



Minutes of a meeting of
the Capital Region Board
held at Chateau Louis, Grand Ballroom
on Thursday, December 3, 2009

Delegates in Attendance:

Mr. Christopher Sheard – Interim Chair
Mayor Camille Berube – Beaumont
Mayor Lin VanDusen – Bon Accord
Mayor Fred Hawryluk – Town of Bruderheim
Councillor Dan Sekora – Town of Calmar
Mayor Anita Fisher – Devon
Mayor Stephen Mandel – Edmonton
Mayor Jim Sheasgreen – Fort Saskatchewan
Deputy Mayor Doug Horner – Gibbons
Councillor Don Harsula – Lamont
Reeve Wayne Woldanski – Lamont County
Mayor Greg Krischke – Leduc
Councillor Mary-Ann McDonald – Leduc
County

Mayor Albert St. Jean – Legal
Mayor Lloyd Bertschi – Morinville
Mayor Rob Wiedeman – Parkland County
Mayor Mel Smith – Redwater
Mayor Nolan Crouse – St. Albert
Councillor Randy Palivoda – Spruce Grove
Mayor Cathy Olesen – Strathcona County
Mayor Donald Rigney – Sturgeon County
Mayor Allan Gee – Thorsby
Councillor Bill Purdy – Wabamun
Mayor Dawson Kohl – Warburg
Mr. Ivan Moore – Government of Alberta

Absent:

Mayor Carmen Fedirko – New Sarepta
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
Lisa Sederski, Executive Assistant
Brandy Moorhead, Administrative Assistant



This meeting was open to the public except for agenda item 10, which was held in-camera.

1. Call to Order and Chair's opening remarks

Called to order at 9:05 a.m.

2. Approval of Minutes of November 26, 2009

Motion: To accept the minutes of November 26, 2009.

Moved by Councillor Palivoda. **Seconded by** Mayor Sheasgreen.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Representations from the Public

a. Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB)

Richard Truscott, Director of Provincial Affairs and Janine Halbesmas, Senior Policy Analyst gave an overview about the CFIB and the idea of pursuing a regional business license in the Capital Region. A copy of the presentation and their letter of October 14th, 2009 were provided to members.

4. TREF Applications

None.

Mayor Mandel replaced Councillor Gibbons as the City of Edmonton's representative.

5. Land Use

a. Regional Footprint

The Interim Chair advised that the Land Use Committee approved a wording change from the previous Notice of Motion (November 26, 2009 Board agenda) for clarification purposes.

Motion: That the Capital Region Board approves the Regional residential footprint approach, graphic representation and definition approved by the Land Use Committee on November 26, 2009.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

b. Corridors

Motion: That the Capital Region Board approves the Corridors policy approach, policy, graphic representations, definitions and Regional Ring Road Motion as approved by the Land Use Committee on November 19 and 26, 2009.

A handout of a December 2, 2009 email with respect to the wording of the Regional Ring Road Motion contained in the background of the Corridors Motion was provided to members. Further to the December 2nd email, Mayor Berube proposed changing the wording



in the Regional Ring Road Motion to be more collaborative between the Capital Region Board and the pertinent Ministries of the Government of Alberta. After further discussion, a friendly amendment to the Ring Road Motion was put forward.

Amended Regional Ring Road Motion:

“Consistent with the Minister’s June 11, 2009 direction and commitment, the Capital Region Board, being a key stakeholder, will provide input and work collaboratively with the Government of Alberta (Municipal Affairs and Transportation) to define an Integrated Regional Transportation System (including the possible need for and, if confirmed, the possible location of a Regional Ring Road) that supports the Vision for the Capital Region and is in alignment with the principles, policies and intent of the CRB’s approved Land Use Plan and Intermunicipal Transit Network Plan. In particular, as recommended in the Intermunicipal Transit Network Plan, the Integrated Regional Transportation System shall:

- *Avoid highway investments that compete with and/or diminish the effectiveness of the Land Use Plan and Intermunicipal Transit Network Plan*
- *Follow the lead of other jurisdictions that have adapted progressive highway and roadway planning and design strategies that enable a significantly stronger role for transit in the Capital Region’s transportation network*
- *Revise highway planning and design standards to accommodate a variety of transit-friendly features to enhance transit operation on intermunicipal highways and roadways in the Capital Region.”*

Amended Motion: That the Capital Region Board approves the Corridors policy approach, policy, graphic representations, definitions as approved by the Land Use Committee on November 19 and 26, 2009, and the Regional Ring Road Motion as amended.

Moved by Mayor Fisher. **Seconded by** Mayor Olesen.
Amended Motion carried unanimously.

6. Housing

a. General Location of Housing

Councillor Gibbons gave an overview on the general location of housing. Concern was raised with respect to funding. Mayor Wiedeman put forward an Amending Motion.

Amended Motion: That the Capital Region Board approves the general locations of housing information to be included in the December 31, 2009 Report to the Minister of Municipal Affairs, and that any affordable housing is to be entirely funded by the Province.

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

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

Amended Motion failed.

It was suggested that a separate Motion with respect to funding could be brought forward at the next Board meeting.



A second Amending Motion was put forward by Mayor St. Jean.

Amended Motion: That the Capital Region Board approves the general locations of housing information to be included in the December 31, 2009 Report to the Minister of Municipal Affairs, and that it is the Board's understanding that Non Market Housing remains a Provincial responsibility.

