

Minutes of the meeting of the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board held at Mount Royal University, on Friday September 16, 2022

Delegates in Attendance

Mayor Peter Brown – City of Airdrie Councillor Gian-Carlo Carra – City of Calgary Mayor Jeff Colvin – City of Chestermere Mayor Jeff Genung – Town of Cochrane (Vice Chair) Deputy Reeve Rob Siewert – Foothills County Mayor Craig Snodgrass – High River Mayor Tanya Thorn - Town of Okotoks Councillor Kevin Hanson – 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 JP Leclair, GIS & Data Lead

1. Call to Order, Land Acknowledgment & Opening Comments

Called to order at 9:30 AM, Mayor Genung provided a land acknowledgment. Chair Clark updated the Board that he has completed one-on-one meetings with 7 of the 8 members. Update presentations to council on the approved Growth & Servicing Plan are being scheduled next. Chair Clark advised that Chief Officer Jordon Copping and himself are attending RMA in November. Finally, he noted that Ann Laing from the Government of Alberta was listening virtually to the meeting.

2. Approval of Agenda

M 2022-45

Moved by Mayor Genung **Seconded by** Mayor Brown, accepted by Chair. **Motion:** That the Board add a closed session item pursuant to Sections 25 & 29 of FOIP to discuss the Chair's contract as a new agenda item #11 after the roundtable.

Motion carried unanimously.

M 2022-46

Moved by Mayor Brown Seconded by Mayor Genung, accepted by Chair. Motion: That the Board approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.



3. Review and Approve Minutes

M 2022-47

Moved by Mayor Brown **Seconded by** Councillor Hanson, accepted by Chair. **Motion:** That the Board approve the Minutes of the July 22, 2022 meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

4. Scoping the Water Roadmap Update Project Charter

The majority of members agreed water in the Calgary Region is a critical, urgent issue. Suggestions were made to expand the scope of the Water Roadmap to identify additional regional solutions. One member thought enough studies have already been done and felt the project definition document was too open-ended and lacked focus. Most of the group agreed that the support of a subject matter expert would help to answer questions highlighted at this meeting, clarify the goals, direction and purpose of the Water Road Map and scope out next steps. Jordon Copping indicated that Section 3.4 of the Growth Plan commits CMRB to do this type of work.

M 2022-48

Moved by Councillor Carra **Seconded by** Councillor Hanson, accepted by Chair. **Motion:** That the Board approve the project charter for Scoping the Water Road Map Update strategic initiative.

Motion carried.

5. Scoping the Regional Transportation and Transit Master Plan Project Charter

In discussion of this item a member highlighted goods movement and asked that balancing of logistics be included in the scoping. In response to a question about how this work fits into rural areas, it was noted with the increase in our region's population over time, priorities need to be established to make connections at a regional scale, including plans to ensure transportation corridors are protected. In addition, forecasting to keep roadways from being clogged will secure the flow of goods movement in the future. The possibility of applying for grant funding was also discussed.

M 2022-49

Moved by Councillor Hanson **Seconded by** Mayor Genung, accepted by Chair. **Motion:** That the Board approve the project charter for Scoping the Regional Transportation and Transit Master Plan strategic initiative.

Motion carried. Recorded vote requested.

In Favour: Airdrie, Calgary, Chestermere, Cochrane, High River, Okotoks, Rocky View.

Opposed: Foothills.

6. Q2 Actuals

M 2022-50

Moved by Mayor Brown **Seconded by** Mayor Thorn, accepted by Chair. **Motion:** That the Board review and receive for information the 2022 Q2 Actuals. **Motion carried unanimously.**



7. Consent Agenda Structure

Moved by Councillor Carra, **Seconded by** Mayor Brown, accepted by Chair. **Motion:** That the Board adopt a consent agenda structure for future meetings of the Board.

Motion carried unanimously.

8. CMRB Core Funding

The Board discussed the Government of Alberta's plans to decrease funding to both the CMRB and EMRB on a go forward basis. A member asked whether submitting a joint letter with EMRB with a unified position might be more favorably received by the Government. One member thought that, although the Government mandates the CMRB to be in existence, members should fund it themselves, and in fact the Government should lower our funding. The rest of the Board did not agree.

M2022-52

M2022-51

Moved by Mayor Genung, **Seconded by** Mayor Brown, accepted by Chair. **Motion:** That the Board direct Administration to send a letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs requesting that annual funding be increased to \$1.5 million. **Motion carried.**

9. Proposed 2023 Board & Committee Dates

M2022-53

Moved by Mayor Brown, Seconded by Mayor Thorn, accepted by Chair. Motion: That the Board approve the proposed 2023 Board & Committee dates. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Roundtable

The Board discussed the following topics:

- A member suggested future Board meetings be hosted by member municipalities. This would provide each member an opportunity to showcase their municipality. Chair Clark directed CMRB Administration to explore this possibility.
- The Board discussed a presentation given by the Friends of Calgary Airport Banff Rail (CABR) at the last Land Use & Servicing Committee. Mayor Genung provided some context to his proposed motion at that meeting to provide a letter of support to CABR. It was noted that other groups are doing similar projects in the region and that presentations from them should also be heard prior to taking any position on the subject. In addition, it was suggested someone from Alberta Transportation attend a meeting to provide their priorities. Some members felt supporting the CABR project could



jeopardize other projects in their own communities, especially if there are a limited amount of resources from the Government of Alberta. Another member suggested this item be put on an upcoming agenda as a regular item, and not be discussed under roundtable. A strategic session on this topic was proposed. Jordon Copping suggested the Regional Transportation Transit Master Plan be initiated first. Chair Clark noted that the CMRB Administration Team would take the comments from this meeting and consider next steps.

 On September 10 Mayor Brown attended the Okotoks park dedication in Bill Robertson's honour and expressed thanks to Mayor Thorn and Bill's Family for such a beautiful event and testament to his legacy.

Moved into Closed Session @ 12:11 PM

Return to Public Session @ 12:25

11. CMRB Chair Contract

Motion Arising:

Moved by Mayor Thorn, Seconded by Mayor Brown, accepted by Chair. Motion: That the Board authorize the Vice Chair to proceed with discussions as per in-camera direction.

Motion carried unanimously.

12. Next Meeting

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Friday November 18, 2022 @ 9:30 AM.

13. Adjournment at 12:29 PM.

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Greg Clark, Chair