

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

Shawn Ewasiuk, Municipal Affairs
Dale Beesley, 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 9:30 AM.

2. Approval of Agenda

Based on feedback received, CMRB Administration recommended agenda item 11 be moved into public session, with the exception of the discussion of the map showing the proposed JPA boundaries. The concern with draft boundary maps being discussed in public session is the potential to damage interests of a third party (landowners/developers who would be impacted), in the event the boundaries are adjusted through the discussion with elected officials. This falls under section 16 of the FOIP Act, "Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party." Once the boundaries are finalized, the risk is lessened.

M 2021-1

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

Motion: That the Board approve the agenda of the January 15, 2021 meeting, moving agenda item 11 into public session with the exception of the discussion of the map showing the proposed JPA boundaries.

Motion fails.

M 2021-2

Motion Arising:

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

Motion: That the Board approve the agenda of the January 15, 2021 meeting, as presented with the exception of moving agenda item 11 into public session.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes

M 2020-3

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

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

Motion carried unanimously.

4. COVID Update

Dale Beesley provided an update on vaccination rollouts, isolation hotel program and community care teams. He noted the City of Calgary's tremendous support with the community care teams. Dale responded to a question about vaccinating firefighters. Chair Sheard suggested the discussion be moved to the roundtable later in the agenda.

5. Growth & Servicing Plan Update

Steve Power reviewed the update and in response to a question about the design of the final Plan, he advised the document design piece will come later once the policies are complete, but endeavoured to provide a template to give members an idea of the general design style.

M 2020-4

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

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

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Tables of Content for Growth & Servicing Plans

Individual members provided the following feedback on this item:

- In writing the Plans, it is necessary to draw things together. The member expressed a desire to frame the Plans around the concept of resilience. The Plans needs to be integrated and holistic, and not need constant updating.
- There was general agreement around visions and objectives.
- Concerns were raised about how policies will affect workloads and resources for municipalities.

- There was a request for the consultant to consider moving agriculture to economic wellbeing, instead of celebrating urban rural differences.
- There was a request to remove non-essential JPAs to save time and help reach agreement.
- Any items not originally mandated by regulation should be removed.

M 2021-5

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

Motion: That the Board receive for information the Tables of Content for the Growth & Servicing Plans.

Motion carried unanimously.

M 2020-6

Motion Arising:

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

Motion: That all policy sections not required by the CMRB regulation be removed from the draft Plan.

Motion fails.

7. Environmentally Responsible Land Use Policy

The following feedback was provided:

- Consider stronger statements on flood mitigation to protect from future flooding. Need wording around upstream mitigation on the Bow River and reflection of the SR1 project on the Elbow River on a map of the Growth Plan.
- Consider stronger statements on wetlands, importance of protecting riparian lands. Steve Power willing to test the ideas, however noted that some members are resistant to bolder language. There is not consensus at TAG level on this. Chair Sheard offered the option of bringing alternate versions and letting the Board choose is an option. HDR|Calthorpe agreed to this approach.
- A minimum design standard isolated and should be tied to policy 1.4 where the province is part of the work. Policy 1.1 should read 'no new development'. For policy 1.3 there was a request to consider more flexibility, to be aspiring vs prescribing. The member needs clarity on ESAs related to the growth areas as opposed to whole region. There is an error in part A of page 42, stating a goal to "reduce the reduction".
- A member requested ESAs to apply outside growth areas and also throughout the region. In the future, more work can be done on the broader region.
- A member requested clarity on the requirement for desktop screening, does it apply to all new ASPs or greenfield only.
- Recommend that this policy align heavily with provincial standards, any higher standard should be dealt with on case by case basis in local context.

M 2020-7

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

Motion: That the Board receive for information the Environmentally Responsible Land Use Policy for the Growth & Servicing Plans.

Motion carried unanimously.

8. Growth Management and the Efficient Use of Land

Peter Calthorpe introduced this item and received considerable feedback from the group on place types, joint planning areas, previously approved ASPs and terminology. The feedback was recorded by HDRC and will form the discussions going forward to the next Land Use & Servicing Committee meeting.

M 2021-8

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

Motion: That the Board receive for information the Growth Management and the Efficient Use of Land Policy for the Growth & Servicing Plans.

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Economic Wellbeing Policy

Charlie Hales from HDRC reviewed this item and the following motion was made:

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

M 2020-9

Motion: That the Board receive for information the Economic Wellbeing Policy for the Growth & Servicing Plans.

Motion carried unanimously.

10. Impact of Growth Plan on Statutory Plan Amendments

Jordon Copping reviewed this item and members requested further clarification, specifically during the interim period between the date the Plans are submitted to the Province and the official date the Plans are approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs. CMRB Administration will discuss this issue with member administrations and bring back to a future Board meeting.

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

M 2020-10

Motion: That the Board receive for information legal advice regarding the effect of the growth plan on grandfathered statutory plans.

Motion carried unanimously.

11. Reserve Funds Policy

In the interest of time, Chair Sheard recommended tabling this item to the next Board meeting.

12. Roundtable

i. Letter to new Minister of Municipal Affairs

Motion Arising:

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

M 2020-11

Motion: Motion to direct CMRB administration to send the letter attached to the agenda to the new Minister of Municipal Affairs.

Motion carried unanimously.

ii. Request from Member – COVID Vaccinations for First Responders

Chestermere highlighted an issue in the province that firefighters and police officers (who are, by the nature of their work, at a higher risk of contracting COVID) are not part of the provincial phase 1A vaccination rollout. After discussion, the following motion was made:

Motion Arising:

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

M 2020-12

Motion: Motion that the Board support the Alberta Fire Chiefs advocacy efforts to expediting and prioritizing delivery of COVID-19 vaccine to first responders as soon as possible by directing administration to prepare and send a letter to the province, signed by the Chair.

Motion carried.

iii. **Audit progress update:** Jordon Copping noted the audit is in progress and moving forward.

13. Next Meeting

Friday January 29, 2020

14. Adjournment

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 1 PM.



CMRB Chair, Christopher Sheard

