

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Land Use and Servicing Committee
of the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board
on Thursday June 11, 2020 by Go-To Meeting

Delegates in Attendance:

Mayor Peter Brown – City of Airdrie
Councillor Gian-Carlo Carra – City of Calgary
Deputy Mayor Michelle Young – City of Chestermere
Mayor Jeff Genung – Town of Cochrane
Councillor Tara McFadden – Town of Cochrane
Reeve Suzanne Oel – Foothills County (Vice Chair)
Mayor Bill Robertson – Town of Okotoks (Vice Chair)
Councillor Ray Watrin – Town of Okotoks
Reeve Greg Boehlke – Rocky View County
Mayor Pat Fule – Town of Strathmore
Councillor Bob Sobol – Town of Strathmore
Deputy Reeve Scott Klassen – Wheatland County
Councillor Tom Ikert - Wheatland County

CMRB Administration:

Christopher Sheard, Chair
Liisa Tipman, Project Manager–Land Use
Jaime Graves, Project Manager-Intermunicipal Servicing
JP Leclair, GIS Analyst
Shelley Armeneau, Office Manager

1. Call to Order

Called to order at 1:30 PM.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

Motion: That the Committee approve the agenda of June 11, 2020.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Review Minutes

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

Motion: That the Committee approve the Minutes of the May 7, 2020 meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Growth & Servicing Plan Project Update

Stephen Power of HDRC provided an update:

- Progressing well on scenarios, will review with TAGS in next few weeks to refine, working towards “cherry-picking” the best parts of scenarios to create a blended scenario in early September.
- Public engagement: launching 2 weeks after meeting with TAG and after circulating workshop #3 report. Have had communications with member municipality communications people and Communication & Engagement TAG, working on finalizing promotion plan. Well on way to having that done. Will be adding additional content from today’s meeting.
- Policies: good progress on flooding and recreation. After TAGs review scenarios, will further dive into policy pieces and interrelationships between policy pieces.
- Challenge is delay in timelines due to issues around COVID-19 pandemic.

Moved by Mayor Genung, **Seconded by** Deputy Mayor Young, accepted by Chair.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

5. HDRC Phase 1 Report

Stephen Power reviewed the report and noted that it reflects a snapshot in time and is not continually being updated. This is a context setting report and a reflection of a point in time. Foothills asked that a few editorial items be addressed, and that they would forward that information to CMRB Administration.

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

Motion: That the Committee receive the HDR Calthorpe Phase 1 Information Gathering Report for information.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Transit Background Report

After receiving a presentation from Liisa Tipman, Devin LaFleche and Chris MacIsaac members discussed the report. Changes to the map were suggested as follows:

- i. Remove the line to Irricana/Beiseker
- ii. Extend the line to include Strathmore
- iii. Extend the line to include Crossfield

Moved by Councillor Carra, **Seconded by** Deputy Mayor Young, accepted by Chair.

Motion: That the Committee recommend to the Board approval of the Transit Background Report with changes suggested to the map.

Motion carried unanimously

7. Approach to Development of Policy for Flood Prone Areas

Jaime Graves introduced this item and confirmed that on April 20, 2018, the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board passed the terms of reference of Land Use Committee adding “policies regarding flood prone areas” to the list of policies included in the Growth Plan. The approach presented reflects the results of collaborating with the member municipalities Land Use TAG and Water Table, municipal experts, and the HDR|Calthorpe team. Members discussed this item and how the Province of Alberta’s direction also affects them. Foothills indicated they would be bringing forward to the Board some proposed changes to the document and propose action to lobby the Province for their leadership in the development of flood regulations. The Chair encouraged Foothills to provide those comments to administration. The following motion was made:

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

Motion: That the Committee recommend to the Board approval of the approach to development of policy for flood prone areas.

Motion carried unanimously.

8. Draft Recreation Policy

Charlie Hale of HDRC provided a verbal presentation on this item. He identified they are working to develop this policy, while addressing three branches of recreation and parks in a regional planning context:

- i. Access. Will all of the region’s residents have access to all aspects of a complete community and parks system that is active recreation, passive green space, neighbourhood public space and gathering spaces.
- ii. Assets (trails, corridors). The subject of regional or intermunicipal cooperation on assets. The policy and ultimate plan should embrace and support intermunicipal cooperation for the identification, preservation and development as recreation assets of these regional corridors.
- iii. Servicing considerations. Interest for recreation providers to cooperate in assessing where facilities and services can be provided and address the equity issues of who invests and who support financially the provision and maintenance of those recreation assets that serve a market beyond one single municipality.

The draft policy is meant to embrace all 3 recreation branches, and craft language to include those elements. There is still further research to do about assessing how we are currently situated, identify gaps, additional work ahead.

Members discussed the Policy and the following motions were made:

Amending Motion:

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

Motion: That the Committee recommend removal of Policy Objective (b) of the Draft Recreation Policy which reads:

To identify deficiencies, if any, in the access to parks, open space, and recreation services for current and future residents of the CMR.

Motion defeated.

Motion:

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

Motion: That the Committee recommend to the Board approval of the Draft Recreation Policy for the Growth and Servicing Plan and task the Recreation TAG to further refine the definition of regional recreation.

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Next Meeting: Thursday July 2, 2020

10. Adjournment



CMRB Chair, Christopher Sheard