



Minutes of a meeting of
the Capital Region Board
held at Chateau Louis, St. Michael Room
on Thursday, October 1, 2009

Delegates in Attendance:

Mr. Christopher Sheard – Interim Chair
Mayor Camille Berube – Beaumont
Mayor Lin VanDusen – Bon Accord
Mayor Fred Hawryluk – Town of Bruderheim
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

Councillor Ben Van De Walle – Morinville
Mayor Carmen Fedirko – New Sarepta
Mayor Rob Wiedeman – Parkland County
Mayor Mel Smith – Redwater
Mayor Nolan Crouse – St. Albert
Alderman Randy Palivoda – Spruce Grove
Mayor Cathy Olesen – Strathcona County
Mayor Donald Rigney – Sturgeon County
Mayor Allan Gee – Thorsby
Councillor Bill Purdy – Wabamun
Councillor Bill McLaughlin – Warburg
Mr. Ivan Moore – Government of Alberta

Absent:

Mayor Kirk Popik – Town of Calmar
Mayor Ken Lemke – Town of Stony Plain

CRB Staff:

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

Darryl Mills, Project Manager
Brandy Moorhead, Administrative Assistant



This meeting was open to the public except for Agenda items 9 and 10, which were held in-camera.

1. Call to Order and Chair's opening remarks

Called to order at 9:01 a.m. The Interim Chair introduced the new Government of Alberta representative, Mr. Ivan Moore, Assistant Deputy Minister, Public Safety, Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

2. Approval of Minutes of September 17, 2009

Motion: To accept the minutes of September 17, 2009.

Moved by Mayor Smith. **Seconded by** Mayor St. Jean.

Approved unanimously.

3. Representations from the Public

None.

4. TREF Applications

None.

5. Heartland Transmission Project

a. There was discussion about addressing Item 5b first, as it will affect decisions on Item 5a.

Motion: That Item 5a. be deferred until after Item 5b. has been discussed.

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

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

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.

Moved by Mayor Rigney. **Seconded by** Councillor Wlodarczak.

20 in favour, 5 opposed. Majority of member municipalities voted in favour, however, it was opposed by more than 75 percent of the population. **Motion defeated.**

Councilor Wlodarczak represented Strathcona County to this point in the meeting. Mayor Olesen arrived and replaced Councilor Wlodarczak at the table.



Amended Motion: That the Capital Region Board send a letter to the proponents that said lines must be buried.

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

Moved by Mayor Olesen. **Seconded by** Mayor Hawryluk.

10 in favour, 15 opposed, and opposed by more than 75 percent of the population.
Motion defeated.

- b. Alberta Utilities Commission re: Heartland Transmission Lines
Sturgeon County brought forward a Motion with respect to the Heartland Transmission lines and the AUC.

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. **Seconded by** Mayor Mandel.

Amended Motion: That the Capital Region Board send a letter to the Province and the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) requesting a deferral of the hearing until a comprehensive evaluation of current and future need and current and future economic, social and environmental impacts on the Capital Region and its residents has been completed.

Moved by Mayor Rigney. **Seconded by** Mayor Mandel.

24 in favour, 1 opposed, and supported by more than 75 percent of the population.
Motion carried.

6. Land Use Plan

- a. Allow Growth Outside of Priority Growth Areas

Notice of Motion: That the Capital Region Board approves an additional policy to be added to the Capital Region Land Use Plan in Section 2.2, II. Minimize Regional Footprint, C. Allow Growth Outside Priority Growth Areas:

“(v) In the absence of an Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP), no conventional Country Residential development shall be permitted within a 1.6 kilometre area of a Priority Growth Area (PGA) and within a 1.6 kilometre area of an urban municipality located outside of a Priority Growth Area (PGA).”

Moved by Mayor Olesen.



