



Minutes of a meeting of
the Capital Region Board
held at Chateau Louis, Grand Ballroom
on Thursday, July 7, 2011

Delegates in Attendance:

Mr. Jim Edwards – Interim Chair
Mayor Camille Berube – Beaumont
Mayor Randy Boyd – Bon Accord
Mayor Karl Hauch – Bruderheim
Mayor Don Faulkner – Calmar
Mayor Anita Fisher – Devon
Mayor Stephen Mandel – Edmonton
Mayor Gale Katchur – Fort Saskatchewan
Mayor William H. Nimmo – Gibbons
Reeve Wayne Woldanski – Lamont County
Councillor Gail Hrehorets – Lamont
Alderman Dana Smith – Leduc
Mayor John Whaley – Leduc County
Mayor Lloyd Bertschi – Morinville

Mayor Rodney Shaigec – Parkland County
Mayor Mel Smith – Redwater
Mayor Stuart Houston – Spruce Grove
Mayor Nolan Crouse – St. Albert
Councillor Dwight Ganske – Stony Plain
Councillor Vic Bidzinski – Strathcona County
Mayor Donald Rigney – Sturgeon County
Mayor Barry Rasch – Thorsby
Mayor Bill Purdy – Wabamun
Councillor Dale Miller - Warburg

Absent:

Mayor Albert St. Jean – Legal
Ivan Moore – Government of Alberta

CRB Staff:

Kathleen LeClair, Chief Officer
Sharon Shuya, Project Manager
Neal Sarnecki, Project Manager
Stephen Tkachyk, Project Manager

Jim Simpson, Special Projects
Shari LaPerle, Assistant Project Manager
Courtney Andrews, Executive Assistant
Roxy DeLang, Administrative Assistant



This meeting was open to the public except for agenda items 9 – 12, which were held in-camera.

1. Call to Order and Chair's opening remarks

Called to order at 8:01 a.m.

2. Approval of Minutes of June 9, 2011

Motion: To accept the minutes of June 9, 2011.

Moved by Reeve Woldanski.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Purdy requested rewording the sections of CRB Minutes in which votes are recorded. The purpose is to clarify how a vote is carried in the event that the vote is not unanimous.

3. Representations from the Public

None.

4. REF Applications

None.

5. Heartland Transmission Project

a. Alberta's Industrial Heartland Association

Mr. Neil Shelly, Executive Director of AIHA gave a presentation updating the Board on the recent work and future plans for the AIHA. Mr. Shelly highlighted the need for reliable and competitive electricity for the future growth in the Capital Region while recognizing that there is a new reality with regard to the change in energy and economic conditions in the Region. A copy of the presentation was provided prior to the meeting.

b. Heartland Transmission Motion Discussion (approved October 1, 2009)

Approved 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.

Kathleen LeClair provided an overview of the background information and discussion regarding the Heartland Transmission Motion approved on October 1, 2009. Ms. LeClair advised that a letter was sent to the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) and the Province on November 12, 2009.

Some members expressed the need to continue to ensure that secure and competitive electricity is available to serve the current and future needs of CRB municipalities.



Mayor Osinchuk put forward a Motion to reiterate the letter sent to the AUC and the Province in 2009 regarding the Heartland Transmission.

Motion: That the Capital Region Board send a letter to the Province and the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) reiterating the October 1, 2009 motion and emphasizing the impact of the proposed lines on competitiveness of future electrical power in the Capital Region. And, to request a response to this letter.

Moved by Mayor Osinchuk.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Governance Issues

a. Population and Employment Forecast

Mayor Berube gave a brief overview of the discussion and recommendation to the Board regarding the need to review and update the Population and Employment Forecast in the Capital Region Growth Plan.

Motion: That the Capital Region Board direct CRB Administration to start work on the review and update of the Population and Employment Forecast in the Capital Region Growth Plan, and that a proposal be presented to the Board at its October meeting.

Moved by Mayor Houston.

23 in favour, 1 opposed, and supported by municipalities comprising more than 75 percent of the population.

Motion carried.

b. Capital Region Economic Roadmap

Mayor Berube gave an overview of the recommendation to the Board to seek clarification on the Capital Region Economic Roadmap following the discussion at the June 20, 2011 Governance meeting.

Notice of Motion: That the Capital Region Board directs the Interim Chair, Chief Officer, Governance Committee Chair and Advocacy Committee Chair to meet with Alberta Finance and Enterprise to discuss the Province's expectations, if any, of the Capital Region Board respecting the Capital Region Economic Roadmap.

Moved by Mayor Berube.



7. Land Use Issues

a. Integrated Regional Transportation Master Plan (IRTMP)

Mayor Fisher gave an overview of the Land Use Committee's work regarding the Integrated Regional Transit Master Plan (IRTMP).

Hassan Shaheen from ISL made a presentation providing an overview of the policy drivers and key elements of the Plan for the Capital Region. The IRTMP will come back to the Board for approval at the September Board meeting.

Notice of Motion: That the Capital Region Board approves the Integrated Regional Transportation Master Plan (IRTMP) as recommended by the Land Use Committee on June 23, 2011.

Moved by Mayor Fisher.

8. Transit Issues

a. 30 Year Transit Service Plan

Councillor Iveson gave an overview of the work and discussion of the Transit Committee respecting the 30 Year Transit Service Plan.

Hassan Shaheen from ISL made a brief presentation highlighting the key objectives, observation, and recommendations made from the review of the developed funding scenarios.

It was requested that more specific wording that includes Parkland County be added to the servicing plans for the western part of the Region in the 30 Year Transit Service Plan.

9. Committee of the Whole

a. Committee Reports

i. Land Use Committee

A copy of the July 7, 2011 Report (#28) was provided to members prior to the meeting.

Mayor Fisher gave an overview of the recent work and future plans of the Land Use Committee.

1. Outer Regional Ring Road – update

ii. Transit Committee

A copy of the July 7, 2011 Report (#10) was provided to members prior to the meeting.

Councillor Iveson gave an overview of the recent activities and future initiatives planned for the Transit Committee.

1. Regional Transit Governance Study – update

iii. Housing Committee



1. Integrated Land Use & Affordable Housing Framework – update
Councillor Gibbons gave an overview and update on the work of the Housing Committee highlighting the progress of the Integrated Land Use & Affordable Housing Framework.

- iv. Governance Committee

A copy of the July 7, 2011 Report (#22) was provided to members prior to the meeting.

Mayor Berube gave a brief overview of the recent activities of the Governance Committee.

10. Administrative Issues

None.

11. Other Business

Mayor Fisher provided members with a news release from the Town of Devon regarding the Town becoming a top finalist in the 2011 Kraft Celebration Tour to develop a new Mountain Bike Skills Park in the municipality. Mayor Fisher asked members for their support by voting at www.kraftcelebrationtour.ca.

12. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:04 a.m.