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

14 in favor, 11 opposed, and opposed by more than 75 percent of the population.

Amended Motion failed.

Following further discussion, the Chair called a vote on the original Motion.

Motion: That the Capital Region Board approves the general locations of housing information to be included in the December 31, 2009 Report to the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

Moved by Mayor Molzan. **Seconded by** Mayor Mandel.

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

Motion carried.

7. Report to the Minister of Municipal Affairs – December 31, 2009

Ms. LeClair noted that comments received from member municipalities were incorporated into Draft 3 and any outstanding comments should be provided to her by Friday, December 4th. It was also noted that the Land Use Section will be updated as per the revised wording from the Amended Regional Ring Road Motion (Item 5b).

Motion: That the Capital Region Board approves the Report to the Minister of Municipal Affairs – December 31, 2009 in fulfillment of the requirements contained in the Minister's letter of June 11, 2009.

Moved by Mayor Olesen. **Seconded by** Mayor Sheasgreen.

24 in favor, 1 opposed, and supported by 75 percent of the population.

Motion carried.

8. Transit

Motion: That the Capital Region Board approves a one year contract for an individual or group to develop a long range plan for a Regional Transit Network. A commitment beyond the one year is subject to available funding. The RTC will be required to approve the recommendation of the Chief Officer of the CRB in this regard.



A handout of an Amending Motion was provided to members. Mayor Crouse provided rationale for the change to the wording.

Amended Motion: That the Capital Region Board approves a one year contract for an individual or group to develop a long range plan for a Regional Transit Network. A commitment beyond the one year is subject to available funding. A selection committee comprised of the Chief Officer and representatives of the Regional Transit Committee member municipalities will recommend a candidate to the RTC.

Moved by Mayor Crouse. **Seconded by** Mayor Wiedeman.

A friendly amendment was put forward by Mayor Olesen to remove “develop a” and replace with “implement the”.

Amended Motion: That the Capital Region Board approves a one year contract for an individual or group to implement the long range plan for a Regional Transit Network. A commitment beyond the one year is subject to available funding. A selection committee comprised of the Chief Officer and representatives of the Regional Transit Committee member municipalities will recommend a candidate to the RTC.

Moved by Mayor Olesen. **Seconded by** Mayor Krischke.

After considerable discussion, Mayors Olesen and Krischke withdrew their Amending Motion.

Mayor Fisher put forward a friendly amendment replacing “to develop a long range plan” with “to further develop the long range plan”. Mayor Bertschi proposed the postponement of this Item until after the priorities and budget discussion.

Motion: Item 8 be tabled until after Item 9 – 2010 Capital Region Board Business Plan.

Motion carried.

The Board came back to Item 8 once the decision was made with respect to the Business Plan.

Amended Motion: That the Capital Region Board approves a one year contract for an individual or group to further develop the long range plan for a Regional Transit Network. A commitment beyond the one year is subject to available funding. A selection committee comprised of the Chief Officer and representatives of the Regional Transit Committee member municipalities will recommend a candidate to the RTC.

Moved by Mayor Crouse. **Seconded by** Mayor Wiedeman.

24 in favor, 1 opposed, and supported by more than 75% of the population.

Amended Motion carried.



Councillor Wlodarczak replaced Mayor Olesen as the representative for Strathcona County.

9. Governance – 2010 Capital Region Board Business Plan

Kathleen LeClair advised that individual Committee plans and priorities submitted to the Governance Committee were amalgamated and used to develop the 2010 budget. It was noted that the Regional Economic Roadmap does not impact the Boards budget as the Province will be providing grant funding for this project. The Interim Chair assured the Board that approval of the budget is not a commitment to spend. The Governance Committee will continue to provide guidance and will oversee the management of Board finances. It is important that the Board look at future direction, workplans and objectives for the upcoming years. Members expressed the need for the Board to show fiscal responsibility and restraint in the coming year given the current economic situation.

Mayor Olesen returned to the table for Strathcona County.

Motion: That the Capital Region Board approves the priorities and budget for the 2010 Capital Region Board Business Plan.

Moved by Mayor Olesen. **Seconded by** Mayor Berube. **Motion carried unanimously.**

10. Committee of the Whole

a. Committee Reports

i. Land Use Committee

A copy of the December 3, 2009 Report (#16) was provided to members.

ii. Transit Committee

A copy of the December 3, 2009 Report (#6) was provided to members.

The Interim Chair advised members that Minister Ouellette invited the Board to put forward an application for GreenTrip.

Councillor Darby replaced Mayor Wiedeman as the representative for Parkland County.

b. Other Business (added to agenda)

i. REF process and timing

The Interim Chair reminded members that until the Government of Alberta approves the Capital Region Growth Plan, and the new REF process is established, the TREF process and criteria remain in place.

ii. Committee Chairs

The Interim Chair advised that Mayor Mandel, Chair of the Land Use Committee and Mayor Molzan, Chair of the Housing Committee are stepping down. Mayor Fisher, Vice Chair of the Land Use Committee and Councillor Gibbons, Vice Chair of the Housing Committee will temporarily act in the role of Chair at their respective Committees until such time as each Committee votes for a new Chair.



11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

12. Private Session – CRB members only