



Minutes of a meeting of
the Capital Region Board
held at Chateau Louis, Grand Ballroom
on Thursday, September 8, 2011

Delegates in Attendance:

Mr. Jim Edwards – Interim Chair
Deputy Mayor Jacqueline Biollo – Beaumont
Mayor Randy Boyd – Bon Accord
Mayor Karl Hauch – Bruderheim
Mayor Don Faulkner – Calmar
Mayor Anita Fisher – Devon
Councillor Ed Gibbons – Edmonton
Mayor Gale Katchur – Fort Saskatchewan
Mayor William H. Nimmo – Gibbons
Reeve Wayne Woldanski – Lamont County
Mayor Greg Krischke – Leduc
Mayor John Whaley – Leduc County

Mayor Albert St. Jean – Legal
Mayor Lloyd Bertschi – Morinville
Mayor Rodney Shaigec – Parkland County
Councillor Lori Lumsden – Redwater
Mayor Stuart Houston – Spruce Grove
Mayor Nolan Crouse – St. Albert
Councillor Dwight Ganske – Stony Plain
Mayor Linda Osinchuk – Strathcona County
Mayor Donald Rigney – Sturgeon County
Mayor Barry Rasch – Thorsby
Mayor Bill Purdy – Wabamun
Mayor Dawson Kohl - Warburg
Ivan Moore – Government of Alberta

Absent:

Councillor Gail Hrehorets – Lamont

CRB Staff:

Kathleen LeClair, Chief Officer
Sharon Shuya, Project Manager
Neal Sarnecki, Project Manager
Jim Simpson, Special Projects
Charlene Chauvette, Office Manager

Brendan Pinches, Planning Intern
Shari LaPerle, Assistant Project Manager
Courtney Andrews, Executive Assistant
Roxy DeLang, Administrative Assistant

This meeting was open to the public except for agenda items 8 – 10, which were held in-camera.

1. Call to Order and Chair's opening remarks

Called to order at 9:01 a.m.

2. Approval of Minutes of July 7, 2011

It was noted that there was an error under Item 2 – Approval of the Minutes of June 9, 2011. Remove “Mayor” to have the minutes read “Moved by Reeve Woldanski”.

Motion: To accept the minutes of July 7, 2011.

Moved by Mayor Nimmo.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Representations from the Public

a. Canadian Home Builders Association

Mr. Tim Howard, Executive Director from the Canadian Home Builders Association (CHBA) Edmonton Region gave a presentation providing an overview of the purpose and principle functions of the CHBA highlighting how the CHBA are integrated with the Capital Region and its municipalities. Mr. Howard expressed the importance of a continuing partnership between the CHBA and the Capital Region Board that will support the function of regional coordination to reach a common desired outcome. A copy of the presentation was provided to members.

Mayor Osinchuk replaced Councillor Bidzinski as Strathcona County's representative.

4. REF Applications

None.

5. Governance Issues

a. Capital Region Economic Roadmap

Mayor Osinchuk provided an overview of the discussion at the Governance Committee regarding the Economic Roadmap. The Interim Chair provided a summary of a preliminary discussion between himself, Acting Chief Officer, Jim Simpson and the Assistant Deputy Minister and Executive Director of Alberta Finance and Enterprise. It was noted through the discussion that the Province would be supportive of the CRB to begin work on the Capital Region Economic Roadmap.

Some concerns were raised on the steps going forward regarding the Economic Roadmap. The next step would be to have a second discussion, as noted in the motion, to meet with Alberta Finance and Enterprise to seek further clarification and direction regarding the next steps for the Capital Region Economic Roadmap.



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 Purdy. Seconded by Mayor Crouse.
Motion carried unanimously.**

b. 2011 CRB Budget – Reserve/Unallocated Funds

Mayor Osinchuk provided an overview of the recommendation as discussed at the Governance Committee meeting on August 22, 2011.

Jim Simpson noted that following the Motion passed by the Board on May 12, 2011, CRB Administration consulted with their auditing firm and legal counsel; it was confirmed that setting up a reserve fund is problematic due to the Board's conditional grant agreement with the Province for the year 2011-2012.

After some discussion, it was requested to proceed to a vote. No opposition was noted and the Notice of Motion was accepted as a Motion. This would allow further discussion at the Governance Committee, if proposed, regarding the review of additional potential project funding and to then bring forward a recommendation to the Board on the use of the unallocated funds. Copies of the letters received from the CRB auditing and legal firms were provided to members prior to the meeting.

Motion: That the Capital Region Board rescind its motion of May 12, 2011 which established a reserve fund for future projects in the amount of \$580,607. This sum shall be designated as unallocated funds to be allotted to projects in 2011.

**Moved by Mayor Osinchuk. Seconded by Mayor Crouse.
Motion carried unanimously.**

6. Land Use Issues

a. Integrated Regional Transportation Master Plan (IRTMP)

Mayor Fisher provided a brief overview of the work of the Land Use Committee regarding the IRTMP. Hassan Shaheen from ISL gave a presentation summarizing the policy drivers and key elements of the Plan for the Capital Region.

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. Seconded by Councillor Gibbons.

Some members raised concern regarding the flexibility of the Plan and potential future changes needed that may indicate a comparison to the new Outer Ring Road being proposed by Alberta Transportation. Mayor Osinchuk put forward an amendment to the Motion.



