

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 Dan Henn – Rocky View County
Mayor Pat Fule – Town of Strathmore
Reeve Amber Link – Wheatland County

Monte Krueger, Municipal Affairs
Dale Beesley, 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
JP Leclair, GIS Analyst

1. Call to Order & Opening Comments

Called to order at 9:30 AM.

2. Approval of Agenda

M 2020-113

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

Motion: That the Board approve the agenda of the December 18, 2020 meeting.

Motions carried unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes

M 2020-114

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

Motion: That the Board approve the Minutes of the November 20, 2020 meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Growth & Servicing Plan Update

Steve Power reviewed the update. Mayor Nenshi suggested that both February Board meetings are kept on the schedule in the event more time is needed for councils to approve.

M 2020-115

Moved by Mayor Nenshi **Seconded by** Mayor Brown, accepted by Chair

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

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Public Engagement Update

Anne Harding provided an update on public engagement and noted that the next What We Heard Summary from workshop #5 would be coming forward in January.

M 2020-116

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

Motion: That the Board receive for information an update on public engagement for the Growth & Servicing Plan.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Workshop #4 What We Heard Summary

Steve Power reviewed this item and noted that things have changed substantially since the report was generated in October, and that the Board is approving the summary as it was at that point in time.

M 2020-117

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

Motion: That the Board approve the Workshop #4 What We Heard Summary Report.

Motion carried unanimously.

7. 2021 Budget

The 2021 budget was recommended by the Governance Committee and brought forward to the Board for approval. Members asked questions about the contingency, office lease, and capital expenditures. After discussion and a suggestion by the City of Calgary, the following motion arising was made:

M 2020-118

Motion Arising

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

Motion: That the Board approve the proposed 2021 budget and receive for information the forecasted 2022 and 2023 budgets.

Motion carried.

8. Transition to Growth & Servicing Plan REF

Members discussed the legal ramifications of the timing of transitioning from the Interim Growth Plan to the Growth Plan which will be presented to the Minister of Municipal Affairs for approval March 1, 2021. The item will continue to be discussed at upcoming TAG meetings.

M 2020-119

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

Motion: That the Board receive information about the transition to the Growth & Servicing Plan and the Regional Evaluation Framework.

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Posting Recorded CMRB Meetings

M 2020-120

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

Motion: That the Board direct Administration to post all recorded meetings with the appropriate technology, starting with the March 20, 2020 Board meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

10. Bill 48, Proposed Changes to MGA

M 2020-121

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

Motion: That the Board receive for information an update on changes to the Municipal Government Act, Part 17.1 as presented in Bill 48, Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act.

Motion carried unanimously.

11. Letter from Honourable Tracy Allard

Jordon Copping reviewed this item and recommended that members respond to Minister Allard's letter as they see fit from their individual municipalities, rather than attempting to provide a consolidated response by CMRB. Members agreed to respond separately by the January 15, 2021 deadline as set out by Municipal Affairs.

M 2020-122

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

Motion: That the Board receive for information a letter from Honourable Tracy Allard regarding ICF & Recreation.

Motion carried unanimously.

12. Roundtable

- i. **COVID Update:** Dale Beesley from Municipal Affairs provided an update on community care teams, financial supports and vaccine roll-out.
- ii. **EMS Dispatch:** Jordon Copping brought this item forward to close the loop on previous discussions.
- iii. **Resuming In-person Meetings:** At a previous Board meeting CMRB Administration committed to bring this item back at the December meeting. However, due to the increasing risks associated with COVID-19, all CMRB meetings will continue to be held virtually until further notice.
- iv. **Timeframe for development of Growth & Servicing Plan:** The City of Airdrie requested the Board discuss the current state of the plan and issues around meeting the deadline of March 1, 2021.

Comments included:

- o Frustration with late circulation of documents by the consultant, leaving little time for staff and elected to properly vet and review the information prior to meetings.
- o Policies coming forward to Committees and TAG are not reflective of administration's input.
- o Criticism for the lack of substantive items relating to the Plan coming forward to this Board meeting for review.
- o A suggestion was made to reach out to Minister Allard requesting an additional extension of the deadline to complete the Plan.
- o An option was proposed to request CMRB Administration to identify items which could be potentially set aside for future discussion/decision (ex. flood mapping) in order to meet the March 2021 deadline.
- o Members asked the Municipal Affairs representative to comment on the possibility of an additional extension. Dale Beesley indicated there is unlikely an opening for discussion to further extend the deadline for the Plan. A significant amount of good work has been completed to date, and although he respects the complexities of issues, he encouraged members to work to the deadline of March 1, 2021.
- o The Chair closed the discussion by accepting the suggestions provided and directing members to focus on what must be done to satisfy the requirements of the Plan and not get bogged down in the ancillary things that are slowing down the process.

13. Closed Session

The Board moved into a closed session at 12:00 PM and returned to open session at 1:30 PM.

Motion Arising A:

M 2020-123

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

Motion: That the Board grant authority to the Vice-Chair of the Board and the Chief Officer to finalize negotiations with the preferred candidate for Independent Board Chair and, when those negotiations are complete, to announce the successful candidate.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Arising B:

M 2020-124

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

Motion: That the Board extend the current Board Chair's contract to March 1, 2021.

Mayor Robertson put forward a friendly amendment which was accepted:

Motion: That the Board extend the current Board Chair's contract to February 28, 2021.

Motion carried unanimously.

14. Next Meeting

Friday January 15, 2020

15. Adjournment

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 1:42 PM.



CMRB Chair, Christopher Sheard

