

Minutes of the Go-To Meeting of the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board on June 26, 2020

# **Delegates in Attendance:**

Mayor Peter Brown - City of Airdrie

Mayor Naheed Nenshi – City of Calgary

Mayor Marshall Chalmers - City of Chestermere

Mayor Jeff Genung – Town of Cochrane

Reeve Suzanne Oel - Foothills County

Mayor Craig Snodgrass – Town of High River

Mayor Bill Robertson – Town of Okotoks

Reeve Greg Boehlke - Rocky View County

Mayor Pat Fule – Town of Strathmore

Reeve Amber Link - Wheatland County

Monte Krueger, Municipal Affairs

# **CMRB Administration:**

Chris Sheard, Chair
Jordon Copping, Chief Officer
Liisa Tipman, Project Manager-Land Use
Jaime Graves, Project Manager-Intermunicipal Servicing
Shelley Armeneau, Office Manager

### 1. Call to Order

Called to order at 9:30 AM. Chair noted the meeting was being held virtually and that it was live streaming on YouTube for the public. The process for voting will be by verbal roll call poll alphabetically by member municipality.

## 2. Approval of Agenda

M 2020-56

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

**Motion:** That the Board approve the agenda of the June 26, 2020 meeting,

Motion carried unanimously.

## 3. Approval of Minutes

M 2020-57

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

**Motion:** That the Board approve the Minutes of the May 22, 2020 meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.



# 4. Growth & Servicing Plan Project Update

Stephen Power of HDR Calthorpe (HDRC) provided the Board with an update:

- o Completed Workshop #3 for Board and Committee members on June 11.
- Workshop for TAGs starting July 9 with small breakout group discussions will be more technical in nature. HDRC is moving towards identifying key issues for policy. A workshop with external TAG is scheduled on July 10. Feedback forms online and recording of Workshop #3 are available to municipalities online.
- Meeting with Communications & Engagement TAG (C&E TAG) to review promotion plan. Progress has been made on building content of engagement website will be shared and tested with C&E TAG.
- o Workshop for TAGs on July 9 is a starting point. HDRC will be having detailed meetings with each TAG over the summer.
- o HDRC is starting to move forward on policy. Addressing concerns about policy development and confirmed HDRC's approach to policy development will meet the Regulation requirements. The level of detail is a framework for collaboration and looking at ways to deliver servicing in a less expensive manner. HDRC stressed the importance of understanding that the scale we are working at is on a regional strategy level, and therefore creating a framework for municipalities to collaborate and achieve the plan goals.

Mayor Brown noted that he would like to see on a future agenda a more detailed discussion on how members can help promote the public engagement and consultation process.

M 2020-58

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

**Motion:** That the Board receive for information an update on the progress of the Growth & Servicing Plan.

Motion carried unanimously.

# 5. Request for Extension of Deadline to Deliver the Growth & Servicing Plan

### **Motion:**

M 2020-59

Moved by Mayor Chalmers Seconded by Mayor Robertson, accepted by Chair.

**Motion:** That the Board approve the sending of the attached letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

Motion carried unanimously.



# 6. South & East Calgary Regional Transportation Study

Foothills County asked the Board to acknowledge two letters of support that were submitted on behalf of Black Diamond and Turner Valley for this Study. In addition, Foothills indicated their preference would be for the process to be reviewed in 3-5 years. The City of Calgary noted some concerns about the prioritization of the projects and general lack of transit. Okotoks felt that safety could have played a larger role in the study.

M 2020-60

Moved by Mayor Robertson Seconded by Mayor Chalmers, accepted by Chair.

**Motion:** That the Board approve the South and East Calgary Regional Transportation Study.

Motion carried.

M 2020-61

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

**Motion:** That the Board share the South and East Calgary Regional Transportation Study with the Minister of Transportation and senior leadership at Alberta Transportation

Motion carried.

## 7. Integration of North and South & East Transportation Studies

The Board discussed the consecutive list and ranking of projects. Foothills noted their disagreement with sending the rankings to the Government of Alberta. CMRB Administration provided clarification on the development of the study and factors considered.

M 2020-62

## **Amending Motion:**

Moved by Reeve Oel Seconded by Reeve Link, accepted by Chair.

**Motion** that the Board approve the Integration memo of the North Calgary Regional Transportation Study and the South and East Calgary Regional Transportation Study, with the removal of the "rank" and "score" columns from table 4.2.

**Motion** that the Board share the integration memo with the Minister of Transportation and Senior Leadership at Alberta Transportation including a cover letter from the CMRB that indicates that the identified priority projects are not meant to be construed as a consecutive list. Rather, it is a compilation of



projects that are regionally significant and are expected to provide benefit to the CMR.