Motion to be amended to include:

1. That the text references and Figures 2, 3, and 7 be amended to identify Township Road 540 rather than 542 in Strathcona County as the East/West bridge crossing road; and,
2. That a footnote be attached to the Capital Region Board Integrated Regional Transportation Master Plan indicating that the North/South connector upgrade (shown as SH 830) east of Range Road 222 (from Highway 15 to Highway 16) be identified after the adoption of the Highway 16 (East of Range Road 222 to Elk Island Park) Functional Study is passed.

Moved by Mayor Osinchuk.

After some discussion, a friendly amendment to the wording in the proposed amended Motion was made.

Motion to be amended to include:

1. That the text references and Figures 2, 3, and 7 be amended to identify Township Road 540 rather than 542 in Strathcona County as the East/West road subject to further engineering and technical review; and,
2. That a footnote be attached to the Capital Region Board Integrated Regional Transportation Master Plan indicating that the North/South connector upgrade (shown as SH 830) east of Range Road 222 (from Highway 15 to Highway 16) be identified after the adoption of the Highway 16 (East of Range Road 222 to Elk Island Park) Functional Study is passed.

Moved by Mayor Osinchuk. **Seconded by** Mayor Katchur.

Carried unanimously.

Amended 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, with the following amendments:

1. That the text references and Figures 2, 3, and 7 be amended to identify Township Road 540 rather than 542 in Strathcona County as the East/West road subject to further engineering and technical review; and,
2. That a footnote be attached to the Capital Region Board Integrated Regional Transportation Master Plan indicating that the North/South connector upgrade (shown as SH 830) east of Range Road 222 (from Highway 15 to Highway 16) be identified after the adoption of the Highway 16 (East of Range Road 222 to Elk Island Park) Functional Study is passed.

Moved by Mayor Fisher.

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

Amended Motion carried.

Councillor Krauskopf replaced Mayor Bertschi as Morinville's representative.



b. North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance (NSWA) – *Letter of Support*

Mayor Fisher provided an overview of the discussion of the Land Use Committee regarding the recommendation to send a letter of support to the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance (NSWA) for the development of an Integrated Watershed Management Plan (IWMP). A draft letter was provided to members prior to the meeting.

Notice of Motion: That the Capital Region Board send a letter that supports the development of an Integrated Water Management Plan by the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance as proposed in the January 2011 Discussion Paper for the Development of an Integrated Watershed Management Plan for the North Saskatchewan River Watershed. As well, direct CRB Administration to work with the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance (NSWA) to establish a working group, referenced in Action 5.1.1 of the Discussion Paper, to assess issues of planning and integration between the Integrated Watershed Management Plan and the Capital Region Growth Plan.

Moved by Mayor Fisher.

7. Transit Issues

a. 30 Year Transit Service Plan

Councillor Iveson gave an overview of the 30 Year Transit Service Plan emphasizing the rationale for the Plan and its capability to evolve over time to meet the changing conditions and opportunities as required. The Transit Committee will be working with the Advocacy Committee to discuss funding scenarios for the Plan.

Motion: That the Capital Region Board approves the 30 Year Transit Service Plan as recommended by the Regional Transit Committee on June 24, 2011.

Moved by Councillor Iveson. **Seconded by** Mayor Osinchuk.

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

Motion carried.

Councillor Gibbons put forward a Notice of Motion on behalf of the City of Edmonton regarding pipeline linkages.

Notice of Motion: That the Capital Region Board form a strategy committee to support and lobby for pipeline linkages to Canada's west coast, enabling the enhanced and more globally oriented expansion of Canada's Oil Sands.

Councillor Gibbons advised that more information regarding the item will be distributed to members before the next Board meeting.



In Camera

8. Committee of the Whole

a. Committee Reports

i. Land Use Committee

A copy of the September 8, 2011 Report (#29) was provided to members prior to the meeting.

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

ii. Transit Committee

A copy of the September 8, 2011 Report (#11) 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 and advised members that a letter to the Minister of Transportation will be sent on behalf of the Board members addressing the concerns raised regarding the Bus Modernization regulatory framework.

iii. Housing Committee

1. Housing Symposium – update

A copy of the September 8, 2011 Report (#10) was provided to members. A copy of the 2011 Capital Region Housing Symposium information page as shown on the CRB website was provided members.

Councillor Gibbons gave an overview and update on the work of the Housing Committee. Sharon Shuya provided an overview of the Housing Symposium handout and reminded members to register for the event on October 13, 2011.

iv. Advocacy and Communications Committee

A copy of the Report September 8, 2011 (#11) was provided to members prior to the meeting.

Mayor Krischke gave a brief overview of the recent work of the Advocacy and Communications Committee.

v. Governance Committee

A copy of the September 8, 2011 Report (#23) was provided to members prior to the meeting.

1. Business Planning Session Report – Margaret Bateman

Margaret Bateman from Calder Bateman provided an overview of the discussion at the Business Planning Session on July 7, 2011; key themes and opportunity areas.

Motion: That the Capital Region Board accepts the Business Planning Session Report for information only as input into the Committee's 2012-2014 Business Plan.



Moved by Mayor Osinchuk. **Seconded by** Mayor Katchur.

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

Motion carried.

2. MDP Status Report – update
Update postponed to the next Board meeting.
3. CRB Scorecard – July 2011
Kathleen LeClair provided an overview of 2011 Business Plan Project progress as outlined in the updated CRB Scorecard.

9. Administrative Issues

- a. Monthly Financial Report – June and July 2011
A copy of the June, July, and August 2011 financial reports were provided to members.
- b. Staff Changes
Kathleen LeClair introduced Office Manager, Charlene Chauvette to the Board members and advised that Planning Intern, Brendan Pinches has taken a permanent position with the City of Edmonton and thanked Mr. Pinches for his service with the Board.

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.