
Minutes of the meeting of
the Governance Committee of the
Calgary Metropolitan Region Board held by
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Delegates in Attendance

Mayor Peter Brown – City of Airdrie
Councillor George Chahal – City of Calgary
Mayor Marshall Chalmers – City of Chestermere
Mayor Jeff Genung – Town of Cochrane
Reeve Suzanne Oel – Foothills County
Councillor Ken Heemeryck – Town of Okotoks
Reeve Dan Henn – Rocky View County
Councillor Jamie Kinghorn – Town of High River
Deputy Reeve Scott Klassen – Wheatland County

CMRB Administration:

Chris Sheard, Chair
Jordon Copping, Chief Officer
Shelley Armeneau, Office Manager

1. Call to Order

Called to order at 9:30 AM.

2. Adoption of Agenda

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

Motion: That the Committee approve the agenda of the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Reeve Oel, **Seconded by** Councillor Kinghorn, accepted by Chair.

Motion: That the Committee approve the Minutes of the November 26, 2020 meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Reserve Funds Policy

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

Motion: That the Committee review and recommend for approval to the Board the proposed Reserve Funds Policy.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Dispute Framework

Jordon noted there was a typo on the brief for this item under next steps and that feedback will help inform final agreement on how the bylaw will look, but not necessarily the final bylaw, will come to the next Committee meeting. Members discussed the draft appeal and reconsideration framework and questions set out in the agenda package. Feedback will be sent back to municipal administrations for consideration.

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

Motion: That the Committee receive for information CMRB Administration's report on a dispute framework.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. REF Appeal Process

In discussing the proposed REF Appeal Process there was consensus for an external Appeal Committee to adjudicate a hearing from members of the Board and municipalities, with respect to Notices of Dispute. Most, but not all, members felt there should be a three-stage process: 1. Facilitated discussion 2. Mediation 3. Appeal. Some members felt there should not be a mediation step. Strong support was shown for the Municipal Government Board (MGB) to be the external party making the final, binding decision. Jordon noted he will be investigating whether this can fit into the new mandate of the revised MGB and what legislative or regulatory steps would be required.

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

Motion: That the Committee receive for information CMRB Administration's report on REF Appeal Process.

Motion carried unanimously.

7. Non-REF Reconsideration Process

With respect to the Non-REF reconsideration process, a two-stage process including facilitation and mediation was favored by the Committee.

Moved by Councillor Heemeryck, **Seconded by** Reeve Henn, accepted by Chair.

Motion: That the Committee receive for information CMRB Administration's report on Non-REF Reconsideration Process.

Motion carried unanimously.

8. Treaty 7 Lands Acknowledgment

The Committee supported commencing the acknowledgment of Treaty lands at CMRB meetings. In addition, they agreed to consult with indigenous neighbours on the specific wording.

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

Motion: That the Committee support the recommendation and request feedback on the wording from indigenous neighbours and come back to next governance meeting with a report on revised wording, if necessary.

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Next Meeting: February 5, 2021.

10. Adjourned at 11:29 AM.



CMRB Chair, Christopher Sheard