Notice of Motion: That the Capital Region Board approves an additional policy to be added to the Capital Region Land Use Plan in Section 2.2, II. Minimize Regional Footprint, C. Allow Growth Outside Priority Growth Areas:

“(v) In the absence of an Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP), no conventional Country Residential development shall be permitted within a 5 kilometre area of a Priority Growth Area (PGA) and within a 1.6 kilometre area of an urban municipality located outside of a Priority Growth Area (PGA).”

Moved by Alderman Palivoda.

Motion: To defer Item 6a back to the Land Use Committee.

Moved by Mayor Fisher. **Seconded by** Mayor VanDusen.

21 in favour, 4 opposed. **Motion carried.**

b. Density Targets

Notice of Motion: That the Capital Region Board approves the Density Targets and related definitions for designated Priority Growth Areas (PGAs), designated Cluster Country Residential Areas (CCRAs) and conventional Country Residential development outside of designated PGAs and CCRAs.

Moved by Mayor Mandel.

c. Regional Buffer Areas

Notice of Motion: That the Capital Region Board approves the Regional Buffer Area Policies, related definitions and graphic representation of Regional Buffer Areas (Draft #4 as amended on September 24, 2009) as approved by the Land Use Committee on September 24, 2009.

Moved by Mayor Mandel.

d. Information Item: Land Supply

A presentation was made to the Board by Andy Haden and consultants to update the Board on progress on Land Supply work. It was noted that the Land Supply information is intended to be an input to the population and employment forecasts, and will be completed by December 31, 2009.

e. Urban Shadow

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. **Seconded by** Mayor Wiedeman.



15 in favour, 10 opposed. Majority of member municipalities voted in favour, however, it was opposed by more than 75 percent of the population. **Motion defeated.**

7. GIS

Councillor Ben Van De Walle gave an overview of the Notice of Motion.

Notice of Motion: That the Capital Region Board approves the creation of a Geographic Information System (GIS) that fully utilizes the resources of GeoDiscover Alberta and is aligned – where possible – to share resources, minimize duplication and reduce overall costs.

Furthermore, that the CRB will ensure alignment of GIS terminology, protocols, methods and standards with those of GeoDiscover Alberta.

Moved by Councillor Van De Walle.

8. Capital Region Economic Roadmap

There was discussion with respect to the potential impact of this project on existing municipal economic development professionals. The Interim Chair commented that this project will not result in a Regional Economic Agency. It was suggested that the CRB make contact with the Chair of Greater Edmonton Economic Development Team so that they are aware of our sponsorship.

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. **Seconded by** Mayor Mandel.

A friendly amendment was proposed. The Board voted to accept the Amended Motion: 18 in favour, 7 opposed. **Amended Motion accepted.**

Amended 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; and, that the Capital Region Board recommend to the Province that a Technical Working Committee that would include a number of the Region's economic development professionals be struck to work with the Steering Committee.

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

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



9. Committee of the Whole

a. Committee Reports

- i. Land Use Committee
A copy of the October 1, 2009 Report (#11) was provided to members.
- ii. Regional Transit Committee
A copy of the October 1, 2009 Report (#4) was provided to members.
- iii. Regional Advocacy & Communications Committee
A copy of the October 1, 2009 Report (#3) was provided to members.
- iv. Governance Committee
A copy of the October 1, 2009 Report (#8) was provided to members.

b. Implementation Issues

- i. Regional Evaluation Framework (REF)
CRB administration gave presentation, providing an overview of the REF proposal. Comments from Board members and their administration will be provided to Municipal Affairs. The Ministry will be working toward having a Regulation/Ministerial Order in place by early 2010.
- ii. CAO Transit Cost Allocation Committee
A presentation was made by members of the CAO Transit Cost Allocation Committee: Joyce Tustian, City of Edmonton, Tony Kulbisky, Town of Devon, and Robyn Singleton, Strathcona County. The Committee brought forward their preliminary recommendations to the Transit Committee on October 2, 2009. A Notice of Motion on this issue will be considered at the next Board meeting.

10. Other Business

Items 10a. and 10b. were deferred to the October 15, 2009 Board meeting.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:52 p.m.

12. Private Session – CRB members only