Motion defeated.

M 2020-63

Moved by Mayor Robertson Seconded by Mayor Chalmers, accepted by Chair.

**Motion** that the Board approve the integration memo of the North Calgary Regional Transportation Study and the South and East Calgary Regional Transportation Study.

Motion carried.

M 2020-64

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

**Motion** that the Board share the integration memo with the Minister of Transportation and Senior Leadership at Alberta Transportation.

Motion carried.

8. Transit Background Report

M 2020-65

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

**Motion:** That the Board approve the Transit Background Report.

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Approach to Development of Policy for Flood Prone Areas

M 2020-66

## **Amending Motion #1**

Moved by Reeve Oel, Seconded by Mayor Snodgrass, accepted by Chair.

**Motion** that the Board remove "or may be," from the definition of flood prone areas.

Mayor Nenshi proposed a friendly amendment to also remove "that have been". This was accepted by Reeve Oel and Mayor Snodgrass.

**Flood Prone Areas** – Includes the flood hazard area as defined by the Government of Alberta's flood hazard maps and other areas that have been, or may be, affected by riverine flooding greater than the design flood as defined by member municipalities in respect of their local context.

Motion carried unanimously.



M 2020-67

# **Amending Motion #2**

Moved by Reeve Oel, Seconded by Mayor Snodgrass, accepted by Chair.

Motion to add the following to 4.2 Medium Term Actions:

a) Request that the Government of Alberta take a leadership role in developing policy for flood prone areas.

Mayor Snodgrass put forward a friendly amendment to add a sentence at the end that says "CMRB members strongly suggest changing this design standard to 1:200 years, or a 0.5% flood". After discussion, the friendly amendment was withdrawn.

Motion carried unanimously.

M 2020-68

# **Amending Motion #3**

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

Motion that the Board approve the following additions:

Design Flood – The current design standard in Alberta is the 1% flood, defined as a flood whose magnitude has a 1% chance of being equalled or exceeded in any year. Although it can be referred to as a 100-year flood, this does not mean that it will only occur once every hundred years. CMRB members strongly suggest changing this design standard to 1:200 years, or a 0.5% flood.

## 3.1 Confirming Board Objectives

The policies of the Growth and Servicing Plan need to reflect the Board's objectives for flood prone areas. Given previous discussions at the Committee and the Board, and in consideration of information provided by the Land Use TAG and Water Table, a draft list of objectives is provided below for Board consideration:

- Prioritize public safety
- Mitigate risk to public, municipalities, businesses, park spaces, living assets and property/lands
- Over time and with appropriate inputs, examine how flood resilience might be achieved among CMR municipalities
- Educate the public and other development stakeholders on the risks of development in flood prone areas
- · Maintain essential ecosystem function of flood
- Minimum design standard of 1:200 years, or a 0.5% flood

Motion carries.



M 2020-69

# **Main Motion:**

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

**Motion:** That the Board approve the approach to development of policy for flood prone areas, as amended.

Motion carries.

# 10. Draft Recreation Policy

Charlie Hales from HDR Calthorpe introduced the Draft Recreation Policy.

M 2020-70

## **Amending Motion:**

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

**Motion:** That the Board amend Policy Objective B to replace the words "identify deficiencies, if any, in the" with the word "review" such that Policy Objective B read as follows: "To review current access to parks, open space, and recreation services for existing and future residents of the CMR".

Motion fails.

M 2020-71

#### Main Motion:

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

**Motion:** That the Board approve the Draft Recreation Policy for the Growth and Servicing Plan.

Motion carries.

# 11. Participation of Non-Member Municipalities who Fall within the Boundaries of the CMR

M 2020-72

Foothills County brought forward this item. Following a discussion by members, Rocky View put forward a friendly amendment to change the word "process" to "policy". This was accepted and the following motion was made:

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

**Motion:** That the Board ask the Governance Committee to develop a policy to include and communicate with the municipalities within the CMR that are not represented on the Board.

Motion carries unanimously.



# 12. Land Use & Servicing Committee Update

M 2020-73

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

**Motion:** That the Board receive for information an update on the Land Use and Servicing Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

## 13. COVID Roundtable

A short roundtable including an update from the City of Calgary was provided. Due to time constraints, the Board asked the Government of Alberta representative to provide an update by email.

### 14. Board Chair Recruitment

Members discussed the recruitment process for a new Board Chair, considering the request for an extension to the deadline to complete the Growth and Servicing Plan. CMRB Administration was given direction to continue with the Board Chair Recruitment process by bringing it to the next Governance Committee meeting.

15. Next Meeting: Friday July 17, 9:30 AM.

16. Adjournment

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 12:53 PM

**CMRB Chair, Christopher Sheard** 

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