



Minutes of a meeting of
the Capital Region Board
held at Chateau Louis, Grand Ballroom
on Thursday, September 17, 2009

Delegates in Attendance:

Mr. Christopher Sheard – Interim Chair
Mayor Camille Berube – Beaumont
Mayor Lin VanDusen – Bon Accord
Mayor Kirk Popik – Calmar
Mayor Anita Fisher – Devon
Mayor Stephen Mandel – Edmonton
Mayor Jim Sheasgreen – Fort Saskatchewan
Mayor Bill Nimmo – Gibbons

Mayor Steven Sharun – Lamont
Reeve Wayne Woldanski – Lamont County
Mayor Greg Krischke – Leduc
Mayor Marvin Molzan – Leduc County
Mayor Albert St. Jean – Legal

Mayor Lloyd Bertschi – Morinville
Mayor Carmen Fedirko – New Sarepta
Mayor Rob Wiedeman – Parkland County
Mayor Mel Smith – Redwater
Councillor Len Bracko – St. Albert
Mayor Stuart Houston – Spruce Grove
Mayor Ken Lemke – Stony Plain
Councillor Peter Wlodarczak – Strathcona
County
Mayor Donald Rigney – Sturgeon County
Mayor Allan Gee – Thorsby
Councillor Bill Purdy – Wabamun
Mayor Dawson Kohl – Warburg
Mr. Rob Penny – Government of Alberta

Absent:

Mayor Fred Hawryluk – Town of Bruderheim

CRB Staff:

Kathleen LeClair, Chief Officer
Andy Haden, Project Manager
Sharon Shuya, Project Manager

Darryl Mills, Project Manager
Lisa Sederski, Executive Assistant
Brandy Moorhead, Administrative Assistant



This meeting was open to the public except for Agenda items 10 and 11, which were held in-camera.

1. Call to Order and Chair's opening remarks

Called to order at 9:04 a.m.

2. Approval of Minutes of September 3, 2009

Motion: To accept the minutes of September 3, 2009.

Moved by Mayor Sheasgreen. **Seconded by** Mayor Van Dusen.

Approved unanimously.

3. Representations from the Public

None.

4. TREF Applications

None.

5. Heartland Transmission Project

A friendly amendment was proposed by Councillor Wlodarczak:

Amending Motion: That the Capital Region Board send a letter to the proponents that they must use the existing transmission corridors established by the Province over 30 years ago, and that said lines must be buried underground in existing and proposed high density and Priority Growth Areas.

Furthermore, that the Capital Region Board send a letter to the Province requesting, with all due respect, that they do the same.

After much discussion, and the desire expressed by some municipalities to go back and seek further direction from their Councils', the following Motion was made:

Motion: That the Motion regarding the Heartland Transmission Project be tabled at the October 1, 2009 Capital Region Board meeting.

Moved by Mayor Mandel. **Seconded by** Mayor Sheasgreen.

22 in favour, 3 opposed. **Motion approved.**

- a. Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) re: Heartland Transmission Lines (added to the agenda) Sturgeon County brought forward a Notice of Motion with respect to the Heartland Transmission lines and the AUC. The Notice of Motion will be circulated to members after the Board meeting.



Notice of Motion: That the Capital Region Board send a letter to the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) requesting a deferral of the hearing to determine the need and proposed routing of Heartland Transmission Lines for at least one year to allow for a comprehensive evaluation of current and future economic, social and environmental impacts on the Capital Region and its residents.

Moved by Mayor Rigney.

6. Land Use Plan

It was suggested that some of the Land Use items be voted on as a package.

Motion: That the Capital Region Board approve agenda items 6.d, 6.e, 6.f and 6.g as a package.

Moved by: Mayor Rigney

After a great deal of discussion, and in order to move forward, the Interim Chair proposed proceeding with individual votes on each Motion. Mayor Rigney withdrew his Motion.

a. Mapping Approach

Motion: That the Capital Region Board approves the recommended Mapping Approach.

Moved by Mayor Fisher. **Seconded by** Mayor Popik.

23 in favour, 2 opposed, and supported by more than 75 percent of the population.

Motion carried.

b. Buffer Areas

Motion: That the Capital Region Board approves the definition of Buffer Areas to be included in the Glossary of the Land Use Plan, and approves the Buffer Areas criteria.

Moved by Mayor Fisher. **Seconded by** Mayor Popik.

22 in favour, 3 opposed, and supported by more than 75 percent of the population.

Motion carried.

c. Density Criteria

Motion: That the Capital Region Board approves the recommended Density criteria.

Moved by Mayor Fisher. **Seconded by** Mayor Popik.

21 in favour, 4 opposed, and supported by more than 75 percent of the population.

Motion carried.



d. Priority Growth Area (PGA) criteria

Motion: That the Capital Region Board approves the Priority Growth Area criteria.

Moved by Mayor Fisher. **Seconded by** Mayor Popik.

22 in favour, 3 opposed, and supported by more than 75 percent of the population.

Motion carried.

e. Weighted Priority Growth Area (PGA) criteria

Motion: That the Capital Region Board approves the weighted Priority Growth Area criteria.

Moved by Mayor Fisher. **Seconded by** Mayor Popik.

21 in favour, 4 opposed, and supported by more than 75 percent of the population.

Motion carried.

f. Cluster Country Residential Area (CCRA) criteria

Motion: That all references to the Urban Shadow in the background documents relating to items 6.f and 6.g be removed.

Moved by Mayor Rigney. **Seconded by** Mayor Wiedeman.

24 in favour, 1 opposed. **Motion carried.**

Motion: That the Capital Region Board approves the Cluster Country Residential Area criteria as amended.

Moved by Mayor Fisher. **Seconded by** Mayor Popik.

