to the Board in January 2021.

With regard to the virtual open houses, Anne asked members to identify key stakeholder groups for direct outreach or a specific invitation to attend a session to discuss key elements of the plan and invite their specific input (for example: chambers of commerce, indigenous groups, developer community). She identified an equity element of the process in asking the same questions to all groups to ensure fairness.

Members discussed compressing the timeline, reducing consultation from 4 weeks to 3 in order to integrate feedback into the Plans. There was agreement to reduce the engagement period from March 19-April 12.

Anne agreed to contact Board members to share ideas and best practices to get residents engaged.

M 2021-35

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

Motion: That the Board receive for information and provide feedback on Phase 3 of public engagement of the Draft Growth Plan.

Motion carried.

Mayor Fule, Mayor Snodgrass and Mayor Chalmers left the meeting.

Due to time constraints, and members leaving the meeting, the following motion was made:

M 2021-36

Moved by Mayor Brown **Seconded by** Councillor Carra, accepted by Chair.

Motion: That the Board defer items #8, #10 and #11 to a future meeting, and discuss agenda item #9.

Motion withdrawn.

M 2021-37

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

Motion: That the Board adjourn the meeting and reconvene at 12:30 PM on Thursday March 4, 2021.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:52 PM.

Meeting resumed on March 4, 2021 at 12:30 PM.

8. Q4 Actuals

M 2021-38

Moved by Mayor Chalmers, **Seconded by** Reeve Link, accepted by Chair.

Motion: That the Board review and receive for information the Q4 Actual and Year End.

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Foothills County Requested Agenda Item

Reeve Oel brought forward this agenda item and members discussed.

Moved by Reeve Oel, **Seconded by** Mayor Robertson, accepted by Chair.

M 2021-39

Motion: That CMRB member municipalities calculate their in-kind contributions provided in 2020 and January 2021 (13 months) towards the development of the Growth & Servicing plans and the Regional Evaluation Framework. Member municipalities are to provide this calculation to CMRB administration for distribution to all CMRB members.

Motion fails.

10. Roundtable

Members discussed the recent provincial budget and how it affects CMRB funding, Disaster Relief Program, Bill 52 legislation, International Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination and EMS services.

There was agreement to bring the Disaster Relief Program and Bill 52 legislation items to a future Board meeting. This was noted by CMRB Administration.

11. Closed Session

Moved into closed session at 1:14 PM.

Motion to return to open session at 1:43 PM moved by Mayor Robertson, Seconded by Mayor Genung.

Moved by Reeve Oel **Seconded by** Reeve Henn, accepted by Chair.

M 2021-40

Motion: Motion that the Board direct the Growth Plan consultant to provide the information on the modelling work and the results of the modelling work for inclusion as an appendix in the Growth Plan.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

M 2021-41

Motion: Motion that the Board review and receive for information an update on the HDRC delivery of contracted services.

Motion carried unanimously.

12. Next Meeting

Board Visioning Friday March 19, 2021.

13. Adjournment at 2:00 PM.



Greg Clark, Chair