23 in favour, 2 opposed, and supported by more than 75 percent of the population.

Motion carried.

g. Weighted Cluster Country Residential Area (CCRA) criteria

As per the Motion made under item 6.f, all references to the Urban Shadow in the background documents are to be removed.

Motion: That the Capital Region Board approves the weighted Cluster Country Residential Area criteria as amended.

Moved by Mayor Fisher. **Seconded by** Mayor Popik.

23 in favour, 2 opposed, and supported by more than 75 percent of the population.

Motion carried.



h. Graphic Representation of PGAs and CCRAs.

Notice of Motion: That the Capital Region Board approves the recommended graphic representation of Priority Growth Areas and Cluster County Residential Areas.

Moved by Mayor Mandel. **Seconded by** Mayor Fisher.

i. Information Item: Density Targets

Andy Haden provided an update on the progress of work on density targets. The Board was advised that this item would come back as a Notice of Motion at a future meeting.

7. Transit Issues – Recommendation for GreenTRIP Projects

Councillor Włodarczak gave an overview of the Regional Transit Committee's recommendation respecting GreenTRIP projects.

Motion: That the Capital Region Board approves the list of priority Intermunicipal Transit Projects that were approved by the Regional Transit Committee for submission to the GreenTRIP Program.

And that the Capital Region Board approves the City/County Leduc Intermunicipal Project as the GreenTRIP Quick Win (2009/2010) project for submission to the Province.

And that the Capital Region Board submits the GreenTRIP Project list to the Province to assist in demonstrating the high need for the GreenTRIP Program.

And that the Regional Transit Committee return to the Capital Region Board with a more comprehensive list of prioritized intermunicipal transit projects for the GreenTRIP Program once the Province has provided further details about the Program.

Moved by Mayor Crouse. **Seconded by** Mayor Krischke. **Approved unanimously.**

8. GIS

Councillor Van De Walle gave a presentation with respect to the GIS Committee's recommendation to the CRB on the Provincial response. He advised the Board that a Notice of Motion would be coming forward at a future meeting on coordinating CRB GIS with Provincial initiatives.

9. Provincial Grant Funding

It was noted that securing funding for years beyond what the Province has currently committed is a sensitive issue. It was acknowledged that while there is merit in the Notice of Motion a wider funding strategy should be developed.

Motion: That the issue of Provincial Grant Funding be referred to the Advocacy & Communications Committee to prepare a strategy and return with a recommendation to the CRB.

Moved by Mayor Mandel. **Seconded by** Mayor St. Jean. **Approved unanimously.**



10. Committee of the Whole

- a. Alberta Finance and Enterprise Presentation – Petrochemical Clusters Opportunity
Mr. Rick Sloan, Assistant Deputy Minister, Enterprise Division and Mr. Justin Riemer, Executive Director, Industry Development gave a presentation on opportunities for the petrochemical cluster in the Capital Region. A copy of the presentation was provided to the members.
- b. Committee Reports
 - i. Land Use Committee
A copy of the September 17, 2009 Report (#10) was provided to members.
 - ii. Housing Committee
A copy of the September 17, 2009 Report was provided to members.
 - iii. GIS Committee
A copy of the September 17, 2009 Report was provided to members.
- c. Implementation Issues
 - i. Regional Evaluation Framework (REF)
The Interim Chair gave an update on the development and progress of the REF with Municipal Affairs and advised that a proposal is being drafted.
 - ii. CAO Transit Cost Allocation Committee – Regional Transit Cost Allocation: Update
A copy of the September 17, 2009 Report (#3) was provided to members.

11. Other Business

- a. 2009 – 2010 CRB Business Plan – update
A copy of the Key Dates/Activities: 2009-2010 Capital Region Board Business Plan was provided to members. There was discussion about the priorities of the Board, in addition to those included in the CRB Regulation. The Governance Committee was asked to review priorities identified by the various committees and prepare a recommendation to be brought forward to the Board.
- b. Regional Economic Roadmap – Proposal
The Interim Chair gave a brief overview of the proposal. The Capital Region Board would act as the sponsor for the development of the Regional Economic Roadmap with the project being undertaken by a Steering Committee. It was noted that this does not mean the creation of a Regional Development Agency, but rather an economic plan for the Region. It was also noted that the Province would provide funding for all costs associated with the initiative. A document describing the proposal is attached to the minutes as Appendix A.

Notice of Motion: That the Capital Region Board act as a sponsor in the development of a Capital Region Economic Roadmap, in accordance with the conditions set out in the document presented at the September 17, 2009 Capital Region Board meeting.

Moved by: Mayor Berube.



- c. CRB Decision Schedule
A revised Decision Schedule will be circulated to members early next week.
- d. Calgary Regional Partnership
The Board briefly discussed the situation with the Calgary Regional Partnership.
- e. Additional CRB meeting dates
Due to the delays at Land Use Committee and with the population/employment projections, additional Board meetings may be required. Members were asked to hold October 22nd and November 26th in their calendars. A revised Board and Committee Meetings Master Schedule will be circulated early next week.
- f. Towns and Villages Mayors meeting
Mayor Fisher advised that an email was recently sent to the Mayors of Towns and Villages in the Capital Region (as well as to their CAOs) inviting them to attend a special meeting to brief on land use issues. The meeting will be held on Monday, September 21, 2009 at King's University College, Room N-101, from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm. All CRB members and their CAOs were invited to attend.

12. Urban Shadow (added to the agenda)

During the public portion of the meeting, Mayor Rigney brought forward a Notice of Motion on the Urban Shadow.

Notice of Motion: That the Capital Region Board direct the Land Use Committee to cease all further activity on the definition and mapping of an Urban Shadow Zone.

Moved by Mayor Rigney.

13. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:32 p.m.